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ALL things appear to have conspired together in order to render the success of the QUEEN'S Jubilee celebration on Tuesday as complete and as brilliant as possible. It is long since we have been favoured with such splendid weather, and it is bright, sunny weather such as we have been having this week that is most needed for a fête, which in its main aspect is a popular and therefore an out-door one. The scene in Westminster Abbey would have been as gorgeous, had Jupiter Pluvius been at his best, but though people might and probably would have laughed at his terrors, it is as well we escaped them. A steady downpour for a few hours is not a pleasant prospect on a Jubilee morning and everyone rejoices there was none. Then the arrangements appear to have been admirably planned and as admirably carried out. The route was well defined, the instructions for everybody were clear and concise, and the people generally were determined on enjoying themselves thoroughly and they did so. And as there was fine weather, better arrangements and better observance of them than usual we are not surprised at the enthusiasm of the people, which is deep and true enough, but not over-demonstrative, having been more displayed than on any previous occasion we can call to mind. The sympathy that exists between the Sovereign and her subjects will in a measure explain this. But the chief reason appears to have been the presence yet again in our midst of the lady who has played her part both as QUEEN and Woman so well during her reign of fifty years. People were pleased with the pageantry, but they were more pleased at having the opportunity of seeing her MAJESTY, and were she to renew her visits to London more frequently, we are sure that every drive she took through the streets would be attended with the same amount of sincere acclamation as was her drive to Westminster Abbey on Jubilee Day. However, what principally concerns us is to know that every part of the celebration, which has been held till now, has passed successfully. So that, apart from the rare occurrence of such an event, this particular fête, when notes have been properly and fully compared, will be found to have been as glorious in things external, as it was a true reflection of the national feeling. We again offer our tribute of respect to the QUEEN, and sincerely hope that during the years that may remain she may enjoy to the same extent as now, the love and respect of her people.

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We have no doubt the choice made of the brethren on whom the Jubilee Brevet. Past Grand Rank was to be conferred as a mark of the Grand Master's favour on so important an occasion, and one of which it is so desirable the memory should be perpetuated in the annals of the Craft, has caused a certain amount of disappointment and heartburnings. It would be strange, indeed, if it were otherwise. But taking the array of brethren as a whole, we fancy that any other list would have been open to similar objections. Some of those who have been rewarded would have been left out, and some it was proposed to insert in their stead would have been objected to in turn. Serious fault, however, cannot be found with the London contingent of 32 brethren, seeing that among them are brethren of such admirable qualities or high attainments as Bro. the LORD MAYOR of London, whom, to use a somewhat sporting phrase, many had "fancied" for the Junior Grand Warden's Chair. Nor do we think that any will grudge the honours bestowed on such as Bros. Justice FIELD, Alderman Sir J. STAPLES, K.C.M.G.; Sir P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, K.C.B.; J. WELLES-POLEY, Sir CHARLES WARREN, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. BRETTE, J. PURCHAS, J. A. FARNFIELD, Lieut.-Col. HALDANE, the SECRETARIES of our three Institutions; and Bros. C. F. MATIER, and C. F. HOGARD. A similar remark may be made in reference to the Provincial portion of the list, Bro. Col. LINDELL, as Dep. P.G.M. of the newly-organised Province of Bedfordshire, has had much responsibility on his hands lately. Bro. R. BRADLEY is well-known everywhere as the Provincial Grand Secretary of Berks and Bucks. Bro. ANDREW H. MOYES has done good work before and since his appointment as D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire. Bro. Sir C. B. GRAVES-SAWLE, Bart., has been long known in Cornish Masonic circles, and Bro. Col. HAMBRO, M.P., is one of the most popular, as well as most deserving, brethren in Dorsetshire, or, indeed, anywhere. Then, as regards Bros. T. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec. Essex; J. BROOK-SMITH, D.P.

G.M. Gloucestershire; and J. E. DAWSON, D.P.G.M. Hertfordshire, nearly everybody knows what glorious hard-working men they are, and the same may be said of Bros. R. SPENCER, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; JOHN CHADWICK, P.G. Sec. Lancashire (East); E. GOBLE, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and the Isle of Wight; R. GOODACRE, P.G. Sec. Lancashire (West); S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; W. A. TYSSEN-AMHURST, M.P., P.P.S.G.W. Norfolk; Viscount VALENTIA, an Apollo University Oxford brother; ROWLAND G. VENABLES, D.P.G.M. Shropshire; GERARD FORD, D.P.G.M. Sussex; Col. MACHEN, D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; Sir G. GOLDNEY, Bart., D.P.G.M. Wiltshire; A. F. GODSON, M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire; and HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire. There may be others as good in these or other provinces; but those we have named have special claims to be honoured, and it would be difficult to find those whose claims are superior to theirs. We say emphatically that no serious fault can be found with a list which contains the brethren we have enumerated, and, though, like others, we regret the absence of many names, we recognise that to do everything and please everybody was impossible. We consider the brevet in the main most acceptable, at least, as much so as any other could have been made.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, the 31st ult. In the absence, through continued indisposition, of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Brook Smith, M.A., presided, Bro. Newmarch, formerly for 25 years D.P.G.M. for Gloucestershire, acting as Deputy. The other Provincial Grand Officers present included—

Bros. the Rev. Dr. Kynaston, P.M. 82, Prov. S.G.W.; E. C. Sewell, P.M. 592, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. H. Churchill Raxter, P.M. 82, Prov. G. Chap.; Nelson Foster, P.M. 839, Prov. G. Treas.; W. C. T. Heane, P.M. 1067, Prov. G. Reg.; E. Trinder, P.M. 592, Prov. G. Sec.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, W.M. 246, Charity Sec.; A. Woodward, P.M. 493, Prov. S.G.D.; J. S. Tanner, P.M. 592, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Powell, P.M. 900, Prov. G.S.B.; F. Clark, Prov. G. Org.; J. Albin Roberts, P.M. 702, Prov. G. Purst.; J. Thorn, P.M. 246, Prov. G.D.C.; A. Parker, P.M. 1067, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and H. Phillips, Prov. G. Tyler. The other brethren present included Bros. W. H. Gwinnett, P.M. 82, P. Prov. G.T.; T. J. Cottle, P.M. 82, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, 592, P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. W. White, P.M. 839, P. Prov. J.G.W.; A. V. Hatton, P.M. 493, P.P.J.G.W.; F. G. Roberts, P.M. 493, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Clifford, P.M. 1363, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Forth, P.M. 240, P.P.G.R.; M. F. Carter, P.M. 1067, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. L. Bain, P.M. 246, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. R. Porcher, P.M. 246, 82, P. Prov. G. Reg.; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Jas. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Bubb, P.M. 82, P. Prov. S.G.D.; S. Moss, P.M. 493, P. Prov. S.G.D.; H. J. Small, P.M. 761, P. Prov. S.G.D.; G. W. Keeling, P.M. 1367, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. S. Gee, P.M. 1005, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. Naysmith, P.M. 1363, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. A. Matthews, P.M. 493, P. Prov. S.G.W.; F. Moore, P.M. 900, P. Prov. G.D.C.; G. Tomes, P.M. 1005, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Dr. E. Crossman, P.M. 1363, P. Prov. G.D.C.; G. C. Hewitt, P.M. 1363, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. J. Francillon, P.M. 761, P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. G. Seymour, P.M. 1363, P. Prov. G.S.B.; R. Blizard, P.M. 951, P. Prov. G.S.B.; H. Tovey, P.M. 592, P. Prov. G. Purst.; Rev. Dr. W. Lynes, P.M. 1067; R. Prowde-Smith, W.M. 82; S. Bland, W.M. 493; J. Bretherton, W.M. 839; W. E. Hayward, W.M. 900; E. Dening, W.M. 951; E. T. Chipp, W.M. 1005; J. S. Bradstock, W.M. 1067; G. Adams, S.W. 1363; C. Newman, P.M. 1363; A. B. Harris, P.M. 855; H. Perrett, W.M. 855; Perrin, I.P.M. 855; E. Fisher, 246; T. Blakhorn, J.W. 1005; W. Renwick, S.W. 493; A. R. Grieve, S.W. 702; R. F. Pomeroy, 1005; G. C. P. Pike, 839; C. S. Atkins, I.P.M. 82; B. London, Sec. 1005; B. Worlock, 855; S. W. Henly, 855; W. Ball, P.M. 435; D. Chandler, Sec. 920; R. J. Weston, S.D. 493; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, S.W. 82; E. L. Baylis, J.W. 82; F. Fenner, J.W. 246; W. C. Ferris, S.W. 1005; J. S. Cirlston, I.P.M. 1057; S. W. Woods, W.M. elect 1067; J. Campbell, J.W. 839; J. Tovey, 492; W. G. Smith, S.W. 270; T. Barnes, C. E. Quilter, W. Edwards, T. H. Daniels, C. Chadborn, E. W. Brereton, 82; G. W. Capel, 246; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the D.P.G.M. referred in feeling terms to the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, and said the brethren would learn with especial pleasure that, though Sir M. Hicks-Beach was unable to be present, his health was improving, and that there was a probability of his recovery of the full use of his eyesight without the necessity of an operation. He proposed that a resolution of sympathy with Sir Michael be recorded on the minutes, and said no one would wish more heartily for his restoration to the service of his country and Queen and to the Masonic government of his province than the Masons of Gloucestershire.

The vote was seconded by Bro. NEWMARCH, and carried by acclamation.

The various reports were then received. The report of the Treasurer, Bro. T. Nelson Foster, showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The report

of the Charity Secretary, Bro. Vassar-Smith, showed that during the year one widow (Mrs. Luckes) had been elected an annuitant of the R.M. Ben. Institution. Assistance to the extent of 500 votes had also been given to the case of Robert James Tombs, on the application of the Cotteswold Lodge, of which the father of the candidate was for many years a subscribing member. The candidate was elected. There were now from this province four widows receiving annuities of £32 a year each, and six boys and five girls were being educated in the Masonic Schools. About £270 had been contributed by the province to the Masonic Charities during the year; the contributions to the Provincial Benevolent Fund had been about £49.

The resignation of Bro. Gwinnett, as Treasurer of the Masonic Charity Association, had been received in July last, and Bro. J. Walker had been elected in his place. Bro. Gwinnett had been Treasurer of this Association from its formation, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him by the Committee for his most valuable services and support.

The report concluded with the announcement that Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., the R.W. Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, would preside at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1888, when it was hoped that the province would extend to him the same cordial support that was given to Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach in 1885.

Bro. GWINNETT seconded the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro. MOORE, and unanimously adopted.

Bro. T. Nelson Foster was then re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Vassar-Smith was elected Charity Steward under a new scheme of Provincial Charity regulation, which was presented for approval and adopted.

The usual vote to the Masonic Charities was also passed.

The following appointments to office in Provincial Grand Lodge were then made by the D.P.G.M.:

Bro. J. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ Dr. Crossman, P.M. 1363...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. Dr. Lyles, P.M. 1067	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ H. J. Francillon, P.M. 761	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ T. Nelson Foster	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ E. Trinder	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ S. Bland, W.M. 493	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ E. T. Chipp, W.M. 1005	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ Perrin, P.M. 855	...	...	Prov. G.S of W.
„ C. Green, P.M. 592	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. S. Carleton, P.M. 1067	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ W. E. Hayward, W.M. 900	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
„ J. A. Roberts, P.M. 702	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ F. Clark, 839	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ Harris, P.M. 855	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Newman, P.M. 1363	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ E. Fisher, 246...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ G. Peters, 246	...	...
„ H. Phillips	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE PRICE CHAPTER, No. 2096.

The Consecration of the George Price Chapter, No. 2096, took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croyden. It was but natural, after the services which has characterised the brief existence of the George Price Lodge, that its members should wish to complete that success by founding a R.A. Chapter. A charter having been obtained, the George Price Chapter was successfully launched into existence, and from the éclat with which the proceedings were carried out, it is safe to augur a brilliant future for it. The consecration ceremony was performed by Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, assisted by Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.P.G.S.; F. West, Prov. G.H. Surrey; R. T. Elsam, Prov. G. J. Surrey; Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Scribe E. Surrey; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; A. Saxelby, P.P.G. Reg.

The following is a list of the founders, who, with the exception of Comp. C. H. Woodward, were all present: Comps. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, Scribe E. 463, P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, M.E.Z., designate; Joseph D. Langton, J. elect, 1319, H. designate; James S. Fraser, P.Z. 214 and 1549, P.P.A.G.S. Middx. and Essex, J. designate; C. H. Woodward, P.Z.; Arthur Adams, A. Stewart Brown, Maitland H. Dicker, M. L. Levey, P.Z.; F. Cambridge, Gordon Smith, E. C. Holdsworth, R. W. Wilson, C. Holden, F. Carter,

Amongst the visitors present were Comps. F. C. Atkinson, 302; J. Hamer Owens, P.P.P.S.; G. Houlton Bishop, 1194; Howell P. Cater; W. A. Frost, 1706; Hugh P. Vivian, S.E. 450; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S.E. Middx.; W. Brown, P.Z. 174 and 538; C. E. Ferry, P.Z. 65; E. J. Bell 1524; W. E. Samson, 8; T. S. Taylor, Z. 933; W. W. Morgan, 141; H. Sadler, 169, G. Janitor; J. Steel, 452, P.G.P.S. Surrey; W. W. Lee, 1524.

The chapter having been formally opened, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT briefly addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, intimating that they were assembled to establish a new chapter, which he had no doubt would have a successful and prosperous career.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, the presiding officer proceeded to constitute the companions into a regular chapter, in ancient form.

An excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, having been eloquently delivered by Comp. Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.P.G.S., the ceremony was proceeded with and carried out in a solemn and impressive manner.

The installation of principals was then effectually carried out by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., who installed Comps. Hugh M. Hobbs, as M.E.Z.; Joseph D. Longton, as H.; and James S. Fraser, as J.

The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. C. H. Woodward, acting P.Z. and D.C.; A. Stewart Brown, Scribe; E. Maitland H. Dicker, Scribe N.; Arthur Adams, Treasurer; M. L. Levy, P.S.; F. Cambridge, 1st A.S.; Gordon Smith, 2nd A.S.; E. C. Holdsworth, Steward; and W. Lane, Janitor.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., the Consecrating and Installing Officers were unanimously elected honorary members, and a vote of thanks ordered

to be recorded on the minutes for their kindness in assisting at the ceremonies.

Comps. General BROWNRIGG and Colonel CLERKE briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them.

A letter was read from Comp. Woodward, and also from Comp. George Price, who expressed his extreme regret at his unavoidable absence, and his hearty wishes for the success of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. proposed several brethren for exaltation, including Bros. W. Pife, P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Horsley, 1790; and others of the George Price Lodge.

A Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws consisting of the three Principals, Treasurer, and the two Scribes.

There being no further business for transaction, the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

“The Queen and R.A. Masonry,” and “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Z.,” having been given,

The M.E.Z. proposed “The Grand Officers,” and said they were fortunate in having several distinguished members of Grand Chapter present. It had afforded him the greatest pleasure, not only in connection with the lodge, but also with reference to the chapter, to be supported and assisted by such eminent companions. When he was installed as the second W.M. of the George Price Lodge, he had the honour of being presented by Comp. General Brownrigg, and on the present occasion he had had the honour and distinction of being installed by such a well known Mason as the Grand Scribe E. The companions were deeply indebted to Col. Clerke for his kindness in attending, and increasing the reputation of the chapter by lending them his name; and also for consenting to become an honorary member.

The GRAND SCRIBE E., in reply, said he quite understood that he had been called upon to return thanks, as his old friend General Brownrigg had been reserved for a more important toast. It, therefore, afforded him great pleasure to heartily thank the M.E.Z. for the cordial terms in which he had introduced the toast, and the companions for the hearty reception accorded it. He need not say that the Grand Officers of Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Craft, were always highly gratified at the kind recognition they received. They were, as a rule, companions who had worked long in the Order, and who had done their best to further its interests. In their name he tendered hearty thanks for the reception given the toast. Personally, he was very pleased to be present, for he knew many members of the chapter. He congratulated them on having, in such a brief time, attained to the dignity of a chapter in connection with the George Price Lodge. He was aware of the excellent work done by that lodge, and he had no doubt the chapter would continue in the same path. On behalf of the Grand Officers he again thanked them, and also for the cordial reception he had received.

The M.E.Z. then gave “The Grand Superintendent of Surrey, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.,” and said that many of the companions were members of the George Price Lodge, and were present at the consecration. On that occasion Gen. Brownrigg was unable to attend through ill health, but they would remember that the Grand Officers of Surrey assisted in the heartiest manner to constitute them into a lodge. All who were present when that interesting event took place agreed that it was a successful meeting, but there was one circumstance which prevented it from being thoroughly successful, and that was the absence of Gen. Brownrigg. They were however, more fortunate at the present time for their chapter had been consecrated by their esteemed Grand Superintendent, whom they were pleased to greet. He was convinced there was no difference of opinion that Gen. Brownrigg was regarded by all with esteem and admiration, and they heartily thanked him for honouring them with his presence that day.

Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B., Grand Superintendent, said before he addressed one word to them in reply to the toast, he would express a regret, which they would no doubt share, that Comp. George Price was unavoidably absent. He was undoubtedly with them in heart and spirit, but it would have given them all much pleasure if he could have been present. It formerly took a longer time to get a chapter in connection with a lodge, but he was glad those times were changed, for it assisted to cement the Masonic bonds and gave a proper tone to a lodge. He hoped the Scribe E. would always send him notices of the meetings, for he would attend whenever he possibly could. It was 15 years since he was appointed Grand Superintendent, and at that time there were but three R.A. Chapters, now they numbered 13, for they had increased more rapidly than the Craft Lodges. It proved the interest taken in R.A. Masonry, and he was rejoiced to find it. He thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the companions for their cordial reception.

“The Prov. G.H. and J. of Surrey, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers,” was next given by the M.E.Z., who heartily thanked them for their attendance, and also for consenting to become honorary members. His thanks were especially due to Comps. West and Greenwood for their kind assistance in making the arrangements for the meeting.

Comp. FRED. WEST, Prov. G.H. Surrey, in reply, said the M.E.Z. had selected him to respond for the kind reference he had made to any assistance they had rendered, and had told them how frequently he had visited him to ask his advice, but he could only say that he considered it a privilege to meet a Mason of such great experience as Comp. Hobbs, and that he asked his opinion on the various subjects brought under his notice. He could say that as a Prov. G. Officer he felt it an honour to be present and take part in the completion of the work which was started in memory of Comp. George Price. If this chapter performed its ritual, and carried out the principles of Masonry with the same degree of interest as the lodge, the M.E.Z. would be justified in being as proud of one as he was of the other. It might be of interest to some to know that during the last twelve months, the lodge had found £800 towards the support of the Charities, which for a young lodge might be regarded as highly creditable. He was sure from what he knew of the members of the chapter, that they would keep up the high character the lodge had attained, and they might look forward at no future date to hear from the Grand Superintendent that they had not misplaced the confidence he had reposed in them.

The P.G. SUPERINTENDENT gave “The Principals of the Chapter,” and said that, having obtained permission to propose that toast, he would do so in the fewest words. There was an old saying that “a good wine needs no bush,” and so a good occasion like the present needed no words, for it spoke for itself. He was convinced it was a good occasion when they appointed the three Principals to rule over the chapter, and those com-

panions who had been installed were no doubt impressed with the charges delivered to them. Those three Principals formed a triumvirate, or trinity, and when he said there was, and should be, a unity between them, they would know what he meant. He knew the power that had been given them would be used for the benefit of the whole Craft, and he therefore asked the companions to heartily drink their health.

Comp. HUGH M. HOBBS, M.E.Z., in response, said the three Principals were extremely obliged for the manner in which the P.G. Superintendent had introduced the toast. He was delighted to think they had honoured him in the way they had. He could truly say that since he had been a Mason he had never willingly given offence to a brother or companion, and he hoped that during his year he should not do or say anything that would make them think less of him. If in the end of his term of office they looked upon him with the same regard they evinced now, he should be more than gratified.

Comps. LANGTON, H., and FRASER, J., also replied.

Comp. Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, in responding for the toast of "The Consecrating Principals," said that after the kind way in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of the Grand Officers, and after the able replies of the Prov. G. Superintendent and their excellent friend the Grand Scribe E., he thought it showed no little ingenuity in getting a third speech on the subject. They were pleased to be associated with the consecration of a chapter in memory of a companion so worthy and well known in the Province of Surrey. He could say from a long experience of Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted in 1843, that the longer he had been connected with it, the more he appreciated it. His senior officers would agree with him if he advised the companions to study the beautiful principles and ceremonials of Royal Arch Masonry, and if they did so, they would be more than repaid for their investigation. He assured the members that their wishes were for the prosperity and success of that new chapter.

Comp. J. F. H. WOODWARD, Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, on behalf of the visitors, returned thanks for the hospitality shown them. It had afforded them much pleasure to be present, and it had given no one greater pleasure than himself to see his old friend Comp. Hobbs installed as M.E.Z. He knew him within a few days of his initiation, and he had seen him rise more rapidly than any Mason he had known; but he was quite sure he would not have risen to his present position if he had not thoroughly deserved it. He would say one word of comparison between the two Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey. There had always been a sort of friendly rivalry between them. At the time Surrey had nine lodges, Middlesex had 25—the former had three chapters, when the latter numbered nine. Now both provinces numbered 13 chapters, Middlesex numbering 49 lodges and Surrey 31.

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

The musical arrangements were successfully carried out under the direction of Comp. F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O. Surrey, assisted by Comps. E. J. Bell, F. C. Atkinson, and W. A. Frost.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The sun never dawned upon a fairer day than that which completed the fifty years of her Majesty's reign. It was remarked by some who had been witnesses of the Queen's Coronation that it was just another such day as they remember it was then—a cloudless sky, a clear June atmosphere, a brilliant sun, with the heat tempered by a cooling easterly breeze. But in all other respects the scene was entirely changed. The transformation which London itself has undergone would alone have produced that result; but even the new London was itself transformed. The Royal route from Hyde Park Corner to the Abbey was not only filled to suffocation by a countless surging mass of loyal subjects, but the very fronts of the houses seemed to be made of a wall of faces; every window, ledge, and balcony being filled with people, and temporary structures having been erected in what vacant spots there might be along the line. Imagine the sea of heads in the streets, hemmed in by a wall of faces on either hand—the whole scene radiant with life, colour, and beauty; the triumphal arches, the waving flags and banners, the gay festoons of flowers and greenery, the forest of tall masts each supporting a gold-and-velvet crown; then, down the centre, the broad roadway kept for the procession by the military and police, the former seen as a thin red streak at either edge of the two black masses of people; and finally, this roadway filled with the flashing brilliancy of the procession as it passes on from Palace to Abbey amidst the tumultuous roar in which the nation's loyalty finds its inadequate expression.

By ten o'clock everything was practically ready for the pageant of the day to begin. The Yeomen of the Tower had been marched into the Palace; a guard of honour of 500 blue-jackets had taken up its position inside the palace-gates; a detachment of the Scots Guards had marked off an immense square just outside; the troops had been disposed along the whole of the route; the Abbey itself was filled with its vast and distinguished congregation; and the people outside were in high-strung expectation. First came the Indian Princes and their suites from Hyde Park, attired in the many coloured, gem-decked turbans and flowing vestments of their native land. The Maharajah and Maharanee of Kuch Behar and the Maharajah Holkar, whose shoulders were covered with bullion woven into his tunic, were recognised and loudly cheered. But, apart from the personalities of individuals, the subject that gave rise to the most excited comment and the greatest amount of wonder was the turban of his Royal Highness the Rao of Kutch, which, when the sun flashed upon it, really blazed with the scintillating lights of diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. Next came the Kings' procession—a disappointment, it must be confessed, for the carriages were closed. Still, it was an illustrious company—the Kings of Denmark, the Hellenes, the Belgians, and of Saxony; the heirs to the thrones of Austria-Hungary, Sweden, Portugal, and Greece; the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz; and Princes of the Royal Families of Italy, Greece, and Spain.

But of unequalled magnificence and interest for the English nation was the Queen's procession—or rather, the Queen and her escort of Princes—which at half-past eleven swept out of the Palace-gates up Constitution-hill, and so into the midst of the people. There were the Queen's sons, grandsons, and sons-in-law—an illustrious body-guard indeed, worthy of the Sovereign of a world-wide empire; four of them heirs in direct succession to two of the most powerful thrones that have ever been set up in the world. The Crown Prince of Germany, in his white uniform of a cuirassier of the Guard, with the Imperial crest in his helmet and his Field-Marshal's bâton in his hand; the Grand Duke of Hesse, in the blue uniform of a German

General; Prince Christian in red; Prince Albert Victor of Wales in the blue and gold of the 10th Hussars; Prince George in navy blue and gold; the Duke of Connaught as a Major-General; and the Duke of Edinburgh as an Admiral; the Prince of Wales in the full dress of a British Field-Marshal, with the other Princes in the brilliant appanage of their military and naval rank: these formed the body-guard, at once princely and of her own family, which escorted the Queen to the scene of her Jubilee thanksgiving. But even this bare recital gives an imperfect idea of the pageant. For the picture we have outlined must be filled in with lance and sabre, with gaily caparisoned charger, with nodding crest and plume, and with every attribute of military pomp and royal magnificence. Thus did the Queen move in state from the Palace to the Abbey; and now, if we can imagine the scene, we may see her and her escort pass beneath the venerable porch, where a very different scene meets the eye, and where the boisterous tumult of the crowd is exchanged for the solemn silence of the sanctuary.

There is one spot in the Abbey to which all eyes are turned. It is where the Queen sits in the chair in which she was crowned, with the Princes of her family, the Kings who have come to do her honour, and her peers and commoners around her engaging in a solemn ceremonial, the very simplicity of which increases its solemnity. One point that strikes the mind at once is that the heart and core of this magnificent display, the lady whose personality is present in all minds, is the most simply attired of all, her simple white bonnet being her only concession to the brightness of the occasion. Amid the organ-notes the voice of the Archbishop of Canterbury is heard offering up the prayer composed by him, in which thanksgiving for the past and supplication for the future are happily blended into something which helps us to realise in a reverent spirit the significance of the scene before us. The service itself is brief, and presents little that can be described in detail until we come to the very end, when an interesting and probably unique incident, certainly an unexpected one, occurs. As the Queen rises, the Prince of Wales steps forward and salutes her on the hand, receiving in return a kiss on the cheek. The Crown Prince and the Grand Duke of Hesse pay their homage likewise. Then, carried away by the impulse of the moment, her Majesty embraces all the Princes and Princesses of her family, even calling back her sons-in-law, the Crown Prince and the Grand Duke, to confer upon them the privilege they have failed to claim.

The return from the Abbey was as triumphal a progress as the journey from the Palace. Whitehall is scarcely described adequately by any language that has been employed in respect of the narrower thoroughfares of the route. Compared with the vast area covered by the crowd, even the broad roadway kept clear by the troops was but a narrow chasm, along which it seemed impossible that the procession could make its way. In Pall Mall and St. James's-street all the resources of clubland were brought into operation, and it is not too much to say that the scene of grace and beauty opened up to the Queen as she turned round from Charing Cross into Pall Mall will never be paralleled. There was, perhaps, less of tumultuous cheering in these aristocratic regions than in Piccadilly, Regent-street, and Trafalgar-square; but that loyalty which was not so plainly manifested to the ear was even more plainly manifested to the eye. When Piccadilly was reached the scene of an hour or two before reproduced itself; and when the Queen's carriage passed finally within the precincts of St. James's Park, there was a burst of cheering from more than 10,000 people who had congregated in the vast area of Hyde Park Corner. So far as the Queen was concerned the ceremony of the day was now over. But for the people it was to be prolonged into the afternoon and evening, and far away into the night and early morning.

As twilight deepened into such darkness as these short summer nights bring with them, the streets of London burst forth in a great blaze of illumination, produced by means which are themselves curiously typical of the progress of the last half century. Great flaming gas-jets lit up the tall facades of our mercantile palaces, while the electric light, poised high above like a midnight sun, or tracing its way through foliage and flowers, like fairy lights held by invisible hands, might have been seen at many points in the long main thoroughfares or in the quiet aristocratic squares. To tell of the crowds of people who moved, for the most part, in awe-struck silence through the illuminated streets, or to describe in detail the effect of the illuminations themselves, is to attempt to portray in precise language what had much better be left to the imagination. It will be enough to say that from first to last, as a State pageant, as a religious ceremonial, as a popular festival, as a political event, and as demonstrating the personal affection which forms so large a part of the loyalty of the English people to their Queen—as illustrating, moreover, the material progress of the nation in the past fifty years, and so celebrating a national no less than a Royal Jubilee—the commemoration in which the empire on Tuesday engaged, with the metropolitan pageant as its centre, was a transcending and supreme success.

The streets were crowded until dawn with people desirous of witnessing the illuminations. Even at that hour many were again walking over the route to view at leisure the scene of Tuesday's display. Although some became boisterous towards the close of the evening, the crowd generally was thoroughly orderly, and kept continually moving. The rowdy element would make a rush with a view of causing a stampede; but beyond a momentary confusion nothing serious resulted. The arrests of disorderly persons were extremely few, and the people hurt during the night did not in any way approach the number who were crushed in the daytime.

The most novel and picturesque feature of the celebration was perhaps the series of beacon fires which blazed upon the principal inland heights and the loftiest promontories around the coasts. The signal rocket shot up from Malvern beacon at ten o'clock, and was visible to watchers in ten counties around. The signal was flashed on from point to point till it reached the crags of Shetland and Orkney across the sea in the north and to Land's End in the south, while fires were burning along all the chief mountain ranges of the country. The ceremony of lighting the Malvern beacon fire was preceded, according to custom, by a little allegorical prelude. At nine o'clock a procession was formed on the terrace at the eastern base of the hill, and a number of the principal inhabitants, bearing torches, wound their way up the height to a plateau known as St. Ann's Well. Here they halted, and the National Anthem was sung by thousands of voices, on which a venerable "hermit of the hill" emerged from the hill fastness and inquired the cause of this disturbance of his repose, and after a reply by a youthful "fairy of the spring," the intruders proceeded on their way; the procession dividing at this point, one portion turning towards the north and ascending to the top of the North Hill, where the rockets were to be fired, and the other proceeding as direct as circumstances permitted up the Worcestershire beacon to light the bonfire.

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and queries column referred to by "Lex" deserves con-
demnation in the terms of our correspondents communi-
cation. Granted that some little departure from the
original purpose of this column has been permitted, it has
not been sufficient to deserve such severe criticism and we
trust that "Lex" on re-consideration will approve of our
decision to omit his letter.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Era," "Sunday Times" (London), "Lancaster Daily
Examiner," "Bombay Gazette," "Night and Day," "Gazette
Boulonnaise," "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle,"
"Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Natal Advertiser," "Hull
and East Yorkshire Times," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Sunday
Times" (New York), "Keystone," "Court Circular," "Kingston
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English Illustrated Magazine," and "Loomis' Musical and
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SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At this time when all minds seemed fixed on
Jubilee celebrations it is to be hoped that those in sickness
and distress in the East-end will not be overlooked, the very
mention of festivities seem a mockery to those who lay
helpless and in want. There are some, no doubt, of our
brethren and their families who would willingly help if
brought in direct communication with such cases, and to
those brethren I now appeal.

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off clothing, under-linen, lint, or soft pieces for dressings
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ALBERT HALL MEETING—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

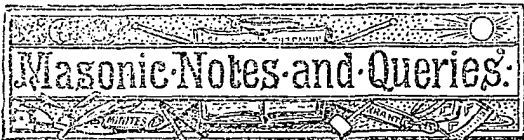
Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to correct an error in the designation of
the Earl of Rosslyn as given in your report of the Albert
Hall Jubilee Celebration.

His lordship is not Depute Grand Master of Scotland.
He is a Past Grand Master of Scotland, and was present
on the 13th in his official capacity as representative to the
Grand Lodge of England.

In same report Lord Rosslyn is mentioned as occupying
a place on the left of the throne. This is incorrect; he
sat on the right.—Yours faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON,
Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Grand Secretary.
June 18.



734] THREE COMPASSES.

Bro. Lane's reply to my query (645) is a refreshing
experience. Answers to queries may not always be possible
at the time, but when they are noted and remembered, as
in this case, they deserve more than passing thanks. I
am extremely grateful to Bro. Lane, and as a testimony of
willingness to give information as it turns up (a peculiar
desideratum for the real use of this column, as it seems to
me) he has my cordial thanks. I take note with pleasure
of the fact of Bro. Oakley being identified with the Lodge
Three Compasses (or Carpenters' Arms—the same, of
course, as Bro. Lane states) in the ninth space of the
1725 Engraved List, and it will be satisfactory to Bro.
Lane to learn that it settles all I wished to know in making
the enquiry in January, 1886 (No. 645). I am inclined to
the "Three Compasses," and as Bro. Lane calls it, "No.
11," Queen's Head, in Knaves Acre, were one and the
same lodge, meeting at a different hostel.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

735] THE YEAR OF LIGHT.

Without entering into the question of desirability,
whether we are any more justified in claiming 4000 or
4004 years now, than when first claimed, except by usage;
I agree with Bro. Hughan (731) that 4000 should be added
to A.D. for the Year of Light. To start a new system is,
as Bro. Hughan states, very absurd. The Grand Chapter
appears to have first used 4004, and certificates of the
R.A. formerly bore that addition; but the custom was long
ago very properly discontinued. As neither Grand Lodge
nor Grand Chapter use 4004, it would seem there need be
no difficulty whatever now. My unwearied friend and
brother has, I hope, conclusively settled what should be,
and really is, the modern usage. As to the older practice
being well understood, it is taken into account where
necessary.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

736] CARPENTERS' ARMS.

With reference to Bro. Lane's note, the arms of the Car-
penters' Company were specially applicable to the early
builders or constructors of houses, at the time when most
edifices were built of timber. The grant of arms was
made to the Worshipful Fellowship of Carpenters in 6th
Edw. IV., A.D. 1466, their Charter of Incorporation as a
Livery Company not being granted till A.D. 1477. Their
armorial bearings are on a field silver, sable a chevron
engrailed, three compasses also sable. (See W. W.
Pocock's most interesting reprint of "Jupp's Historical
Account of the Carpenters' Company. The Masons' Com-
pany was not chartered till after the fire of London—that
is, A.D. 1677—their arms being three castles—symbols of
solidity, and a compass extended on a chevron, buildings
being then of a more solid and less combustible character.
It is obvious that three compasses without the engrailed
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RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting
of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the
Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. H.
Shaw, P.M., W.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; W. J.
Coplestone, J.W.; G. Butt, P.M., Treas.; H. Purdue,
P.M., Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; A.
Williams, D.C.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams
and Newland, Stwds.; Walkley, P.M., Tyler; J. Sims,
P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; D. H. Pritchard, A. J.
Hardwick, M. F. Wilkins, Courtrie Pounds, W. E. Bar-
ker, J. Broadbrige, J. R. Ward, jun., C. J. Chambers,
S. E. Holland, R. Shaw, W. Iredale, J. C. Morgan, M.
R. Rice, Edward Lucas, J. Banks, H. Hewett, and H.
Pinn.

Owing to illness, Bro. Blake, W.M., was absent. Bro.
Shaw, P.M., initiated Mr. H. Pinn, and passed Bro.
Pounds, and raised Bros. Barker and Hardwick.

Other lodge business having been transacted, the
brethren adjourned to a very nice banquet, presided over
by Bro. G. Butt, P.M., Treasurer, who, on rising to pro-
pose the first toast, that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty
the Queen," did so in a most able manner, quite becoming
that most auspicious season, that of the jubilee of her
most prosperous reign, which was received in a most loyal
and enthusiastic manner by all present.

The brethren were delighted with some good singing by
several of the members, more especially from Bro. Pounds,
who was twice encored, his singing being most excellent,
the members congratulating themselves upon the accession
of such a talented brother to the lodge. A most enjoyable
evening was spent, although the brethren much regretted
the absence of the W.M., as also the I.P.M., Bro.
Dopson.

BRADFORD.—Harmony Lodge (No. 600).—

installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the
Masonic Hall, Salem-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst.
The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. R. Hinings,
I.P.M. (in the absence on the Continent of Bro. C. B.
Ampt, W.M.), with Bros. A. Assenheimer, S.W.; E.
Earnshaw, J.W.; James Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P., Chap.;
T. Norfolk, Treas.; J. R. Welsman, P.M., Sec. (in the
unavoidable absence of Bro. C. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D.),
T. B. Taylor, S.D.; A. H. Stamford, J.D.; and W.
Kingdon, I.G. There was a large attendance, including
Bros. J. R. Oddy, W.M. 974; R. Revell, W.M. 1034; J.
S. Swithenbank, W.M. 1048; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; John
Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; C. E. Höffer, P.M.;
R. L. Watson, P.M.; S. Render, P.M.; S. Minnikin,
I.P.M. 387; J. T. Last, 387; C. J. Schott, 302; B. Thomp-
son, 387; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 108, P.P.G.D.C.; W.
Wroe, P.M. 1018; J. Kubli, S.W. 1018; M. Mullen, P.M.
1545; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 1545; J. Verr, P.S.W. 1034; F. W.
Bannister, 1035; W. Kilner, E. Becker, J. Overton, C. J.
Baukhart, J. T. Muggleston, C. H. Wild, H. Clay, J. E.
Hinings, J. Tilley, St. Clair Tilley, C. Blagboro, and J. P.
Priestley.

Bro. A. Assenheimer, S.W., was installed W.M. for the
ensuing year by Bro. C. E. Höffer, P.M., the working
tools in each Degree being explained to the W.M. by Bro.
M. Mullen, P.M., the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and
brethren being given by Bro. J. R. Welsman, P.M.; and
the following officers were invested: Bros. E. Earnshaw,
S.W.; T. Norfolk, J.W.; J. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P.,
Chap.; C. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Overton,
Sec.; T. B. Taylor, S.D.; A. H. Stamford, J.D.; W.
Kingdon, I.G.; W. A. Müller, Org.; M. Harrison, J.
Ibbetson, and W. H. H. Ward, Stewards; H. Clay, S.
of W.; S. Render, P.M., D. of C.; J. R. Welsman,
P.M., Charity Steward and Almoner; and E. Mackay,
Tyler.

Bro. J. Wright, P.M., Chap., proposed that a record be
entered on the minutes of the complimentary banquet given
under the auspices of this lodge on the 10th inst. to Bro.
M. Mullen, P.M., prior to his departure to America, when
in presence of some 60 odd brethren he was presented with
an illuminated address and purse of gold, expressive of
their esteem and regard, and, referring to the happy nature
of the gathering, said it was one that would live long in the
memory of the brethren present on the occasion. The pro-
position was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Welsman, P.M., then alluded to the retirement of
Bro. C. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D., from the office of Sec-
retary, after nine years' zealous service, but who had shown
his unabated interest in the lodge's welfare by accepting the
office of Treasurer, to which he had been unanimously
elected, and who had rendered such good service as to
merit the esteem and affection of his brethren, and, in
deference to the wishes of the brethren, begged formally to
propose that a suitable address be prepared for presenta-
tion to Bro. Crabtree at the next regular lodge meeting.
Bro. Jas. Wright, P.M., in seconding the proposition, re-
ferred to the zeal Bro. Crabtree had evinced for the lodge's
welfare for many years past, and felt sure that he would
prize such an expression of goodwill, esteem, and affection
of his brethren more highly than if it had been shown in
any other or more substantial manner. The resolution, on
being put by the W.M., was carried enthusiastically.

At the conclusion of business the lodge was closed, and
the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the
usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.
and duly honored, the musical portion of the programme
being admirably rendered by Bros. Chas. Blagboro, J. P.
Priestley, and others.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—

The election meeting of the above lodge took place on
Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-
street, Bro. J. Sanderson, W.M., in the chair, supported
by the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors: Bros.
J. Warren, P.M.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; J. H.
Roberts, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; Christopher Sweet-
ing, P.M.; R. Naylor, S.W.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J.
W. Miller, S.D.; W. Webber, J.D.; S. E. Southgate,
I.G.; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; S. Lancaster, J.W. 1068;

T. Heath, 1536; J. W. Barnes, 13; W. H. Keeble, 13; G. Chambers, 13; E. Keil, 13; and W. Wright, 823.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the Three Degrees were admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. Naylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months; Bro. T. Butt, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; Bros. Lawson, Cox, and Porter, Auditors; and J. Lackland, Tyler. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Sanderson for services rendered the lodge, and also as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, for which that brother returned thanks. It was further resolved that the installation banquet should be held at the new Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, Bro. Hubbard's house, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

Refreshments having been served, the brethren did honour to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves with harmony.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the brethren of the above lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, the great force supported by visitors from all the lodges in the West, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Eden as W.M. Bro. J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Reg., discharged the duties of the installation in a very able manner, and the following were invested as officers, viz.: Bros. Lewthwaite, I.P.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Purser, J.W.; Irving, Treas.; Angon, Sec.; Dickinson, S.D.; Fletcher, J.D.; Jenkinson, I.G.; Taylor, D.C.; Ashmore and Smith, Stewards; and Johnston, Tyler.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon Hotel, where a capital spread awaited them, and with toast and song a very agreeable evening was spent.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. S. Bradstock, W.M.; Rev. W. Lynes, P.M., P.G.C., S.W.; W. G. Roberts, J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; T. Cadle, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.D.; T. H. Deakin, J.D.; C. A. Gould, acting I.G.; John Shiles, Steward; Job Webb, Tyler; J. Shaw Carleton, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; Russell Jas. Kerr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Davies, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Heane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. Parker, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. K. Smithyman, S. W. Hadingham, and W. Jones. Visitors: Bros. J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M., Past S.G.D.; H. J. Francillon, P.M. 761, P.G.R.; Wm. Powell, P.M. 900, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Green, P.M. 592, P.G.D.C.; J. Gamble, P.M. 270, P.P.G.P.; W. E. Hayward, P.M. 900, P.G.S.B.; and E. P. Griffith, 597.

The installation of Bro. S. W. Woods, Past S.W., was performed by Bro. W. C. Heane, assisted by Bros. J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, J. Shaw Carleton, and T. Cadle. The new W.M. afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. S. Bradstock, I.P.M.; W. G. Roberts, S.W.; S. W. Hadingham, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; Thos. Cadle, P.M., Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Deakin, S.D.; W. Spence, J.D.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., D. of C.; C. A. Gould, I.G.; John Shiles, Steward; and Job Webb, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards served in the Town Hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

MALDON.—Lodge of St. Peter (No. 1204).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when Bro. W. H. De Cean, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G.O. The officers for the year were invested as under: Bros. C. S. Blyth, I.P.M.; C. Ker, S.W.; A. Barritt, J.W.; the Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; F. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; W. Gower, S.D.; C. Dibben, J.D.; W. Clover, I.G.; J. Sadler, and J. Hudson, Stwds.; G. Huxtable, Tyler.

Bro. Gowers was re-elected to represent the lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the able way in which he had conducted the installation ceremony.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. alluded to the great meeting of Freemasons which was to be held in the Albert Hall on the following Monday, under the presidency of his Royal Highness, when an address of congratulation to the Queen on her Jubilee was to be agreed upon, and which, the W.M. remarked, would be a memorable one to all those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; A. G. Maskell, W.M. 276; and S. H. Ellis, P.M. 1977.

In returning thanks for the toast of "The Chaplain," the Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G.C., said he had occupied that position now for some years, and was very gratified to fulfil the duties which the office imposed upon him. The outside world were wont to associate Freemasonry with mere eating and drinking. Of course this was because they were not aware of the inner working of the Order; and he was one of those who considered the social gatherings after the lodge business, if used in moderation, were productive of much good. Men differing in creed, politics, and class, were thereby brought together; the rough portions of their nature were rubbed off, and neighbourly and friendly feelings were awakened between them. It was not good for a man to shut himself within himself, to get into one groove as it were, for then his mind became contracted, and he had no sympathies outside his own little circle or clique. The patron saint of their lodge was St. Peter, whose virtues, he trusted, they would all imitate, while the emblem emblazoned on their banner—a cock standing

upon a rock—should remind them, the former to be watchful, and the latter to be steady and firm in principle, so that when they should be summoned from that sub-lunary abode they might ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

"The Charities" was proposed by Bro. Arthur Barritt, who, remarking that Charity was at the root of true Freemasonry, expressed a hope that the three noble Charities connected with the Order would be supported by all Masons to the best of their ability.

Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G.O., whose name was connected with the toast, took the opportunity to mention that the candidature for the Boys' School of the son of a late member of that lodge was proceeding satisfactorily. In support of that very deserving case, he was, as many of them were aware, going on Tuesday next to the annual Festival of the Institution as a Steward. When he started on that undertaking a few months ago, he felt in his own mind that if he raised about £15 he should have a list of which he need not be ashamed; but through the kindness and liberality of the brethren he was happy to say that his expectations were more than realised, for his list now amounted to between £46 and £47. He should very much like to raise that to £50, and he appealed to those present to help him.

A plate was then passed round the table, and Bro. Gowers announced, amidst great applause, that the amount had been contributed and a few shillings to spare.

An excellent musical programme was given during the evening.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Dr. George Calderwood, W.M. for the ensuing year. There were over sixty members and visitors present, including over twenty Past Masters. Bro. Ed. Clark, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. acted the part of Installing Master, ably assisted by Bro. Jas. Muncaster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and the following brethren were invested as officers, viz.: Bros. Rev. G. B. Armes, P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; E. Bromley, S.W.; H. Hartley, J.W.; Jas. Muncaster, Treas.; Jas. Lowery, Sec.; H. P. Armstrong, S.D.; Jas. Stout, J.D.; J. J. Robson, P.M., D.C.; A. E. Lamb, Org.; Jas. Spedding, I.G.; Parker, Hartley, Kitchen, and Charters, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler.

With the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors the lodge was closed in form, and all present adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th inst., the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Matthews, W.M.; W. Beaton, J.W.; J. Faulkner, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx., Treas.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Middx., Sec.; H. B. Hassel, S.D.; J. Tallack, D.C.; Hart Davies, I.G.; H. J. Tallack, Org.; J. W. Tallack, W.S.; J. P. Jenkins, P.M.; G. L. Wingate, P.M.; E. H. Thielay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; and Rawles, acting Tyler for Bro. Gilbert.

The only business to transact was revising the by-laws, more especially referring to the duties of Treasurer and Secretary. The Secretary was congratulated by the W.M. and the brethren generally for having provincial honours conferred upon him.

After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned for refreshment, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and a drive through Teddington and Bushey Park on to the lodge's old head-quarters, King's Arms, Hampton Court, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

HALLIFORD.—Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—The installation meeting was held at the Ship Hotel, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. C. Elvy Wright, W.M.; G. Whitaker, J.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. W. W. Martin, M.A., P.M.; the Rev. Dr. E. Brette, P.G.C. Middx., P.M. and Treas.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M.; W. Clifton Crick, P.M. 657, Sec.; H. Showler, I.G.; H. F. Stewart, D.C.; and F. E. Best. Visitors: J. R. Fannerhill, W.M. 171; W. J. Cooper, P.M. 212; H. B. Bridgen, 51; and C. H. Price, 1196.

The lodge having been duly opened, a few matters of the usual character disposed of, and the gratifying report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, Bro. G. Whitaker was presented by Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., as W.M. elect. Bro. C. Elvy Wright, W.M. then proceeded with the installation of his successor, giving the usual addresses in a manner fully justifying the congratulations which at a later stage of the proceedings he received from the brethren and visitors. The new W.M. after appointing and investing his officers, had the pleasure of presenting his predecessor in the chair with a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the brethren.

Business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, after which the customary toasts were given, enlivened by some capital songs. Owing to the Provincial G.L. being held on that day the muster was small, but in every other respect the meeting was a marked success. The brethren separated at an early hour having passed a most enjoyable afternoon.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. A. H. Gurney, W.M.; Toulmin, acting S.W.; E. W. Jenkins, J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Perry, acting I.G.; J. T. Briggs, P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the financial report of the Treasurer was received and adopted. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. W. Taylor, D. P. Cama, Dawson, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—This lodge met at the Sun Hotel, on the 15th inst., business commencing at 3.20 p.m. in consequence of the work to be got through. A provisional grant of ten guineas, made at an emergency meeting for the Master's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was confirmed, and other formal business transacted. Bros. Acton, Allen, and Boyd, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Morley was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. Green, and being favourable, he was initiated in a very impressive manner. Each ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., whose correct articulation adds greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the ritual. The officers who assisted the W.M., Bro. J. Drewett, were Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; Humphreys, S.D.; Montague, J.D.; and Willis, acting I.G. The S.W. was called on to address the initiate, which he did very efficiently. The J.W. called attention to the signs of mourning in the lodge room, and briefly referred to the death, since the last meeting, of Bro. John Bond, one of the oldest members of the lodge, and host of the Sun Hotel. He dwelt upon the genial spirit ever displayed by the deceased brother, and moved that an expression of regret at his loss be placed on the minutes, and further, that the W.M. convey to the sister and other members of Bro. Bond's family, the sincere sympathy of the lodge with them in their bereavement; Bro. Lane, P.M., seconded, and the Worshipful Master supported the motion, which was carried. A letter was read from Bro. Buckland, P.M. (a founder of the lodge, and Secretary for several years), who has taken up his residence at Southsea, resigning membership. The W.M. said they must all regret losing their worthy brother, and in recognition of the many services rendered by him to the Brownrigg Lodge, he proposed that Bro. Buckland be elected an honorary member. This was carried unanimously.

After a short sojourn in the beautiful grounds of the hotel, the brethren assembled in the house and partook of an excellent repast, for which those who had borne the "burden and heat of the day" were quite ready, having been engaged four hours.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Vatsky, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Turpin, J.D.; Penrose, I.G.; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Williams, Leng, Lancaster, Emblin, and Greenner.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Third Degree were duly answered by Bro. Lancaster. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Lancaster, J.W. 1668, was elected a member. Bro. Vatsky, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Buller, W.M.; G. F. Swan, S.W.; J. Kedg, J.W.; F. M. Noakes, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. S. Hunter, W. Brindley, P. W. Rogers, T. C. Edmonds, and W. Wingham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. F. Swan, S.W., worked the 1st, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. G. F. Swan, 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. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 18th instant. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 844, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; J. S. Long, S.D.; Higginson, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; P. J. Davies, Woodard, L. Craggs, and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woodard offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies, J.W. Bro. Woodard answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. D. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for passing, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. J. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 15th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. J. Middx., M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, P.P.G. J. Middx., acting H.; Smiles, J.; Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., S.E.; the Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., P.S.; Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middx., 1st A.S.; Lambert, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Smiles was installed as Second Principal by Comp. Taylor, and Comp. the Rev. R. Hosken was installed as Third Principal by the M.E.Z. Both ceremonies were well performed. Comp. Dunkley was invested with the collar of P.S. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., R. H. Thrupp, J. F. H. Woodward, D. P. Cama, Tomlinson, M.P., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The long array of toasts followed, and some excellent instrumental and vocal harmony was contributed by Comp. Dunkley (Graham).

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507, Z.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, H.; J. Sims, S.N. 834, J.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; M. Spiegel, 834, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, P.S.; W. C. Williams, A.S. 733, 1st A.S.; J. Davies, 733, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Dean, P.P.G.R. Dorset, P.Z. 77, 477; E. Child, P.Z. 538; P. J. Davies, Andrew Chapter; and J. Smith, 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dean candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able manner Comp. Sims had, for the first time, rehearsed the duties of Third Principal, which compliment he suitably acknowledged. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 357).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. G. Gardner, Prov. G.D.C., W.M., in the chair; F. J. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; John Edwards, J.W.; F. Lawrence, M.D., Treas., acting M.O. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. J. Taylor; J. Boswell, acting S.O.; W. Clowes, J.O.; J. L. Mather, G. Treas., Secretary; A. Pringle, S.D.; N. Defries, I.G.; J. Brill, W. G. Coat, J. J. Boswell, J. S. Barton Wilson, S.G.W. In consequence of Jubilee preparations, &c., many apologies for absence of officers and members were received, including one from Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was read and adopted, and a ballot taken for the advancement of Bros. Keeble, P.M.; E. Ayling, P.M., P.Z.; and Dr. Wheeler. The W.M. elect called the brethren's attention to the very severe loss the lodge had sustained in the deaths of Bros. Dr. Meadows, I.P.M.; and W. Gomm, R.M., and called them to order while Bro. Graham, P.G.O., played the Dead March in "Saul," the brethren all appearing in mourning, as well as the lodge being draped in black as a token of respect to the deceased. The W.M. thus proceeded with the ceremony of advancement, and on its completion Bro. Edwards, J.W., rose and begged to present to the lodge a portrait of the W.M. and founder, Bro. G. Gardner, which was received with acclamation, and admired by the brethren of being a work of art, in fact a beautiful picture. A vote of thanks being awarded and recorded for the handsome gift. Bro. J. L. Mather then assumed the chair, and proceeded in a very excellent manner to install the S.W., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Gardner, I.P.M.; J. Edwards, S.W.; R. J. Taylor, J.W.; W. Clowes, M.O.; A. Pringle, S.O.; N. Defries, J.O.; G. Thomas, R.M.; F. Lawrence, M.D., Treas.; J. L. Mather, Sec.; W. G. Dickey, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; W. Ellis, J.G.; and F. W. Wheeler, M.D., D.C. The appointment of the rest of the officers standing over till the next meeting. The Worshipful Master gave a notice of motion to alter the number and days of meeting which no doubt will be beneficial to the lodge, and then presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the valuable services rendered during his year of office. The I.P.M., in returning thanks, was glad to find the lodge prospering, and he had no doubt that the alteration proposed would be advantageous and would help the lodge to make its mark in the province.

"Hearty good wishes" being given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Brill's best style, the usual toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Graham officiating at the piano. Songs, &c., were given by Bro. Gardner and several of the brethren, and a very pleasant evening was passed. In conclusion we must say this lodge is making rapid strides, and bids fair to vie with any lodge in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—There was a very large muster of members and visitors present on Thursday, the 16th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. E. B. Penrice, P.G. Steward, as W.M. of one of the most successful lodges in the province. Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Treas., performed the ceremony in a faultless manner, and the following were invested as the officers of the year: Bros. A. Walters, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; J. O. Scott, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; A. Leach, J.W.; T. Swinson, M.O.; J. Kendall, S.O.; J. Abbott, J.O.; J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; E. Mitchell, R. of M.; G. Scott, Sec.; J. Nicholson, S.D.; J. W. Robinson, J.D.; W. Stoddart, D.C.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Gibson, I.G.; J. Simpson, Steward; and J. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The following were also present: Bros. Jos. Dickinson, P.M., P.J.G.D.; F. Harrison, W. Atkinson, R. Brown, and a deputation of 15 visitors from Fletcher Lodge, 213, and Derwent Lodge, 282, headed by their respective W. Masters, viz., Bros. G. Ryrie, W.M. 213, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 282, P.G.R. of M.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, J.W. 213, P.G. Chap.; Thos. Brakenridge, S.W., P.G.I.G.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.J.G.W.; W. J. Tyson, M.O., P.G. Org.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. D.C. England; D. Atkinson, J.O.; D. H. Cook, H. Burns, J. Eden, S.W., P.G.I. of M.; G. H. S. Smith, and others.

Five guineas were voted on behalf of Bro. Ryrie's Stewardship, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Gardiner and Dalrymple for their services, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and with toasts and songs a pleasant meeting ended.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 182).—On Thursday evening, the 9th inst., the brethren of this lodge met for the purpose of installing Bro. Andrew King, the W.M. elect, into the chair. A large number of the members were present, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. George Wilson, P.M. The W.M.

having taken the chair, appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Rayner, I.P.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; J. Batty, J.W.; Whincup, M.O.; Hargreaves, S.O.; Metcalfe, J.O.; Andsell, P.M., Chaplain; G. Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; James Thyer, Secretary; G. Myers, D.C.; Charlesworth, S.D.; A. W. Stanley, J.D.; T. Taylor, Registrar; Stringer, Organist; F. C. Bishop, I.G.; W. E. Atkinson, Stwd.; and W. Cuthbert, Tyler. The Auditors presented the balance sheet for the past year, which showed that the lodge still continued in a very satisfactory condition.

The usual banquet followed, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge, the strongest in the Province of Kent, was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., and P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M. Kent (who was received by the Grand Officers present and saluted on taking his seat with the honours of five); C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W. Kent; Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M., and P.P.J.G.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M., and P.P.G.M.O. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., and P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; E. Palmer, S.W., and W.M. elect, and P.P.G.I.G. Kent; W. Moulds, J.W., and P.P.G.I.G. Kent; T. Ovenden, M.O., and P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; G. Kennedy, S.O., and Sec., and P.G. Reg. Kent; J. Whiteheart, J.O., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; C. Jolly, R.M., and P.P.G.O. Kent; E. West, D.C., and P.M. 173; J. Aillud, I.G., and G. Stwd. Kent; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., and P. Dist. G.M.O. Natal; H. Shaw, J. V. Lee, C. H. Canning, T. Reed, and J. Warren, all of the lodge; F. G. Nichols, W.M. 44, and P.P.G.O. Kent; E. Denton, P.M. 44, and P.G.S.D. Kent; H. Mason, J.O. 44; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. C. Clapham, and H. Towns, both of No. 913 (Craft lodge), and proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bro. Cummings then assumed the chair as installing officer, and in splendid form inducted Bro. Palmer into the chair of A. After the new W.M. had been saluted according to ancient custom, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Moulds, S.W.; Ovenden, J.W.; Kennedy, M.O. and Sec.; Coupland, Treas.; Whiteheart, S.O.; Jolly, J.O.; Deeves, R.M.; West, S.O.; Aillud, J.D.; W. Akers, I.G. (by proxy); J. Warren, D.C.; and Lee, W.S. Bro. Cummings then delivered the several charges with all that eloquence of which he is so eminent an exponent, and so concluded a ceremony the most perfect and impressive within our experience. It was then unanimously resolved and carried by acclamation, "That a vote of thanks be tendered Bro. Cummings, the same to be inserted on the minutes of the lodge, for his valuable services as installing officer." Bro. Cummings briefly returned thanks for the compliment, assuring the brethren that it afforded him the utmost pleasure to attend the Excelsior Lodge and perform any duty within his power; especially as he was honorary member of it. Bro. Hayes, I.P.M., was then presented with a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas for services rendered, and returned thanks. Bro. Penfold mentioned his Stewardship for the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Fund, telling the brethren that he had promised Bro. Cummings to get £40 on his list, and meant to get it, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was partaken of at Bro. Capon's establishment—the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street—and was much enjoyed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Cummings responding for "The Grand Officers" in felicitous terms.

"The Health of the W.M." was drunk in bumpers, and he eloquently returned thanks.

In response to the toast of "The Charities," Bro. Cummings said that with greatest pleasure he could speak on behalf of that Fund, which deserved the thorough support of every member of the Mark Degree—not to be compared with the magnificent Charities of the Craft, or with their enormous amounts, varying often at the different Festivals from £15,000 to over £20,000, nor in any way to rival them; far from that. Every brother who gave a sovereign to the Mark Benevolent Fund might rest happy that the poor Mark Mason, the widow, and the orphan would receive 10s. of it at least, for, with the exception of actual cost of printing and postage, and a very small nominal amount to the Secretary, every penny went to the benefit of those for whom the Charity was intended and the funds subscribed. Another claim on the Mark Masons of Kent lay in the fact that Earl Amherst would preside. The memory of the Boys' Festival was fresh with them. Their motto—"Invicta"—would lead them again to stand shoulder to shoulder to support a nobleman so dear to them, and whom they claimed peculiarly as their W.M., and he was quite sure that Kent, as usual, would come out at the top of the list of the provinces, and hold the foremost place that it had won for itself as against all the world. He was very sanguine of an unexampled success, and, without naming any actual sum, he felt sure that at the Festival on the 20th July, Kent—with every lodge represented by one, many by three or four Stewards—would be found to contribute something like one-fourth of the sum total produced from the whole of England. That was indeed being "Invicta."

"The Initiates," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" were the other toasts; and during the evening Bro. Penfold announced that his list exceeded the £40 promised, The proceedings were enlivened by some good singing, accompanied by Bro. Nichols on the piano.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Abscesses, Erysipelas, Piles.—Unvarying success attends all who treat these diseases according to the simple printed directions wrapped round each pot and box. They are invaluable to the young and timid, whose bashfulness sometimes endangers life. Though apparently local, diseases of this nature are essentially blood diseases, but a little attention, moderate perseverance, and trifling expense will enable the most diffident to conduct any case to a happy issue without exposing secret infirmities to any one. The Ointment checks the local inflammation and alleviates the throbbing pains. These directions also clearly point out when and how Holloway's Pills are to be taken, that their purifying and regulating powers may assist by adjusting and strengthening the constitution.—ADVT.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's position, and Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., held the post of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Assist. Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, David D. Mercer, F. R. Spaul, L. C. Haslip, Charles Dairy, G. P. Britten, W. M. Bywater, Walter Hopekirk, George Read, George A. Cundy, F. Hilton, Francis C. Knowles, Edward Partridge, A. E. Birch, T. Burne, Penrose John Dunbar, Charles T. Dorey, William John Bassett, George Stockings, George Bugler, John G. Tongue, John Renton Dunlop, M. Spiegel, Chas. Chapman, H. Massey, J. N. Bate, B. Carter, G. W. Speth, G. R. Langley, Walter Snodin, H. Dickey, William Lamb, James Salmon, W. W. Morgan, William Hedgon, Charles Davey, G. W. Knight, G. Adamson, C. Wakefield, Arthur E. Gladwell, and Wm. Watkins, P.M. 1429.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the May meeting to the extent of £410. There were 45 cases on the new list from lodges in London, Lahore, Maidstone, Agra, Norwich, Plymouth, Scotland, Maryport, Louth, Newport (Monmouth), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Dawlish, Uxbridge, Gloucester, Cocker-mouth, H.M. 5th Regiment, Mottram, Blackburn, Scarborough, Antigua, Feltham, Devonport, Margate, Ballarat, East Stonehouse, Haverford West, Venezuela, Demerara, and Buitth. Six cases were deferred, and three were dismissed; the remainder were relieved with a total of £1148. One recommendation was for £100, two were for £75 each, four, £50 each, seven, £40 each, and seven, £30 each. Six grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and one of £3.

THE JUBILEE AT WITNEY.

Thanks, chiefly, to Bro. J. H. Shayler, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, who resides at Witney, the Queen's Jubilee was celebrated at the old blanket town in a manner worthy of the Craft. He it was who first moved that the Jubilee should be observed in the town, and when all other proposals, except a children's fête, were abandoned by the local authorities as "impossible," threw himself energetically into the work of showing that all things were possible to large-hearted Masonic Charity. He engaged the Corn Exchange, sent out free tickets of admission to all the old people in the town, and the Queen's pensioners, provided a substantial meal, got together a party of willing helpers, induced a few employers to give tickets to their poorer workpeople, and filled the place of meeting with a loyal, enthusiastic company, decorating each one present with a Jubilee Star, to be preserved as a memento of the day, and sending them all home with a new coin, and delighted with their Jubilee experiences. It was a large gathering, and conceived in the truest spirit of Freemasonry, for, in a town where political and religious differences are strongly accentuated, Tory and Radical, Churchman and Dissenter, met happily, parted happily, and now look forward to some occasion in which they may "happy meet again." Besides this, Bro. Shayler has afforded to the outside world a demonstration of the loyal spirit which animates all good Craftsmen. Let others copy his example!

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

On the invitation of the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Witham and St. Hugh Lodges, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire took place on Thursday, the 2nd instant, when the brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of holding a grand celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. The brethren, to the number of about 300, assembled at the Masonic Hall at a quarter to 11 o'clock, when the lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Witham Lodge. At 11 o'clock the Provincial Grand Master (the R.W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, J.P., D.L.; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the W. Bro. Major Edmund Locock, J.P., P.G. Swd. Br.; and the Prov. Grand Officers entered the hall, and were received with grand honours. The business of the lodge was then proceeded with, and the R.W.P.G.M. appointed and invested the P.G.L. Officers for 1887-8 as follows:—

Bro. Fox, P.M., 426	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. E. Cousins, P.M. 297	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. F. Foxton, 985	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. G. Bayles, P.M. 297	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. M. Nesbitt, P.M. 712	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Watson, P.M. 297	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. Vickers, P.M. 297	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Organer, P.M. 272	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Brady, W.M. 712	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" W. H. Roberts, P.M. 792	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" J. H. Carter, P.M. 985	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Waldram, P.M. 792	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. J. Green, P.M. 1232	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. Wood, 1600	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Spring, 1282	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Smith, P.M. 1386	...	Prov. A. G. Sec.
" Clitheroe, P.M. 1304	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. Reeve, P.M. 1286	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. Robinson, W.M. 426	}	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. Kirby, 838		
" R. Dannatt, P.M. 1447		
" Green, 1600		
" W. Goodwin, 792		
" Musgrave, 1304	...	

Afterwards the lodge adjourned, and at one o'clock the brethren again met at the Masonic Hall, and, headed by the band of the 1st V.B. Linc. Regt., walked in procession, by way of Beaumont-fee and Drury-lane, to the Cathedral, where arrangements had been made for holding a special service. The brethren wore Craft regalia and jewels, and their appearance was both picturesque and imposing. There was a large concourse of people on the line of route, and immense numbers were present at the Cathedral, the choir being crowded to excess.

The Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. A. PUREY-CUST, D.D., P.G. Chap. of England, was the preacher, and delivered an eloquent and exceedingly appropriate discourse from the text, Luke xix., v. 42.

A collection was taken for the Masonic Charities, which realised £26 5s. 7d.

At the conclusion of the service the procession re-formed, and returned to the Masonic Hall, the route taken being Pottergate, New-road, Silver-street, and Guildhall-street. On leaving the Cathedral the head of the procession was very successfully photographed by Mr. R. Slingsby.

The business of the lodge was then resumed, and on the motion of the R.W.P.G.M., seconded by the DEP. P.G.M., it was resolved unanimously "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 Prov. G.M., Dep. Prov. G.M., Officers and brethren of 22 lodges of Antient 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 greatly enjoyed your Majesty's beneficent rule."

Other business was transacted, and the P.G. Lodge was then formally closed.

At five o'clock the annual banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, and was attended by about 360 ladies and gentlemen. The R.W.P.G.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. of Sussex, Bro. Gerard Ford; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D.; Bros. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Rev. J. G. Bayles, P.G.C.; Rev. W. H. Mills, P.P.G.C.; R. Hall, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec.; C. Scorer, P.P.S.G.D.; T. M. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Shipley, P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

There were also present at the principal table, as invited guests, the Rev. the Precentor and Mrs. Venables, the Rev. the Chancellor and Mrs. Leeke, the Rev. the Subdean and the two Misses Clements, Mrs. R. Hall, the Rev. F. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. J. M. W. and Mrs. Young, and others.

The repast was served by the Coffee Palace Company, the wines being supplied by Bros. Pitcher and Ellis. The Volunteer band occupied the orchestra, and played selections at intervals.

During the banquet complimentary telegrams were exchanged with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northampton and Huntingdon, which was then being held. At the conclusion of the repast,

The R.W.P.G.M., in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

The R.W.P.G.M. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and especially alluded to the great interest his Royal Highness took in Freemasonry, and to the great developments that had taken place since the Prince had become their Grand Master.

The V.V. Bro. GERARD FORD, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, then proposed "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire, and the Prov. Grand Officers," in which he said he must exclude himself as being a P. Prov. G.D. amongst them. He could almost ask their excellent chief to consider himself temporarily absent, as it was impossible to do justice to this toast without the risk of causing him a blush, seeing that his personal and Masonic excellences must be touched upon. Bro. Ford eulogised the untiring efforts of the Prov. Grand Master in the furtherance of Masonry, by means of which, and the able assistance of his officers, the Province of Lincolnshire had been brought to a position second to none in the kingdom. It went without saying that any organization which worked smoothly, harmoniously, and usefully must be under skilful and assiduous control. If they saw a great locomotive engine bright and clean speeding along with regularity and safety, they would like to know who was the driver. If they witnessed a brave ship flying through the waters, with every yard truly braced and each sail adjusted with that grace which, perhaps, could only be found in one of those noble vessels, which seemed to walk the waters like a thing of life, they felt impelled to enquire—who is the Master in command? And so it was with Masonry. When they found a province which, according to the statistics they had that day listened to, had considerably increased its number of brethren, and which stood in so prosperous a condition financially, to say nothing of the three separate local Charities they had founded in their midst, viz.—"The Oliver Memorial Fund," "The Smyth Scholarship Fund," and "The Sutcliffe Memorial Fund"—when they contemplated the good which had been and is being done for the support of the aged and infirm—the education of girls to become good and useful members of society and helpful wives in the future, as also that boys were well educated and instructed how to obtain their livelihood, usefully and honourably—when these excellent results were found under the rule of so greatly a respected Mason and gentleman as their Prov. Grand Master, it was surely no undue praise to ascribe much of this success to his untiring efforts. Bro. Ford added that he had had the pleasure of a personal friendship with the Prov. G.M. well nigh from boyhood, and it was therefore with delight that he found himself in a position to propose his hearty good health, accompanied by every blessing in life. (Loud applause.) The speaker regretted that another of his oldest friends, their well-known and respected Dep. Provincial Grand Master, had been obliged to leave, so that he could not ask him to join in the response for the toast with which his name was so prominently connected, and who he would have been glad, as all present would have been, to hear him reply for himself and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. (Applause.) Bro. Ford concluded with some remarks upon his own connection with Masonry in Lincolnshire, where an ancestor of his had (according to Dr. Oliver) introduced it nearly 100 years since; and in allusion to the Province of Sussex, where during the absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught he had virtually to perform the duties of Prov. Grand Master, he assured his hearers that what he had seen and heard that day would always be regarded by him as an example to be emulated. Bro. Ford then called on those present to drink the toast with all enthusiasm, and this was most heartily responded to.

The R.W.P.G.M. replied, and said that although the province had developed very much since his connection with it as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he felt that more credit was due to the officers by whom he was surrounded than to himself. In the first place many of them would remember their esteemed Bro. Lucas, who had done more for the province than any man living—(hear, hear); he it was who prepared the by-laws, and first started a regular system of Charities, besides giving him (the Chairman) every possible assistance. Since Bro. Lucas's time he had been worthily supported by his two successors, Bro. Marsden and Bro. Vickers—(applause)—and he felt deeply indebted to them for the excellent way in which they had assisted him. He must also acknowledge the kind support of the Past Grand Officers. (Hear, hear.) They had been told that day that the province had very largely developed in Masonry. He had been connected with the province as Deputy Prov. Grand Master for 22 years, and at the commencement of that period there were only 11 lodges in the province and 400 brethren. Now there were no less than 22 lodges and 1000 brethren, a circumstance which was one for sincere congratulation. (Hear, hear.) At the same time it had always been his endeavour to impress upon Masters of lodges the necessity of being very particular as to who they admitted—not to admit a man on account of his wealth or station, but to admit him on account of his worth, and his worth only. (Applause.) And, moreover, that a worthy man should have nothing put in his way to prevent him rising in office. (Hear, hear.) By appointing a wrong person they might easily get a man who would be anything but a blessing to Masonry. (Hear, hear.) He believed those principles had been acted upon by nearly if not all, the lodges in the province, and that would probably account for the friendly feeling which had characterised all their proceedings that day. He might say here that there was not a single hitch in the province, and it was satisfactory no doubt for them to know that he had been able to tell them that for a considerable number of years. (Hear, hear.) He thanked them for their numerous attendance, and he also thanked the ladies for their presence. (Applause.) It was not the first time they had had the ladies amongst them, but they ought not to be relegated to the cold precincts of the gallery, and he sincerely hoped it would not be the last time they sat down with them at the tables. (Applause.) The Chairman went on to propose "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and took the opportunity of personally thanking the Dean and Chapter for the kindness and cordiality with which they had received his application for the service in the Cathedral. (Hear, hear.) He also announced that the Dean of York had consented to publish his admirable sermon, in response to the unanimous request of the lodge. (Applause.)

The Rev. Precentor VENABLES responded to the toast.

Bro. C. SCORER, P.P.S.G.D., proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," to which Bro. H. E. COUSANS, P.J.G.W., replied.

Bro. R. HALL, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G. Sec., gave "The Dean and Chapter of Lincoln." (Applause.) He said he was old enough to remember what was very often called the "good old times." He had a great respect for those good old times and the members of the chapter who existed then, but if 50 years ago the Freemasons had asked for the great privilege of a special service in the Cathedral, he questioned very much whether it would have been granted. (Hear, hear.) It was the times and not the men that would have been the cause of the refusal. (Hear, hear.) That day they had had an opportunity of rendering praise to the Great Architect of the Universe in one of His grandest buildings, and it must have been gratifying to the chapter—he was sorry the Dean was unable to be present—to see so large and, if he might say it, so highly influential a congregation assembled for worship in that edifice. (Applause.) They heard a great deal of the progress made during the last 50 years in various matters, but he ventured to say nothing had progressed so much as had the improvements in the Cathedral of Lincoln. (Hear, hear.) There was now a Dean and Chapter—and there had been for a long time—who were anxious to do everything in their power to promote the convenience and the welfare of those who attended worship in that building. (Applause.) There was a service he ventured to say second to none in any Cathedral in the kingdom, which was owing in great measure to his friend, Mr. Young, who sat upon his left. (Applause.) With the toast he begged to couple the name of the Rev. Chancellor Leeke.

The Rev. the CHANCELLOR, in responding, said it would have been an abuse of their trust if they had not heartily welcomed the Freemasons to the Cathedral. He hoped that they, as well as others, were fully alive to the fact that the Cathedral was entrusted to them not for their own use, but for the use of all. (Hear, hear.) He agreed with the remark of Mr. Hall that the success of the service that day was due in a great measure to Mr. Young, and he hoped they might take it that his name was included in the expression of thanks that had been tendered to the Dean and Chapter. (Applause.)

Bro. CLITHEROW, P.G. Purst., proposed "The Witham and St. Hugh Lodges." (Cheers.) He alluded to the kindness and generosity which the visiting brethren from the province had received from the officers and brethren of those two lodges, and which had contributed so much to their comfort and enjoyment that day. He wished them health and prosperity and a continued increase of members. (Applause.)

Bro. W. MANSELL, W.M. of the Witham Lodge, said that, speaking for the brethren of that lodge, and he might also say for the brethren of the St. Hugh Lodge, they considered it a great honour to have been able to entertain the visiting brethren at Lincoln. (Hear, hear.) What they had done had been in a free Masonic spirit, and if their efforts had been successful they felt amply repaid. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. COTTINGHAM, W.M. of the St. Hugh Lodge, also replied in similar terms.

Bro. BARRELL, P.P.A.G.D. of C., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said that in a company of Masons few words were needed to commend such a toast to their notice. The Masonic Charities were the natural outcome of their principles; they were the pride and boast of their Order. (Hear, hear.) Bad as were the times, depressed as were trade, commerce, and agriculture, and difficult as money was to earn, and still more difficult to retain when earned, yet the receipts of their Masonic Charities showed no substantial diminution. (Hear, hear.) The enormous amounts collected from the brethren throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England were such as to astonish the

outside world, and the good that was done with the money was absolutely incalculable. (Hear, hear.) During the past year a sum of nearly £47,000 was contributed and disbursed on behalf of the three great Central Charities, and, although that was a trifle less than the amount of the year before, it was a noble sum, and such as to make every Mason proud of the organisation to which he belonged. (Applause.) That was the Jubilee year, and they had been urged to look back on several matters at the time when her Majesty began to reign. If they looked back upon the state of Masonic Charitable Institutions for that period, they would find a wonderful difference. The Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, which held its anniversary a few days ago, was not then in existence, yet at that festival no less a sum than £19,229 was contributed, a truly noble figure. (Applause.) Last year there were 375 recipients of the benevolence of that Charity, and in the present year there were to be 400. During the past 50 years the Grand Lodge had contributed no less a sum than £12,000 to objects altogether outside Masonry, such as famine and earthquake relief funds, explorations in Palestine, the establishment of lifeboats, and everything of that kind which tended to add to the sum of human knowledge and to diminish the aggregate of human misery. (Applause.) The brethren had great reason to be proud of those Charities, to which he trusted they would liberally subscribe, and the funds of which he hoped, let the times be what they might, would never show any signs of diminution. (Applause.)

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in responding to the toast, said that the success of the Masonic Charities had been to him one of most endearing interest for the best portion of his life. Their attention had been called to the insignificant condition of their Charitable Institutions on the accession of her Majesty, in 1837. Now, happily, they were great and magnificent Institutions, giving relief to nearly a thousand persons of both sexes who looked to Masons, and Masons alone, for the support necessary to maintain them in the decline of life, after labours well spent, and to prepare their children for the tasks they would have to endure in after years. (Applause.) He hoped Masons would always be found to be sincere in all they professed, that they would show loyalty to the Queen, allegiance to the Grand Master, devotedness to their Charitable Institutions, and that faith they should have one in another as a body bound together by close and peculiar ties. (Applause.) In retaining those Institutions let them show to the world at large that they had one boast on which they could fall back in answer to all cavils and all attempts to cast ridicule and censure upon them—that there was no body like their own which did so much in the great cause of practical Charity. (Applause.) He dwelt on the enormous benefits which could be conferred by a vast body like theirs, numbering something like 100,000 Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, if each member realised to the fullest extent his initiatory obligations. In the Province of Lincolnshire their attention might have been diverted from the central Charities by local efforts, but he was delighted to hear that their labours in that direction were nearly consummated, and that the time was rapidly approaching when those who represented the principal Masonic Institutions would have reason to express their gratitude for the support rendered from this county. (Applause.)

"The Ladies," proposed by Bro. GAMBLE, concluded the toast list.

A Masonic assembly, restricted to Masons and their families, took place in the Masonic Hall in the evening. There was music, singing, and dancing, and the gathering, which was well attended, passed off most pleasantly.

China.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

At the regular Communication, held at the Masonic Hall, Singapore, on Thursday, 5th May last, the District Grand Master, Bro. Col. S. Dunlop, C.M.G., appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Hon. J. P. Joaquim ...	Dist. D.G.M.
" J. C. B. Beal ...	Dist. S.G.W.
" A. Knight ...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Wonnacott ...	Dist. G. Chap.
" W. C. Hooper ...	Dist. G. Reg.
" J. T. Leask, M.B. ...	Dist. G. Sec.
" W. A. Parker ...	Dist. S.G.D.
" Jennings ...	Dist. J.G.D.
" Goldham ...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" E. A. Thomson ...	Dist. G.D.C.
" S. C. Hodges ...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" J. S. Sturrock ...	Dist. G. Swd. Br.
" C. F. McKie ...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" Daudo ...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" G. Thompson ...	Dist. G. Org.
" J. D. Stuart ...	Dist. G. Purst.
" J. G. Keel ...	Dist. G. Stwds.
" W. Allen ...	
" C. D. H. Currie ...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" J. Lannon ...	

THE FREEMASONS OF BRISTOL.

On Tuesday afternoon the Freemasons of the Province of Bristol, together with many visiting brethren from a distance, attended a special service in the Cathedral, and as a long number of years have elapsed since the "brethren of the mystic tie" have appeared in public in their full Craft clothing and jewels, considerable interest was taken in the event, and the procession from the Masonic Hall, Park-street, to the mother church of Bristol, was watched with keen curiosity by large numbers of spectators, who, though unable to interpret the significance of the richly embroidered aprons, gauntlets, and collars, and the glittering jewels which adorned the breasts of many of the Masons, could not but admire the gorgeousness and beauty of the regalia upon which by a special dispensation they were for once able to gaze. Outside the Masonic Hall were displayed the banners of the Clarence, Beaufort, Moira, Colston, Jerusalem, Royal Sussex, St. Vincent, and Canynge Lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the Masonic Hall. Amongst the officers in attendance were Bros. W. A. F. Powell, Past G.D., D.P.G.M.; J. R.

Bramble, Past A.G.D. of C.; W. Hurle Clarke, Prov. S.G.W.; Gabriel Williams, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Chap.; Pierrepoint Harris, Prov. G. Sec.; H. J. Gough, Prov. G.D.; W. T. Abbot, Prov. G.D.; E. H. Vowles, Prov. S.G.W.; E. B. Colthurst, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; R. Olive, Prov. A.G.D.C.; F. R. Cross, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Betty, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. Thomas, Prov. G. Purst.; H. F. Price, P.P.G.R.; P.P.G.W.'s—W. B. Biggs, W. G. Vowles, J. Gard, R. Coaffa, G. F. Tuckey, W. Tucker, W. Barge, T. Barnes, A. Dimoline, and R. Fendick; P.P.G.D.'s—H. Fleetwood, W. J. Cullimore, J. M. Hunt, J. Courtice, E. Cook, R. T. Hughes, R. Gough, and J. Pavey; P.P.G.S. of W.'s—J. R. Shorland, J. W. James, and W. S. Paul; P.P.G. Swd. Bearers—S. Edwards, D. Parsley, R. Burnett, and W. C. Bamfield; P.P.G. Std. Bearer—G. A. Gloag; P.P.G. Pursuivants—G. A. Burgess, J. C. Bingham, W. H. T. Bolt, R. H. G. F. Lambert, E. J. Grubb, J. Westlake, and C. A. James; Prov. G. Stewards—T. Brook, C. W. Cope Proctor, C. H. Jones, H. Harris, C. Gardner, and E. T. Trott; besides many Provincial Grand Officers from a distance.

The procession, the members of which numbered considerably over 250, was marshalled according to Masonic form, and the rear was brought up by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the cathedral there was a large congregation. Evening prayer was sung. The first lesson was read by the Rev. HEATHCOTE SMITH, and the second by the Rev. Canon BENCE. The prayers were intoned by the Precentor, the Rev. W. MANN. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were by Garrett in E flat, and the anthem was Clarke's—"Behold how good and joyful." The hymn before the sermon was the National Anthem, with Dr. Plumtre's special verses, and during the offertory the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung.

The preacher was Bro. the Rev. J. H. WILKINSON, Prov. G. Chaplain, and, taking his text from Acts vii., "Sirs, ye are brethren," he briefly pointed out how needful this reminder has been in all ages, although there were occasions and scenes which brought home to men the sense of brotherhood, and such was the present occasion. Eulogising the private and constitutional character of the Queen, he said though a few vulgar tongues here and there would wag in depreciation, yet practically the hearts of the British Empire beat as one that day, and millions of men, women, and children were knit together by one common bond of gratitude to God for the continued preservation of her Majesty. Addressing the Freemasons, he asked them what was their position and duty at all times. Loyalty to the powers that be, under whatever form of government they might find themselves, was pre-eminently a Masonic duty. A love of friendly and brotherly intercourse with one another seemed so natural a thing among their fraternity that it was too often the only virtue with which they were credited, but the question they had to ask themselves was whether they were fulfilling their duty of helping others to feel that they were brethren. He protested against the false estimate sometimes formed of Masonry by the outside world, and pointed out that Freemasonry had its origin in an endeavour to supply the wants for which humanity was craving, that its objects had always been benevolent rather than social, and that a vital principle of its being was that mutual co-operation whereby members helped one another to become better citizens, and to well discharge their duties towards others. Freemasonry was religious, but it was not a religion; it was a religious system of morality, and it found its full development in Christianity, to which it was never opposed. Freemasonry, of course, taught no Christian principles as such, but its benevolent aims, its universal Charity, its emphatic inculcation of moral duties, all pointed to the direction along which Christ and Christianity alone could lead. If they acted up to their Masonic principles, and added to them the spirit and mind of Christ, they would do much to increase the sense of brotherhood in their generation, and to teach to others the lesson expressed in the text. Alluding to the practical Charity of the Craft, he estimated that in the maintenance of the aged of both sexes, in the education of boys and girls, and in private grants made by the Board of Benevolence, the Freemasons of England spent a sum of about £100,000 annually. He implored the brethren to aim at doing even more than this in their own city, and urged them to show that they could on many points agree to differ without sacrificing mutual esteem. There was a system of order, and let them firmly protest against the monstrous doctrine now freely propagated and acted upon—a doctrine destructive alike of private goodwill and public credit—that any section of the community was at liberty to defy and to break the laws which it found distasteful rather than try by Constitutional methods to get them altered. They should avoid false distinctions between moral and social, spiritual and secular duties; they should show their understanding of the meaning of universal benevolence by encouraging schemes of temperance, education, emigration, and the promotion of missions, hospitals, &c.; they should encourage equality and fraternity, not on absurd Communist and Socialistic bases, but so as to allow any man to rise who had the capacity to do so; and they should practise the morality they professed by setting their faces against all low codes of morality, drunkenness, evil literature, and self-indulgence. He exhorted his brethren to revive the old spirit of chivalry, and to fight once more for the honour of women, and to taboo those who would assail it. In conclusion, he said, "Sirs, ye are brethren; brethren let us be, in the name of God; brethren, in fitting ourselves to look the world honestly in the face; brethren in true manliness and modesty; in loyal and orderly subjection to our Queen; in furthering the spread of whatsoever are lovely and of good report; the brethren in building up a spiritual temple, in which there may be no flaw nor blemish, wherein each of us may be what the old philosopher called 'a faultless cube'—a temple which may stand the scrutiny and not fail beneath the test of the Great Architect."

The offertory was devoted to the Cathedral Completion Fund.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Workington, under the banner of the Derwent Lodge, No. 282, on Wednesday, the 13th July.

ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL BY BRO. ALDERMAN SAVORY.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., Bro. Alderman Savory, S.W. 2192, for the third time, entertained the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at his seat, Buckhurst Park. The pupils and governesses, headed by Miss Davis and accompanied by Miss Buck, the matron of the Senior School, and Miss Kernot, matron of the Junior School, and by Bro., Mrs. and Miss Bowyer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. H. Smith, left Clapham by special train—provided by Bro. Savory at his own expense—shortly after nine in the morning, and were met at Sunningdale by their kind entertainer, who had also provided some 20 conveyance to take his young friends from the station to Buckhurst Park, which is some three or four miles from the station. Arrived there, they amused themselves in the beautiful grounds and park, some taking to the lake in boats, others to lawn tennis, swings, and other games, not forgetting the rides on that patient animal usually known as a Jerusalem pony. Bros. Col. Peters, C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, and F. R. W. Hedges, the Secretary of the Institution, joined the party in the afternoon, which had been augmented by the presence of Sir George and Lady Elvey, Mrs. Savory, Bro. Alderman de Keyser, and Bro. Thos. Beard, C.C., and many other friends and neighbours of the worthy Alderman.

After dinner a party of the Governors, personally conducted by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Hy. Smith, and F. R. W. Hedges, started in two breaks to visit Holloway College, and notwithstanding the dust, enjoyed the drive very much, while some of the gentlemen enjoyed the fragrant weed on the lawn. After partaking of tea, cakes, &c., the children and visitors again amused themselves until it was time to make a move, and as the party had been considerably increased in numbers since the morning, two of Bro. Savory's large waggons were requisitioned to take the smaller children to the station. As soon as all were ready to start, three hearty cheers were given for their kind host, who said that he hoped they might all be spared to meet again next year, a wish which was certainly echoed by all present.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. I. P. COHEN, P.M. 205.

The Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, held a meeting at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. G. Coop, W.M. 141, W.M.; W. Cleghorn, S.W.; F. Smith, J.W.; I. P. Cohen, Preceptor; R. W. Galer, Sec.; A. W. Fenner, Treasurer; G. J. Barnett, J.D.; H. G. Yates, I.G.; J. A. Powell, E. J. Gittins, H. Park, E. G. Peatt, J. R. Harnell, sen., R. J. Harnell, jun., J. Stallard, H. J. Kirk, E. Brett, D. J. Witte, B. J. W. Lone, A. Page, C. Bellerby, H. G. Gush, J. M. Bilby, A. Jones, W. Williams, H. Hill, C. G. Wetzler, E. Ansell, D. S. Imlay, J. Stebbings, J. McNamara, A. Müller, W. Born, George Reed, J. Thom, W. J. Rowe, Lange, W. C. Smith, Charles Corby, Von Joel, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The business of the evening comprised working the Fifteen Sections by the members of the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, by special invite of this lodge of instruction.

The following brethren assisted the W.M. in carrying out the programme: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. R. Harnell, sen., 511; Second, Bro. E. J. Gittins, S.D. 179; Third, Bro. R. J. Harnell, jun., 2021; Fourth and Fifth, Bro. J. A. Powell, 186; Sixth, Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; and Seventh, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. Jones, J.W. 2021; Second, Bro. C. G. Wetzler, S.D. 141; Third, Bro. W. C. Smith, W.M. 1681; Fourth, Bro. C. Corby, P.M. 957; and Fifth, Bro. H. G. Gush. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; Second, Bro. F. Smith, W.M. 1305; and Third, Bro. J. Thom, 957.

On the resumption of the lodge to the First Degree, Bros. Lange, 141; Witte, 1327; and Rowe, 2021, were elected members.

A proposition by the PRECEPTOR, that a cordial vote of thanks, as also the honorary membership of the lodge, be awarded the W.M., Bro. Coop, for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, was unanimously carried.

Bro. COOP, in reply, thanked the brethren very sincerely for the honour done him, and said he deeply appreciated it, this being the most ancient lodge of instruction in existence; at the same time he informed the brethren that, by the desire of their much respected Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., P.M. 198, &c., who takes a deep interest in the welfare of both the Percy and Queen's Westminster Lodges of Instruction, and who was unavoidably absent, and on behalf of the members of the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, he had the pleasure of tendering for acceptance by the worthy Preceptor, Bro. I. P. Cohen, of a jewel consisting of the distinctive badge of the mother lodge, fastened with clasp and ribbon, colours of the regiment, blue and crimson, and in presenting it to Bro. Cohen he hoped he might live for many years to wear it. The badge bore an inscription on the back as follows—"Presented to Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, by the members of the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, in remembrance of the visit of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, and their excellent working of the Fifteen Sections at the Criterion, April 25th, 1887, Bros. I. P. Cohen, W.M.; A. W. Fenner, S.W.; and R. W. Galer, J.W."

This presentation was a pleasant surprise to all the brethren, and Bro. COHEN made a very graceful and feeling reply on behalf of himself and the brethren of the Percy Lodge.

Bro. FENNER proposed, and Bro. IMLAY seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to those brethren who had assisted the W.M., and that the same be entered on the minutes, which was cordially assented to.

The responses were given by Bro. CLEGHORN, the S.W., and Bro. J. A. POWELL (the "resuscitator" of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, some 12 years since), who made allusion to the great benefits derived by the Craft generally from attending lodges of instruction, more par-

ticularly the Percy, which could boast of having a greater average of attendances by brethren than any other lodge of instruction in London.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned. Altogether the evening was voted to be one of the pleasantest ever spent by the members, and they trusted to have many such in time to come.



The Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, will hold its Summer Festival at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Wednesday, the 20th proximo.

In our report of the Albert Hall gathering last week we stated that 6300 tickets were sold. We should have said that about £6300 was realised by the sale of 6000 tickets at one guinea each.

With great regret we announce the death, on the 20th inst., of Bro. J. Dalby, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, after 18 weeks illness. The funeral will take place at Waltham Abbey to-day (Friday).

By his will (dated August 9th, 1869), the late Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, J.P., of No. 27, George-street, Hanover-square, who died on the 19th April last, bequeaths all his plate, pictures, household furniture, and effects to his wife, Mrs. Sara Stirling Meadows, absolutely, and leaves the residue of his estate, the personalty being £15,416 2s. 5d., in trust to pay the income to her for her life, and on her decease for his daughter, Anna Gertrude, absolutely.

Bro. J. Spence Bate, F.R.S., Deputy Prov. G. Master of the Mark Province of Devon, has been nominated as Provincial Grand Master in succession to the lamented Bro. Col. J. Tanner-Davy, deceased. Bro. Spence Bate is popular in the province, and it is therefore anticipated that he will be appointed by the M.W.G.M. for the term of three years. Devon is one of the largest provinces in England, and one of the oldest, having been formed soon after the Mark Grand Lodge was inaugurated in 1856.

WORKING MEN'S JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE, JUNE 25TH.—As our readers are probably aware, a great holiday programme has been provided for the thousands who will, we feel sure, flock to the Palace on this great occasion. The proposer and seconder of the Congratulatory Address to the Queen from the Industrial Classes will represent the Trades and Working Men's Societies of the United Kingdom.

Amongst the accidents which have occurred during the recent Jubilee celebrations, is one at Goole, by which Bro. James Lees, M.M. of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, has been very seriously injured. Bro. Lees is the manager of the Goole Gas and Water Co., and was engaged at about 10 p.m. in letting off fireworks from the top of the Goole water tower. An explosion occurred killing a lad, and injuring four others, two (one of them is the brother we name) dangerously. Bro. Lees, who only took his M.M. Degree on the 10th inst., lies in a precarious state, but there is hope of his recovery.

On Wednesday, June 15th, Bro. John Lane, P.M., P.G. Std., P. Prov. G.M.O. Devon, installed Bro. G. J. Pepprell, as W.M. of the Jordan Mark Lodge, No. 319, Torquay. The "Board" consisted of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, and Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., P. Prov. G.M.O., and Bro. John Dodge, I.P.M., No. 319. The ceremony was so well rendered that Bro. John Lane received a special vote of thanks passed by acclamation on the conclusion of the proceedings. The various reports were most encouraging, especially that of the Treasurer's, the lodge being now out of debt, and a small credit in hand.

THE JUBILEE ILLUMINATIONS.—The decorations at Messrs. Maple and Co.'s were conspicuous for their blaze of colouring, the lofty pilasters clothed in royal crimson, surmounted by a drapery, from whence a number of arc lights depended, affording altogether a unique and striking effect. At the corner of Tottenham Court-road and Tottenham-place an immense gilded crown was also fixed, the pearls of which were represented by white incandescent lights, while the other principal jewels, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds were indicated by appropriately coloured lamps. Crossing Tottenham-place was a handsome festoon with appropriate motto, and from the roof of the warehouses floated a gigantic royal standard, besides union jacks, and flags representing Ireland, Scotland, Wales, India, and the various colonies and dependencies of the empire.

One of the greatest novelties in the illuminations is that of the Grand Hotel, the arrangements for which were completed on Friday. Some three thousand of the well-known "fairy lamps" have been fixed all round the front of the building, these are arranged in three double rows of colour—red, white, and blue respectively, and as the hotel occupies so prominent a position in the square the effect from so large a number of these charming lights is a most striking feature in the surrounding display.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.—The forty-fifth annual meeting of this institution was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Holborn Town Hall. Alderman Sir Robert Carden, Bart., in the chair, supported by Revs. H. J. Berguer, M.A.; J. Clifford, D.D.; D. Davies, J. Ossian Davies, Colmer B. Symes, B.A.; and others. The Secretary, Mr. Peregrine Platt, read an abstract of the report, which stated that the institution had continued to be the resort of large multitudes of the poverty-stricken and destitute, the gross attendance at the various departments during the year amounted to upwards of 139,500. An earnest appeal was made for increased contributions, the income being insufficient to meet the expenditure by several hundred pounds. The balance sheet, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Wilfrid A. Bevan, was read by Mr. B. Worsley Chandler. The receipts for the year amounted to £6747, the expenditure to £7347; the difference between receipts and expenditure being made up from the balance of £279 with which the year was commenced and a loan of £450 from the bankers. The year closed with a balance in hand of £129.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, July 2, 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 25.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.

Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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 27.

Chap. 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot. K.T. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

" 155, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, near Dartford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 788, Crescent, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London-Bridge.
" 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield.
" 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Andertons' Hot., Fleet-st.

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, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 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 Fisdk. 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 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby Place, Poplar.

Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.

Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro'. 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.**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, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, 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, JULY 1.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W. 1.
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, JULY 2.

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

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