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THE visit to Truro next week of the Prince of WALES, M.W. G.M., for the purpose of being present at the consecration of the Cathedral, which has been in course of erection during the last seven years, is an event which cannot fail to excite a considerable amount of interest in Masonic circles. As our readers will remember, his Royal Highness laid the foundation stones of the edifice with full Masonic ceremonial in the summer of 1880, when there was a grand concourse of brethren from all parts of England assembled, not only to do honour to their illustrious chief, but likewise to take part, even though it might be silently, in a function which is unique in the history of modern Freemasonry. The architects of the Middle Ages, from whom and the Guild of Masons which executed their designs our Society traces its descent, were constantly engaged in the erection of cathedral and other churches, and of the ecclesiastical buildings that were planned and carried out by them, a very large number remain to this day as monuments of the rare skill and ability of their architects and builders. But since their day, with the solitary exception of St. Paul's, no cathedral has been built in England, and consequently there has been no such opportunity for a Grand Master of English Speculative Masons to exhibit his interest in ecclesiastical architecture, and, at the same time, his respect for the work of those Operative Masons from whom we trace our descent. The foundation stone of many public buildings, including churches, have been laid Masonically by Grand Masters of our Fraternity; but till the Bishopric of Truro was founded it had never fallen to the lot of any one of them to perform a like ceremony for a cathedral of the Anglican Church. This circumstance will no doubt be prominent in the thoughts of our GRAND MASTER and those gentlemen who are members of our Society who will be present with his Royal Highness next week, when the Cathedral Church of the see of Truro is solemnly dedicated to the sacred purposes for which it has been erected; and we doubt not the fact that the brethren in Cornwall have contributed generously towards the building will have the effect of enhancing the interest of our readers in the dedication of a work which was begun under such brilliant Masonic auspices.

Premium Votes,
Girls'
School.

No objection can reasonably be raised to the adoption on special occasions of the practice of offering additional inducements to the brethren, either to act as Festival Stewards or to contribute more freely than usual to our Charitable Institutions. When a particular object, the wisdom or expediency of which is universally recognised, has to be met and satisfied offhand, something out of the ordinary routine course of proceeding must be done in order to raise the wherewithal to carry out that object. Thus a few years since, when it was found imperative that the Boys' School must be enlarged in order to keep pace with the increasing demands for admission to its benefits, and the Executive resolved on erecting a New Hall and a Preparatory, or Junior, School, it was thought necessary that some special attraction should be held out to the brethren to induce them to subscribe forthwith the requisite sum, in addition to the yearly amount needed for the ordinary expenditure of the School. Double votes therefore were assigned to all who contributed to the Preparatory School Building Fund, and as a result, the work was taken in hand at once, and the said School is now in full working order. The present case of the Girls' School Centenary Scheme, though differing in details from that of its sister Institution to which we have just alluded, resembles it in its essential features. There may not be so heavy a demand for admission as was the case with the Boys' School, when the Executive bethought them of erecting additional premises, but this is to be explained by the fact that the Girls' School Executive have found it necessary to augment the number of children so often, and to such an extent during the last few years, that the inmates have become too numerous for the building. A re-arrangement and extension of the premises has consequently become a necessity, in order that the children whom the Craft has taken under its protection may be maintained in health, and it must be allowed that, while the Committee are engaged in this work, it will be an act of economy if, with their latest experiences to guide them, they make provision

for a further augmentations of numbers. To do all this a sum of at least £20,000 over and above what is required for the present annual expenditure, is needed, and hence the Premium votes now offered by the Executive as an inducement to the brethren to furnish that amount. That this inducement has been conceived in a proper spirit of liberality may not be questioned. The Festival Stewards are to receive, in addition to the Premium votes already conferred under the first clause of Law 24, two Premium votes for the first 10 guineas, and one such vote for every additional 5 guineas; while, instead of being allowed one additional vote for every 25 guineas subscribed in excess of their own personal donation, as provided by the third clause of the same law, they will have two Premium votes for every 20 guineas on the gross total of their lists. It is also proposed that the ordinary Steward's Badge shall be converted into a centenary jewel of a special design, to be approved by the M.W.G. MASTER. Again, as regards annual subscribers who commence their subscriptions on the list of a Centenary Festival Steward, and continue them annually, every such subscriber is to receive for every 6 guineas so completed, all the privileges of a donation of 5 guineas in one sum, "notwithstanding he shall have received votes as an annual subscriber in the meantime." These are generous as well as perfectly justifiable inducements which the Committee have offered, and we trust they will have the desired effect of raising the large additional sum required to carry out the Centenary Scheme they have propounded.

Freemasonry
in
Cornwall.

WE heartily congratulate Bro. Lord MOUNT EDGCUMBE, P.G.M., and our Cornish brethren generally, on the success of their recent annual meeting at Bodmin, and more especially on the evidence furnished by the various reports, financial, statistical, and benevolent, of the admirable manner in which the proceedings of the Craft in this distant province are carried out. The noble Earl, who has directed the fortunes of Freemasonry in this county for the last 15 years, has exhibited both geniality and tact as well as ability in the discharge of his duties. He has been readily and capably seconded in his efforts by his Provincial Officers, and the lodges and brethren have been always most desirous both of observing the principles of the Craft, and loyally fulfilling the wishes of their chief. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that when, in accordance with established usage, the Prov. Grand Lodge holds its annual meeting, the record of the previous 12 months should be favourable, and the proceedings at the meeting itself a fine example of that harmony and unanimity of feeling which mostly prevails throughout the various sections and sub-divisions of the Masonic Fraternity. But it rarely happens, even in so well ordered a province as Cornwall, that the record of a past year's doings is so satisfactory, the harmony exhibited so general, and the promise of future and even greater success so marked as at this Bodmin gathering. The numerical returns showed an average of close on 50 members per lodge, there being a slight increase in the aggregate returns of membership over those of the preceding year. The amount subscribed to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which was established in 1864, showed a slight decrease of £12, but there was an increase in the capital account of £133. Bro. GILBERT PEARCE had the gratification of being able to show a large increase in the returns of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, which, though it has been in existence for only two years, has raised £619 for our Central Charities, and musters, including lodges and chapters, 205 subscribing members, the second year showing an increase over the first year of 137 guineas in subscriptions and 47 in members. And, thanks to the signal success of this Association, Bro. PEARCE was in a position to add that his three Stewardships for the current year had realised the very considerable aggregate of £704 towards the funds of the three great Charitable Institutions. Then the Report of the Truro Cathedral Fund Committee showed that the amount already subscribed was £549, and this having been raised by a donation from Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. BOSCAWEN to £554, Provincial Grand Lodge, on the motion of Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, unanimously made up the total to £600, the £46 required for the purpose being voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge. The chief business of the meeting having been thus satisfactorily despatched, the PROV. GRAND MASTER appointed and invested his officers for the year, and then, in accordance with the proposition of the GRAND MASTER, as endorsed by the resolution of Grand Lodge, proceeded to confer Past Provincial honours in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee on five brethren, Bros. W. J. HUGHAN and Controller S. G. BAKE being made Past Prov. Senior Grand Wardens; Bros. RICHARD CARTER and W. ROWE, Past Prov. Junior Grand Wardens; and Bro. J. H. HOYT, Past Prov. Grand S.B. The name of Bro. HUGHAN is so familiar throughout the Craft of Masonry, by reason of his great ability and ardour as a literary brother, and his almost equally conspicuous zeal for our Institutions, that even those who know him not personally will unite with us in the agreeable duty of tendering him our sincere congratulations on this latest addition to the many well-deserved honours already conferred upon him; while to Controller S. G. BAKE, whose name has oftentimes figured in the Festival Stewards' lists for some years past, and the three other brethren associated with him in the list of Jubilee honours, we are also pleased to have the opportunity of congratulating them on a stroke of good fortune they so richly merit.

EXCEPTIONAL activity was shown by the brethren of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland on Friday and Saturday of last week. On the former day they met at Whitehaven under the banners of Lodges Nos. 119 and 872. Bro. the Earl of BECTIVE, M.P., Prov. G. Master, presided, and all the lodges but two were represented. On Saturday the scene was changed to Windermere, and there was a numerous gathering of members to witness the constitution of the new Lodge, Windermere, No. 2217, and the installation of Bro. G. J. MCKAY, the able and deservedly popular Prov. Grand Secretary, as its first W. Master, the occasion being rendered additionally conspicuous by the presence of Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, Prov. G. Master of the adjoining Province of East Lancashire, who received a cordial greeting not only from his brother Prov. G. Master, Lord BECTIVE, but also from Bro. L. F. B. DYKES, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren assembled. On both days the proceedings passed off most successfully, the returns and financial statement of account presented to Provincial Grand Lodge showing that Freemasonry was in a highly prosperous condition, while the address of Bro. the Rev. J. ANDERSON, as Prov. Grand Chaplain, at the consecration of the Windermere Lodge, like his sermon the previous day in Holy Trinity Church, was a model of eloquence. But the most notable feature of the two gatherings was the hearty reception accorded by the brethren to Bro. Earl BECTIVE, whose valued services during the 20 years he has presided over them as their Prov. Grand Master are so generally appreciated; nor will it create any feeling of surprise among our readers to learn that the opportunity afforded by the visit of Bro. GEORGE KENNING to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in compliance with a special invitation, was turned to account, and that his lordship was presented by that brother with a Jubilee medal of exquisite workmanship, which will serve the triple purpose of commemorating the QUEEN'S Jubilee, the services rendered to Freemasonry by the recipient, and the hospitality so generously extended towards his visitors.

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WE have been favoured with a copy of the Report for 1886 of the proceedings of the Punjab Masonic Institution for Educating the Children of Indigent Freemasons, and from the various returns and statements of account which are attached to it, we gather that the Association is in a prosperous condition and admirably fulfils the purpose for which it has been established. It is true that some of the lodges contributed nothing during the year in question, while in the case of others there was an appreciable falling off in their subscriptions. But we are not inclined to lay much stress upon this point. We know that the contributions of our own Charitable Institutions occasionally fluctuate in the wrong direction, but a year follows, sooner or later, in which there is a change in the direction of increase which fully, and sometimes more than, compensates for the previous diminution. On the other hand, there is now standing to the credit of the Association an invested capital of 50,600 rupees, and, what is better still, at the annual meeting in February last it was agreed to elect all the applicants for admission, so that there are at all events no rejected candidates left standing out in the cold. By this act the number of children which will be chargeable to the Fund during the current year is raised to 26, and the estimated expenditure is set down in the budget as 6943 rupees, a large sum undoubtedly, but one which is well within the compass of the Punjab brethren to meet, as may be judged from the cash account for 1886. From this it appears that the receipts from all sources—including not far short of 2000 rupees, interest on invested capital—amounted to over 10,441 rupees, which added to the balance brought forward from previous account made a total of over 14,438 rupees. The disbursements for fees, &c., amounted to 5567 rupees, and there was also spent in the purchase of 4000 rupees 4 per cent. Government paper over 3973 rupees, the total expenditure thus reaching 9541 rupees, and the balance remaining in hand being 4897 rupees. With such a statement to judge from, we imagine the Committee of Management will have no difficulty in making both ends meet at the close of the now current year. At all events, we congratulate the lodges and brethren in the district of the Punjab on the excellent work which is being done by their Masonic Association, and if more money is needed for its purposes, we are satisfied it will be forthcoming.

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AMONG the many American brethren of long service and high rank in the Craft who have been attracted to these shores during the present year by the festivities in honour of the QUEEN'S Jubilee and the American Exhibition at West Brompton, certainly not the least distinguished is Bro. JOHN C. GRAVES, of Buffalo, New York, a brigadier-general of the State Militia of New York, and a Mason of 26 years' standing, who has filled many offices of honour and trust in Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry, and, in addition to being a Past District Grand Master, 25th Dist., is a Past Grand Standard Bearer and Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New York, and a member of the Standing Committee on Appeals, and has taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. GRAVES, accompanied by his wife and daughters, is now in our midst, visiting the lions of our Metropolis, and prepared to enjoy his sojourn among us to the utmost. We are assured he will experience a hearty welcome everywhere, especially among his brother Masons, and we trust the fates will be propitious, and that he will carry back with him to his New York home nothing but a series of recollections replete with unalloyed pleasure.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—
The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th July to the 18th October, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows.

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£560 4 9	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated	„	Quarter	£262 2 8
„ „ Account	208 12 7	„ Balance	514 11 10
„ „ Subsequent Receipts	211 7 9	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	303 10 7
	£980 5 1		£980 5 1

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

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

From Comps. Henry Naunton Davies, as Z.; Richard Male, as H; Robert Charles Hunter, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, Pontypridd, to be called The Naunton Davies Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, South Wales, (E.D.)

This petition being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, meeting at Devizes, praying to be detached from the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and to be attached to the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in the same county. Both lodges and the Grand Superintendent for Wiltshire having given their consent, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a petition from Comps. Alfred Parry, as Z.; James Sparks, as H.; Francis Barton, as J.; and 20 others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, to be called the Chapter of Concord, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Trowbridge, should the prayer of the memorial for the Chapter of Harmony, being detached from Lodge No. 632, Trowbridge, and attached to Lodge No. 663, Devizes, be granted.

This petition, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be also granted.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th October, 1887.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual session of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Friday, the 21st inst., in the Town Hall, Crewe, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. There was a good muster from the 40 and odd lodges in the county, the brethren present numbering between 300 and 400. The session was opened under the banner of the Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979, the members of which shortly after one o'clock p.m. received Bro. Lord Egerton and the Prov. Grand Masters (who were preceded by the Herald trumpeters, the Brothers Batley) with due ceremony. Included amongst the brethren who attended upon the Provincial Grand Master were:

Bros. Hon. Horatio Lloyd, R.W.P.D.G.M.; Hon. E. Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.S.G.W. 1045; Thos. Sockett, P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. Montague C. Sanders, G. Chap. of India; W. Mellor, P.J.G.D.; H. A. Steer, P.P.G. Std. Br. North Wales; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; John Clayton, P.P.S.G.D.; James P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. West Lancashire; H. G. Little, P.G.S.P. North Wales; J. H. Hardean, P.P.G.S.; W. S. Sutton, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Hague, P.P.G.B.; Thos. Bowers, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wilmot Eardley, P.P.G.D.C.; F. A. Tait, P.G.S.; D. Kinsey, P.P.G.T.; Thos. Brookes, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John G. Parker, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Price, P.P.G.S.; F. Walker, P.P.G. Standard Bearer; John Blackhurst, E. Hulton, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; H. Claud Lisle, P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Marwood, P.S.G.W.; M. M'Nerney, P.S.G.D.; J. R. Simm, P.G.T.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; J. Sheriff Roberts, P.G.S.; Wallace Lumb, P.G.P.; John Beach, P.P.G.P.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. of England; Rev. R. Hodson, P.G.C.; Robert Thatcher Bowden, P.P.G.S. of W.; Charles Vickers, P.G.S.; E. Rush, P.G.S.; H. Miller, P.G.O.; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Haywood Bellyse, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Howard, P.P.J.G.D.; Richard Newhouse, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Hamilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Siddeley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Samuel Thompson, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Thos. C. Bowman, P.P.G.S. of W.; Lesley Ellis, P.S.G.D.; Eustace G. Parker, P.P.G.D.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.J.D.; Thos. Moon, P.P.G.S.; R. N. Bank, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Blackshaw, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Matthew, P.P.G.S.; and Stanhope Ball, P.P.G.S. of W.

On the R.W.P.G.M. taking his seat on the throne, the usual Masonic honours were given to him and to the R.W.D.P.G.M. also.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the last session, which were confirmed, and the roll of lodges was afterwards called out, when it was found that every lodge in Cheshire was represented.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the assembled brethren, said, as he had already had the honour of speaking to them this year, on his installation, it would not be necessary for him to enter into great length about what had transpired in Freemasonry since their last session. He could not help saying it must be a great source of congratulation to all Masons that in this Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty the members of the Craft had shown their loyalty by liberal contributions on behalf of the Masonic Charities to the extent of £26,000. He was sure this must be an encouragement to them to go on in the path that had been laid down for them by the constitution of the Order. He trusted that those principles

might extend and prevail, and be propagated by the various brethren in the localities to which they belonged. No higher duty could be found than to endeavour to relieve distress, and to extend the benefits of education. He was glad to see that they had been so successful in Cheshire in the elections of children to the Educational Institutes, and he trusted brethren would not make one isolated effort, but would do all they could to spread their Charities in all directions. It was a great satisfaction to him that the first time he should have been called upon to preside as Provincial Grand Master was at Crewe, the place where he was initiated over a quarter of a century ago. He did not know whether the brethren of the De Tabley Lodge of Knutsford would be willing to receive them for the next Provincial Grand Lodge, but if it should be their wish, he thought it would be felt as a compliment to himself, seeing that he had been connected with the De Tabley Lodge for such a very long time. There was an occurrence that had come upon them very suddenly, although it had not been entirely unexpected. He alluded to the death of their late lamented Provincial Grand Master, Lord De Tabley, and deeply regretted that his lordship had been compelled from time to time to surrender his various duties owing to failing health. He asked the brethren present to join with him in a vote of condolence to Lady De Tabley and her family in the bereavement which they had sustained. (Hear, hear.)

His Honour Bro. Judge HORATIO LLOYD, in seconding the vote, remarked that their late lamented Prov. Grand Master had endeared himself to them all in various ways in the past.

The motion was then submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge, and carried in silence.

The next business was the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. DUNN, W.M. 979, Bro. T. E. Gibson, of the same lodge, was unanimously elected to fill the post.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER afterwards proceeded to make a presentation to the retiring Prov. G. Sec., Bro. E. H. Griffiths, who had filled the office for 48 years. The present consisted of a very beautiful and costly silver salver, and a purse containing 150 guineas; and, on the motion of his lordship, seconded by Bro. LISLE, P.P.S.G.D., a pension of £50 was granted to Bro. Griffiths from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund.

Bro. GRIFFITHS, who appeared to greatly appreciate the presentation, made a suitable acknowledgment.

This being Jubilee year, the R.W.P.G.M. invested 10 brethren with Past Provincial rank, viz. :-

Bro. Jos. Slack	...	...	...	P.P.S.G.D.
" Lightfoot	...	...	...	P.P.S.G.D.
" Jones	...	...	...	P.P.J.G.D.
" Johnson	...	...	...	P.P.J.G.D.
" Blackhurst	...	...	...	P.P.G.S. of W.
" Moore	...	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.
" Daniels	...	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.
" Moss	...	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.
" Kendrick	...	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.
" Booth	...	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows :-

Bro. Hon. Horatio Lloyd	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Hon. E. Tatton Egerton, M.P., 1045	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Woodhead, 537	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Hodgson, 1045	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Andrew Knox	...	...
" T. E. Gibson	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Bentley, 941	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Newhouse, 1045	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Danby, 1908	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Balfe, 104	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. B. Sparks, 1289	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. O. Simpson, 2144	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. M. Jones, 721	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. H. Brown, 537	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Bratt	...	...	Prov. G.D.D. of C.
" A. Cockayne, 267	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. R. Brady, 322	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Findley, 368	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Dennis, 721...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Jackson, 293	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Dunning, 293	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Knott, 979	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. Leech, 979	...	...
" J. R. Hunt, 979	...	...
" C. Vicars, 979	...	...
" J. Hockenell, 293	...	...
" A. C. Cumming, 293	...	...
" Flemming	...	...
Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.,	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W., was re-elected Chairman of the Benevolent Committee, and the Auditors were re-appointed on the motion of Bro. TANNER.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed, and Bro. SALMON, P.P.J.G.W., seconded, that the sum of 50 guineas be given to the London Charities of the Order, and this was carried *nem. con.*

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. Joseph Nadin, vicar of Christ Church, for kindly granting the use of that edifice for the service.

The whole of the business having been gone through, a procession was formed and started for Christ Church.

On arriving at the door of the church the procession halted and opened to the right and left, in order to allow the P.G. Master to pass up the centre, the P.G. Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of the procession. The service consisted of a processional hymn, preces, special psalms, lesson, Magnificat, anthem (from Psalm cxix.), a second hymn, and a short sermon by Bro. the Rev. A. Knox, Assistant Prov. G. Chaplain. A musical service was rendered by Masters Jones, H. and W. Heeler, J. and E. Lyons, Latham, Lloyd, Ollier, Mullock, and Dennett; and Bros. Hy. Miller, P.M. 1357; O. N. Dumville, P.M. 332; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; N. Jackson, J.D. 979; A. Lewtas, S.W. 1588; and J. Dunning, 293.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the town hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Grand Lodge of this province was held at the Grand Hotel, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 21st inst., under the united banners of the senior lodge of the province, Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, and Lewis Lodge, No. 872, and it being a little over 14 years since the members of the Craft of the two counties, whose numbers were then comparatively small, held their annual meeting in the town, and under the banners of the two lodges that may be justly termed the stronghold of Masonry in this province, therefore, the gathering was even beyond what was anticipated. Almost every bonnie dale and glen of the alpine region of the north had its representative in attendance to do honour to his chief. The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master, presided, assisted by Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D. of England, Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, viz. :

Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, as P.S.G.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., as P.J.G.W.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, P.G. Reg.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, as P.S.G.D.; John Johnston, P.M. 1400, P.J.G.D.; J. Spittal, P.M. 872, as P.G.S. of Wks.; Ed. Armitage, P.M. 129, P.G.D.C.; F. Hodgson, P.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C.; Chas. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. Harper, P.M. 1660, as P.G. Std. Br.; Hy. Burns, P.M. 872, P.G. Purst.; L. Ward, P.M. 1400, P.A.G. Purst.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 & 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W.; Ed. Tyson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Geo. Ryrie, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Studholme, W.M.; Dr. Harris, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, J.W.; J. Cant, Sec.; Geo. Starkey, S. Hinde, John Thompson, Thos. Richardson, Dr. Macnab, W. Gaffney, D. H. Cooke, J. Maxwell, J. Moffat, T. Allinson, J. B. Moffat, R. L. Nutsford, G. Elwood, J. Dalzell, J. Atkinson, W. Holloway, W. F. Hunter, Robert Miller, J. Rothery, R. D. Metcalf, J. Wilson, J. W. Taylor, J. Musgrave, J. H. Liddle, S. Broadbent, A. W. Moor, T. F. Braithwaite, Thos. A. Argles, P.M. 129, P.G. Stwd.; William Middleton, P.M. 129, P.A.G. Sec.; Jas. G. Gandy, P.M. 129, S.W. designate 2217; Robt. Leach, 310; J. T. Graham, 310; H. Court, P.M.; Jas. Beattie, Jas. Bentley, H. Bewes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., 327; John Robinson, F. Richardson, and J. Harris, P.M. 327; A. Walters, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. Mandie, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Banks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Robt. Brown, John Messenger, Tyler; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Abbott, E. B. Purcell, J. Kendall, J. H. Braithwaite, S. Bettaney, E. G. Mitchell, W.M. 371; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Brakenridge, W.M. 872; E. G. Hughes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Glessal, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; W. B. Cowman, P.M. P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Huddleston, P.M.; C. Morton, P.M. P.G.S.G.W.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Townson, P.P.G. Org.; L. Jaques, W. D. P. Field, S.W.; J. Moffat, J.W.; Dr. Muir, Sec.; J. D. Clarke, S.D.; D. Atkinson, J.D.; B. Taylor, I.G.; J. S. Bryden, D.C.; John Wood, H. Kerr, Thos. Blenkinsop, J. Sewell, Tyler; Thos. Robinson, L. Taylor, Thos. Fisher, J. Moore, E. Rose, P.M.; J. Weeks, E. Walker, F. J. Kerr, J. McGill, J. Kirkbride, A. Johnston, R. Shepherd, W. H. McClellan, J. Dixon, J. Wilson, W. Lewis, J. M. Storey, E. Pattinson, W. Milligan, Jas. Lawson, J. Eden, W.M. 952; J. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Hodgson, W. Whitehead, J. Taylor, R. Hullock, C. Dickinson, J. Jenkinson, Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Chap.; J. M. Nicholl, P. Podmore, H. Irving, P.M.; A. Ashmore, Richard Robinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Crears, F. Smith, Thos. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. Hewison, P.P.G. Tyler; C. Gibson, J. Fidler, W.M. 1002; Edwin Jackson, W.M. 1073; J. Hall, P.M.; Rev. J. M. Stable, Chap. 1074; Dr. Geo. Calderwood, W.M. 1267; W. L. Townson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Tyson, P.M.; J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. Moordaff, R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Spedding, W. Burnyeat, J. Kitchin, J. Lowrey, Geo. Wilson, J. A. Parker, J. H. Robson, P.M.; H. Hartley, Jas. Stout, H. P. Armstrong, A. Cross, J. Wakefield, R. Jukes, Dr. Anderson, J. Fearon, Wm. Sharp, R. A. Mitchell, W.M. 1390; John Mills, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. Cain, W. Jackson, T. C. Fox, J. Howarth, A. Jackson, W. Bradly, P.M.; H. F. Fox, J. C. Maddison, Thos. Bownass, Jas. Jackson, J. Dodd, P.M.; J. Ruberry, W.M. 1400; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. Little, T. Roxby, L. Ward, J. Johnston, A. W. Turner, J. Morton, Rev. J. Tyson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. J. J. Lace, I.P.M. 1660; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Dickson, S.W.; John Bewley, W.M. 1989; R. Hindmarch, W. Heathcote, J. McHarry, R. Walker, E. Crear, J. Temple, J. Christain, J. Leather, J. H. Redfern, G. W. Roll, 1225; C. W. Atkinson, 180 (I.C.); W. S. Poulton, 377; M. A. Simpson, 133 (I.C.); and others.

The R.W.P.G.M. and his Grand Officers, Present and Past, were reported, and greeted accordingly.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, when the first business was to call over the roll of lodges, there being 20 in the province, which were all represented, except two—1220 and 412.

The actual Prov. Grand Officers appointed last meeting were next called, when a few had tendered ample apology for absence.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed.

In the absence of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Nelson, Bro. MCKAY, Prov. G. Sec., read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance of nearly £100 to the credit of the province.

A few questions were asked, which received satisfactory replies, and the accounts were passed by a unanimous vote as read.

Bro. KENWORTHY moved, and Bros. DICKINSON and Colonel SEWELL supported the motion, that Bro. R. J. Nelson be re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then made the following appointments in Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :-

Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.M. 1002	...	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" E. Armitage, P.M. 1074	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Wm. Pagen, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. N. Hoare, 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. S. M. Stable, 1074	...	...
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. G. Gandy, P.M. 129...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George J. McKay, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Hall, P.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. G. Glen, P.M. 1400...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Tyson, P.M. 1267	...	...	Prov. G. Sup. Wks.
" J. H. Braithwaite, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Huddleston, P.M. 872	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. A. Argles, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. Brakenridge, W.M. 872	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. B. Penrice, W.M. 371	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. P. Abraham, P.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Court, P.M. 370	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.

Bro. T. Studholme, W.M. 119	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Martin, W.M. 327	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Eden, W.M. 962	...	...
" Dr. J. J. Lace, P.M. 1660	...	...
" J. Fidler, W.M. 1002	...	...
" J. T. Bownass, P.M. 1390	...	...
" M. C. Williams	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Richardson, Tyler 119	...	...

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said, it being her Majesty's Jubilee year, Past Rank would be conferred upon three brethren who had held Provincial Rank before in the province, these three Craftsmen having done good service for many years, not only to the province, but to Freemasonry generally, and the honours would be to Bro. A. J. Nelson, P.G. Treas., to the rank of Past S.G.W.; Bro. G. Ryrie, P.P.S.G.D., to the rank of Past J.G.W.; and Bro. W. Middleton, P.G. Asst. Sec., to the Past Rank of S.G.D. The brethren were presented to the R.W.P.G.M., and they were invested and greeted accordingly, also the newly-invested officers of the year previous to Prov. Grand Lodge being opened. Bro. George Kenning, P.G.D. of Middx., presented the R.W. Prov. G.M. with a beautiful medal, expressly manufactured by that well-known firm in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee. His lordship, in accepting the gift, expressed himself highly pleased with it, as did as many of the brethren that saw it, it being a perfect work of art, and we trust it will, in days to come, be another link in the chain of our Masonic relics.

"Hearty good wishes" was given by the province and visitors, and there being nothing further for the good of the Order, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Grand D. of C. formed the brethren in line and marched them in procession to Holy Trinity Church, headed by Bro. J. Lawson's brass band, where upwards of 300 of the Craft listened to an excellent sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap., from the words "Show thyself a man," from 1st Kings, chap. ii, v. 2.

That was a paternal admonition. It was spoken by a father to his son. It formed one of the charges addressed by King David, amid the gathering shadows of death, to King Solomon, who was to succeed him on the throne. It is natural to suppose that, like all last sayings, they would come with touching power and emphasis to the heart of Israel's approaching monarch, and be engraven on the memory, never to be forgotten, of the grand builder of Jerusalem's temple. And how was he to show himself a man? He was to do so by obeying this injunction, "Be thou strong, therefore, and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; that the Lord may continue His word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee a man on the throne of Israel." In like manner, Masonry is true manhood. To be a true Mason is to be a true man. Its high standard of morality and of religion, of intellectuality and intelligence, eminently forbids any other issue, and bars the way to any other conclusion. The truthness is made manifest, as alone it can be, by a steadfast adherence to its statutes, and the practical exemplification of its laws. A work of supererogation it would be to say that absolute perfection can be expected, because it cannot be attained, inasmuch as nothing bearing the stamp of humanity is perfect. Solomon, our Grand Master, in all his glory, was not perfect in the keeping of those charges which were committed to his care. In this, as in every other society, however orderly in form, sacred in principle, and complete in organisation, will be found its failings and its flaws. It may be that there are Masons and Masons. It may be that there is a discrepancy between them and that badge of innocence and bond of friendship which they wear. It may be that there is a dark hue encircling that Masonic life, which, like the morning and evening star, ought ever to be bright and clear. Nevertheless, over the porchway or entrance to that symbolical and scientific temple, as descriptive of that which is within, in figure and in fact, in the shadow and in the substance, in the matter and in the man, there is inscribed "the true, the beautiful, and the good;" and over that chair where sits the humble representative of the Great King, emblazoned in the light of that All-seeing Eye which reflects its radiance there, you read this sublime motto, founded on the volume of the Sacred Law—"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." At Masonry the outside world, which knows nothing of its origin and history, and is unacquainted with its merits and its claims, may be disposed to look askance, and see in its processioned ranks only a meaningless parade, and in its brilliant regalia only a splendid show. By some it may be vetoed as that hidden mystery which has no beauty in it that they should desire it; which involves within it the elements of danger, and which should be exploded by the spiritual powers that be. All such apprehensions and surmises are vain; the learned Mason knows differently. It is his to pass beyond the vestibule of the Masonic temple; to draw aside the veil and view the inner circle of the Masonic brotherhood; to ascertain for himself the goodness and grandeur of that spreading system of which he forms a part, and revel in the discoveries of that mystic art, which he alone is privileged to behold, yet not permitted to reveal. Into the origin and history of Masonry it is not needed now to enter. That holds no place in our present plan. It is enough for us to know, as in the words of our ancient charge, that it has "subsisted from time immemorial," descended down through the ages, oft small and obscure, and oppressed in the course of its progress, mistaken and misused, but now, like the lost waters of the Jordan, so memorable in sacred lore, it has risen to the surface; its seed has been wafted by the winds of Heaven, taken root and sprung up far and near, and to-day, in this nineteenth century of the Christian era, it is counted, not by tens, but by tens of thousands in our land. It is enough for us to know that it is honourable as it is ancient, "as by a natural tendency it conduces to make those so who are obedient to its precepts." So honourable and so estimable has it appeared to all ranks and classes of men, that "monarchs themselves in every age have been promoters of the art, have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, have patronised its mysteries, and joined in its assemblies," and even at this hour his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales holds the highest position as Grand Master of English Masonry, surrounded also by many illustrious names which adorn the page of British nobility. It calls upon its members to be loyal subjects and good citizens; it presses home the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue, and ordains and recommends the lofty dictates of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice to be the guide and governor of all its actions. By these, and the due observance of these, as well as others, to which I shall now briefly advert in outline, the true manhood of Masonry shines forth. Masonry, let it not be forgotten, is not simply the initiation into its Order, the payment of its fee, and hence the man who ranges beneath its banner. That man is the Mason who studies to make advancement in Masonic knowledge, who reads, marks, learns, and inwardly digests, who exhibits the spirit and principles and character of the Masonic ritual, and is thus in himself the personification of the true Mason and the living embodiment of true Masonry. 1. There are the landmarks of Masonry. With that term we are all familiar. Their observance is another thing. Their observance can only come by their knowledge. A landmark is defined as anything which is set up to preserve a boundary. These landmarks are set up to preserve the boundaries of Masonry. Within them no stranger may transgress, and with them no hand of the alien may intermeddle. It was a Jewish crime for anyone to remove his neighbour's landmark. It would be a Masonic crime to remove or reduce the landmarks of Masonry. In themselves they are unremovable and unremovable, and are interwoven in the very existence of the Craft. What they were centuries ago they still are. As they were in the beginning, are now, and ever shall be. No new regulation could affect their substitution or extinction. They bear the stamp of antiquity, and are beyond the power of repeal as those things which cannot be shaken and must remain. They are indispensable to the government, regulation, and faith of the Order, and by them the stability, security, and universality of Masonry are guaranteed and maintained. Their twenty-five indelible and irrevocable enactments constitute the unwritten laws or customs of the Order, and stand out in their own distinctness and independence from all the other emanations of Masonic

authority, whether local or general. They are the mirror in which every Mason may see himself, may trace the delineations of his rights and privileges, of his qualifications and obligations, and of what he is expected and entitled to believe and to do. They are there for the instruction and accomplishment of every Master Mason. And, as it is impossible to render obedience to the laws of a country without the knowledge of those laws, so is it impossible for any Mason to render a rational and satisfactory obedience to the laws, written or unwritten, of the lodge into which he has been introduced, and over which he may be elected to preside, without the intelligent knowledge and study of those laws. 2. There is the symbolism of Masonry. That is a vast and varied field to cultivate. It is a gallery of glory along which to travel. It involves the whole education and literature of the Masonic art. To know, and understand, and to turn to practical account its symbols is the very perfection of Masonry, and, as nearly as possible, the perfect man. A symbol is defined as being a type, or that which comprehends in its figure a representation of something else. Masonry itself is properly and truly defined as being a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. The Jewish dispensation was eminently symbolical. The Jewish temple in its service and its surroundings, in its sacerdotal priesthood and vestments, was eminently symbolical. It was an economy of symbols which prefigured things greater and much more spiritual to come. In that respect Masonry follows in its train. Look at its sections, its lectures, its tracings, its changes. Look at its initiations, its passings, its raisings, its exaltations. Look at its furniture, its ornaments, its colours, its tools. Look at its signs, its tokens, its terms, its words. Look at all of these, and see that not an item pertaining to its sacred institution and economy but is in the highest Degree symbolical, and full of the deepest signification. To condense a review of symbolic Masonry into small compass, either for the benefit of you, my brethren, or of those without our pale, would not be an easy task. What to include and what to exclude in such an attempt would be matter of difficult consideration. Moreover, we cannot illustrate, we can only specify. We cannot enter into these hidden depths, and reveal to the world that which the world cannot know. But we can give the public ear to hear, and the public eye to see, and the public understanding to understand that in the multitude of her symbols there is a purity and a beauty, an influence and a power, fitted to raise men up to the loftiest status of moral nobility and religious worth, and that there is an attraction which should act with magnetic force to draw every man of intellect, intelligence, and principle within her free and accepted fold. When these principles die, Masonry itself will die; and when these symbols cease to be observed, Masons themselves will cease to be. But, then, they are like the rock in the ocean, which defies the tempest, and the billows, roll; and they remain in their eternal splendour, like the everlasting mountains and the perpetual hills. 3. There are the moral and social virtues of Masonry. Morality and sociality are the life and soul of the individual, and they are the strength and character of a nation. They are the links of that chain which links society together in a bond of honourable and joyous union which ought never to be broken. That association or community which prides itself in their connection, and retains their lustrous name, must be worthy of the estimation of all men. Wherefore, "no Institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Masonry rests, the practice of every moral and social virtue." That is incisive and emphatic. It is not a mere theory or idea; it is a practice. It is not a mere empty title, which bears nothing in it or with it but a sound. It is a living reality, carried out to a demonstration by the practical exhibition of every moral and social virtue. And how can these, my brethren, be better summed up than in the three grand principles on which our Order is founded—brotherly love, relief, and truth. What terms could give more potent and forcible expansion to every moral and social virtue than these? By them we are introduced into the very essence and heart of Masonry. By this combination and aggregation of virtue we get an insight into the nature of Masonry, and form an acquaintance with its objects and design. Than these three principles none can come nearer the Divine, or be cast in a more God-like mould. If any principles by which any society is or can be governed spring from that Bible which is the great light of Masonry, these are the ones. And if any society is or can be knit and bound together by such a moral and social alliance as these principles invoke, Freemasonry is that one. In all his sayings and doings, feelings and affections, this is a Mason's resolution with regard to them, as the Jews resolved concerning Jerusalem, "If I forget thee, let my right hand forget her cunning, and let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." The whole drift and business of Freemasonry is to inculcate and illustrate these principles. Piques and quarrels, envies and jealousies, mean and cowardly dealings, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness, or any other vices approaching thereunto, have neither act nor part in these principles. It is not for such un-Masonic depravity that Masonry exists, and the man who could countenance or display it would be no Mason, but a traitor and a knave, would be the man who did his best to damage and destroy the Order, and should be ignominiously banished without its pale. Brotherly love maintains a brother's interests and defends a brother's name. It pursues that straight line of conduct, that honour and integrity, which men of honour, integrity, and uprightness so much admire. It would scorn to betray a brother's cause or roll his laurels in the dust; and if in anything this golden rule should be magnified and find its truest and purest interpretation, it should be in that love of the Masonic Brotherhood, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you." That brotherly love expands its wings, not only over the whole Masonic fraternity, but over the whole human family. It regards high and low, rich and poor, as the offspring of that same Almighty Father by whom all live, and move, and have their being. It places them all upon a level platform, where they are linked together by the ties of nature and the order of the great Creator for the mutual help, and support, and protection of each other. It thus unites men of every country and clime, every sect and opinion, every grade and complexion the wide wide world around, and leads to the cultivation of that faithful and genuine friendship which rises like a majestic pillar from the basis of that brotherly love.

" 'Tis Masonry unites mankind,
To generous actions forms the soul;
In friendly converse all conjoined,
One spirit animates the whole."

Relief is the natural outcome of that brotherly love. It may be an independent principle, but by Masons it is esteemed an essential element of the brotherhood. Benevolence and Charity are those truly Masonic ornaments which they are carefully charged to maintain in their fullest splendour. To relieve distress, to soothe affliction, to compassionate misery, to sympathise with misfortune, to restore peace to the troubled, to tend the fatherless, and make the widow's heart to sing for joy, are a Mason's chief concern. Hence the rich and varied and generous channels through which the streams of benevolence and Charity flow. Her schools, her annuities, her Charities have been like rays from heaven to many a desolate and desponding soul, and clothed Masonry to them in the festive garments of gladness and liberty. Truth springs from love. When there is the one there is the other. To love is to be true, and to be true is to love. All faithful friendship is rooted and grounded in love. Truth is that divine attribute which lies at the basis of every Masonic virtue. To be good and true are among the first noble lessons and teachings of Masonry. No Mason, like Pontius Pilate, needs to ask "what is truth?" He knows it means absolute fidelity and confidence. He knows it means the opposite of hypocrisy and deceit. He knows it means inviolable adherence to solemn vows and obligations. He knows it means the five points of fellowship carried out to the letter. He knows it means that hand, that foot, that knee, that breast, that back fulfilled in their symbolical significance both in mind and in deed. He knows it means sincere and honest dealing, the union of heart and tongue in promoting each other's welfare, and seeking the advancement and prosperity of the Craft. Such is Masonic truth in its exposition and its parts, pure as the dewdrop, and sterling as the finest gold, the priceless garniture of every lodge, the loveliest clothing of every member, an ornament around the neck of youth, and a crown of glory upon the hoary head—

" Great, generous, virtuous, good, and brave,
Are titles Masons justly claim;
Their deeds shall live beyond the grave,
Which some unborn shall loud proclaim."

4. There is the religion of Masonry. Masonry is not infidelity. Masons are not unbelievers. What are those moral and social virtues? What are those three grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth? What are they but just the teachings of religion and the graces of Christianity. As lodges, like churches, stand east and west, so the ethics of the one are the ethics of the other. Does Masonry inculcate brotherly love? So does the Church desire for "all nations unity, peace, and concord." Does Masonry advocate relief? So does the Church pray "to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed." Does Masonry enjoin truth? So does the Church implore deliverance "from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil," and "to bring into the way of truth all such as

have erred and are deceived." Such is the vital and intimate connection between Masonry and the Church, and therefore we are found here to-day. And still more. How do these moral and social virtues, these three grand principles, draw their origin and authority from the volume of the Sacred Law? Therein we read this testimony to their moral and religious virtues and principles, "Let brotherly love continue." "Whoso seeth his brother hath need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" "Speak the truth in love. Speak every man truth with his neighbour." The whole science and system of Masonry are sanctified by religion. It runs like a golden thread through its entire ritual. Its hymns, its prayers, its Scripture lessons and statements, all beautifully and incontrovertibly testify to that. The Bible, on which its religion, like itself, is founded, lies open upon its altar, is read in its services, carried in its processions, is sworn upon in its vows of fidelity, and is preached from in its public assemblies. No society, no community, no organisation, under whatever banner it may be enrolled, or by whatever name it may be called, could be more truly and sacredly religious. The religion of Masonry may be summed up in these two grand doctrines—the belief of God and of a future state. With these it begins and ends. They are the condensed, yet comprehensive, summary of its creed. They are the general expression of that belief which every candidate is required to subscribe, and to which every brother is expected to adhere. They lie at the foundation of all religious belief, and from which is reared the superstructure of all religious hope and feeling. The founders of the Masonic Order, therefore, wisely and rightly connected these two doctrines together, thereby giving character and complexion, vitality and stability, spirituality and eternity, to the divine principles of the whole Institution. In their outcome they appear in all its degrees, teaching us the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves, enabling us to trace the goodness and majesty of the Creator in the manifestation of His works, pointing us to the darkness of death and the obscurity of the grave as the forerunner of a more brilliant light which shall follow at the resurrection of the just, when these mortal bodies which have been long slumbering in the dust shall be awakened, re-united to their kindred spirit, and clothed with immortality; and inspiring us with a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to that bright Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. Such then, my brethren, is the grandeur of Freemasonry, the glory of the mystic tie, and the splendour of our Masonic art; further reaching in its aims and objects than the dim and distant horizon of mere human and terrestrial things. By the strict observance of its landmarks, its symbols, its moral and social virtues, and its religion, we become the living exponents of the Craft; we will show ourselves men, good men and true, who are warranted to entertain the anticipation that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

A collection was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities, which amounted to £9 4s. 8d.

The procession was then re-formed and marched to the Grand Hotel, where upwards of 200 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, that of "The Masonic Charities" having been proposed by Bro. George Kenning, Vice-Patron, and responded to by Bro. George J. McKay, and a very agreeable evening was brought to a conclusion.

CONSECRATION OF THE WINDERMERE LODGE, No. 2217.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the day after the annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at Whitehaven, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., accompanied by Bros. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M.; George J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec., and W.M. designate of the new lodge; J. G. Gandy, P.M., P.G. Reg., S.W. designate; T. A. Argles, P.G. Sword Bearer, J.W. designate; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middlesex; and many Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, to witness the ceremony.

On arriving at Windermere, after a beautiful trip by land and water, the brethren were joined by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and many others from various parts of the province.

After luncheon had been partaken of, all the brethren repaired to the Central Buildings, when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., and Grand Secretary of England, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, D.P.G.M., presided, supported on his left by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master; and the following brethren were nominated to assist in the ceremony: Bros. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, as S.G.W.; C. W. Braithwaite Wilson, as J.G.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; E. Armistage, P.S.G.W., as G.D. of C.; and George Dalrymple, P.P.J.G.W., as G.I.G.

The following brethren were also present:

Bros. Wm. Cartmell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Kirkbride, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; H. Cook, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Wilson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Hogg, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Gore-Ring, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Nelson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Middleton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Paterson, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. A. Argles, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Chaplin; C. S. Lane, P.M. 764 and 1862, P.P.S.G.D. Durham; J. Chadderton, 1213, W.M. designate 2216; A. W. Johnston, 543; Wm. Robson, 1121; J. J. Addison, 129; A. W. Hardy, 129; R. Remington, F. Wilson, J. R. Illingworth, 129; E. Jackson, W.M. 1073; R. Fisher, H. Hoggarth, V. S. Smith, 129; W. Rawes, W. Bradly, Watson Ion, 129; and others.

The lodge was then opened in due form, when the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the chair, eloquently addressed the brethren at length on the nature of the meeting, and showed that many members of the parent lodge, No. 129, and others residing in and around Windermere had petitions for a warrant to hold a regular lodge to initiate candidates in a constitutional manner, and the M.W.G.M. had approved of their petition and granted them a charter, and he now called upon the Acting Secretary to read the same, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named therein,

The ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of the Institution:—

In our ancient Charge, so concise and comprehensive in itself, we have very graphically and beautifully described the nature and principles of Masonry. No member of the Craft need travel much beyond that charge to obtain a further elucidation or statement of the leading elements and features, character and obligations, of the Fraternity unto which he belongs, and whose admission thereto was a matter of congratulation. It writes down in one sentence its immemorial history as a speculative science, and engrosses in a single line that on which laboured volumes have been published. It dashes off in a few pregnant words the human glory by which in all ages it has been surrounded, and the undoubted honour which attaches to the names of those by whom it is esteemed honourable among all men. "To what, it may be asked, are we to ascribe the willingness of persons of high birth, of wealth, and good education to enter the Masonic Fraternity? Men of such classes do not show any wish to be admitted members of other Crafts. The evident answer is—that the Masonic brotherhood contained among its members not a few with whom, on account of their intelligence, their general culture, and their scientific attainments, the best born and the best educated in the land might well choose to associate, and from whom also they might expect to learn much which the mind, already stimulated and expanded by education, could not but desire to know." And so it is that kings and nobles have not refrained from wielding the trowel as well as swaying

the sceptre, from patronising our mysteries, and joining in our assemblies. That charge, which is not merely for the hearing of the ear, but more especially for the study of the life, pours forth with one stroke of the pen that solid foundation of which Masonry is justly entitled to boast, which has raised it to that high eminence which should be the proud ambition of all who are enrolled beneath its banner, and which, in the admirable adaptation of its system, aims at the development of all that is good and great in man as a moral and a social being. It recommends in earnest and potent terms the serious contemplation of that divine oracle of Masonry without which no Masonic lodge could be perfect, and no Mason could solemnly promise and vow—the volume of the Sacred Law. It marks with expression the acknowledgment of its claims as the unerring standard of truth and justice, as the source of all religious thought and feeling, and as the moving spring and regulator of every action. It outlines in terse sententious manner the threefold duty which every Mason owes to God, to his neighbour, and to himself. It links him to the Great Architect and Grand Geometrician of the Universe with that awe and reverence, that sense of help and dependence which are to be paid by the creature to the Creator. His holy name is to be venerated; His aid is to be implored; His comfort and support are to be a refuge when emergency throws its dark shadows around. It links him to his neighbour by a straightforward course of conduct as acting with him on the square; by a chord of generous sympathy, which prompts the rendering of every kind office consistent with the claims of justice and mercy, which embraces the relieving of his necessities and the soothing of his afflictions, and the doing unto him as he would be done by were similar distress and need his own. It links him to himself by a process of self government which holds in check inferior appetites and passions, stimulates those aims and aspirations which are pure and noble, consecrates to their proper use the faculties of body and mind, thereby tending to preserve them in their fullest energy, and present them as a tribute to the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow-creatures. No course of discipline or code of laws could be more sublime in their nature and objects, more lofty in their conception and blessed in their results, reflecting the highest credit, not only upon the man himself, but also upon that ancient Order which was cradled in the lap of bygone centuries, and whose chariot wheels are rolling onward in their progress with the roll of time. And as the natural outcome of such a moral and religious regimen, what else was to be expected than their legitimate bearing upon the department and conduct of every Mason as a citizen of the world? Accordingly, that Charge is careful to mark with special emphasis attention to civil duties, and to enjoin the exemplary fulfilment of the same. Its demands are demands of obedience to all lawfully constituted authority, wherever it may be; of strict regard to the peace and good order of society; of unforgotten allegiance to the Sovereign of our native land, and of that cherished remembrance implanted in our hearts which binds us by a sacred and an indissoluble attachment to the country of our birth and association. Masonry is thus thoroughly constitutional; the well-proved loyalty and good conduct of its members have won for it peculiar privileges, in its entire exemption from those restraints which are placed upon all other secret societies. When we meet with our door closed, the lodge properly tyled, and care taken that no cowans or eavesdroppers are present, we meet under the express sanction of an Act which is the best possible evidence that Masonry has shown itself, in its practical operation, as decidedly favourable to order and good government, to loyalty and obedience to the laws, as in its own constitutions and regulations it behoves it to be. Hence we never fail to give the first and constant place to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and all the members of the Royal Family. Nor does it banish from its tender concern the home circle. It takes particular cognizance of the family in all its relationships. It observes with unremitting care this Scripture rule, "He that provideth not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." The family system is the very basis of society, and Freemasonry seeks to maintain it in its integrity and purity, and to promote its development in all the perfection of its beauty. That Charge, therefore, is forward to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. It speaks with no uncertain sound when it says "Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions." These are a catalogue of virtues of the highest and most essential order, whether considered in their bearing upon the family or the individual, upon domestic or public life. Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions by the wholesome dictates of enlightened reason, and constitutes that habit of mind which leads men wisely to make the best of both worlds. It preserves a man from the dangers of temptation, and from being readily involved in those pecuniary distresses which overtake the less wary. It should, therefore, be the cultivated grace and distinguishing character of every Free and Accepted Mason. Temperance is the handmaid of prudence. A prudent man is a temperate man—temperate, not in one thing, but in all things, in mind and in deed. It is taking the mastery of our desires and passions, keeping them under due restraint and subjection, and holding them within the bounds of reason and religion. It is thus a Mason's enjoined virtue, the practice of which will be an effective barrier in the way of mistakes, and a faithful monitor pointing out to him the path in which he ought to go. Fortitude is that strength of mind, that steady purpose of soul, which is equally distant from rashness on the one hand, and from cowardice on the other. It is to be brave, to be strong in the midst of difficulties and trials; to face them all with a good courage, and with a firm resolution to endure. Endurance is fortitude; not the fortitude of a listless, indifferent stoic, but of that sense of right which is might, that resolute determination which looks upon the foe with a steady eye and dares him to come on, like our great Master, who, in spite of threatenings and violence, remained firm and unshaken even unto death. That fortitude is based upon faith; faith in that power which never varies; which holds out the hand of succour in the season of perplexity, sustains the fainting heart in the day of adversity, and says to the desponding and despairing, the doubting and the fearing, "Rise up and show thyself a man." Justice is that noble virtue which consists in rendering, without distinction, to everyone his due. It is that divine principle which ought to govern all sorts and conditions of men in all the transactions and relationships of life. It is a vital essence of the moral law, and the standard and cement of civil society. Without it confusion and anarchy would disorganise its ranks, and social equity and intercourse would be at an end. For the honour and safety of all, its voice of authority must regulate the minds and the actions, the judgments and the dealings in connection with this world's affairs, and speak with impression to every rational mind that honesty, in the full and comprehensive sense of the term, is the best and most Godlike policy. "Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate thee; corruption wins not more than honesty. Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace, to silence envious tongues: be just and fear not. Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's." Nor does that Charge forget to couple with those four cardinal virtues those truly Masonic ornaments (which are so liberally and amply illustrated in the First Degree), namely, Benevolence and Charity. These it enjoins to be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour. And why? Not merely because of their financial, pecuniary, or eleemosynary value, but because also of their intimate approximation to that genuine love of the Brotherhood which stimulates the exercise of every generous feeling and emotion. Benevolence and Charity in all their aspects have a large participation in the nature of Masonry, and shine forth in their tender compassion and sympathy in the practical operations of the Masonic Order. They embrace all those educational and charitable channels of relief which a bountiful wisdom can devise, and a liberal goodness can provide, and which are the pride and the glory of its Institution. If these are to be maintained in their fullest splendour, it must be because there is a beauty in them which commands admiration, and an intrinsic merit attached to them which is worthy of all praise. Nor does that Charge fail to direct attention in a peculiar and forcible manner to those other excellences which invest the Masonic character. To that secrecy which holds as a sacred trust Masonic obligation, and continuously avoids the occasion of inadvertent disclosure. To that fidelity which is laudable in its conformity to the Constitutions and landmarks of the Order, which presumes not upon forbidden ground or to reach the knowledge of further mysteries which it is not lawful but by one way to obtain, which guards the citadel of Masonry with that strict and discriminating vigilance which admits nothing and no one within its charmed circle but who will bring honour and credit with them there. To that obedience which is the characteristic of right discipline, the guarantee for proper order and decorum, the assurance of good government in the strict observance of laws and regulations, and yields the promise of that unity, peace, and concord, which embellish the Masonic Fraternity, and prove the Mason true. And what a splendid recommendation is that which exhorts to the adoption of such pursuits as will adorn the life, be an acquisition to mankind, and an ornament of that Society of which this lodge now being consecrated forms a part; which encourages all possible attainment in art and science and advancement in Masonic lore, without detriment to the ordinary duties of daily toil and labour; which expects a felt appreciation of the value of Freemasonry, and an indelible imprint upon the tablet of the heart of the sacred dictates of truth, of honour, and of virtue. It is even so that the nature and principles of that Institution, to which we are individually allied,

are depicted in that inimitable Charge. It is even so we discover the lofty ideal which Masonry exhibits to the view. It is like Jacob's ladder, reaching from earth to heaven, on which the angels of all good descend and ascend from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above. And what want we more to infuse within us a greater love for our Order, and a deeper sense of the value of its precepts? What want we more to acquaint us more perfectly with its aims and objects, and enlighten our minds more vividly with the knowledge of its nature and principles? If more is wanted, repair to its ancient landmarks, repair to its symbolical studio. Sit there and read your lessons and draw your sketches from that rich and vast emporium of Masonry. What is that apron we wear, of lambskin pure and white, but the symbol of purity of heart and life; that as the operative Mason wears his apron to preserve his garments from stain, so does the speculative Mason wear his to remind him of the avoidance of moral defilement? What are those white gloves we put on but the symbol of clean hands, which are identified with the pure heart, and signify the careful observance of the four cardinal virtues? And what are the working tools of operative Masonry but the chosen symbols of the speculative? What is that gauge, that gavel, that chisel, that level, that square, that trowel, that plumb? What are they all in their combined significance but the symbols of our faith and works, teaching us the great principles of morality, and the great truths of religion? Time would fail us to enumerate those symbols, and language prove inadequate to convey their meaning. The outside world may deride the Mason, but it cannot deride Masonry. The system itself is faultless, whatever the man himself may be. With all earnestness we say "Prosper the Art." Cling to it, advance it, adorn it, study it, be enthusiastic in it. It is worthy of all the effort we can strain, and all the vigilance we can bestow to make it a name and a praise in the earth.

"Hail! Masonry divine,
Glory of ages, shine—
Long may'st thou hold;
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land—
Thou art divine."

The elements of the consecration, viz., the corn, wine, oil, and salt, were duly applied, and the lodge No. 2217 was declared duly constituted and dedicated for Masonic purposes.

The W.M. Designate, Bro. G. J. McKay, was then presented by the W.D.P.G.M., to Bro. Armitage, to receive the benefit of installation, when he was installed and proclaimed with all the honours, and the following were invested as officers: Bros. J. G. Gandy, S.W.; T. A. Argles, J.W.; W. Harrison, Treas.; J. F. Thornber, Sec.; R. P. Hunter, S.D.; C. Rishton, J.D.; J. Theobald, D.C.; and A. Horrax, I.G.

Bro. DALRYMPLE then addressed the W.M., Bro. PATERSON, the Wardens, and Bro. H. COOKE, the brethren.

Bros. MCKAY, W.M., GANDY, S.W., and ARGLES, J.W., as first Master and Wardens of the new lodge, asked the brethren to accept from them unitedly the chairs, pedestals, columns, and other beautiful new furniture supplied from Bro. George Kenning's establishment, London.

Bro. COPELAND moved, and Bro. HOGG seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to the three brethren for their very handsome present, which was passed with applause.

We may, with all prudence, call this the "bantling" or infant lodge of the province, but, when we append the following as the founders, some of the senior lodges in the province may begin to make comparisons: Bros. G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec.; J. G. Gandy, 129, 357, P.G. Reg.; T. A. Argles, 129, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Bintley, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.W.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Copland, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.D.; C. E. Paget, Sec. 129; R. P. Hunter, P.W. 1073; H. Wearing 1073; John Robinson, Sec. 1073; J. Theobalds, 1073; W. Harrison, E. John, son, Alfred Horrax, Dr. Redmayne, J. F. Thornber, E. Speight, J. Turner, and C. Rishton, all of 129.

On the motion of Bro. MCKAY, W.M., the following were unanimously elected honorary members of the new lodge: Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire; L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerk, P.G.D., G. Sec. Eng.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Chaplin, and Geo. Dalrymple, P.P.J.G.W.

With "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors present, many from a great distance, the lodge was closed in due form and good harmony. Subsequently the brethren dined at the Windermere Hotel, under the genial presidency of Bro. McKay, W.M., supported by the Grand Masters for East Lancashire, and Cumberland and Westmorland; grace was said by the Grand Chaplain, and the menu was, in a word, of the choicest, and pleased all.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the Chair, also that of "The Past Grand Officers of England," coupled with the Grand Master for East Lancashire, Bro. Col. STARKIE, who replied by expressing the great pleasure it gave him to meet the Grand Master of the sister province and to be present at the consecration of the new lodge and the installation of Bro. McKay as their first Master, and he hoped it would go on and flourish and be like the crystal streamlets that flow down the mountain sides that fill the beautiful lake Windermere, and be both pure and prosperous.

"The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland" was proposed by the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER of East Lancashire, with great cordiality, and responded to by the brethren with a regular round of applause.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER of Cumberland and Westmorland, in responding to the toast, said it gave him much pleasure to meet the provincial chief of what may be termed the neighbour province, at the consecration of the new lodge, and hoped that Bro. Col. Starkie would again try and be with them at no distant date.

With many other toasts and songs, a most pleasant evening was spent on the banks and braes of bonnie Windermere.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge, which was this year convened under the auspices of the senior lodge of the province (St. John's, No. 279), was held at Freemason's Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when a very large assembly of the brethren of the province was present. In the absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, who was supported by Bros. W. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M., and G. Toller, P.G.S.B. England, P.D.P.G.M., acting as Deputy Prov. Grand

Master. The attendance included the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz. :—

Bros. J. Young, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. R. Hurd, P.G. Chap.; R. Waite, P.G. Treas.; E. P. Steeds, P.G. Reg.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. H. Thompson, P.S.G.D.; C. F. Wike, P.J.G.D.; F. B. Wilmer, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Marshall, P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. W. J. Freer, P.G.S.B.; E. Simpkin, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; C. F. Massie, P.G. Purst.; W. Marchant, P. Asst. G. Purst.; G. C. Oliver, S. Knight, J. G. Murdin, and C. K. Morris, P.G. Stwds.; and T. Dunn and James Tanser, Prov. G. Tylers; also Bros. W. Beaumont Smith, E. F. Mammatt, J. T. Thorpe, G. T. Willan, C. E. Stretton, and F. J. Barnes, P.P.S.G. Wardens; W. S. Allen, M. J. Walker, and Major J. G. F. Richardson, P.P.J.G. Wardens; Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, P.P.G.C.; G. A. Wykes, P.P.G. Treas.; L. P. Chamberlain, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Cleaver, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Watson, R. Michie and J. Hassall, P.P.J.D. Deacons; F. Griffith, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Keep, A. M. Tindall, and J. Wiggins, P.P.G. Swd. Brs.; E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and B. A. Smith, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; W. Vial and T. B. Laxton, P.P.G. Orgs.; R. L. Gibson, P.P.G. Purst.; H. P. Brown, P.P.A.G. Purst.; E. Mason, S. A. Marris, and W. M. Williams, P.P.G. Stwds.; C. A. Murcott, W.M. 50; T. G. Charlesworth, S.W., and J. B. Waring, J.W. of 523; F. G. Boden, W.M., and E. J. Thompson, S.W. of 779; C. Lowenstein, W.M., and Dr. T. F. Corcoran, S.W. of 1007; E. Jeeves, W.M. 1130; W. H. Goodwin, W.M., and T. Colman, S.W. of 1265; R. B. Starkey, S.W. 1391; G. Jessop, W.M. 2028; W. H. Lead, W.M., and J. L. West, S.W. of 2081; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge confirmed, and the rolls of Provincial Grand Officers and of private lodges called and duly responded to, the reports of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, after dealing with the subject of the Masonic celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and referring to the conferring of Past Grand Lodge rank on the D.P.G.M., stated that the progress of the lodges had been on the whole satisfactory, the numbers showing a nett increase of 28, after making allowance for members of more than one lodge. The total number of subscribing members appeared to be 502; the returns showed that the lodges had been regularly held, and the landmarks observed, and that the requirements of the Book of Constitutions and the provincial by-laws received more attention than heretofore. The tendency of candidates to seek initiation in lodges remote from their place of residence seemed to be still increasing, and therefore the necessity for the exercise of caution, recommended in the last report, was not lessened. The publication of the Masonic Calendar of the province, under the able direction of Bro. B. A. Smith, P.P.G.S.B., the new editor, was very favourably commented upon in the report, which also touched upon the question of Masonic casual relief to distressed Masons, by expressing the opinion that the time seemed to have arrived when something might be advantageously done in Leicester to place the distribution of such relief on a better footing, and to decide more readily between deserving and undeserving cases. A proposition had been made by one lodge (2081) to appoint a joint committee of representatives from the several local lodges to consider the question, and the Committee of General Purposes expressed their approval thereof. The report concluded by referring at some length to the losses sustained by the deaths of several well-known brethren of the province, amongst them being the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Dr. W. Carrick Crofts, P.M. 779; and Bro. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., J.P., vicar of Belgrave and rural dean, P.M. 1560, P.P.G.C.

The Report of the Charity Committee was also of a very satisfactory character, the province having a nett balance of 2566 votes for the Masonic Charities, which would be available at future elections. The Committee acknowledged the services of Bro. John Metcalfe, P.M. 1767 and 2028, P.P.G.S. of W., who represented the province at the last annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when his list reached the handsome sum of £241 10s. After dealing with some matters of local interest, the report concluded by recommending that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be the Charity to receive the special support of the province for the coming year, and voted a sum of 20 guineas, to be placed upon the list of the Steward representing the province.

Satisfactory reports from the Prov. Grand Registrar and Prov. G. Treasurer were received and approved and the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts passed, Bro. Waite, Prov. G. Treasurer, being re-elected to that office for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his past services.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows :—

Bro. S. Cleaver, P.M. 279	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. McIvor Tindall, P.M. 1330	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. R. Hurd	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Selwyn C. Freer	...	...
" R. Waite, 279, P.M. 466	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Vial, P.M. 1007	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.M. 1560	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Bullen, P.M. 779	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. A. Murcott, W.M. 50	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. Jeeves, W.M. 1130	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. H. Lead, W.M. 2081	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Gessop, W.M. 2028	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. E. Beazley, P.M. 1319	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Newsome, P.M. 523	...	...
" W. H. Barrow, 523, Mus. Bac.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Mason, P.M. 1391	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. Lowenstein, W.M. 1007	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" E. Holmes, 279	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. J. Thompson, 779	...	...
" T. F. Corcoran, 1007	...	...
" F. K. Smith, 1330	...	...
" R. R. Starkey, 1391	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler;
" J. Young, 2028	...	...
" James Tanser	...	...

In exercise of the privilege granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to Prov. Grand Masters of conferring Past Prov. Grand Lodge Rank on a limited number of brethren in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master conferred Past Rank on the following brethren: Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Prov. G. Sec., as P.P.S.G.W.; and Bro. William Keep, P.M. 1265, P.P.G.S.B., as P.P.J.G.W.

On the motion of Bro. M. J. WALKER, P.P.J.G.W., seconded by Bro. KELLY, P.P.G.M., Bro. Partridge, D.P.G.M., was appointed as Steward to represent Prov. Grand Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School. In thanking the brethren for their kindness, the D.P.G.M. made an earnest appeal for support in his Stewardship on so important an occasion as the Centenary Festival, and gave some interesting details with reference to the schemes proposed for celebrating that event.

The next business on the agenda was to present to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D. of C., full dress clothing and jewels suitable to his rank in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, subscribed for by the brethren of the province. The presentation was made by Bro. KELLY, P.P.G.M., who said that a very pleasing, but at the same time quite unexpected duty, and one for which he was wholly unprepared, had devolved upon him, owing to the absence of their Prov. Grand Master, Lord Ferrers, who had telegraphed almost at the last moment that he was unable to attend. It was fortunate, however, that but few words of explanation were needed from him, as the circumstances of the case were fully described in the Report of the Committee of General Purposes just presented. The rank of P.A.G.D. of C. which it had pleased the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the Jubilee Meeting, at the Albert Hall, to confer upon their worthy Bro. Partridge, was not only a great honour to their D.P.G.M., but also, through him, to their province, whose representative he was. Bro. Kelly expressed his conviction that the services which Bro. Partridge had rendered, not only in the Craft Lodges, but more especially in the important office of Prov. Grand Secretary and D.P.G.M., which he had held in the Provincial Grand Lodge, were so great and so efficiently performed, that the brethren would unanimously agree with him that no more worthy brother could have been selected to receive Grand Lodge rank at the hands of the Grand Master on that ever memorable occasion at the Albert Hall in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee. The distinction thus conferred on their D.P.G.M. was the more marked and gratifying, inasmuch as, curiously enough, it was only the second instance in which any Leicestershire Mason (as such) had ever been appointed to office in the Grand Lodge of England—the other being their worthy and esteemed Bro. George Toller, Bro. Partridge's predecessor in the offices of Prov. G. Secretary and D.P.G.M., who some years ago was appointed Grand Sword Bearer. It was true that two of their former P.G.M.'s, Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and his successor, the first Earl Howe, had held office in Grand Lodge, the former as Senior Grand Warden, and the latter, for some years, as Deputy Grand Master, but Sir Frederick held the distinguished position of Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, under the Duke of York; and his lordship was Lord Chamberlain to Queen Adelaide, and was well known and esteemed in Court circles in town. It was to be hoped that in future years, although their province was a small one, it would not be left so much in the shade as it had been with respect to Grand Lodge honours. Bro. Kelly then informed the D.P.G.M. that no sooner had this honour conferred by the Prince of Wales become known than it was determined to open a subscription in the province to provide a complete set of the undress and the full dress clothing and jewel of his rank for presentation to W. Bro. Partridge, but the brethren of his mother lodge, the John of Gaunt, No. 523, being anxious to take a special part in this gift, it was arranged that the lodge should provide the set of undress clothing which was presented to their distinguished brother at the last meeting of the lodge. A subscription, limited to a very small sum individually, had been started, and so rapidly and spontaneously did the names and subscriptions pour in, that not only was the sum required soon raised, but was considerably exceeded, and it was finally arranged not only to present the full-dress suit and jewel of Grand Lodge, but, in addition, the full-dress clothing and jewel of the rank conferred in Grand Chapter. Bro. Kelly having asked Bro. Partridge's acceptance of the offering of the brethren of the province, together with their best wishes that he might long be spared to wear it, proceeded to invest him with the Grand Lodge clothing and jewel amidst the hearty applause of the large assemblage of brethren.

The clothing was richly embroidered and the jewel (of 18 carat gold) bore the following inscription: "This jewel, together with the dress clothing of his rank, was presented to Worshipful Bro. S. S. Partridge, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, by the Freemasons of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland upon his appointment as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, and as a mark of their great esteem and regard for him. October, 1887."

Bro. PARTRIDGE, in returning thanks, spoke of the difficulty he felt in finding words sufficiently adequate to express his feelings of gratitude for the very valuable present which it had pleased the brethren to bestow upon him. To have received the coveted distinction of rank in Grand Lodge was an honour he had little thought of, and coming so unexpectedly and on such an important occasion as the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and also receiving the distinction at the hands of the M.W.G.M. himself, rendered it infinitely more valuable, but the chief interest in that event was, and always would be, associated in his mind with the handsome way in which the brethren of the province had been kind enough to recognise the appointment by the costly gift of which he was now made the recipient; their kindness and esteem being the more marked as he had already on more than one occasion been thought worthy of special and substantial recognition, notably some eight years ago, when he received from the brethren the very beautiful and costly wedding present which he and his wife prized so highly. The distinction conferred on him he felt was not by any means a personal one, and he fully endorsed Bro. Kelly's remarks as to the appointment being more especially intended as a recognition of the province itself. In conclusion, Bro. Partridge expressed his grateful acknowledgments of the many fraternal congratulations he had received, and referred with thanks to the special interest which he understood had been taken by Bros. M. J. Walker and R. Waite, in connection with the arrangement for the presentation.

An invitation was offered by Bro. W. H. Goodwin, W.M., to hold the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, Oakham, which the D.P.G.M. promised to submit to the R.W.P.G.M. for consideration.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the usual banquet followed.

CONSECRATION OF HORSIA LODGE, No. 2208, BOURNEMOUTH.

The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight is steadily increasing, and still another lodge was added to its numbers on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when the Dep. Prov. G.M., W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D. of England, most ably, efficiently, and impressively performed the consecrating ceremony, in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Hon. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was unavoidably absent in consequence of his having to attend the Mansion House to meet the Dep. Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. The absence of Bro. Beach from such a Masonic function in his province is most exceptionally rare, and this occasion was the first his Deputy had performed any ceremony of its kind since his appointment, and the way in which he acquitted himself won the admiration and applause of all who attended.

The Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, situated in St. Michael's Rose, is well provided with furniture, and, in addition to the ordinary, a pair of very handsome columns was presented to the new lodge by Bro. J. H. Moore, who, with Bros. H. N. Jenkins, 195; F. Holland, 622; E. W. Cross, 195; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.J.G.D.; J. McWilliam, P.M. 195, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. Worth, P.M. 195; F. Budden, 195, P.M. 622, P.G.D.C. Dorset; D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol; C. Waters, 195; and J. J. Brazill, 195, are the founders.

The lodge was opened by the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. T. R. Williams, P.S.G.W.; G. F. W. Mortimer, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. C. Wilton, P.G. Chap.; E. Goble, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; W. Berry, P.G.D.C.; R. Glasspool, P.G. Swd. Br.; and W. Townsend, acting P.G. Org.

There were also present—

Bros. W. J. Van Marle, W.M.; J. Webber, S.W.; A. W. Ward, Sec.; G. H. Rolls, J.D.; W. Farrance, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. W. Brooke, J. Artin, E. J. Kingham, H. G. Knight, E. G. Down, S. B. Morse, F. Walden, and C. Curtis, 132; J. Shemmonds, W.M.; C. T. Miles, I.P.M.; W. Woodhouse, J.W.; H. J. Atkins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; W. B. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Druitt, jun., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Harvey, P.M.; C. W. Wyatt, S.W.; C. W. Keep, J.D.; J. A. Nethercote, Stwd.; R. Hodges, S.D.; W. H. Miles, F. Mapp, C. Dacre, W. Townsend, Org.; W. Dunn, A. Redfern, T. H. Sedgwater, E. Barnes, and W. Alexander, 195; H. H. Cooper, 1112; M. A. Cockcraft, 1903; and P. H. Emanuel, 2068. Visitors to the province were Bros. Rev. Mortimer Heath, 622, P.G. Chap. of Eng.; J. Morrell, P.M. 111, P.P.S.G.W. Durham; C. Woodford, J.W.; Tarrant, F. A. Sharp, S.W., and J. Smith, 137; P. Harris, P.M., and G. Dowson, J.D., 187; H. Budden, 386; A. Budden, and W. W. Baker, 622; A. T. Trehearne, S.D. 657; H. W. Dalwood, P.M. 860 and 1589; G. Cross, 1168; and G. W. Price, 1681.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, a processional march was played by Bro. Townsend, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered and took their respective chairs. The lodge was opened, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Bro. Mortimer Heath, Grand Chaplain of England, and Bro. Goble, P.G. Sword Bearer of England, were saluted according to ancient form.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren on the nature of the meeting, expressed regret at the absence of the Prov. Grand Master owing to his having to attend the Mansion House to meet the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom. He (Bro. Le Feuvre) in his absence, would do his best to officiate for him. That day was one of the exceptionally few occasions he, as D.P.G.M., had the opportunity of performing any such Masonic ritual, a ceremony he could not impress too much upon the brethren. That neighbourhood possessed two lodges, and another (Boscombe) was near. He trusted that the lodges would after that day continue, as heretofore, to proceed harmoniously and have only one object in view, to vie with each other in promoting the general tenets of the Order. Freemasons' lodges, in olden times, were dedicated to Masonry, virtue, and universal benevolence. Now they were dedicated to God and His services. They challenged their foreign brethren in that, especially those in France, who abolished the necessary belief of God in their lodges. He hoped that what was done that day would be dedicated to God. Could they do better? All their acts in every Degree were devoted to the Great Architect of the Universe, and the Most High. Was it not, therefore, desirable to sometimes think they were addressing the Most High? (Applause.) Might he take that opportunity of suggesting that they should think, on entering the portals of the lodge, a little more that all their acts and deeds were devoted to His glory. He hoped the constitution of the lodge would have a beneficial effect on the brethren in Bournemouth. Bro. Le Feuvre cautioned the members of the Horsia Lodge to secure quality, and not be too eager for quantity in securing members, and appealed to them to disestablish the use of black-balling by intimating to the W.M. or proposer of a member that the person proposed would not be elected, and that intimation to be held in strict Masonic confidence. (Applause.) He concluded by congratulating the brethren upon the day's proceedings, and expressed a hope it would be the establishment of a happy band of brethren working harmoniously together, promoting the welfare of the Horsia Lodge in particular, and Masonry in general. (Loud applause.)

Bro. MORTIMER HEATH, Grand Chaplain of England, gave the introductory prayer.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY appealed to the Presiding Officer, on behalf of the founders, to constitute the Horsia Lodge, and, by direction of the D.P.G.M., the founders were arranged in order on each side of the lodge, and the P.G. Secretary read the petition and warrant. The founders having expressed their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, resumed their seats.

Bro. the Rev. J. C. WILTON, Prov. G.C., delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. He said:

Masonry, according to the popular meaning of the term, is an art founded upon the principles of geometry, and directed to the use and convenience of mankind, but Freemasonry has higher aims, nobler objects, a wider scope. It is directed not to the building an house made with hands in which the body shall dwell, but to the building a temple made without hands, in which the soul shall live eternally, and the stones of which that temple has to be built are the principles of morality. Such an Institution, then, to which we belong must have existed from time immemorial, and though the beginnings of Freemasonry are lost in the mists of antiquity, and shrouded in that veil which time draws over all things human, yet we know that the written records go back in this country 800 years, and thus for eight centuries, at least, in this land of ours Freemasonry has flourished, differing it is true in outward symbols and ritual, but the same always in internal truths, because those truths are undying and eternal, being the attributes of the Great Architect of the Universe Himself. A Freemasons' lodge then is symbolical of the universe itself—the universe is the Temple of God. It rests upon the three pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Wisdom is displayed in all God's works; Strength is shown in all creation; and the Beauty of harmony shines everywhere forth. And in this lodge we have to learn our duty to the Great and Almighty Deity and our duty to our brethren. We have to rise in thought to Him who dwells in heaven. Thus, symbolically, the covering of the lodge is the canopy of heaven, and we rise there by the heavenly ladder reaching from earth to heaven. That ladder rests on the volume of the Sacred Law, and the rounds of which it is composed are the moral virtues—the chief of

which are Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith is the foundation of our hopes, it is the chief support of civilised society, it is the bond of friendship, it is the cementing and connecting link of all things human. And having faith we rise to hope. Hope is an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, which entereth into that which is within the veil. Hope enables us to trust that God will give us according to His promise. It cheers us in all our ways, sustains us in all our trials, enables us to go on in the midst of difficulties and dangers, and boldly to maintain the struggle in what we know to be a just and righteous cause, even though all things around us seem dark and gloomy; and having faith and hope we rise to Charity, to love towards God—Charity, which is the bond of perfectness, which shall endure when faith has been swallowed up in sight, and hope has received its fulfilment. Thus, with our thoughts continually ascending up to God, and descending, bringing down heavenly thoughts, we are enabled to learn and practise our duty towards our brethren. This duty is based on brotherly love, relief, and truth. Brotherly love which teaches us that all men are born from the same stock, bound together by a common humanity, that high and low, rich and poor, are brought into this world for the mutual help and support which each require from the other. Brotherly love which binds together Masons of every race, and ever language, without distinction of sect or party. Recognising then that we are all kinned together, we exercise Relief. It is a duty incumbent upon all to relieve the distressed, but especially amongst Masons is this virtue binding. It is then our duty, as well as our privilege, to help the suffering, to assuage the grief, to bring back peace to the troubled mind, of those whom we call brothers. But to feel brotherly love, to exercise relief, we need truth—truth in all our doings, truth in all our actions. We must then especially take care that the words of truth are always upon our lips, and that sincerity is in all our actions. Such is the nature of Freemasonry, such its principles to have faith in God, hope that he will do that which He has promised, love towards Him by whom and for whom are all things. To love our brethren and feel that they are with us, to speak always well of our brethren, never to condemn without sure grounds, and even then to refrain from speaking when we cannot speak well. Can anything tend more to the glory of God? Can anything be more conducive to bring peace on earth and promote goodwill among men? Following and acting upon these principles we shall be Freemasons indeed. Free to and free from. Free to every virtue and free from every vice, and so living and acting we shall exchange, after our life's work is done, these earthly houses made with hands for those heavenly and eternal mansions which the Great Architect of the Universe is preparing for those who endeavour here below to follow His precepts and live according to His commands.

The usual consecrating ceremony was then proceeded with, and after the Final Benediction the W.M. designate, Bro. H. N. Jenkins, was presented for installation, and after taking the obligation was installed W.M. by a large Board of Installed Masters, and was afterwards saluted in ancient form.

Bro. E. Worth, P.M. 195, was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Beamish, Tyler. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, acting I.P.M.; F. Holland, S.W.; E. W. Cross, jun., J.W.; J. McWilliam, P.M. 195, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight, Chap.; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.J.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, Sec.; J. H. Moore, S.D.; C. Waters, J.D.; F. Budden, 195, W.M. 622, P.G.D.C. Dorset, D.C.; and J. J. Brazier, I.G.

The D.P.G.M. concluded, in a most impressive style, the ceremony of installation amidst loud applause.

Several names were proposed as joining members and initiates, and the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Chap., the P.G. Wardens and Secretary, were elected honorary members by acclamation.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked the D.P.G.M. and P.G. Officers for their attendance that day to constitute the Horsa Lodge, and also the D.P.G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon the lodge and himself by installing him. It was a honour to be the first W.M., and he fully appreciated it, and hoped the lodge would progress. In conclusion, he pinned a founder's jewel on the breast of the D.P.G.M., and begged of him to accept it in the name of the founders. (Applause.)

The W.M., Bro. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., said he thanked the W.M. and brethren heartily and sincerely for the kind reception accorded to him that day. He had occupied a difficult position, it being the first time since he had been appointed D.P.G.M. that he had an opportunity of performing any such ceremony as he had that day. He felt he had been somewhat unsuccessful, but if he had it was through being over-anxious to excel himself, and he therefore claimed their indulgence. He was deeply sensible of the gift of the jewel, which would prove a lasting memento of a pleasing ceremony. He again wished the lodge every success.

Bro. MORTIMER, P.J.G.W., thanked the W. Master and brethren for the honour conferred on his colleagues by electing them as honorary members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Mortimer Heath, G. Chap., for his attendance, and he returned thanks.

The Horsa Lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Bijou Hall, where Bro. C. G. Dacre provided a *recherché* banquet, the room being tastefully decorated by Bro. W. J. Worth, with curtains and flowers, and plants provided by Bros. E. White and J. H. Slaymaker. During the dinner a string band occupied the stage and discoursed pleasant music. Owing to the last train leaving at 7:31 p.m., the D.P.G.M., and others who had come from Southampton and Portsmouth, had to leave before the banquet had concluded.

The following toasts were duly honoured:—

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. E. W. REBBECK, P.M. 195, P.P.S.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. MORTIMER HEATH, P.G. Chap., responded.

The toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach; the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Le Feuvre; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. H. J. ATKINS, 195, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, and acknowledged by Bro. J. B. ATKINSON, P.M. 195, P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of W.

"The W.M. of Horsa Lodge" was proposed by Bro. MORTIMER HEATH, and responded to by Bro. H. N. JENKINS.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Hengist Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. J. SHENMONDS, W.M. 195.

"The Visitors"—proposed by Bro. D. R. WILLIAMS, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol—was responded to by Bros. HARRIS, P.M. 187 and 1296, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. Bristol; W. H. MILES, 2158; H. VAN MARLE, W.M. 132; A. T. TREHEARNE, S.D. 657; and F. BUDDEN, 195, W.M. 622, P.G. D.C. Dorset.

"The Officers of the Horsa Lodge" was proposed by Bro. C. T. MILES, I.P.M. 195, and duly acknowledged.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. H. MOORE.

The Tyler's and "The Horsa" toasts concluded the proceedings.

It would be discourteous to conclude without mentioning the names of Bros. Atkinson and C. Waters for their exertions to make the day a success, and their attention to the visiting brethren.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CENTENARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.—II.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge in this—its centenary year is good. The Grand Treasurer thus describes the state of affairs: "The promise to pay of the Grand Lodge is looked upon as *gilt-edged paper*, and will bring money at any time at the lowest market rates. Our debt is being gradually reduced, and the time is coming when we can have another jubilee to celebrate that event."

The President of the Lodge of Relief read a remarkable report. It seems that the "General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada" was originated by the Grand Lodge of Maryland September 1st, 1885, with 25 members. To-day it has enrolled the names of 400 subscribers, "consisting of Boards of Relief, entire Grand Jurisdictions, and individual lodges, covering almost the entire territory of the United States and Canada, and whose work in detecting and exposing unworthy applicants for Masonic Charity has become a permanent feature of the Order." We sadly want such an organisation to guide and instruct all the provinces of England, for indiscriminate relief is more of a curse than a blessing in the long run, and detrimental to our true interests.

The Grand Lodge then did a noble act. In response to the report of the Chairman of Historical Committee, the members of Grand Lodge decided to vote the large sum of 1450 dollars—(it looks most in *dollars*, but £290 is a good amount, considering the large donations previously made)—to enable Bro. Schultz to continue the publication of his invaluable "History of Freemasonry in Maryland." General Shryock, G.M., and others have been most lavish supporters of the enterprise in the past, and through Bro. Schultz's great exertions and researches, and their financial support of the undertaking, Maryland will have one of the best histories, Masonically, of any Grand Lodge in the universe.

Medals have been struck commemorative of the 200th meeting and the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge one of the latter—of gold—being presented to the Grand Master by past Grand Master Carter on behalf of the Committee, and then Past Grand Master Tyson presented the Grand Master with a bronze bust of their trusted chief on behalf of the Craft. General Shryock called on Past Grand Master Vaux, of Philadelphia, to respond for him, a custom not usual in this country, but apparently easy for Bro. Vaux to discharge, as he did it right well. Addresses were also delivered by the Grand Masters, or Past G.M.'s of Quebec, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, Dist. of Columbia, and Bro. Macpherson, of Canada. The Grand Master said it was decided that Maryland brethren were to do little speaking on the occasion, but to conclude that evenings' work he called upon their Past Grand Master Latrobe for a few words, which were certainly to the point. He remarked that he had held office as G.M. for eight years, and when "he resigned in order not to have himself forgotten, they had him painted, and there he was on the wall, whether he is like himself or not, brethren could judge for themselves, although he had been informed by the worthy Grand Treasurer that to set him off they had him varnished." He commenced his career as a Freemason as far back as 1824, and in conclusion he declared "He had never lost his interest in the Craft," and would remain in it "for the time of life which may yet be allotted to him," which will be for many more years, if the wishes of his numerous friends were to be the test.

On May 11th, the Grand Lodge resumed "work," and with the G.M. in the chair, four Past G.M.'s, and a vast number of distinguished visitors. The addresses of welcome were delivered by Bro. Tyson, M.W. Past G.M., in terms so choice and hearty that I should like to have them all reprinted in these pages, but time forbids. Several of the responses were most appropriate, especially that from the Grand Master of Delaware, a "daughter" of Maryland, who also promised "300 strong" from his Grand Lodge to take part in the procession, &c., of the next day.

The real Centennial Celebration was held on May 12th, the other meetings being mainly introductory to the great Reception, at which all the installed officers of all Grand Lodges throughout the world, and other distinguished brethren were invited, and those who responded were treated so heartily that all will long remember the auspicious event. The letters of "Regrets" occupied many pages, the first given being from the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the second from our Deputy Grand Master. More than a dozen else were read from brethren hailing from this country, so it is evident Grand Master Shryock and his officers were not idle, long before the "big day" arrived. There were 4700 brethren "in line," besides the numerous company in scores of carriages, so the procession was worthy of the occasion.

Nothing appears to have been lacking, and even the hospitality of the Grand Lodge was not exhausted on the 12th, for subsequently excursions and carriage parties continued for days, until at last even the best must end, and finally the Grand Master got away, and the Centennial Celebration was over! The History of the Grand Lodge, by the Orator of the day, must furnish material for another article.

SALE OF SECOND PORTION OF THE PYTHAGORAS LODGE LIBRARY, NEW YORK.

The Catalogue is now ready of the second portion of the valuable Library of the "Pythagoras Lodge, No. 1," New York, which will be put up to the "highest bidder" on November 10th and 11th, 1887. The auctioneers are Messrs. Geo. A. Leavitt and Co., New York, instructed by the respected "Masonic Publishing Company," of the same city (63, Bleeker-street). We are pleased to note that our critical report of the first sale, in May last, which appeared in the *Freemason* has been reprinted as an introduction to the present Catalogue, so much was it appreciated by the spirited and enterprising publishers. We hope to be able to write an account of the ensuing sale in like manner, as we are always anxious to do our utmost to keep the readers of the *Freemason* fully informed on all such matters.

The Catalogue before us, however, from an English Masonic point of view, is much inferior to its predecessor, being mainly devoted to purely American or foreign works relating to the Craft. In saying this much, we do not in any way seek to lessen the value of the collection now offered, as there are many "uniques" and most important volumes amongst the *treasures* of the Library about to be sold, and, as respects Masonic magazines, the various lots are of great and rapidly increasing value, so far as respects our American and German brethren. *Masonic sermons, addresses, &c.*, about 150 in number, run back in dates to 1790 in English, and nearly 100 in French and German. *Odes and music* date from 1746, and *monitors, rituals, &c.*, home and foreign, run from 1745 down to modern days, some

of the German books, known as "exposures," being exceedingly curious and interesting to students of that peculiar kind of literature. Such sets as those now catalogued are rarely, if ever, obtainable in the ordinary way, the "Pythagoras" Library having evidently made a speciality of all that singular form of Masonic ritualistic collections. The works on *Templarism* and *Strict Observance* are but few, but choice withal, and the *Rose Croix* and *Rosicrucian* volumes are especially noteworthy, beginning with the "*Fama Fraternitatis*," Cassel, 1616, and the "*Rosea Crucis*," Francofusti, 1616." There is also the "*Fons Gratie*" of the same year, and two on same subject of 1619. In historical works there are six by *Fessler*, and others by *Merzdorf*, *Ridel*, *Heldmann*, *Kloss*, *Clavel*, *Rebold*, *Zacharias*, and others.

Historically, for Americans and Germans connected with the Craft there are many plums undoubtedly, and we should say that if they all fell to the share of Bro. Speth he would be just the one to make a good use of them. We fear that in this country else, few would be welcomed, notwithstanding their great value, critically and generally. Some of the volumes by *Oliver*, *Hughan*, *Mitchell*, *Lawrie*, *Mackey*, *Preston*, and other British Masonic worthies are on the list; but lamentably few as compared with the first portion, several being reprints of the United States. Of Grand Lodge "Proceedings" there are a few sets that will cause a keen competition, and so as respects periodical literature; but, on the whole, the character of the Catalogue is far behind that of its immediate predecessor, so far as we are concerned in dealing with the tastes and studies of British Freemasons.

OLD WARRANTS.—IV.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The "Royal Cumberland Lodge," No. 41, Bath, has been so prominently before the readers of the *Freemason* for many years past, that I need not say much about its eventful past. Yet, a few words are necessary to introduce the transcript of its old Warrant, dated 26th April, 1733. Its Centenary, as a Lodge (1832) and the 100th Anniversary of the Freemasons' Hall Medal (No. 41 being one of four only of Provincial Lodges having the right to that decoration), besides the Sesqui Centennial Celebration on 27th June, 1883, when the lamented Dr. Hopkins was the Host, who was also the esteemed W.M. on the 2nd Commemoration, have all been duly chronicled. Its History has also been written by its respected Treasurer, Bro. T. P. Ashley; so it is evident that the *grand career* of this old lodge has not been lost sight of during the last quarter of a century, neither should it be. I referred at length to its History also, in the *Voice of Masonry*, February, 1875, reprinted subsequently in the *Masonic Magazine*, and therein gave a copy of the original Warrant, still preserved. The Records are intact, and are of the most interesting and valuable character. Having had the privilege of looking over the ancient *Tomes*, I can quite understand the pride and care taken of them by my good friend, the Treasurer.

The earliest minute is of December 28th, 1732, being four months prior to the date of the Charter, and reads "The Lodge met at Brother Robinson's, the Bear, in Bath, and regularly form'd themselves." Those present, ten in number, are described as "Master, Wardens, and Members." The previous existence of the lodge is thus clear, the fact of its assembly as a lodge before being warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, being another instance of the meeting of brethren as Masons in the provinces,

quite apart from the regular authority set up in London, A.D. 1717. There are numerous instances of this custom. At the meeting on 18th May, 1733, it was stated the members "were Constituted into a Regular Lodge," and though the same Bro. was W.M., the name of the S.W. is changed, but that of the J.W. remains as stated in record of December, 1732. There were present besides the three chief officers, 6 "Masters," 3 "Fellow Crafts," and 4 "Pass'd Masters," [? "P.M.'s."] Of these all were noted of the earlier meeting, as also the name of "Thos. Collins," now entered as "absent." Two others who were absent are not noticed, viz.: Charles Gomm and Christopher Fleming. Accordingly, on the Constitution-night 16 attended, of whom seven were at the previous meetings and nine were fresh names, there being apparently 33 members at least on the roll, and possibly more, on the day in question (18th May, 1733.) Moreover, at this meeting, the S.W. who was thanked for "the many good offices, useful Instructions, and unnumber'd Favours" he had rendered the lodge, resigned his office as "by ye by Laws in this Lodge to be observ'd" so it is evident the lodge was not a new creation, but a continuation of a much older organisation. The distinct acknowledgement of Fellow Crafts, Masters, [Third Degree], and Pass'd Masters, [P.M.'s], is of special value, considering the date of the record. The lodge has a special Centenary Jewel Warrant, the distinctive decoration having been struck for the lodge on the celebration of its Centennial. Its first number was 113, after which eight alterations of the roll has placed the lodge at 41. Pine's engraved List gives Mar. 18th, 1733, for No. 113, but that, as we know must have meant May 18th, the day of Constitution, not the date of Charter. No. 28, Bath, warranted in 1724, was the first of its kind issued out of London, and was erased in 1736. One of the members of this lodge, and possibly others, was connected with No. 41 before and after its Constitution. I refer to Brother St. John Smyth.

COPY OF WARRANT OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41, BATH.

Montague L.S. G.Mr.

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented unto us and signed by several brethren residing at present in and about the City of Bath humbly praying that they may be constituted into a regular Lodge.

THESE are therefore to Empower and Authorize our Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr. Hugh Kennedy to convene our Brethren at Bath aforesaid who have signed the said petition and that he do in our place and stead constitute them into a regular Lodge in due form (He the said Mr. Hugh Kennedy taking special care that they and every of them have been regularly made Masons) with like priviledges as all other regular Lodges do enjoy and that they be required to conform themselves to all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions and observe such other rules and instructions as shall from time be transmitted to them by us, or Thomas Batson, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being And that they do send to us or our Deputy a List of the Members of their Lodge together with the rules agreed on to be by them observed to the end they may be entered in the Grand Lodge Book And upon the due Execution of this our Deputation the said Mr. Hugh Kennedy is hereby required to transmit to us or our said Deputy a Certificate under his hand of the time and place of such Constitution In order that the same may be entered in the book of regular Lodges given under our hand and seal of Office at London this 26th day of April 1733 and of Masonry 5732. [5733].

By the Grand Masters Command,
THO. BATSON D.G.Mr.
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
FINANCIAL TABLE, 1881—1887.

NAME.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	Total.	Ann. Aver.	Year's Cost.	Excess.	Deficiency.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
London ...	5559 17 6	6300 5 0	5222 5 9	6300 5 0	6226 14 0	5383 3 0	5909 6 0	50921 16 3	7274 10 7	2657 9 3	4617 1 4	—
Beds ...	—	—	—	—	—	134 13 0	—	134 13 0	19 4 9	—	19 4 9	—
Berks and Bucks ...	122 19 0	237 10 6	183 11 0	67 15 6	242 0 0	228 5 0	386 6 6	1468 7 6	209 15 4	34 10 3	175 5 1	—
Bristol ...	—	—	—	—	—	145 19 0	15 15 0	161 14 0	23 2 0	—	23 2 0	—
Cambridge ...	—	—	128 2 0	—	—	273 0 0	200 0 0	601 2 0	85 17 0	—	85 17 0	—
Cheshire ...	129 3 11	286 15 0	85 12 0	55 14 0	106 1 0	78 15 0	—	742 0 11	106 0 2	172 11 3	—	6 11 1
Cornwall ...	—	32 11 0	73 0 0	12 12 0	210 0 0	31 10 0	141 15 0	501 8 0	71 15 5	34 10 3	37 5 2	—
Cumb. and West ...	—	—	26 5 0	—	—	—	—	26 5 0	3 15 0	69 0 6	—	65 5 6
Derby ...	63 0 0	459 16 0	70 7 0	356 4 0	—	37 10 0	78 15 0	1065 12 0	152 4 7	69 0 6	83 4 1	—
Devon ...	201 7 8	318 5 0	203 3 0	65 2 0	—	136 19 0	—	924 16 8	132 2 5	172 11 3	—	40 8 10
Dorset ...	122 17 0	78 10 0	92 2 0	—	96 12 0	142 16 0	—	532 17 0	76 2 5	34 10 3	41 12 2	—
Durham ...	121 15 6	63 0 0	86 2 6	120 0 0	—	68 5 0	73 10 0	532 13 0	76 1 10	103 10 9	—	27 11 11
Essex ...	221 3 0	137 11 0	93 2 0	1000 0 0	86 2 0	245 14 0	222 7 0	1875 19 0	267 19 10	172 11 3	95 8 7	—
Gloucester ...	1000 0 0	137 11 0	36 15 0	417 3 0	—	222 12 0	52 11 0	1866 12 0	266 13 2	138 1 0	128 12 2	—
Hants ...	182 6 0	278 5 0	1306 12 0	295 7 6	277 2 0	177 5 0	76 10 0	2613 7 6	373 6 9	414 3 0	—	40 6 3
Hereford ...	—	—	—	—	—	74 11 0	26 5 0	100 16 0	14 8 0	—	14 8 0	—
Herts ...	99 11 0	358 18 0	158 11 6	55 13 0	42 5 0	131 1 0	176 17 6	1020 17 0	145 16 9	103 10 9	12 6 0	—
Kent ...	340 13 6	369 13 6	228 8 0	519 10 6	332 7 6	547 0 0	184 4 6	2521 19 6	360 5 4	483 3 6	—	122 18 2
Lanc. E. ...	197 18 6	84 0 0	78 15 0	368 8 0	108 6 0	170 0 0	94 10 0	1101 17 6	157 8 3	172 11 3	—	15 3 0
Lanc. W. ...	276 3 0	84 0 0	244 15 0	316 12 0	147 0 0	363 6 0	136 10 0	1768 6 0	252 12 3	274 2 0	—	21 9 7
Leicester & Rutland	228 6 0	—	—	—	405 10 0	10 10 0	—	644 6 0	92 0 10	69 0 6	7 0 4	—
Lincoln ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	172 11 3	—	172 11 3
Middlesex ...	340 13 0	369 13 6	228 8 0	519 10 6	215 13 0	174 8 6	423 7 6	2271 14 0	324 10 7	205 1 6	119 9 1	—
Monmouth ...	31 10 0	—	236 5 0	—	61 8 6	199 10 0	62 0 0	590 13 6	85 16 3	69 0 6	16 15 9	—
Norfolk ...	111 6 0	112 17 6	—	—	200 0 0	67 4 0	52 10 0	543 17 6	77 13 11	103 10 9	—	25 16 10
* N. Wales ...	55 13 0	56 8 9	—	—	51 3 9	102 7 6	155 8 0	421 1 0	60 3 0	34 10 3	25 12 9	—
Norths and Hunts ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34 10 3	—	34 10 3
Northumberland ...	—	204 15 0	—	—	—	906 12 0	—	1111 7 0	158 15 3	138 1 0	20 14 3	—
Notts ...	—	246 14 6	—	—	261 14 0	—	16 16 0	525 4 6	75 0 8	34 10 3	40 10 5	—
Oxford ...	26 15 6	138 19 0	85 12 6	61 12 0	69 6 0	106 0 0	141 14 6	589 19 6	84 5 8	—	84 5 8	—
* Shropshire ...	55 13 0	56 8 9	—	—	51 3 9	—	1002 17 0	1186 1 9	109 8 6	34 10 3	134 18 3	—
Somerset ...	181 13 0	—	44 2 0	71 8 0	305 0 0	133 7 6	400 6 0	1135 16 6	162 5 3	172 11 3	—	10 6 0
S. Wales, E. ...	120 0 0	200 0 0	217 7 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	140 0 0	105 0 0	1142 7 0	163 3 10	205 1 6	—	41 17 8
S. Wales, W. ...	300 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	562 10 0	80 7 2	69 0 6	11 6 8	—
Stafford ...	157 10 0	289 16 0	272 6 0	180 19 6	215 5 0	204 15 0	320 5 0	1640 16 6	234 8 1	103 10 9	130 17 4	—
Suffolk ...	107 2 0	82 2 0	136 10 0	247 16 0	300 11 0	126 10 6	219 9 0	1220 0 6	174 5 9	172 11 3	1 14 6	—
Surrey ...	174 5 0	244 2 6	109 10 0	89 5 0	149 0 6	1345 15 6	269 1 6	2380 19 6	340 2 9	34 10 3	305 12 6	—
Sussex ...	105 0 0	588 0 0	363 6 0	237 6 0	1850 0 0	—	31 10 0	3175 2 0	453 11 9	241 11 9	212 0 0	—
Warwickshire ...	67 4 0	810 10 0	59 17 0	90 6 0	74 11 0	102 18 0	136 10 0	1341 16 0	191 10 10	103 10 9	88 0 1	—
Wiltshire ...	96 6 6	563 0 0	—	85 11 6	—	200 11 0	—	945 9 0	135 1 3	103 10 9	31 10 6	—
Worcester ...	68 5 0	42 0 0	217 7 0	105 0 0	89 5 0	63 0 0	212 5 0	797 2 0	113 18 10	103 10 9	10 8 1	—
York, N. & E. ...	134 8 0	750 15 0	15 15 0	131 10 0	150 0 0	82 0 0	91 7 0	1355 13 0	193 10 5	172 11 3	20 19 2	—
York, West ...	500 0 0	650 0 0	400 0 0	900 0 0	1608 0 0	500 0 0	350 0 0	4908 0 0	701 2 10	690 5 0	10 17 10	—
Channel Islands ...	10 10 0	10 10 0	10 10 0	10 10 0	52 19 0	63 0 0	—	157 10 0	22 10 0	34 10 3	—	12 0 3
Colonies ...	31 10 0	119 3 0	64 1 0	123 12 0	55 2 0	—	10 10 0	403 18 0	57 14 0	379 12 9	—	321 18 0

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To Correspondents.

Among contributions held over owing to press of matter are: "THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN 1788 TO ITS CENTENARY 1888." BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "English Illustrated Magazine," "Encyclopedic Dictionary," and "Life Boat Journal."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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 FREEMASONS' MONITOR AND PRESTON'S MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have a copy of "The Freemasons' Monitor," by Thomas Webb Smith, P.G.M., etc., illustrated edition, published at Cincinnati, by Applegate and Co., 1860, 298 pp., and the Ineffable Degrees, 120 pp., by E. T. Carson, bound together.

Further I have the 13th edition of Preston's Illustrations of Masonry (1821), 432 pp.

I will be glad if one of your subscribers will give an opinion on these volumes, market value (if any), etc.—
Fraternally yours,
GLOS.

BROWNE'S MASTER KEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I beg to thank Bro. J. Ramsden Riley for his reply to my inquiry upon this matter, and am sorry I did not make myself explicit in putting my question. When I wrote that "I wanted to turn it to some account," I did not mean by way of sale, but wished some member of the Craft to oblige me (privately through you) with the Key of this volume, so that I may be enabled to read it. Perhaps Bro. Riley can favour me with this information too. With fraternal regards,
X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In reply to the query of "X. Y. Z.," and also for the information of our learned Brother J. Ramsden Riley, I have to state that a copy of the first edition (1798) of this work, in fine condition, was given by me, from my own collection, several years ago to the Leicester Masonic Hall Library, which also contains a number of other rare Masonic works.—Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM KELLY, P.P.G.M.
Leicester, October 22nd.

WILFUL MIS-STATEMENT versus FACT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
You will acquit me of a desire to rush into print unnecessarily; and with this apology I ask to be allowed, on behalf of those whom it may concern, to make a statement otherwise of trivial importance.
When my "Yorkshire Lodges" first appeared, a report was industriously circulated that the plates were all duplicates of those in Bro. Gould's work then publishing, with what object need not be suggested. I imagined this statement required no contradiction, and it did not disturb me. However, twice very recently I have felt it necessary to correct the impression personally; and although, supposing the allegation to be true, I fail to see how the work could be any the worse for such illustrations, provided they were appropriate, yet the publisher's interest, besides my own, may possibly be affected by such opinions as "the plates are all exact copies of 'Jack's History of Freemasonry,' by Gould," and on this ground permit me to state the facts.

1.—There is not a seal or arms on any plate in "Yorkshire Lodges" that I did not draw myself, although, eventually, many of these drawings were not required, as we decided the originals were better to work from.
2.—Some of them (both drawings and originals), when shown to Bro. Jack in Bradford, were identified by him as similar (he thought) to what he was then engraving for the "History of Freemasonry," and then gave me permission to make use of any in that work. To show what these were, I was supplied with the sheets as produced. The generous offer I declined; but, at Bro. Jack's suggestion, I afterwards agreed that he might adopt five, as to re-engage them from mine must have been a perfectly useless expense; a sixth is slightly different; and the latter, and four more (Plate III.), had already been supplied to Bro. Jack in original impressions from my own collection. I find of the five plates in "Yorkshire Lodges," three of them do not contain a single engraving that can be found in Bro. Gould's great work. Out of 36 engravings, 26 are totally different; the other 10 are similar, but could hardly be otherwise, without showing much carelessness, as many sources of copy are not to be found.—Yours fraternally,
Bradford, Yorkshire. J. RAMSDEN RILEY.
18th Oct.

THE GIVING OF TOASTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
May I ask if there is a hard and fast line laid down that at all ordinary meetings of lodges the list of toasts as given at an installation meeting should be gone through? I find in my visits about that the practice is not uniform. I can quite understand that if Grand Officers, or Provincial outside one's own lodge, are present, those toasts should be given; but I fail to see why they need be proposed at every meeting in the absence of such.—Yours fraternally,
S.W. 889, 1638.

EARLY EVIDENCE OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
On searching the records and minute books of Proby Lodge, No. 61, of which I am writing the history, I have recently come across some interesting facts relating to the Royal Arch Degree, which I have now the pleasure of bringing before the Masonic world, and which I have no doubt some of my more advanced brethren, who have specially interested themselves in Masonic research, will find somewhat interesting.
In the Craft minutes dated January 9th, 1765, I find the following: "Ordered That the 1st Proposition for establishing a Royal Arch Lodge be adopted (vide) The Memorial."
This minute would indicate that it was the intention of the brethren to form a Royal Arch chapter; but to whom the memorial was sent became a question, to which I have as yet been unable to find an answer, or whether a Royal Arch chapter was formed in reply to the memorial.
I communicated with my friend, Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler—who, by the way, is ever ready to render any assistance to a Masonic student—but he was unable to find any record relating to my enquiry. The Grand Lodge books of that date contain no mention of any such memorial, and I find, by consulting Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," that the Grand Royal Arch chapter was not constituted in London until some two years later than the date named.
I had almost given up any hope of ever being able to prove that the Royal Arch Degree was worked in answer to the memorial until a few weeks ago. I was searching amongst some old Royal Arch papers connected with the Sincerity Chapter, when I came across some old minute books, where I found the actual minutes of a Royal Arch

* The engraver preferring to work from the actual seals, I forwarded them in batches to Edinburgh as required

lodge, held at the Rose and Crown, January 30th, 1765. Seven brethren attended, one, who was styled Mr. (Master?), and two Dy. Mr.'s (Deputy Masters?). At this meeting three brethren were made "Royal Archs."

The minutes are continued, and meetings were held monthly until October 30th, 1765, there is then a break until July 30th, 1766, and from this latter date there is no further record of meetings. Some of the later meetings were held at the Old Cock, to which place the lodge had removed.

From this evidence it is clearly substantiated that the Royal Arch Degree was worked in connection with the Lodge of Probity, then No. 97, and is hence the second chapter on the roll, the one at York being first. From some of the information in the minutes, I think it may be possible also to prove that other chapters were constituted in the immediate vicinity, as brethren from some of the neighbouring towns attended in numbers and were raised to the R.A. Degree.

It would be still interesting yet, to know what became of the memorial mentioned, and to whom or what body it was addressed; I can now only surmise that it must have been addressed to York, and perhaps our learned and distinguished Brother Todd, of York, who is always so obliging in furthering research in all matters concerning the Ancient Grand Lodge of that City, can say what share, if any, that body had in the formation of the Halifax Chapter.

I shall anxiously await Bro. Todd's reply, and, perhaps, Bro. Hughan, out of his immense store, will be able to add some information which will throw some light on the subject.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours, faithfully and fraternally,
HERBERT CROSSLEY.

Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, October 26.

AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
It may interest Bro. G. B. Abbott and Bro. Hughan to know that I have in my possession a Masonic Certificate belonging to Bro. Ledsam, of the King Solomon's Lodge, No. 7, of the Province of New York.

It is sealed and dated "New York, this ninth day of July, in the year of Masonry, 5767, and of Salvation, 1767."

The signatures are—

- Henry Van den Ham (Master).
- E. J. Pryor (Senr. Warden).
- John Bessonnet (Junr. Warden).
- John King (Treasurer)
- John Ledsam (Secretary).

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
ALEX. HIGERTY.
14, Garrick-street, Covent Garden, October 24th.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS AT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Can any of our brethren suggest an effectual way of having the attendance book at Provincial Grand Lodge properly signed? If anything at all rests upon signing the book, the value of it is altogether lost if all the brethren present do not sign. Here in Hampshire we have a book about three-quarters of a foot square, and this is the only system of recording the attendance, and you may fancy what a recording it is when several hundred brethren are struggling towards it; and if fortunate enough to obtain the goal, they may consider themselves more fortunate if they can struggle away without having their "clothing" torn off them. At our recent Provincial Grand Lodge at Portsmouth attention was called to the matter by Bro. Mursell, P.M., P.G.D., and some amendment was promised; but at the "Jubilee" meeting at Southampton, I should think at least half the brethren did not, because they could not, sign; and others did not attempt to do so at all, having had previous experience of the hopelessness of the task.

I shall be glad if some Grand Secretaries will state the methods in operation in their respective provinces.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LASHMORE, P.M. 394,
P.P.S.G.D. Hants and the Isle of Wight.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
My attention has been directed to two letters, signed "Zeta," which have appeared in your editions of the 8th and 22nd instant respectively, and I doubt not, from the description given, the Province of Lincolnshire is the one referred to by the writer. I took considerable trouble in April of last year to reply to statements made by "P.M. 1607," which were very similar to those now made by "Zeta," and to which "P.M. 1607" replied, commencing his letter as follows: "I am always open to correction, and to acknowledge any errors that I may have inadvertently committed in endeavouring to advance the interests of our Institutions." Further on, after acknowledging one serious error, he quotes his figures as taken from the Annual Reports of the Festivals, and I am afraid this is what "Zeta" has done, and so, having insufficient data, makes accusations which are not well founded. His assertion is "that for the past four years nothing has been given to the Girls' School, 60 guineas to the Boys' School, and £100 to the Benevolent Institution."

I will not trouble to extract the figures for the past four years, as showing what this province has sent, but I will content myself by saying that in my letter, in 1886, I showed that during the seven preceding years £496 had been sent to the Boys' School; £196 7s. to the Girls'; and £300 to the Benevolent Institution; and I may say that since November, 1885, to the present, I have sent amounts from time to time, on behalf of the province, as follows: Boys', £86; Girls' £42; Benevolent, £93. It is true these latter are not large sums, but they are enough to prove conclusively the statement of "Zeta" to be incorrect if this is the province referred to, and I trust he will withdraw the same.

It is not necessary for me to attempt to justify this province for not being represented lately at the Festivals. I assure "Zeta" it understands its own business quite well, while the fact of money being constantly sent is an evidence that it has neither forgotten nor lost its interest in the Central Charities. That it has done a fair share in

the past is evidenced by the fact of the province having sufficient votes at its command to secure the election of as many candidates as are now enjoying the benefits of the Charities. That it will not fail in its duty in the future I feel sure, for although 2000 guineas have been raised during the last few years for Provincial Charities, so relieving the pressure on the Central Institutions, yet it has never failed annually to send something towards the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Benevolent Institution.—Yours fraternally,

B. VICKERS, P.G. Sec. Lincolnshire.
Lincoln, Oct. 26.



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. T. Ford, W.M.; W. Wingham, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., J.W.; J. Lindner, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyte, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Wall, S.D.; T. J. Robins, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Jacquet, I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; T. Hawkins, P.M.; G. J. Moorcroft, P.M.; F. Deaton, F. G. Baker, G. F. Smith, F. Briggs, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Hughes, P.M. 179; A. Hughes, S.W. 179; J. Hattersley, J.D. 1607; J. Wells, 1597; and R. C. Rickards, 2146.

Lodge opened in due form, and, after a protracted discussion on the revision of by-laws, Mr. B. E. Barnes was balloted for, accepted, and regularly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. After other Masonic business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during which a very select programme of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the able direction of the Organist, Bro. Smith, the principal singer being the justly-admired M^{me}. Lizzie Wynne.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 15th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. G. Hildreth, in the chair. After the usual business was transacted, a most interesting presentation was made to Bro. A. Durrant, P.M., of a Treasurer's jewel, voted from the funds of the lodge.

Bro. G. J. Row, P.M., who made the presentation, alluded in feeling terms to the long connection of Bro. Durrant, P.M., with the lodge—he passed the chair after filling all the offices, and had served the office of Treasurer for upwards of 10 years—and to the fact that he (the speaker) was initiated with him in the lodge.

Bro. Durrant replied, and assured the brethren that as he had long worked for the lodge in the past, so in the future the welfare of the same and the brethren would always hold a high place in his thoughts, and he heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him.

The jewel was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the recipient and the brethren.

The W.M., Bro. Hildreth, then installed Bro. T. B. Goodfellow as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. G. Hildreth, I.P.M.; Thos. Richards, S.W.; T. Usherwood, J.W.; Geo. J. Row, P.M., Treas.; Chas. E. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Chap.; J. Prentice, S.D.; E. Chatterton, J.D.; H. W. Carter, I.G.; W. Sayer, P.M., D.C.; G. M. Smith, Asst. D.C.; W. F. Keddel, Org.; J. C. Osterstock, Stwd.; W. J. Hewett, Asst. Stwd.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

A banquet afterwards took place, presided over by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and the enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by the charming rendering of two songs by Miss Goodfellow, daughter of the W.M.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

—The first meeting of the season of this popular lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. T. A. Dickson, W.M.; Bowers Solomon, S.W.; S. Hewett, J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. Ralph, S.D.; A. Bullen, J.D.; G. Stacey, Org.; Fawne, I.G.; G. H. Reynolds, 2191, Stwd.; J. Jacobs, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; M. Pagani, G. H. Foan, W. Unwin, F. Wilhelms, A. W. Temple, A. Trow, R. M. Potter, J. Potter, J. Woodward, J. Mayo, J. Pullen, W. J. Green, J. W. Belcham, and W. W. Cousins. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Smith, W.M. 1563; H. Randall, 1319; D. Calthness, 299 (S.C.); A. Lefeber, Treas. 1950, W. Briley, jun., 879; and F. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mario Pagani was raised to the Degree of M.M. in a clear and impressive manner, and Bro. Arthur Trow was passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. James Bursey and William Carlisle, which proved unanimous in their favour; the former was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the latter being unavoidably absent. Other formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served under the personal supervision of Bro. Bertini, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a manner for which this lodge is famous.

In rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Coleman, S.W., said they would all regret the absence of their I.P.M. and senior P.M. through illness, to the former of whom would have fallen the duty of proposing this important toast. They all knew how very painstaking their W.M. was, and the time he had taken to work up to his present position. The brethren would all agree with him that he had greatly improved since he had been in the chair, and, by the graceful and thorough way in which he fulfilled the duties of that position, he would merit the vote of thanks and jewel which he had no doubt would be accorded him at the termination of his year of office. He had a number of candidates, all of whom he would conduct through the Three Degrees, and he trusted that those who followed him would do their work in the same fashion. He asked them to drink his health in a bumper.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which they had received this toast. It had always been a great pleasure to him to speak of the very kind way in which he was greeted both in and out of the lodge. It had been his constant study to do his very best to uphold the tenets of Freemasonry during his year of office. When his time came to join the ranks of P.M.'s, he trusted he should still be there, ready to do any duty that he might be called upon to perform. He again thanked them for the very cordial manner in which this toast had been received.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said he trusted the ceremony had made a lasting impression on him which he would carry through all the Degrees; and when he arrived at the position it was his (the W.M.'s) privilege to occupy, he would fill it better than he did. He had one great advantage—he was not nervous. He trusted they might be permitted to work in the lodge together for many years.

Bro. J. Bursay said he could not express all he felt; he would endeavour to be a good Mason. The W.M. had said that he trusted he would, when his time came, fill the offices better than him; but if he only performed the duties as well he should be satisfied. The impressive ceremony and the good fellowship at the festive board that night would be always present in his memory.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," whom he looked upon as the stay of the lodge. He hoped and trusted that as long as it existed there would be as good an array as they had at present, who were always willing to do all they could for the best interests of the lodge, and were ready at any moment to do whatever duty might be required of them. He assured them that when his year of office was over he would do all he could to emulate their example and preserve their traditions intact.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Coleman, who thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the health of the P.M.'s had been drunk. He considered that they had a vested interest in the lodge, and it was therefore their duty to help them over any crisis which might arise. The way they had started this session augured well for the future. Anyone who attained the position of W.M. might be said to have obtained the stock knowledge of the lodge on behalf of himself and the rest of the P.M.'s., he begged to return them his most sincere thanks.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said it was one of the toasts of the evening. It was always a pleasure to extend to them the hospitality of the Covent Garden Lodge. He trusted it would long remain a feature for the W.M.'s to instruct their candidates to welcome visitors. He would call on Bro. E. C. Smith and Lefebvre to reply.

In replying to the toast, Bro. Smith said it seemed an anomaly for him to reply as one of the visitors, for his constant presence there made him appear more like one of their members. The continued success and prosperity of the lodge was due to the zeal and ability with which everybody carried out his several duties. With most of them he had worked with a great deal of pleasure in that establishment, in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, whose brilliant success was in a great measure due to the untiring exertions of their esteemed Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, whom he regretted was not with them that evening, but whom he trusted was enjoying the benefit of a well-earned rest. It was a constant remark of the visitors that they hoped to see him in the chair, and in due course rank as one of their P.M.'s. He thanked them for the hearty way in which the toast had been received, and for their support to him as Preceptor in the lodge of instruction, and trusted that he might be long worthy of their confidence.

Bro. Lefebvre, in reply, said he had been a constant visitor since the consecration of the lodge. He congratulated them on their success in their working, and in the hearty way in which they always received visitors they were second to none.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given by the W.M., whom he thanked for the support and assistance they had rendered him. They were all working up to the W.M.'s chair, which he trusted they would fill better than he had. He hoped they would carry out the duties with honour to themselves, and in such a manner as to uphold the prestige of the lodge.

The toast was responded to by the Senior and acting Junior Wardens, who thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had spoken of them. Bro. G. H. Reynolds, Stwd., responded for his father, the Junior Warden, and the other officers of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The pleasures of the evening were considerably increased by the vocal abilities of Bro. Ralph and others.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bro. Berry, W.M., with the other officers and a number of the members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Hodges, 1623, as a joining member, who was unanimously elected. The report of the Audit Committee having been approved, and a vote of thanks passed to the Auditors, Bro. B. J. W. Loan was duly installed into the chair of K.S., by Bro. Berry, the outgoing Master. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Bouts, S.W.; Little, J.W.; Hollis, P.M.; Treas.; Frampton, P.M., Sec.; Hodges, S.D.; Van Os, J.D.; Thompson, I.G.; Press, P.M., D. C.; Hellemans, Stwd.; and Very, Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a very handsome jewel in recognition of his services, and, the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served with Bro. Baker's well-known excellence.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Westminster Town Hall, Bro. W. Sugg, P.M. 33, P.P.G. S. of W. Surrey, presiding over a very large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Stroud occupied the S.W.'s chair, in the absence of Bro. H. R. Baker, the appointed S.W. of the lodge, and the other officers present included Bros. J. Gibson, P.M. 1604, J.W.; W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1305, S.D.; S. Jeffery, J.D.; C. C. Piper, I.G.; G. R. W. Wheeler, D.C.; F. J. Smith, A.D.C.; and T. J. White and H. Hambling, Stwds. As is usual at this lodge, there

was a very large and representative gathering of visitors, including Bros. J. H. Pearson; J. Bird, 1567; M. Ruffin, 2060; J. E. Flatteley, P.M. 1624; G. J. Lester, 1006; G. Evans, 172; J. Williams, 15; J. J. Woolley, 15; J. Richards, 1246; W. J. Holland, 1624; Snook, 1604; W. G. Whittington, Earl of Clarendon Lodge; G. E. Saunders, J.W. 1257; H. Dutton, 1706; and others.

The W.M., assisted by his officers, initiated Mr. John Bartlett, and the ceremony of raising Bro. W. Schmidt was performed with equal impressiveness. The brethren then repaired to the banqueting room, and, after partaking of a recherché dinner,

The Worshipful Master proposed the first toast—that of "The Queen and the Craft." He reminded the brethren that since the lodge last met the Jubilee of her Majesty had been celebrated, and that, through the instrumentality of the Grand Master, the Craft had presented an address of loyalty to the Queen.

In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master," Bro. Sugg said no doubt his Royal Highness's heart was in Masonry, for everything possible to advance the prestige and influence of the Craft he did. He trusted that the Prince of Wales would long be their Grand Master.

The next toast, "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also submitted by the Worshipful Master, who expressed his regret that on that occasion they had no officers of Grand Lodge with them. He knew that there were many demands on their time, and it was impossible for them to come very frequently. They had a Grand Officer a member of their own lodge, but he was recruiting his health after his arduous Parliamentary labours, and they could only hope for his attendance next time.

Bro. Baker, P.M., said the gavel had been placed in his hands to propose a toast which he knew would be received with great enthusiasm. It was a pleasing duty, which usually devolved on the Immediate Past Master, but in the absence of Bro. Seager Hunt he had to ask them to drink "The Health of the W.M." It was complimentary to their Master to see the lodge-room so full, and it was more especially gratifying as it was the first occasion on which Bro. Sugg had occupied the chair since his installation. It was, he (Bro. Baker) considered, unnecessary to allude to the Master's working in the lodge. It was well known to every brother, and it was sufficient to say that during his period of office the Abbey Lodge would lose none of its lustre. It was to be hoped that during the year the Master would have plenty to do. They had started well, and that evening three more candidates were proposed. He wished Bro. Sugg health and prosperity to do the work, and he was convinced that every brother in the room reciprocated that sentiment.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he knew that Bro. Baker was always ready to say a good word for him. (Bro. Baker, "I mean it"). He (the W.M.) well knew that they would accept what he did in the very best spirit. His duties would be discharged to the best of his ability, and he should endeavour to promote that harmony and good feeling which had characterised their past. It afforded him great pleasure, as a Westminster man, to stand in the Town Hall and to be the Master of the Westminster Lodge. The rise of the Abbey Lodge had been quite phenomenal; he knew of no other lodge that had made such progress. The reminiscences of the old lodge, which held its meeting in the ancient Chapter House of Westminster, to them possessed a peculiar interest, for there was a resuscitation of that lodge held 600 years ago. They had very convincing proof of what the Masons did in those days, and he should have liked in this Jubilee year to have held a meeting in the Chapter House. He was afraid that it could not very well be managed, for it would hardly be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes. They, however, could congratulate themselves on the fact that they met in the Town Hall; he hoped for many years to come they would continue to do so. The architect of the building, Bro. Smith, was a member of the lodge, and that added one more pleasurable association to their meetings.

"The Initiate," Bro. John Bartlett, in felicitous terms, responded to the toast of his health.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Visitors," observing that, "seniores priores," he should couple with it the names of the Provincial Grand Officers present.

Bro. Bird said it was not the first time he had had the honour to respond for the visitors in the Abbey Lodge. Among the friends of his life was the W.M. His recollection of him was one of the earliest. He had seen him install more than one Master, and he hoped to be present to see him install his successor.

Bros. J. H. Pearson, Flatteley, J. J. Woolley, Ruffin, and Cattle likewise responded.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Past Masters," whom he considered were the pillars of the lodge. They had not many P.M.'s, because they were not old enough, but those they had were first-class. They had present Bro. Baker, P.M., the moving spirit of the lodge. Without Bro. Baker the lodge would not have been in existence. It was his idea to obtain a Westminster Lodge of Masons. In conferring upon him the office of Treasurer they did him honour, and it was an honour to the lodge. In Bro. Rogers they had an excellent Treasurer, but his mantle had descended on their Bro. Baker. Another P.M., Bro. Burdett-Coutts, had done much for them; he was one of the senators of this great empire, and was both a useful and ornamental member of the Senate. After such a hard-working session, they could not grudge him his well-earned relaxation. The same remarks might be applied to their Bro. Seager Hunt, who had been travelling on the Continent, and who had not (at that time) returned. Their Bro. Spink, who acted as P.M., was always to the fore, and he had done a great deal for the lodge.

Bro. Baker, P.M., said the other Past Masters who were absent had, as the W.M. said, been in town the whole of the summer, and had worked at their Parliamentary duties early and late. At present Bro. Burdett-Coutts was away in Norfolk entertaining friends; he had made arrangements to be present at the next meeting of the lodge in December. He (Bro. Baker) hoped, too, on that occasion they would have the pleasure of Bro. Seager Hunt's company. He felt the honour they had done him in appointing him their Treasurer, but he felt bound to say it was an honour he did not seek. He should endeavour to fulfil the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary" was responded to by Bro. Shand.

The other officers severally responded to the toasts of their healths, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the customary sentiment from the Tyler, Bro. Walkley, P.M. 391.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Montague, Cattle, T. Bartlett, and W. J. Holland, whose fine tenor voice was heard to much advantage. Bro. Dutton also sang, and presided at the piano.

The banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, under the superintendence of Bro. Todman.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry-road, when there were present Bros. H. T. Gardiner, P.P.G.D.C., acting W.M.; R. Wright, P.M., acting S.W.; E. Gooderidge, acting J.W.; R. C. Bruce, M.D., Chap.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; C. Grant, Sec.; R. Biasdall, S.D.; A. Gooderidge, J.D.; C. Chappell, I.G.; Jos. Leach, Stwd.; J. Greenwood, Org.; J. Robinson, Tyler; W. Brook, P.M.; W. R. Staveley, Earnshaw, H. B. Thorpe, T. S. Mills, E. Hind, G. Cutt, and others.

Bro. T. S. Mills was passed to the F.C. Degree by Bro. Bray, P.M. Mr. G. W. Cutts was initiated by Bro. Gardiner, acting W.M. Bro. Bray, P.M. delivered the charge and explained the working tools. Reference, in the after proceedings, was made to the case of Bro. Lees, who, through an explosion on Jubilee day, had lost his sight, and thereby his means of livelihood. Satisfaction was expressed at the fact that not only was the province taking up the matter, with the view of raising a substantial sum of money to provide for the future, but that the Masonic friends had come forward. P.G. Lodge of Yorkshire had granted £25, and the hope was expressed that the example so well and nobly set by the province would be readily and heartily followed. On the motion of Bro. Gardiner, acting W.M., seconded by Bro. W. Brook, P.M., the W.M., Bro. E. J. Foster, Bro. H. Wilson, P.M., J. A. Bray, P.M., and C. Grant, were delegated to act as Trustees in respect of the fund. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, it being previously explained that indisposition was the cause of the W.M.'s absence.

MANCHESTER.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; J. Lees Aspland, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; William Cartwright, P.M., Sec.; S. Kay, J.D.; J. Sly, Tyler; F. H. Davidson, I.P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; J. F. Sallon, P.M.; Geo. R. Swann, P.M.; H. Booth, W. E. Darwin, J. Willer, and S. Welton. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M. 1345; Wm. Harris, P.M. 1993; E. Barton, 2109; and J. H. Heath, W.M. 1345.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Daniel Guymer, and being declared favourable he was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., this lodge met at the Griffin Hotel, after the summer recess. Bro. W. Chapman, W.M., opened the lodge, with the assistance of Bros. W. Drewett, S.W.; J. Drewett, P.M. 1638, P.A. G.P. Surrey, J.W.; Colbron, P.M., S.D.; and F. J. Hayward, I.G. Bro. Abrahams, J.D., was excused attendance on the plea of urgent private business—it was his marriage day. Among the other brethren present were Bros. T. Long, P.M., Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec.; F. T. V. Honeywell, P.M., Org.; C. Veal, P.M.; Styles, P.M.; Mitau, P.M.; Bond, Ratcliff, Sharp, Levy, Marshall, Gaydon, Moscrop, Laxley, and Edgell. Visitors: Bros. Abel Laurence, P.M. 1638, P.P.S.G.D.; Montagu, S.D. 1638; and Willis, I.G. 1638.

The chief business was to ballot for Mr. Herbert Clifford, host of the Griffin Hotel, and, as that proved unanimous in his favour, he was introduced and initiated. The W.M. gave the whole of the ceremony, including the charge, which had not been heard at the Dobie for a long time. A sum of three guineas was voted to the Greenwood memorial, and, nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

After the brethren had partaken of the usual repast provided, an hour was pleasantly passed round the table, and the best of wishes were expressed for the brother who had that day taken unto himself a wife.

MANCHESTER.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1170).—The first regular meeting after the installation in April was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. E. W. Irving, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; F. A. Huet, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire, I.P.M.; Rev. R. H. Cotton, M.A., S.W.; John Ogden, acting J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Geo. Hunt, P.M. 1009 and 1993, Sec.; T. R. Stephens, acting S.D.; R. W. Routley, J.D.; W. H. Buckley, acting I.G.; W. C. Royle, Stwd.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. L. Aspland, P.M. 633, P.P.G. Reg.; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Simpson, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; E. Hampson, P.M. 152; L. Suthers, T. H. Black, and E. B. Scott. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Williams, W.M. 2156; J. E. Ashton, 1147; J. Masters, 1147; J. Williams, 633; W. Leigh, 152; T. Mothershead, P.M. 1011; and R. K. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. J. E. Liff, P.M. 1458, and J. Coates, late of 1357, who were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. related the traditional history, explained the tracing board, and delivered the charge to four of the brethren who were raised on a previous occasion.

There being no further business the lodge was closed. At the social board "The Health of Bros. Liff and Coates" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. J. L. Aspland, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and duly responded to. Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.A.G.D.C., proposed "The Health of Bro. T. R. Stephens," whom he informed the brethren would shortly leave Manchester, and permanently reside in Plymouth, where he no doubt would be as well received and appreciated by the Devonshire brethren as he had been in

Manchester. They were all sorry to part with so worthy a brother; but as the change of locality would doubtless be beneficial, from a business point of view, he heartily wished him success, and called upon all the brethren to rise and drink his health and wish him prosperity.

The brethren most cheerfully responded to this appeal, after which Bro. Stephens replied in a few well-chosen sentences.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—This thriving and popular lodge was consecrated October 22nd, 1869, under a warrant granted on the recommendation of Bro. Lord De Tabley, who was the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cheshire at the time, and has taken its designation from his lordship's family name. Tuesday, the 18th inst., being the annual festival day for installing the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, the brethren met at their lodge-room, Seacombe Hotel. At the opening of the lodge Bro. Thos. B. Hughes, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. Jones, I.P.M.; E. G. Mason, P.M., D.C.; G. Alister, P.M.; H. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Price, P.M., P.P.G.S.; G. Hutchin, P.M.; J. G. Parker, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treas.; R. Parry, Sec.; R. Luke, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Fay, J.W.; D. B. Risk, S.D.; W. Cloves, J.D.; J. Day, I.G.; F. Holtaway, Tyler; and G. Hutchin, P.M. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Joseph Clarke, Sec. 1576; H. Williams, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire; Fred. Pratt, 1459; James T. Lea, P.M. 605, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; W. Jones, J.W. 1264; Ellis Davies, P.M. 605; T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241; Edwards, 1609; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Secretary read the accounts for the past year, which showed that the finances of the lodge were in a very satisfactory condition. This lodge is considered one of the foremost in the province for contributing to the different Charities, the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution in particular. Subsequently Bro. R. Luke, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. R. Jones, I.P.M., and T. B. Hughes, W.M., to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. H. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S., performed the ceremony, as has been the usual custom for the past six years, and renders it year after year more impressive and effective, after which the newly-installed W.M. Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. B. Hughes, I.P.M.; A. Fay, S.W.; R. Parry, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treas.; G. Alister, P.M., D.C.; W. Cloves, Sec.; D. B. Risk, S.D.; W. W. Mellor, J.D.; J. Day, I.G.; Horace Barlow, Org.; T. Maddocks, W. Ellison, W. Davidson, and F. N. Baildon, Stewards; and F. Holtaway, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, under the chairmanship of Bro. Richard Luke, W.M., sat down to a very recherché banquet, served up in excellent style by Mrs. Davies, manageress. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and the proceedings were agreeably varied by an excellent selection of music admirably rendered by Bros. R. Parry, E. G. Mason, A. Fay, H. Mitchard, H. Barlow, J. Day, E. Edwards, D. B. Risk, Ellis, Davies, and others.

In the course of the evening Bro. T. B. Hughes, I.P.M., was presented with an exceedingly handsome gold P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monumental-place, Liverpool), by Bro. R. Luke, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the past 12 months.

Bro. J. Roberts recited the following lines, composed for the occasion:—

"A simple gift of cunning work, and neat
An offering, such as seemed in our thoughts meet,
Something to 'mind you of a pleasant past;
A reminiscence of where your lot was cast,
'Midst pleasant fellows, acting on the square,
Within the magic circle, void of care.
Now when your thoughts revert this fair night,
And hap your eyes on this bright jewel light,
Remember tis an index of esteem,
Which pray accept, for you are worthy deem."

HALIFAX.—De Warren Lodge (No. 1302). The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Private Rooms, White Swan Hotel, on the 10th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Sutcliffe Greenwood, and the formal business transacted. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Bros. Fleming, S.W.; Crossley, J.W. 61; Oates, W.M.; and Nicholl, S.W. 1736. The visitors were Bros. Greenwood, S.W.; Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., J.W. 448; Sutcliffe, P.M. 1283; Bolton, P.M.; and Sunderland, J.W. 1736. The lodge was opened, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Lamb, duly presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D. Having duly answered the necessary formalities, Bro. Lamb was duly installed in the chair, the honours being given by Bro. Asquith, P.M., and the following invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Fawthrop, S.W.; H. J. Pratt, J.W.; J. Seed, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. Cooke, P.M., Sec. (23rd time); G. Pickersgill, S.D.; A. Hodgson, J.D.; W. H. Wainhouse, P.M., D. of C.; J. V. Curry, I.G.; J. Whithead, P.M., and G. Normanton, P.M., Stwds.; and T. Hodgson, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Asquith, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and the W.M. was elected Almoner for the ensuing year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of the annual banquet. During the evening a letter was read from Bro. Tew, P.G.M., regretting his inability to attend, owing to him entertaining the officers of the regiment, at Pontefract, at his own house, the same evening. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent singing of a quartette party from Oakenshaw, who had been engaged for the occasion by the new P.M., and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. This young lodge, as a Jubilee offering, has made itself a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, with 40 votes in perpetuity, being the third lodge only in West Yorkshire which has attained that proud position.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The monthly meeting in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, held on the 20th inst., was marked by a pleasant and interesting ceremony, which consisted in the presentation of a complete suit of new clothing. The "Hamer," which gives its name to a very important Benevolent Fund, is upwards of fifteen years old, and is, as may be imagined,

an organisation of some considerable celebrity and prosperity. The lodge was opened, Bro. W. T. Oversbury, W.M., presiding. The other officers present were Bros. Robt. L. Stockton, I.P.M.; Thos. Sammons, P.M.; M. Callaghan, P.M.; Jas. Pilling, P.M.; T. Pierpoint, P.M.; W. C. Erwin, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; F. A. Rainbow, S.W.; J. R. Hankey, J.W.; Councillor J. Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Smith, Sec.; W. H. Jewitt, P.M., Treas.; J. M'Carthy, P.M.; J. C. Brooks, S.D.; G. S. Shenton, J.D.; J. A. Hignett, I.G.; G. W. Baron, T. A. Laidlaw, and Dr. J. Pinkerton, Stwds.; Walter Burnett, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; Layland Eccles, W.M. 730; C. A. Richmond, S.D. 730; R. H. Leake, I.G. 1547; Dr. A. Soldat, P.M. 1547; R. Bethel, P.M. 1094; T. Guile, S.W. 1325; L. Godfrey Evans, J.D. 1675; Godfrey Higham, P.G.D.D. of C. East Lancashire; Geo. W. Storey, W.M. 1083; and others.

After the transaction of the work, Bro. R. L. Stockton, I.P.M., made the presentation to the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, of the clothing already alluded to, which had been subscribed for by the Past Masters, officers, and immediately afterwards invested his officers with the members. The W.M. responded in an appropriate manner, new insignia of office. Subsequently, on the motion of Bro. W. H. Jewitt, P.M. and Treas., seconded by Bro. J. M'Carthy, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Oversbury and his colleagues on the Committee for their efforts in providing the new regalia. Before the conclusion of the business, it was decided to subscribe five guineas from the lodge reserve fund towards the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel on the 20th inst. Among those present were Bros. Wheatley, W.M.; Eales, S.W.; Ransford, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Scholding, I.G.; Kent, Asst. Org.; W. Fisher, P.M., D.C.; Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M., and Bushell, Stwds.; Spearing, I.P.M.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Burgess, P.M. 1742, and F. Bridge, 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Conway was then duly raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. C. Sanders and F. Foes, and it proving unanimous both candidates were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The announcement of the decease of Bro. W. Foes, who was initiated at the last meeting of the lodge, was received with great regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec., &c.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M.; and others.

Bro. H. Jones, P.M., having given a notice of motion for discussion at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bros. Burgess and Bridge, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," complimented the lodge upon its working capabilities, its harmony, and its hospitality.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. W. Spearing, I.P.M., who responded in eloquent terms.

Bros. Eales and Ransford did full justice to the toast of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Vateky, S.W.; Prior, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Turpin, S.D.; Priest, J.D.; Penrose, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Thomas, Jenkins, Haire, J. Miller, H. Miller, Entecott, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were duly answered by Bro. Jenkins. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The chair was vacated by the W.M. and taken by Bro. Thomas, W.M. 871, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. Vateky, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in November, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 24th inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; H. Hazel, S.W.; H. Jordan, J.W.; H. J. Goodchild, S.D.; G. Lane, J.D.; H. F. Bangs, I.G.; Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; Otto Eudenlein, H. Palmer, S. T. Hill, E. K. Smith, and F. J. Holden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. R. Smith offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was most ably rehearsed. Bro. Mulvey vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hill. The lodge closed in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Otto Eudenlein having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week; the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The first meeting of the members of the Charitable Association in connection with this lodge of instruction was then held, when the following officers were appointed: Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G.T., P.M., &c., Patron; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, President; Bro. J. K. K. Cama, Vice-President; Bros. H. J. Hazel, E. R. Smith, H. Bangs, S. T. Hill, G. Lane, and H. J. Holden, Committee; C. A. Iiter, Hon. Sec.; and C. Sheppard, Treas.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. C. J. Biorn, W.M.; J. Round, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; J. M. Chapman, S.D.; R. T. Redfern, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. Chapple, W. J. Mason, and J. Webster.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Bro. Biorn having vacated the chair, was duly presented, and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Jas. Stephens according to ancient custom. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down, the brethren saluting the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The W.M. next invested his officers. The three addresses were then

delivered by Bro. Stephens in a very effective and efficient manner. After the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Round was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mimms, W.M.; Holden, S.W.; Badderly, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Grist, S.D.; Holland, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Coughlan, P.M.; and Deacon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Deacon being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Gibson being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gibson duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. gave the traditional history, and the ceremony was concluded. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. All Masonic 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, S.W., on the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; J. Rowe, J.W.; W. Proudfoot, S.D.; F. Kedge, J.D. (also acting as Preceptor); E. Chamberlain, I.G.; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; and J. S. Henry.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. S. Henry having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. S. Henry again offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. Kedge proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. Kedge, J.D., proposed that a vote of condolence be passed to Bro. C. Corby for the great loss he has sustained in the death of his wife; the same to be entered on the minute book, and a copy forwarded to him by the Secretary—seconded by Bro. Rowe, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Scaradaic Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, P.M., W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; C. Wood, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); G. Swann, S.D.; Wiggins, J.D.; Hubbard, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; and Dresden.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M., being the candidate, after which Bro. R. H. Williams gave the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dresden being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Sims was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Klein, W.M.; T. H. Wood, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Cross, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Wiles, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; Child, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Head, Johnston, Woodard, Higginson, L. Cox, E. Cox, Craggs, Foreman, Walker, Brietbart, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walker candidate. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sections were worked, Bros. Woodard, G. Higginson, and Brietbart respectively answering the whole of the questions in a most exemplary manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section was worked. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his occupying the chair for the first time. Bro. Wood, S.W., was elected W.M. for the 3rd prox.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; Speigel, P.M., S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); D. Aslett, S.D.; Hopkins, J.D.; W. G. Coat, I.G.; and D. Stroud.

The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stroud having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The next meeting being the night reserved by the rules for the Preceptor, Bro. Ayling stated that he had arranged with Bro. J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642, to work the ceremony of installation on that night, when he (Bro. Ayling) would act as W.M. elect. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. G. Gardner, P.M. and Treasurer, on account of the decease of his wife. Bro. Speigel having been elected W.M. for the 5th prox., the lodge was closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Evans, W.M.; Dottrell, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Arnold, S.D.; Green, sen., P.M., J.D.; Piper, I.G.; Green, jun., P.M.; Shand, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Harvey, Hambling, Baughan, Grist, Mann, Holland, Chilcott, Pullen, Kent, Richards, Grafton, Schmidt, Edwards, Ray, Brandon, Coleman, Blades, and Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. Bro. Gibson vacated the chair, which was re-occupied by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Shand, Piper, and Pullen were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Dottrell was unanimously elected W.M. for Friday, the 4th prox. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. This compliment was earned, for the duties were most efficiently discharged, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a most creditable manner. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 24th inst. Present: Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; Farwig, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; Grover, S.D.; Esling, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; Andrews, Sec.; Bate, Walker, Boulton, Sadler-Wood, Stewart, Hearn, Anderson, Hunter, Englefield, Partridge, Collick, Warren, Lafeuiliard, Templeman, Lissimore, Livist, Wood, Beavan, Pugh, Stubbs, Pennail, Folkard, Gatilif, J. Wright, Gibbs, Keene, Stokoe, Shannaw, Russell, Kirby, Noble, Spencer, Lisle, Hill, Crouch, and Luckhurst.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The Fifteen Sections were then worked in a highly creditable manner, to the

great delight and enjoyment of the brethren. Lodge was resumed upwards, and then to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Anderson, Stokoe, and Gatiliff were elected joining members, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to those members who had worked the Sections, and the honorary membership of the lodge conferred on Bro. Farwig. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

FELTHAM.—**ELLIOT LODGE** (No. 1567).—On Thursday, the 20th inst., this lodge celebrated its first year of existence by a dinner at the Railway Hotel. Previous to the dinner, the lodge was opened and closed. The dinner was most ably presided over by Bro. Dockrill, the vice-chair being filled by Bro. H. T. Cooper. The deep interest these two brethren have taken in the lodge of instruction well recommended them to the honourable positions they occupied. The toasts proposed and received with hearty greeting were "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Dr. Willoughby, Atkins, Samworth, Oldfield, and McCalle. "Success to the Lodge of Instruction" was responded to by Bro. H. Branch, who has acted as Hon. Secretary since its foundation, and who expressed his sense of the kind recognition his services had always received from his brother members, his gratitude for the instruction and assistance accorded to himself, and his desire to do his best to advance the cause of true Masonic work. "The Chairman" was a toast most heartily received, and surely no brother could possibly have worked harder than Bro. Dockrill for this lodge. His response to the toast was in real accord with his work, and that was to make the instruction lodge worthy of its name, and an honour to the mother lodge held at the same place. "The Vice-Chairman" was replied to by Bro. H. T. Cooper in an eloquent speech, and the reception accorded to him demonstrated the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. The toast of "The Permanent Officers" was responded to by Bro. Branch, Hon. Sec., who said he deeply regretted the absence of his superior officers, and on their as well as his own behalf thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. The dinner itself was of a most satisfactory character; and a deputation subsequently waited upon the host, Bro. H. P. Harris, whose illness prevented him from attending, to convey the hearty appreciation of the brethren of the successful manner in which he had catered for their comfort.

Royal Arch.

MANCHESTER.—**Chapter of Affability** (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present: Comps. W. J. Cunliffe, Z.; W. J. Edwards, H.; H. L. Rocca, P.Z. 515, P.P.G.S.N., acting J.; J. Garside, S.E.; W. B. Akerman, S.N.; Jesse Tynim, P.S.; H. Walmsley, Treas.; J. Dawson, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Wilson, P.Z.; J. E. Steward, P.Z., P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj. Cheshire; C. Oldham, J. Almond, V. M. Vultchoff, S. Staton, and J. Sly. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire; A. H. Jefferis, P.A.G.S. East Lanc.; Daniel Donbavand, formerly 317; T. Bushell, 1375; and R. R. Lisenden, formerly 317.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. Bros. J. Read and J. Robinson, both of the Affability Lodge, were balloted for, and unanimously elected to become members of the chapter. The companions then adjourned for tea, and on re-assembling Bros. Read and Robinson were exalted by Comp. W. J. Cunliffe, Z., assisted by his officers, in a highly satisfactory manner. Comp. Dawson delivered the historical and mystical lectures, and Comp. Edwards the symbolical. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

MARYPORT.—**Nicholson Chapter** (No. 371).—The regular quarterly convocation of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on the 19th inst., when the following were present: Comps. James Gardiner, P.P.G.P.S., Z.; A. Walters, P.P.A.G.S., H.; R. Brown, J.; E. B. Penrice, J.; J. Dickenson, S.N.; J. Abbott, acting P.S.; E. G. Mitchell, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Gibson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Messenger, Janitor; Jos. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. R. Banks, P.Z., P.P.G. S.B.; S. Betteony, and others.

The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Captain John Johnston, 371, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. by Comp. A. Walters, P.Z., H., with the valuable assistance of Comps. J. R. Banks, P.Z., and R. Brown, J., the ceremonies being worked in that efficient and impressive manner for which those companions are celebrated. Comp. Captain Johnston expressed his satisfaction and approval at the way the ceremony had been gone through, and said that he would endeavour to avail himself of attending regularly during his stay in England. The report of the Committee for the revision of by-laws was deferred till next meeting. A joining member was proposed and seconded for next convocation, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

PLUMSTEAD.—**Pattison Chapter** (No. 913).—The first meeting since the installation in July last of the above powerful chapter took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, under the presidency of Comp. E. B. Hobson, Z., assisted by Comps. R. J. Cook, H.; J. H. Roberts, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., Treas.; H. J. Butler, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; E. Palmer, S.N.; S. Clarke, P.S.; E. Morris, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. Larder, Janitor; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; Dr. Bernays, D. Campbell, J. Topp, W. G. Lloyd, W. C. Taylor, D. C. Capon, G. H. Porter, H. Ough, J. Farrier, G. H. Setton, W. Harris, and C. Jolly (Hon. Member), all of the chapter; J. Wilkins, P.Z. 13; and H. De Gray, 13.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Dr. E. Bryceson and H. Shaw, of 913, and proved unanimous. Bro. Bryceson, being in attendance, was exalted with the full ceremonial, the working of the new officers being very satisfactory. Comp. Penfold then, in accordance with notice of motion, moved—"That this chapter heartily support the proposition of their Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, to raise the sum of £1000, as a Jubilee fund in the Province of Kent, for the purpose of purchasing a perpetual presentation to the Masonic Girls' School." He supported the motion in an eloquent and telling speech, and it was carried unanimously.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions banqueted in the hall. The cloth having been cleared, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts.

"The Health of Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent," having been drunk enthusiastically, that of "Comp.

Eastes, Prov. G.H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Comp. Coupland.

Comp. Coupland said he felt great pleasure in responding for their Prov. G.H. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. Unfortunately, that year they had in that province been under a depression, on account of the great bereavement sustained by Comp. Eastes, but he trusted they would soon have their distinguished companion amongst them again. That year the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Sevenoaks, where they were entertained by Comp. Curtis, the rector of Sevenoaks, who lent them his fine schoolroom to hold the chapter, and did all in his power to make the meeting a pleasant one, and, seeing they were supported by such excellent companions as Comp. Curtis, and Comps. Jamblin and Cummings (of their own chapter), and others, he felt that they were surely and safely progressing in the Province of Kent. In their name and for himself, personally, he thanked the companions for the cordial reception of the toast.

Comp. Penfold then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and said they looked to their Z. as the leader and ruler of the chapter. At the very pleasant meeting they had at the Café Royal, when Comp. Hobson was installed, he promised them that he would endeavour, in fact, he said it was his intention to make their social board a comfortable one. He had that night fully carried out his promise, while his work in the chapter was an indication of what they had to expect for the future. While he carried out the duties of the chair, both at work and refreshment so admirably as he had that evening, he (Comp. Penfold) felt sure they would all have a most prosperous and enjoyable year under the rule of their excellent Comp. Hobson.

Comp. Hobson, in reply, said Comp. Penfold had fully portrayed his feelings and desire that the meetings of the chapter should be made both comfortable and enjoyable. They only met four times a year, and he fully intended to carry out the idea of comfort, and with the cordial co-operation of the Past Principal's he had no doubt of a successful issue.

Comp. Mason responded for "The P.Z.'s," and said he felt it a great honour to be a P.Z. of a chapter like the Pattison, that stood so high in the Province of Kent, which was not only at the top of the tree for numbers, but, as they had been told by excellent authority, for its working. There was no fear of their being called upon to do any coaching for the M.E.Z. or Comps. H. and J., for every one present must have seen that they were nearly perfect, considering that was their first attempt. He thanked them for the toast, and should feel it his bounden duty to assist the welfare of the chapter by every means in his power.

In giving the toast of "The 1st and 2nd Principals," the M.E.Z. referred to them as Comps. Cook and Roberts, and ventured to say that so far as their working was concerned, they could give "fifty up" to a good many competitions.

Comp. Jolly remarked that they were "Hobson's choice" at any rate, and the toast was drunk right merrily.

Comps. Cook and Roberts having returned thanks, Comps. Warren and De Grey responded for "The Visitors," and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

TWICKENHAM.—**Sir Francis Burdett Chapter** (No. 1503).—This prosperous chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 19th inst., when there were present among others Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.J. Middx., M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., Treas., acting H.; Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Dunkley, P.S.; Gurney, 1st Assist. Soj.; E. Jenkins, 2nd Assist. Soj.; and Austin, acting Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers then took place as follows: Comps. Smiles, M.E.Z.; Rev. R. Hosken, H.; Dunkley, J.; Walls, S.E.; Gurney, S.N.; E. Jenkins, P.S.; Lambert, 1st Assist. Soj.; H. Jenkins, 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. The resignation of Comp. H. Cama was received with regret. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Comps. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; J. Cama, Jenkins, and others. Two propositions for exalting at the next meeting were handed in by the Scribe E.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The long list of toasts were duly gone through, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

BON ACCORD LODGE (T.I.)—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 8a, Red Lion-square. Present: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as W.M.; W. Glynes, S.W.; F. A. Manning, J.W.; T. Vincent, J.O.; Magnus Ohren, Treas.; Geo. Cooper, Sec.; W. J. Spratling, J.D.; G. Austin, Tyler; Perry Godfrey, P.M.; Mortimer Davis, P.M.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; C. Belton, I. Zacharie, J. M. Bastone, C. Ohren, H. E. Frances, F. B. Page, and J. Tickle. Visitors: Bros. W. Sugg, J. L. Thomas, Harry Wallis, and Beaumont Morice.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. G. Lemon, Bro. C. F. Matier took the chair, and in his usual perfect manner advanced Bros. Carman and Gross. Bro. F. Gottlieb, P.G.D., was elected a re-joining member. Bro. Binckes then assumed the chair, and in a very able way installed Bro. Webster Glynes W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed as his officers Bros. F. A. Manning, S.W.; W. M. Bywater, J.W.; T. Vincent, M.O.; H. L. de Montmorency, S.O.; W. J. Spratling, J.O.; A. W. Oxford, Chap.; M. Ohren, Treas.; H. E. Frances, Sec.; F. W. Imbert Terry, Reg. of Mks.; J. M. Bastone, S.D.; Charles Ohren, J.D.; F. B. Page, I.G.; and G. Austin, Tyler. The W.M. then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. Binckes and Matier for their services that evening, after which he presented Bro. Mortimer Davis, who was W.M. in 1869, with a P.M.'s jewel. A brother was proposed for advancement and two others as joining members.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

PORTSMOUTH.—**Portsmouth Lodge** (No. 17).—The installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on the 17th inst., when the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, attended, and installed Bro. H. P. Holley as W.M., who appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. H. E. Loader, P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; J. T. Thackara, S.W.; G. Whitehall, J.W.; Alderman Cudlipp, P.M., Treas.; M. E. Frost, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Boughton, M.O.; Dr. E. T. Crouch, S.O.; J. Jenktns, J.O.; Lieut. J. F. Lea, S.D.; Geo. Reading, J.D.; D. Antill, Organist; and J. Exell, Tyler.

An excellent repast followed, with the usual toasts.

WOOLWICH.—**Excelsior Lodge** (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting (after the installation) of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. E. Palmer, W.M., and P.P.G.D. Kent, in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P. S.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Moules, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; T. Ovenden, P.J.G.D., J.W.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.R. Sec.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G., S.O.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., J.O.; E. West, P.M., P.G. Stwd., J.D.; W. J. Akers, Stwd.; J. Warren, D.C.; I. Hosgood, J. Farrier, J. Lee, F. Reed, H. Vallom, H. Town, and C. Clapham.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. Bryceson, M.A., M.D., 913; H. S. Syer, P.M. 13; G. Porter, 780; and Quartermaster R. McCoy, 1424, and proved unanimous. By a curious coincidence neither of the advances were present, and after Bro. Penfold had given an account of his Stewardship at the late Mark Benevolent Festival, he being the third highest on the list, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Chatham for refreshments.

The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The W.M. gave that of "Our rulers in the Province of Kent," and in so doing said he attended the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge at Ramsgate, on the previous Wednesday. It was presided over by their excellent D.P.G.M., Bro. Cummings, in the unavoidable absence, through severe illness, of Bro. Robinson, their esteemed Prov. G. Master. That fact threw a gloom over the proceedings, nevertheless, he and all present enjoyed themselves very well indeed under the circumstances. He was sorry to tell them that Bro. Cummings informed him that their G.M. was seriously ill, both mentally and physically, and although he had, at the instance of Bro. Cummings, allowed himself to be nominated their P.G.M. for another term of three years, there was very little probability of his ever actually presiding over their meetings again. He, Bro. Palmer, however, trusted soon to hear a better account of their beloved P.G. Master, who was undoubtedly much beloved and venerated by every Mason in Kent, especially Mark Masons. As to Bro. Cummings, he was so well known and esteemed amongst them that he need not say one word in his behalf, except to wish him every happiness and prosperity. Their Bro. Ovenden had been honoured with the collar of P.J.G.D., and Bro. West with that of Steward, the latter would, no doubt, next year be followed by something more substantial. He asked them to drink the toast heartily, and coupled it with the names of Bros. Ovenden and West.

Bro. Ovenden, in response, said the meeting at Ramsgate was as the W.M. had said, a very delightful one, with but one drawback, the serious illness of their Prov. G. Master, which every one deeply regretted. He thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and feel it a great honour to hold office under the rulers of the Province of Kent.

Bro. West also briefly returned thanks. Bro. Penfold then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said they all felt for him in the peculiar position he had been placed in that night. He had, however, good prospects before him, and no doubt at their next meeting there would be plenty of material for him to work on. They all knew what an excellent painstaking worker Bro. Palmer was in the Craft, while his hearty and genial manner at the social board made it a pleasure to be with him. In him the lodge had a good Master, and under him it would maintain its present high record for good working and hospitality.

Bro. Palmer said he hardly knew at present whether he was entitled to the eulogy so kindly given him by Bro. Penfold, at any rate he should endeavour to deserve it. It certainly was provoking that not one of the four candidates had turned up, as he was fully prepared to carry out the ritual, he trusted to their satisfaction. However, next time they met he trusted at least three out of the four would be present, and that he might be as well supported by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, as he was upon that occasion. He thanked them cordially for the toast.

In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Penfold regretted that a serious attack of bronchitis had prevented Bro. Hayes, P.M., attending. He had come up from St. Leonard's on purpose to attend, but had been compelled to go back to his country house at once. He also spoke highly of Bros. Coupland, Weston, and Spinks, as Past Masters and supporters of the lodge, and in their names thanked the brethren most heartily.

Several other toasts followed, and some good harmony enlivened the proceedings.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).—The October meeting of this old and distinguished chapter took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at Golden-square. V.E. and P. Bro. Major Penrose John Dunbar, M.W.S., presided. There were present V. Ill. Bros. Magnus Ohren, 32°, 1st Gen.; J. M. Collins, 30°, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M.W.S. Shadwell Clerke Chapter; V.E. and P. Bro. G. Powell, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bros. Webster Glynes, 30°; Cotton, 30°; W. M. Bywater, 31°, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; J. Read, 30°, P.M.W.S. St. George's Chapter, Org.; and many others. Visitor: V.E. and P. Bro. W. Weiss, Recorder Cœur de Lion Chapter.

The chapter was opened by the M.W.S. in due form, and the minutes of the last chapter read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. M. Bastone, 1861, a candidate for perfection, which, proving unanimous, Bro.

Bastone was duly perfected by the M.W.S. The next business was the election of M.W.S., Treasurer, and Equerry for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. George Mickley, M.D., M.B., 30°, was unanimously elected M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. W. M. Bywater, Treas.—a post which he has filled for years with credit and honour to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the chapter; and Bro. Austin, Equerry. The Treasurer reported the funds of the chapter to be in a flourishing state. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Criterion to an excellent banquet, at which 19 were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Letters of apology were received from very many brethren, viz.: V. Ill. Bros. G. Lambert, P.M.W.S., 33°; General H. Clerk, P.M.W.S., 33°; V.E. and P. Bro. Rev. H. Hatch, Prelate, P.M.W.S.; and others.

The Invicta is a Kent chapter, being formed at Woolwich, and met there for years, and then migrated to Golden-square, where it now is. A great number of military men have been members of this very old, very distinguished, and favourite chapter. That it may flourish like a green bay tree for centuries is the earnest prayer of all old Rose Croix Masons.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, J. H. Matthews, P.G. Swd. Br.; Major E. H. Finney, H. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a grant of £15 was made to apprentice a pupil, and £400 was transferred to the sustentation account, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for amounts recommended by the Audit Committee. Two candidates were placed on the list for the election in April, 1888.

The CHAIRMAN, before the proceedings were concluded, said as brethren were present who knew about the proposal of the Centenary Committee for enlarging the buildings, and were acquainted with the plans already submitted, he would like to inform them that the original plan had been sent back to Bro. Hunt, by whom they were assisted and advised, and he had a meeting with the Committee. They had, through Bro. Hunt's help, been able to get a scheme proposed that he thought was very much better than that which was first laid before the brethren. He might add that one or two brethren representing the provinces, whom they had asked to help them on the Centenary Committee, had expressed their views, and they were perfectly satisfied with the plan as amended. He thought when the brethren saw the plans, which were now being lithographed—and he hoped they would be in their hands in a few days—they would have no objection to them. He believed the brethren would approve of them.

Bro. C. H. WEBB asked whether the newly-proposed plans would increase the cost?

The CHAIRMAN said no; on the contrary, the cost would be reduced rather than increased.

The brethren then separated.

THE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The second annual Festival in connection with the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. Bro. J. Forrester, Mayor of Chorley, presided in the absence of Bro. Lord Stanley, of Preston, D. Prov. G.M., being supported by Bros. J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D., and R. Foote, P.P.G.T., joint Secs.; R. Wylie, P.G.D. England, Treas.; R. Lambert, P.M., solicitor to the fund; E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Godfrey, P.M. 673; and J. M. Smythe, P.M. and Treas. 2114, &c. Many ladies were included amongst the large company.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Institution," traced its history, and stated that it completed the scheme of the West Lancashire Charities. The Secretary's report showed that the sum of £782 16s. had been subscribed, and the donations ranged from a guinea to £57, the second highest subscription on the list being from the Temperance Lodge. (Loud Applause.)

Bros. H. BAGOT, 1021, and J. H. TYSON, 1182, responded to the toast on behalf of the Stewards.

Bro. BARROW, in replying to "The Officers of the Institution," explained that the Charity was intended solely for the relief of widows of Masons, and that there were five annuitants on its funds.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were agreeably diversified with harmony supplied by Bros. R. H. Johnson, P.M. 1313; Boyce, P.M. 1313; T. Whitehead, P.M. 1313; J. Kilby, W.M. 1313; and Leyland.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO THE PRO GRAND MASTER AT NATAL.

The Earl of Carnarvon was afforded a fitting welcome to South Africa on the 19th ult. by the various Masonic lodges, as became his lordship's exalted position as Pro Grand Master of England. Through the kindness of the Goede Hoop Lodge, their beautiful Temple was placed at the disposal of the District Grand Lodge under the British Constitution for the occasion, and was filled by the representatives of lodges under the several Constitutions. The Dist. Grand Lodge was opened about half-past two o'clock, the D.G.M., Bro. Fairbridge, being in the chair, and assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. T. J. C. Inglesby, D.D. G.M.; T. W. Cairncross, D.S.G.W.; J. E. King, D.J.G.W.; C. J. Stephens, D.G. Treas.; R. Day, D.G. Reg.; P. J. Stigant, D.G. Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes; J. O. Riddelsdell, D.G. Sec.; H. Twogood, D.G. Deacon; W. Standford, D.G. Std. Br.; W. E. Goodman, D.G. Purst.; Henry, McKay, and Shipley, D.G. Stewards; and others.

The lodges working under the Scottish Constitution—Southern Cross and Lorne—were then received, followed by

the brethren under the Constitution of the Netherlands, and visiting brethren generally, after which the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands entered, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Hofmeyr, taking a seat to the immediate left of the D.G.M., Bro. Fairbridge. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, who wore the regalia of a M.M. under the British Constitution, was then introduced by Bro. Stigant, and received by the D.G.M., the Organist, Bro. Dexter, playing the National Anthem as his Excellency proceeded to take his seat next to the Deputy Grand Master of the Netherlands. The Pro Grand Master of England was afterwards received with the honour due to his Masonic position, and having for a few moments assumed the gavel, handed it back to the D.G.M. with a request that he would rule the lodge for him, and took his seat to the immediate right of the chair, the Organist playing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The D.G.M., Bro. FAIRBRIDGE, addressing the Pro Grand Master, said their receiving so distinguished a brother that day was a great event in the annals of Freemasonry in South Africa. It was not his intention to say much on the present occasion, for hereafter the brethren would have an opportunity of meeting his lordship at the consecration of the new temple of the British Lodge, when a better opportunity would be afforded his lordship of addressing the lodge on subjects connected with Masonry in South Africa, and especially with that portion connected with the Grand Lodge of England. This present occasion was the gathering of the brethren of all the different lodges who had assembled for the purpose of recording their great pleasure and satisfaction of seeing so distinguished a Mason as the Pro Grand Master of England amongst them. As their good wishes would be expressed in the several addresses to be presented, he would not further occupy the time of the lodge, but would content himself with simply expressing the kindly feelings of the brethren towards his lordship. He would now request the several lodges to present their addresses.

The D.G.S., Bro. J. O. RIDDELSDELL, then read the address from the District Grand Lodge (Western Division), which was signed by the D.G.M., Bro. C. A. Fairbridge; an address was also presented by the D.G.M. of the Netherlands, Bro. Hofmeyr, who said, on behalf of the several branches of the Fraternity working under the Constitution of the Grand East of Holland, which first introduced Freemasonry into that Colony in 1772, he esteemed it a great honour to have the pleasure that day of presenting to his lordship an address of welcome. The felicity of being present that day was intensified by the fact that the meeting was taking place in the Goede Hoop Temple, which was the oldest in the place.

The W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, Bro. J. M. STEPHEN, said he had been deputed on behalf of the lodges working under the Scottish Constitution to convey to his lordship an expression of their great gratification at being enabled to meet together with their brethren working under the English and Dutch Constitutions in welcoming his lordship within the circle of South African Masonry. They sincerely hoped that the object of his visit to these southern climes would be fully accomplished, and that a kind Providence would permit him to return to England restored in health and strength so that he might devote his great talents to the furtherance of those interests so dear to Freemasons, to the welfare of our colonies and growing Empire, and to the service of our Most Gracious Sovereign, whose name was never mentioned in an assemblage of Scottish Masons except in terms of most loyal and devoted affection. Bro. Stephen then read the address.

An address was also presented by Bro. Hasforth, S.W. of the Stella Lodge at Vryburg, from the Masons of British Bechuanaland.

The Earl of CARNARVON, in replying to the several addresses, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Prov. Grand Master of the Netherlands, brethren of the Scottish lodges and brethren of the Vryburg Lodge. I have to return you my heartiest and sincerest thanks for this striking evidence of your fraternal affection and goodwill towards me. It is very pleasant, brethren, after a long sea voyage, to escape to the land, and it is doubly pleasant to escape to the land after a long and stormy passage. It is still more pleasant to land in a beautiful country like this in the first burst of spring, when Nature, so prodigal of her gifts, seems to lavish them in a way to which English eyes are, at all events, not accustomed. May I be allowed before I make any other remark to assure you how struck I have been with the extreme beauty of this land, of which I have heard so much, of which I have read so much, and with which I have been in a certain measure greatly connected in former years, and to assure you that the outward face of Nature goes far beyond anything that my most sanguine expectations had imagined. But I think there is something even warmer, more pleasant, more gratifying than anything Nature can give, and that is the hearty and fraternal reception which I have received and am receiving on all hands in South Africa. (Applause.) Brethren, I have to express my grateful thanks for the different addresses which this afternoon have been presented to me, and to assure you that I shall not only treasure up the remembrance, but that I shall preserve carefully these documents, which will be for all time a constant memorial to me and mine of my South African visit. (Applause.) Right Worshipful Sir, I beg to thank my English brethren for all the kind terms which have been employed in their address. You mention in that address the name of our illustrious G.M., the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) I am not overstepping any limits of personal confidence when I assure you of the deep interest which he takes in all Colonial Masonry beyond the four seas as well as in England, with which I hope he will hear on my return to England, from me, of this and the other great gatherings of Freemasons in South Africa. (Applause.) Sir, I personally am not likely to forget all the kind words and all the kind deeds that you have showered upon me, and may I take this opportunity of saying that there are few compliments—Masonically—that I have valued more than the naming of a lodge in South Africa after my name. (Applause.) I trust that all good fortune and prosperity may attend that lodge. I can assure its Worshipful Master, its officers, and its brethren that I shall watch its progress wherever I may be, in whatever part of the world, with the deepest possible interest. (Applause.) Sir, your considerate mention of me, and by those who have spoken as regards my health, makes me feel that I may limit my remarks on this occasion to a comparatively small compass; but this I may say, if I am abroad in search of health—no, I will not say abroad—(applause)—if I came to my own people, to my own South African home, if I

came here in search of health, it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to have already granted me much in return of what I have sought—(applause)—and I only wish that circumstances allowed me to stay much longer in your beautiful and delightful climate. My stay must be necessarily short, but at all events it is long enough for this: that I should carry away an undying recollection of your kindness, of the beauty of your country, and of the harmony with which Masonry is worked in all parts of South Africa, and of all its truthful allegiance to the great landmarks and principles of the Order. (Applause.) Provincial Grand Master, working under the Grand East of the Netherlands, and brethren, may I now assure you of my great appreciation of all the kindly language you have used towards me. I rejoice to receive your address to-day, and I rejoice exceedingly to receive it within these walls. I know I am standing within what I may call an historic building, I know that in addressing you I am speaking to the representatives of the oldest Masons of South Africa, and I recollect also with gratitude and with sympathy that it was from the Dutch Masons that we, the English, received our greatest support and aid now many, many years ago. (Applause.) I know what help you have been to us, and I know now how your lodges are worked together in generous rivalry, each one striving to accomplish that which they believe to be most in conformity with the principles and landmarks of the Order. (Applause.) Brethren of the Scottish Lodges, I thank you also very much for the kind speech which introduced your address, and for the good wishes you have given me; and lastly, for the mention of Lady Carnarvon's name, to whom I will not fail to convey all you have been good enough to say. (Applause.) It is well and fitting that the great principles of our Society should be adhered to which render it impossible for any lady to be present at our meetings, but at all events this I may say: that Lady Carnarvon fully appreciates the good work which Freemasonry is doing in all parts of England, and that she will hear with the greatest possible pride and satisfaction that her name has been introduced into this most distinguished Grand Lodge. (Applause.) Brethren of the Vryburg Lodge, I thank you most sincerely for all the complimentary and all the fraternal expressions which you have used towards me. I beg you to believe that I shall not lightly or easily forget them. Brethren, it is characteristic of Freemasonry that amongst many other principles it knows no distinction of tongue or of dress; and I can assure you that if there is anything that adds to the compliment which I have received this afternoon it is that the welcome I have received is not from one nationality but from so many. (Applause.) May it be an illustration of that harmony which ought to prevail amongst Masons of every race, tongue, and nationality, and especially in the races here in South Africa, which have so many ties of common friendship, regard, interest, and loyalty. If I may allude to one single sentence in one of the addresses I have listened to, I would say it would give me the greatest possible pleasure to believe that my visit had in the slightest degree tended to cement this bond of union amongst our great Order, to which we are all so deeply and affectionately attached. (Applause.) Brethren, I will not delay you any further except to assure you once more of my deep appreciation of the meeting this afternoon, to express to you my most hearty thanks, and to assure you that when I leave South Africa I shall carry away with me a grateful recollection of the hearty and cordial welcome which I have just received. (Applause.)

The D.G.M., Bro. FAIRBRIDGE, expressed the thanks of the District Grand Lodge to the visiting brethren for their assistance and encouraging support, and thanked the Goede Hoop Lodge for having placed their fine temple at their disposal. He alluded to the presence amongst them that day of his Excellency the Governor, whom he hoped they would meet at many future Masonic gatherings—and remarked that numerous as were the interesting incidents in connection with the historic Temple they were now in, it might be a long time before any other lodge in South Africa would have the honour of seeing in the same room a Pro Grand Master of England, and a representative of her Majesty.

The lodge was then duly closed, after which the Pro Grand Master and his Excellency the Governor were conducted over the lodge premises and into the beautiful Master's Temple by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Herman.

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL PRESSMAN.

On Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., a very interesting presentation was made to Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., and one of the founders of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, P.P.S.G.D. West Lancashire, the chief reporter of the *Mercury*, by a number of his friends, the occasion being his fiftieth birthday and the completion of his twenty-third year as a journalist in Liverpool. The testimonial, which took the form of a magnificent silver salver and a purse of 60 guineas, was the spontaneous outcome of a desire on the part of his numerous friends outside Press circles to recognise his services as an assiduous and conscientious journalist, and his worth to many good causes in Liverpool. There was a large gathering of local gentlemen, Mr. Alderman Grindley presiding. Cordial letters were read from Mr. E. R. Russell, Mr. Carl Rosa, Col. Mapleson, Mr. George Thorne, Bro. Edward Terry, Mr. D. Grannell, and many others.

After a few words from the CHAIRMAN, who felicitously expressed the general recognition of Bro. Mackenzie's long services in Liverpool, and alluded to the circumstance that Bro. and Mrs. Mackenzie had been largely instrumental in promoting the creation and establishment of the Deaf and Dumb Institute in Prince's-road, the presentation was made by Mr. THOMAS M'CRACKEN, who was followed by Mr. THOMAS WHITEHEAD (an old Liverpool journalist) and other speakers, including representatives of the daily papers, in congratulating Bro. Mackenzie on the attainment of his fiftieth year, and wishing him in future long life and prosperity.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATH.

WINDYBANK.—On the 22nd inst., suddenly, at 19, Tavistock-square, W.C., Henry Windybank, of 4, Finsbury-circus, E.C., solicitor, a member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Coleman-street, aged 46 years. Deeply lamented.



The next monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next, the 5th prox.

The well-known artiste, Bro. Barton McGuckin, is about to leave England for the United States, where he will join an Opera Company, and be associated with Mr. Ludwig.

A meeting of the London Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Society will be held at the Mansion House to-morrow (Saturday), under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson.

Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, P.A.G.D.C. Essex, was on Friday, the 21st inst., elected W.M. for the second year in succession of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, No. 2063, meeting at the Royal Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea.

Bro. Sheriff Higgs has purchased two fine oil paintings of Mr. H. P. Hain Friswell. The first, which was exhibited at the Society of British Artists, is entitled "Scotch Firs at Sunset," and the second represents "A View of Cardigan Bay."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., arrived at Nottingham on Saturday last, and proceeded at once and as quietly as possible to Bestwood Lodge, the seat of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, whose guest he remained during the brief period of his visit. On Monday his lordship addressed a large political meeting at the Mechanics' Hall, Nottingham.

The Duchess of Connaught, with her three children, took leave of the Queen at Balmoral on Saturday last, and arrived at Buckingham Palace early the following morning. On Thursday morning the Royal party left Charing Cross Station en route for Bombay.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, and the Lady Mayoress gave their annual ball at the Mansion House in honour of the Provincial Mayors and Provosts on Friday, the 21st inst. Over 1200 guests were present, and dancing was kept up till an advanced hour.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., Miss Ethel Hardman, daughter of Bro. Sir Wm. Hardman, Editor of the *Morning Post*, Recorder of Kingston-on-Thames, and Chairman of the Surrey Sessions, was married at the Savoy Chapel to Mr. Oswald Chapman, of Mortlake. The magistrates and town council of Kingston presented their recorder's daughter with a set of four massive silver table candlesticks.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has so far recovered from his long illness that his medical advisers have sanctioned his resumption of political work, and our Right Honourable brother will accordingly make his first appearance at a political gathering at the Dolphin dinner, Bristol, which will be held on Monday, the 14th prox., in celebration of the Colston Anniversary.

The Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, will complete the 50th year of his service in the British Army on Thursday next, the 3rd prox., and it is announced that a grand banquet, in honour of the occasion, will be given by the military members of the United Service Club the following day, the number of guests being limited to 200. His Royal Highness has been Commander-in-Chief of the British Army for upwards of 30 years, having succeeded to that position on the death of Viscount Hardinge.

The consecration of the Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, No. 2203, in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, North Camp, Aldershot, the ceremony being performed in his usual impressive manner by the R.W. P.G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., assisted by the Dep. P.G. Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and Prov. G. Officers. Bro. W. J. Rix, P.G. Std. Br., P.M., was duly installed the first W.M., Bro. J. Douglas was appointed S.W., and Bro. A. J. Walters, J.W. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Wilton delivered a very impressive oration during the ceremony. A banquet was afterwards held. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

The remains of the late Bro. Lord De Tabley, Past Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, were interred in Great Budworth Church, on the afternoon of Saturday last. Among the chief mourners were the present Lord De Tabley, Lady De Tabley, the widow, two of deceased's daughters, and Bros. Earl Bathurst and Sir Baldwin Leighton, sons-in-law. The Cheshire brethren were also very numerously represented, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, being conspicuous. In accordance with the late peer's wishes, the funeral rites were of the simplest character.

In celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, a special meeting of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Victoria Rooms, Southampton, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., assisted by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. England, and the Prov. G. Officers. There was an unusually large attendance. The Prov. G. Master, after explaining the object of the meeting, called on the brethren to rise and sing the National Anthem, which was done most heartily. The Prov. G. Master then conferred Masonic honours on thirteen of the brethren of the province, and the P.G. Lodge was closed in due form. The first annual meeting of the Provincial Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was then held. A full account of both these proceedings will be given in our next issue.

Specimen pictures (five sizes) of the Royal Masonic picture commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c., &c., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, at the Dome, Brighton, June 22nd, 1886, are now on view at George Kenning's Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, London.

At the last meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge Bros. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, were unanimously elected honorary members.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Cambridge, under the banner of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, on Friday, November 11th.

We hear with regret of an accident that befell Bro. F. T. Isitt (I. and C. Boyd and Co., Friday-street), on Monday evening. Though badly bruised he is not seriously injured, and it is hoped he will be able to return to town in the course of a few days.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., will rehearse the ceremony of consecration and installation at a special meeting of the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381, at the New Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, this evening (Friday.) Bro. George Everett, P.M., P.Z., &c., will occupy the chair.

The Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), accompanied by Lady Halsbury, has arrived at his villa at Stanmore from Pendrucombe, his seat in Cornwall, and proceeded to his town residence on Monday, in order that he might receive the Judges, Queen's Counsel, and benchers of the various Inns of Court and preside at the opening of the Law Courts.

"A Union of the Masonic Clergy" having been suggested by Bro. the Rev. J. Kingston, R.N., P.P.G.C. for Dorset, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, he will be exceedingly obliged to any brother who will kindly send him the names and, if possible, the addresses of clergymen who are members of the Order.

The corner-stone of the new Court house of San Benito County, California, was laid with Masonic ceremonial at Ballister, on the 17th September last, under the auspices of the San Benito Lodge, No. 211, the ceremony being performed by Bro. M. M. Estee, S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of California, acting as G.M. A banquet at the Mullahony House concluded the day's proceedings.

The Prince of Wales returned to town on Saturday last from his visit to Easton Neston, Northamptonshire, and in the evening, in company with his son, Prince Albert Victor, visited the Gaiety Theatre, where their Royal Highnesses witnessed a performance of "Miss Esmeralda."

The condition of Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, is declared by his medical advisers to be as satisfactory as can be expected, though he is still suffering considerably, and it will be some time before he will be able to resume his ministerial duties.

In view of the large amount of distress prevalent in London, Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson announced last week his intention of summoning the members of the Mansion House Council on Metropolitan poverty, which effected so much good last year, to meet together and consider what steps should be taken to alleviate the necessities of the poor.

Messrs. Dean & Son, of 160A, Fleet-street, have just issued a valuable Reference Work, entitled "The British Roll of Honour, and Orders of Chivalry," uniform with the "Debrett" series. It is edited by Professor P. Lund-Simmonds, and it shows that the Prince of Wales is the holder of forty-eight foreign orders, whilst her Majesty holds but nine.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted a second invitation from the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, at Newbury, Berks, to lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences," his address to the brethren on a former occasion having created much interest. Friday next, the 4th prox., is appointed for his visit, and a large gathering of the Craft in the neighbourhood is anticipated.

In accordance with an ancient custom, Bro. H. H. Crawford, City Solicitor, accompanied by Bro. Under-Sheriff Sydney, representing the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex, attended at the chambers of the Queen's Remembrancer in the Royal Courts of Justice, on the 21st inst., and tendered suit, rent, and service in respect of certain property, known in the one case as The Moors in Shropshire, and in the other as The Forge, with blacksmith's shop, somewhere near the church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand, which centuries ago were granted by Royal Charter to the Corporation of London. In the one case Bro. Crawford cut one faggot of wood with a chopper and another with a bill hook, and in the other case the Secondary counted six horseshoes and 61 nails.

There was a full attendance of members and brethren at the meeting of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601, held at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. James Stevens delivered the first portion of his lecture on "The Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry." A very excellent arrangement had been made with the lecturer for the delivery of the full lecture in addresses occupying portions of certain evenings set apart for that purpose, and on this occasion Bro. Stevens kept his hearers thoroughly interested for about an hour and a-half on points of ritual and ceremonial up to the investiture of the candidate in initiation. From this point he is to continue his address on the fourth Wednesday in November, the 23rd, and, if necessary, complete the same in the ensuing month. Very great satisfaction with the lecturer's remarks was expressed by all present, and a cordial vote of thanks, with an invitation to accept honorary membership of the lodge of instruction, were accorded to Bro. Stevens at the termination of the evening's proceedings. We are asked to state that the meetings of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, and the Masonic Charitable Association connected therewith, are now regularly held on Wednesday evenings, at 8, at the address above given.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The attention of all sufferers is drawn to these well-known remedies, for they possess conspicuous advantages as a safe and reliable aid in all those emergencies to which travellers, emigrants, and sailors are so especially liable. They have been largely patronised by wayfarers by land and sea, and, in fact, by all classes of the community to their very great advantage. The Pills are beyond all doubt one of the most effective remedies ever discovered for cases of obstinate constipation, confirmed indigestion, and colic—complaints which are engendered by exposure and irregular feeding. The Ointment will be found of the very greatest service in cases of piles, abscesses, erysipelas, and all kinds of local ulcerations.—ADVT.

GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FESTIVAL.—A preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo, when we have no doubt there will be a large attendance.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., addressed a large political gathering at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday last, among the principal supporters of the noble lord being Bros. the Earl of Ravensworth, the Earl of Zetland, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Walter Besant, who is a native of Portsmouth, has undertaken to collect funds among literary men and others for a Charles Dickens' memorial window in the new parish church at Portsea, which is being erected at a cost of nearly £40,000.

The Mary Commandery, K.T. of Philadelphia, of which our worthy Brother Chas. E. Meyer is the Recorder, continues to be very active. At their last meeting, on the 13th inst., there were six candidates for the Red Cross Degree, an Order which is conferred in the United States by the Knights Templar.

The Crystal Palace Company are doing all they can to meet the wishes of the licensing justices, although they do not admit that anything was necessary, an opinion that certainly finds some support from the fact that, on Saturday evening last, a crowded audience cleared out of the theatre in less than two and a half minutes. However, the exits are being widened, and it is hoped that these alterations may satisfy the Croydon justices.

Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, P.A.G.D.C. Essex, W.M. 2063, was on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., entertained at the Holborn Restaurant, and presented with an afternoon tea service, in silver, richly incased, also a tea and coffee service, and a box of fish knives and forks; likewise an illuminated address on vellum, for services rendered as Churchwarden of St. James's, Clerkenwell, and Chairman of the Clerkenwell Vestry.

At a meeting of the Worlebury Preceptory of Knights Templar, held at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on the 13th inst., Sir Knight J. G. Shanks, Past Grand Sd. Br. of England, Past Prov. Sub-Prior of Devon, Past E. Commander of St. Mungo Encampment, Glasgow, Past E.C. of Royal Veterans Encampment, &c., was duly installed as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year; the ceremony being well performed by the outgoing Preceptor, Sir Knight Wickstead.

Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, favoured the members of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, with a lecture on "Freemasonry during the last Five Centuries," on Monday, the 24th inst. Bro. J. Tonkin, W.M., presided. There was a good attendance, the interest in the matter was keen, and after its delivery many questions were asked, and, of course, readily answered by Bro. Hughan, about two hours being occupied, either by the lecturer or the brethren who sought for more light. Bro. W. J. Johns, P.P.G. Treas., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to their esteemed Past Master, Bro. Hughan, for his able, instructive, and most interesting lecture, which, on being seconded by Bro. W. Middleton, Treas., P.P.S.G.D., and supported by Bros. T. C. Mack, Prov. G. Org.; R. Angel, P.M.; J. H. Ferris, P.P.G. Reg.; and the W.M., was enthusiastically carried. The questions propounded were rather difficult at times to fully answer, as evidence was lacking in reference to some of the points raised, but Bro. Hughan proved inexhaustible as usual.

The very name of Quebec is a mystery. Some believe that it is derived from the Indian word *Kebec*, signifying "a strait," and applied to the narrowing of the St. Lawrence off Cape Diamond. Others think that it was named in loving remembrance of Caudebec, on the Seine, to which its natural features bear a magnified resemblance; and show that William de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, in the fifteenth century, bore on his seal the title of Lord of Quebec. Suffolk had large estates in France, and became the conqueror of Joan of Arc; but was impeached and put to death for causing the loss of the English provinces on the continent (as related by Shakspeare, in "King Henry VI.," Part II., Act iv.) The popular account, however, of the origin of the name of the Canadian Gibraltar tells of the astonished cry of the French explorers on first seeing Cape Diamond, "Quel bec!" (What a beak!) which by an easy elision became Quebec.—From *Cities of the World* for November.

The publication of another volume from the pen of Bro. Dr. H. Landsdell will be welcomed by all who have read his former records of travels and adventures in Eastern lands. The new work is entitled "Through Central Asia," and will contain an appendix on the diplomacy and delimitation of the Russo-Afghan frontier. It is a record of a journey through Turkistan, Bokhara, and Turkmenia, of 12,000 miles, by water, by rail, on wheels, horses, and camels. It gives in narrative form much that has been published in a more detailed and statistical manner in the author's larger work; adding, however, several engravings, and retaining the allusions to patriarchal and Persian customs which throw light on the ethnography of the Scriptures. The question also is discussed—"Do we know the truth about Siberian prisons?" Information concerning the diplomacy of the Afghan frontier question has been carefully gathered from the Government Blue Books, and the matter is discussed from a Russian, English, and general standpoint. There is added the author's itinerary, and two good indices. The work will be published by Messrs. Sampson Low and Co.

Now that the fireworks season at the Crystal Palace has closed, it has been decided to give every Thursday evening a promenade concert within the central transept, shut off from the nave by canvas extending from the floor to the roof. The vast area from the Handel orchestra to the great stage is thus completely enclosed, and constitutes perhaps the largest concert-room to be found either on the European continent or in America.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic as recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("Sportman's") is prepared? Beware of imitations. Observe our branded corks and capsules. Sold by Wine Merchants, and by Thomas Grant and Sons, Maidstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.