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at the festivities in honour of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, having been carried out, in accordance with ancient usage, in the Freemasons' Hall at Bombay. His Royal Highness was subsequently installed Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in all India, which has its headquarters in the same capital city, so that the double duty devolves on us of congratulating the lodges and brethren of both Constitutions on the honour which the Duke has been pleased to confer upon them. There is no doubt that the event of Saturday last will have a most encouraging influence on the fortunes, already sufficiently stable, of the lodges of the two systems,

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The Province of West Lancashire. LORD LATHOM must have been more than usually gratified by the heartiness of the reception he met with at the annual session at Eccles, on the 3rd inst., of his Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, as well as by the several reports of proceedings, which were submitted at the meeting. There is nothing remarkable in the fact that a province which has so able and popular a chief to preside over its fortunes should find itself becoming more and more prosperous every year, or that the feelings by which the ruler and the ruled are actuated towards each other should become stronger and more pronounced as one successful year is regularly followed by another of still greater success. On this occasion as many as 600 brethren met under the banner of Bridgwater Lodge, and only one of the 85 lodges on the roll was unable to send its representatives. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's Statements of Account showed a generous, as well as a wise, administration of the finances, grants amounting together to £630 having been made during the year to the several Provincial Charitable organisations, while £210 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £305 distributed among distressed widows and members of West Lancashire lodges. Yet, notwithstanding these generous subventions, there remained at the close of the year a balance in hand of nearly £1013. As regards the Jubilee contributions to the Masonic Charities, we gather, from the remarks of the Prov. Grand Secretary, that, including the amounts already voted and paid from Provincial Grand Lodge funds, these were expected to reach the munificent sum of £5000, the 20 lodges which had sent in their returns having contributed amongst them £1027, or, on an average, upwards of £50 per lodge. Moreover, the Prov. Grand Master announced, with reference to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School next year, that, in all probability, the Prince of WALES would occupy the chair; that he himself had been invited to act as Chairman, or President, of the Board of Stewards; and that he had no doubt whatever that West Lancashire would occupy a foremost place among the contributing provinces. As regards the numerical position of the province, the Prov. Grand Secretary mentioned that warrants for three new lodges had been granted during the year, the constitution of one of them, which it is proposed to limit to Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, being somewhat of a novelty; of this lodge, which will be designated the LATHOM, the Prov. Grand Master has very kindly consented to be the first W.M. Thus, both as regards its numerical strength and its financial position, West Lancashire has evidently made more than the usual progress during the past 12 months. Its local Charitable Associations have been doing some excellent work, and appear to have received a larger measure of support from the brethren. The Jubilee contributions to the Central Charities bid fair to be exceptionally high, and it only needs that the lodges should look more closely after the subscriptions of their members, so as to prevent any undue accumulation of arrears, in order to remove the solitary cause of regret referred to during the proceedings. The proceedings at the meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, which was held immediately after the close of Prov. Grand Lodge, do not call for remark; but enough passed to show that in Arch, as in Craft, Masonry, all who have had a share in the duties of Masonry during the past year are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have carried them out.

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"Our Grand Master." To meet the wishes of the brethren for whom we spoke in the *Freemason* of last year, GENERAL ROOMB, the Grand Master of the Knights Templars in the United States, has offered a response which can be accepted by Craftsmen wherever dispersed, and without regard to Knight Templary exclusively. The sentiment to which we invite all the European Craftsmen whose names are enrolled in "the mystic inner circle," and which we ask them to remember is the pledge on Christmas Day, 1887, of "Our Grand Master." The Grand Master of the K.T. of U.S.A., sends the response "To all regular Masons of whatever legitimate obedience throughout the world," which we feel assured will prove most acceptable to the numerous brethren who take part in this most fraternal libation. The time selected is noon, Washington Standard, which corresponds to about 5 p.m. Greenwich. The circle of Craftsmen who participate in this pleasing annual custom is ever increasing, and quite a number in

It is high time we should devote some space to a consideration of the prospects in store for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in connection with the Festival which will take place during the month of February, 1888. It is on record in our columns that, when the Anniversary in February last had been held, Bro. TERRY lost no time in making the necessary preparations for the one that is now approaching. His "Plan of Campaign" was conducted in the usual fashion. He set out on his tour of visiting the lodges in town and country, exerting all his influence and all his ability—so far, at least, as they could be properly exercised without detriment to the then forthcoming Anniversary Festivals of the Sister Institutions at Wandsworth and Wood Green—in order to obtain the services of brethren as Stewards for the ensuing year, and induce others to support those Stewards to the full extent of their ability. At this date, and having regard to the exciting summer and autumn we have had during this year of Jubilee, as well as to the occurrence in May or June next of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, we must think twice, and even many times, about offering an opinion as to the measure of success which had attended those efforts. A Board of Stewards is being formed, and with three clear months before us, we are justified in hoping that it will be strong enough when the day comes to obtain the funds which are imperatively required for the year's expenditure. But the time is an anxious one for all our Institutions. The Boys' School fared indifferently in June last; the Girls' School is looking forward to its Centenary in the hope and belief that its Board of Stewards will succeed in raising the wherewithal to provide for the necessary re-arrangement and extension of its premises; while the Benevolent Institution, notwithstanding its amazing success in February, has still two formidable lists of applicants for admission to its benefits. There remained after the May election 35 unsuccessful male candidates and 36 unsuccessful widow candidates. There have been already accepted 14 male petitions and 12 widow petitions, and there is no doubt that between now and the 31st December the two lists will be swelled by the addition of quite 30 more names, so that the number of candidates, taking men and widows together, will, there is every reason to believe, be almost, if not quite, as formidable as it was in May last. But there will be this unfortunate difference—that, whatever the number of vacancies to be filled may be—and present appearances suggest the idea that it will be very limited—the amount disbursed in annuities already closely approximates to £15,000, and there will be no Jubilee excitement next year to justify our anticipating a richer harvest of donations and subscriptions than usual. The permanent income of the Institution, as we have stated many times before, is about £3600, which is about sufficient to defray the expenses of management and leave a small amount in hand towards incidentals; and as management and annuities together absorb about £18,000 annually, a lower total of subscriptions in February next than £15,000 will necessitate one of three courses. The Institution will be compelled either to incur debt; sell out some of its capital, and so reduce its permanent income; or reduce the number of its annuitants. As matters stand, and having regard to the pressing demands of the other charities, we see not the remotest likelihood of the Committee of Management being able to recommend the election of any more old men and widows: such a policy under present circumstances would be most unwise. But we are sanguine enough to believe that the Craft, how great soever may be the calls made upon it in other quarters, will diligently and successfully exert itself to provide the requisite funds for the maintenance of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in its present strength. We will add that the Board of Stewards numbers only some 140 brethren at the present time, and, as our advertisement columns show, Bro. Terry will be but too glad to enrol the names of other brethren who may be willing to assist him in his serious task.

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ACCORDING to latest advices from India, H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT has been at length installed as District Grand Master of Bombay, the ceremony, which had been delayed owing to the visit of the illustrious Duke to England, in order to be present

The New Dist. Grand Master of Bombay.

England now take part. The names of any recruits may be forwarded to Bro. HUGHAN, Torquay, who is the correspondent for this Country in connection with Bro. STEPHEN BERRY, of Maine, U.S.A. We shall have pleasure in remembering the token, and desire, for the esteemed Grand Master of United States Templars, the best that this world can afford.

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WE should like to draw special attention to the series of old Warrants, of which transcripts have been given by Bro. HUGHAN in the *Freemason*. The earliest is for the year 1732, four in all being selected, so far, including those for that year and for 1733, viz., lodges 37, Bolton; 39, Exeter; 41, Bath; and 42, Bury. A still older one is noted, however, as No. 1 of the series, dated February, 1731, for Dublin. Strictly speaking, the Irish document is the only real warrant, as we now understand the term, the English being more of the nature of Deputations for the Constitution of the lodges mentioned. Still they are warrants to constitute, and have been accepted from 1732-3, as the only needed authority to render their proceedings regular. We shall be glad to hear of earlier charters, especially if any such exist for lodges in the Metropolis.

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OUR Metropolitan readers in particular, will, we are certain, be pleased to join us in congratulating Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., on his restoration to health, as well as on his debut in the character of a scientific lecturer. During his voyage round the world Bro. RICHARDSON was fortunate enough to accumulate a good collection of minerals, which, with some curiosities, he has presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of whose House Committee he is one of the most indefatigable members. To the great gratification, not only of the pupils, but also of the educational staff, our worthy brother has been prevailed upon by the Head Governess to give a short lecture every Tuesday evening after the science lecture, the subject matter of which is taken from a copious diary kept by him during his travels—a new departure alike entertaining and instructive to teachers and taught. When we find the House Committee of the Girls' School thus taking an active and personal interest in the children and their studies, we can scarcely wonder at the enormous success in their examination which has rewarded the labours of "our Girls."

#### CONSECRATION OF THE FAIRFIELD LODGE, No. 2224, LONG EATON.

Another lodge was on Thursday, the 10th inst., enrolled on the ever-increasing list of United Grand Lodge, in the Pavilion attached to the recreation grounds. We are accustomed to find lodges meeting in hotels and Masonic halls, but we fancy few people would imagine a lodge held in this isolated but picturesque building. When on that day the fact was made apparent by seeing a number of brethren enter the building, that the consecration was really going to take place in it, a dread of chill and general discomfort at once took possession of us, but these anticipations were fortunately unnecessary, as the various rooms had been heated and a great deal done by the Committee to promote comfort and ensure a successful meeting. The prime mover in founding this lodge was Bro. J. P. Fearfield, who was initiated in the Moira Lodge, No. 92. He would have been installed first W.M. of the new lodge, but unfortunately had not served the office of Warden. He has from the commencement been untiring in his efforts to satisfactorily complete all the arrangements. The lodge is called after him, although there is a difference in the orthography of Fearfield and Fairfield unaccounted for.

Another zealous worker for the success of the new lodge was Bro. Silver Hall (first W.M.). He formerly belonged to the Abbey Lodge, No. 432, but subsequently joined the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, of which he is a P.M. Bro. Hall is also P. Asst. G. Sec. and Scribe E. of the Province of Derbyshire, and a P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. (Mark) in the Provinces of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, and Rutland. It will thus be seen that he has had a large experience in the various grades and Degrees of Freemasonry, and, being both easy of address and courteous in demeanour, is in every way qualified to govern and steer the new craft to the harbour of prosperity. The other founders were Bros. Charles Maltby, P.M. 1179, P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire; W. H. Farmer, I.P.M. 1434; Edgar Horne, I.P.M. 731, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire; and Jas. O. Manton, P.M. 1085, P.P.A.G.D.C. The following brethren also signed the petition: Bros. the Rev. J. W. Tapper, P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Chambers, 1179; N. Ashurst, 104; Edward Smith, and H. N. Hallett. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, Dep. P.G.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Sir John Smith, P.S.G.W.; E. N. Huggin, G. H. Ward, S. Taylor, C. Webster, A. Woodiwiss, W. H. Fisher, J. Farnsworth, J. Clark, D. Upton, John G. Chandler, W. M. Lacy, E. J. Loverseed, C. Gowthorpe, A. P. Bates, J. Robottom, J. E. Wild, G. R. Turner, Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Herbert Price, Prov. G. Cnap.; W. B. Woodforde, T. Bennett, E. J. H. Hopkins, C. H. Benholm, A. G. Fletcher, N. W. Need, A. T. Mitchell, W. E. Wardeley, A. P. Wood, C. W. Trollope, D. Holwell, F. G. Robinson, J. Cholerton, J. D. Wragg, C. Bolton, W. E. Hartshorn, G. B. Allenson, H. W. Price, A. Lawson, G. Howard, R. Carlin, J. Whitehead, C. J. Jackson, S. Robinson, H. F. Daykin, W. Fletcher, J. Hancock, T. Salisbury, N. G. Hughes-Hallett, E. Simpkin, G. H. Horne, J. H. Richardson, W. J. Dodd, P. Woodward, A. Field, A. Adlington, W. Robinson, S. J. Lee, S. G. Gilbert, S. Stephens, R. Reader, G. Claye, T. Roberts, H. George, H. B. Boag, J. Millall, W. S. Sugg, R. T. Ingram, G. H. Smedley, W. Vial, W. Prince, J. Howell, W. Davenport, J. T. Marple, S. Clever, A. H. Bonsor, R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Steward E. Lancs.; and others.

Proceedings commenced at 2.45, when the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, entered, attended by a numerous staff of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. After a lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, the Dep. P.G.M. was saluted, and having announced the purpose for which he was present, the P.G. Chaplain invoked a blessing on the proceedings.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Silver Hall, with his officers, were requested to stand in their relative positions, after which the acting P.G. Secretary, Bro. COULSON, P.P.J.G.W., read the petition for the warrant, and afterwards the warrant itself. The petitioners having signified their approval of the arrangements and promised to conform to the Constitutions, the Dep. P.G.M. called upon Bro. the Rev. CHARLES GROVES, P.G. Chap., to deliver an oration, which he did as follows:

Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, and Brethren,—From the creation of the Universe up to the present time one fact stands prominently forward, and that fact is the dependence of mankind upon one another for mutual help, comfort, and sympathy. Man depends upon his fellow man for help mutually in his undertakings and in his necessities. A very casual glance at the state of human society in all ages is sufficient to see this. If man were a solitary animal, where would be all the mighty enterprises, both in the social and political world, for the benefit of himself which exist now or have existed in all ages? Man also depends upon his kind for comfort—for comfort in affliction—that is, when the wear and tear of adverse circumstances, which are the lot of all men, would prove too much for the unassisted strength both of body and mind of the single individual. And man depends for sympathy upon his brother, for sympathy in his fortunes, be they either good or bad. Nothing enhances the pleasure of prosperity of the individual so much as the fact that the rays of his good fortune also shed their gleams of gladness upon his family or his neighbour, and that that family or neighbour shares in the exhilaration of spirit, which animates the individual; at the same time, as is well known amongst us all, how much does sympathy alleviate grief or the weight of misfortune or calamity. Let a man's career be of the most prosperous of earthly experience, yet grief, vexation, and black care will intrude their presence; and were it not for sympathy of neighbour with neighbour, friend with friend, aye, even society with society, how sad would be the lot of mankind! This mutual dependence, then, upon one another is really the outcome, the result of that act of the G.A.O.T.U. when He formed man in His own image, and breathed unto him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. That part of the Divine essence, which became our portion then prompts us now with unflinching energy to mutually help, comfort, and sympathise with our fellow mortals. 'Tis at least one chaplet of flowers gathered during the universal reign of harmony and love that existed in Paradise before the fall of Adam. If we examine, we shall find traces of a similar instinct of association even in the lower animal creation, and our thoughts at once turn to such examples as are supplied by the bees, with whom all is regularity and method for self and mutual help—one common interest, one common end—and this common interest and end the good of their community. Then again our humble teachers, the ants, who appear even higher in intelligence than the bees, how eminently beautiful are all their arrangements for the control and benefit of their commonwealth! In fact, the lesson which appears to be taught us by Nature is this—that the higher the intelligence with which a sensitive race of beings is endowed, the greater becomes the instinct, or the wish, or the necessity for banding together for common and mutual support. But even in lower forms of life this instinct is not wanting. Many of the races of fishes flock together for common interest; aye, even many plants seem to flourish better in communities. But it is in *Man*, the highest earthly being created by the G.A.O.T.U., that there is found, developed in its highest degree, this faculty and necessity of agreeing and combining together for mutual society, mutual support, and general interest. Tracing the history of mankind in that most reliable of all histories that treat of the Great Architect's dealings with His works, viz., the Old Text Scriptures, we find that man was ever a social animal, that he clung to his neighbour in all his acts and deeds, whether they were for good or for evil, whether in obedience to his Maker's will or in opposition to His wishes. For, besides, as I hinted at before, this aspiration for sympathetic society being an outcome of the Divine Spirit of the Great Architect; yet also this faculty of combining together is especially suited to the mere natural capabilities of mankind, from his capacity of speech or inter-communication of ideas by words, and also from his power of making himself understood by his neighbour by signs; which words and signs or symbols have, of necessity, a meaning only known to the initiated. Be it simply the gift of language, the various forms of which distinguish nation from nation, or be it those higher symbolisms of language and of signs combined, of which our Masonic art is an example, and I may say not the least or most imperfect of those systems that do exist. As man became by degrees developed from the untutored savage to a more civilised stage of existence, he gradually acquired the power to form and attach meanings to outward symbols. From the first rude attempts at making himself understood by his neighbour, whether by vocal sounds or by expressive actions, gradually were developed those beautiful languages of antiquity and of modern times, by which the most exquisite delicacy of thought or the most subtle distinction of idea can be imparted and be understood, and also we may infer with some degree of certainty, that very early in the world's history was perceived the advantage of using both words and symbols to convey and illustrate ideas and also to conceal them; and from the earliest, the phenomena of the heavens, the truths of science, or the secrets of nature were made use of as allegories, both for imparting instruction and for preserving some mystical meaning known only to the favoured few. We may mention as instances, the forms and ceremonies of worship both of the true God and likewise of false gods; the extensive system of hieroglyphics of the Ancient Egyptians; the intricate involved formulæ and mysteries of the ancient astrologers; and in our times the symbolism and mystic meaning of our own and cognate societies. And truly, brethren, to one acquainted with the beauty and perfection of the sciences—and to select one from among them, that ancient science, the science of geometry, the elegance of its propositions, the exactness of its demonstrations—one would not be surprised that the simple, at the same time elegant, properties of circles, triangles, squares, and other geometrical figures should soon have had attached to them symbolical meanings which are no less apt than forcible. Indeed, it would not be difficult to draw up a complete code of symbols of, say, the characteristics of an upright man, from these geometrical elements, as indeed has been done in the mysteries of this our Craft, to which no further allusion need be made. This, however, I claim for Masonry, that as it is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by signs, so the allegories are most beautiful and even sublime, the signs are pertinent, apt, and forcible. Now, of the objects that men rely upon one another mutually for help, some are good, that is, for the benefit of their kind generally; others are undoubtedly bad, or tinged with selfishness, and seek the advancement of the few at the cost of the many. Let me here then, brethren, emphatically claim on behalf of this our Masonic Art and Body everything that is good, and as emphatically renounce everything that is bad, and to support this claim for our sublime science let us shortly examine into what are some of the characteristics of any society, whose common and direct object is universal good. The first characteristic, I contend, is that the object of that society should be wholly the welfare of that society, and through that society the welfare of the world at large. The second characteristic is, that this society must be capable of expansion and be independent of local circumstances. The third characteristic is, that its objects do not clash with any other arrangement which is also for the universal good. Hence it must not be opposed to the laws of any place or country. Hence it must be universal in its acceptance of different phases of religious belief, which spring from the common knowledge of the Great Ruler of the Universe as revealed in His written word. How far these characteristics are fulfilled in Masonry, a but slight consideration will show. We, as a society, wisely leave the difference of opinion with respect to the laws of the land to be discussed by those whose duty it is to see to such things, and as laws are necessary and generally for the good of all, our Masonic art and teaching run in parallel grooves with the law of the land, and teach us to aid and comfort one another in a *law-abiding spirit*. We claim, too, for Masonry that its object is the good, both temporal and moral, first of all of the members of the society itself, and through them of the whole world. For by its precepts it inculcates Brotherly Love and Charity as the first of principles; Mutual Assistance and Sympathy as the first of duties; and by the bond of union among the various lodges these principles and these duties are spread over the whole civilised globe. Name any country where the energy of man has urged him to penetrate, there also exists his lodge of Free and Accepted Masons;

smoothing the roughness, it may be, of Colonial life; cheering the existence of settlers in barbaric cities; helping the struggling, supporting the weary in the towns of the Old World, and generally holding the right hand of fellowship and sympathy throughout the length and breadth of the world. Truly, brethren, Masonry holds an unique and necessary place in modern social life; it is in a manner a necessity of our time. The other characteristic of a good society—the second in the order mentioned—is illustrated by your presence here to-day. The characteristic is, that it should be capable of expansion and should be independent of local circumstances. I may be pardoned if I congratulate here the W.M. and brethren upon the establishment of this new lodge, No. 2224, illustrating the spread of Masonry and the gratifying progress that its Charitable principles are making through the land. Every new lodge that is founded acts like a drop of rain that falls upon the surface of a lake, causing a rippling circle which grows and expands ever wider and wider, taking under its influence all within its reach. May the G.A.O.T.U. take this lodge under His especial care, causing its beneficent influence to be more and more felt as time goes on, increasing its prosperity by arraying within its numbers an ever expanding proportion of new members. And may the lodge in its turn, like the lake, supply a drop, which may make another circle elsewhere by sending out as spirited a founder of a new lodge in another place as is the originator of this one. Whilst wishing that the first W.M. of this the Fairfield Lodge and his assistant officers a prosperous, peaceful, and harmonious year of office, let us not fail to give our most grateful thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for His present help hitherto, humbly asking Him to allow the bright beams of His grace to illuminate them and us in our duties towards Him and towards our neighbour and to protect and preserve us to all eternity. So mote it be.

The P.G. Chaplain was deservedly applauded for this beautiful address. After the hymn "Hail, universal Lord," had been sung, the P.G. Chaplain offered up the first portion of the consecration prayer, and Bro. William Gadsby sang "Behold how good and joyful" in excellent style. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with in the customary manner by the D.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Chaplains and other P.G. Officers, and the lodge dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence by the aid of corn, wine, and oil. Bro. Okeover completed the ceremony by pronouncing the dedication prayer and blessing.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Silver Hall, was, after the usual preliminaries, installed into the chair of K.S. as first Master of the lodge by Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas. Bro. Thomas Cox subsequently delivered the address to the W.M., and on the re-admission of the Master Masons, the fact was announced to them of Bro. Hall's installation, and they saluted him in the customary manner.

The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. J. P. Fearfield, S.W.; W. H. Farmer, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Tapper, P.P.G.C. Jersey, Chap.; J. W. Chambers, Sec.; N. Ashurst, S.D.; Edgar Horne, J.D.; Jas. O. Manton, D. of C.; W. Gadsby, Org.; Edward Smith, I.G.; H. N. Hughes-Hallett and R. Storer, Stewards; and C. H. Benham, Tyler.

Bro. Cox addressed the Wardens and brethren, and the P.G. Chaplain concluded the ceremony of installation.

The W.M. said he should make it his first duty to propose a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his kindness in coming there to perform the consecration ceremony.

The proposition was speedily seconded, and carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks was also accorded Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., *Installing Master, for his appreciated services.* Both brethren responded in appropriate terms.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be sent by letter to Mrs. Fearfield (wife of the S.W.) for her generosity and kindness in presenting the lodge with a handsome banner, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. the Rev. Charles Groves for his beautiful oration.

The W.M., on behalf of the members, presented Bro. J. P. Fearfield, S.W., with a Founder's jewel for his highly esteemed services. A number of propositions for initiation were announced and handed to the Secretary.

Letters of apology for non-acceptance of invitation to be present were announced as received from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; John Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Rev. Sanders, P.G. Chap.; John Watson, Past G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M. Notts; Jas. Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; John Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec. E. Lancs.; S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Farmer, P.G.D.C.; E. Mammatt, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire; W. B. Tate, P.P.S.G.W. Notts; W. B. Hextall, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; A. Stubbs, Asst. P.G. Sec. Notts; V. J. Greenhalgh, P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire; Fitzherbert Wright, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; W. Wynne, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; J. D. Simpson, W.M. 1952; and others.

Bro. Charles Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. G. Sec. Leicestershire and Rutland, in a letter of apology to the W.M. for non-attendance, regretted his engagements prevented him from accepting the invitation to be present at the consecration of the Fairfield Lodge. The noble hospitality he had received on the occasion of the centenary of the Tyrian Lodge would never fade from his and the Leicestershire brethren's recollections, who were fortunate enough to be present, whilst the kindly and fraternal way in which the Derbyshire brethren allowed himself and friends to join their party when journeying to London to attend the Masonic Jubilee Festival at the Albert Hall would be ever remembered with pleasure and gratitude. He was sure he expressed the feelings of all his Leicestershire brethren in wishing the Fairfield Lodge a long course of prosperity.

When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors, the Dep. Prov. G.M. retired, and the lodge was closed in due form. At a later period the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed and honoured.

The W.M. proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon," and "The Musical Brethren."

Bro. FEARFIELD, S.W., proposed "Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M., and Bro. H. C. Okeover, V.W.D.P.G.M."

Bro. A. T. MITCHELL, P.M. 1405, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was well received, honoured, and duly responded to.

Bro. C. MALTBY, P.M. 1179, P.P.J.G.W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bros. S. STEVENS, 47, and HENRY GEORGE, P.M. 1661, P.P.G.D. of C. Notts, responded.

Bro. W. H. FARMER, J.W. and P.M. 1434, proposed "The Worshipful Masters and Brethren of the Derbyshire Lodges," and Bros. FLETCHER, P.M. 1179, and SEVERN-TAYLOR, J.W. 731, responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Fairfield Lodge," and Bros. J. P. FEARFIELD, S.W., and J. W. CHAMBERS, Sec., responded.

The toast list was brought to a close at an early hour with "To all poor and distressed Masons."

The lodge will meet on the first Wednesday in every month from October to May.

## CONSECRATION OF THE DENE LODGE, No. 2228, COOKHAM.

Freemasonry in the Province of Berks and Bucks has been reinforced by the addition of another lodge to its roll of 18 lodges. The pretty village of Cookham is the home of this latest addition to the Masonic family, and the occasion of its birth on Saturday last was duly celebrated in a manner that gives promise of a strong and healthy career. Bro. Charles Belton, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, is mainly responsible for its existence, and was on that occasion installed as W.M. A goodly number of brethren, among whom were many Grand Officers, assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, and at 3 o'clock Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, proceeded to consecrate the lodge. He was assisted by Bro. Major A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., as J.W.; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., as I.G. There were also present as visitors: Bros. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.S.B.; Batting, P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Thomson, W.M. 165; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; S. Smith, R. Groom, and others.

Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Raymond Thrupp, Dr. Stewart, F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, R. E. Clutton, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, F. West, and Hart.

The ceremony of consecration, which has often been described in the pages of the *Freemason*, was, in the hands of the expert Craftsmen just named, very ably carried through, and the Dene Lodge was declared duly constituted.

In place of the usual oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, which the Consecrating Officer remarked, would, in the presence of so many Grand Officers and Past Masters, be somewhat unnecessary, he gave a short address only.

The Installation of the W.M. was then proceeded with, and Bro. Belton was duly inducted in the chair of King Solomon. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Butcher, P.M., S.W.; R. E. Goolden, P.M., J.W.; Richard Eve, G. Treas., I.P.M.; Fredk. Major, Treas.; J. W. H. Thompson, Sec.; J. B. Clark, S.D.; H. Clark, P.M., J.D.; and Geo. Clark, jun., P.M., I.G.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in thanking the Consecrating Officers and those who had assisted him in the ceremony, proposed that they should show their sense of the obligations they were under to those brethren, and he therefore proposed that the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Major A. B. Cook, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Frank Richardson, and Robert Grey, as well as Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and Robert Bradley, Prov. G. Sec., be elected honorary members of the Dene Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed that the founders of the lodge be a Committee for framing the by-laws. This being carried, two gentlemen, viz., Mr. Alfred Major, of the War Office, and Mr. W. A. Rixon, of the Royal Society of Artists in Water Colours, were proposed as candidates for initiation, and Bro. Major Bishop, late of No. 60, as a joining member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G. Master" were briefly put and duly honoured, and, as the W.M. was desirous of consulting the convenience of the majority of the brethren who wished to return to town by an early train, he said he would be equally brief in introducing the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. ROBT. GREY, in responding, said that as the W.M. had set them the key note, he would only say a few words in reply, but those words would be very sincere. It was generally the custom, he said, for Grand Officers on such occasions to give words of advice, but with such a Master as Bro. Belton, he felt no advice was needed. He congratulated Bro. Belton on the success of the day. He had attended many consecration ceremonies, but, on looking around, he had never seen so many Grand Officers in proportion to the brethren present.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "Bro. Brownrigg," who, he said, appeared to them as a Grand Officer, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and also as the Consecrating Officer. He thanked him personally, and in the name of the lodge, for his services on that occasion. He had set them an excellent example in many respects, and he hoped the officers of the Dene Lodge would profit by it.

Bro. BROWNRIFF, in reply, said that he was gratified at having fallen amongst old friends. They had, it was true, referred with some amount of sarcasm to his having broken the record in the speed with which he had gone through the ceremonies of the day, but he forgave them, and should look forward to many enjoyable meetings of the Dene Lodge. He hoped the W.M. would not consider him tedious when singing his praises, but he felt the greatest gratification in proposing "The Health of Bro. Belton," who would, he felt sure, make that lodge a credit to the Craft.

Bro. BELTON, in reply, thanked Bro. Brownrigg for the kind expressions he had used. Every brother at the table, he said, was a personal friend, and he had an extreme pleasure in investing Bro. Eve as I.P.M. The Grand Treasurer was a distinguished Mason. It had fallen to the lot of few men to have performed a greater amount of Masonic work, and it was with peculiar pleasure that he became associated with Bro. Eve in the formation of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that the majority of the visitors present were Grand Officers, who had already been adverted to in a previous toast, and he assured both those and the other visitors that they were received by the Dene Lodge with a very cordial welcome; and he called on Bro. W. Lake to respond.

Bro. LAKE, in reply, congratulated the W.M. and members on the inauguration of the Dene Lodge under the able guidance of Bro. Belton, who had associated with him so many good Masons. He referred to a remark that had fallen from the Consecrating Officer in the lodge, with which he thought the brethren would agree—that, although lodges existed in most of the larger towns in the province, there was still plenty of room for such lodges as the one they had inaugurated that day in districts sufficiently remote to be free from clashing with those already in existence.

Bro. EVE then gave the toast of "The Charities." They must remember, he said, that even when they were there enjoying themselves, those who had enjoyed themselves in times past, and who had left others to carry on the work of Masonry, were needing the help of their more fortunate brethren. They recognised two brethren present who had done much to

advocate the claims of the Charities—he referred to Bro. Binckes and Bro. Terry, both of whom he would call on to respond.

Bro. BINCKES briefly replied, and

Bro. TERRY, in referring to the Festival not far off, viz., that of the Benevolent Institution, hoped that, notwithstanding the efforts put forth on behalf of the Girls' and the Boys', the Benevolent would come in as a little bit of meat to season the whole.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, which was responded to by the S.W.; and, as most of the brethren had elected to return by an early train, a most enjoyable meeting was summarily brought to a close.

Bro. Dr. Lott, assisted by Bros. Groom and Stanley Smith, discoursed sweet music during the evening, in addition to the very efficient aid rendered by them in the consecration ceremony.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

At a Convocation of Grand Chapter, holden in Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1887, at 4 p.m., by the invitation of Chapters Paradise, No. 139, and Loyalty, No. 296, there were present:

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G. Prin. Soj., G. Supt.; John Wordsworth, Prov. G. H.; Frederick Laxton, Prov. G. J.; William Longden, P. Prov. G. H.; William Henry Brittain, Past G.S.B., P. Prov. G. H.; Henry Smith, Past G. Prin. Soj., Prov. G. S.E.; Dr. W. R. Thomas, Prov. G. S.N.; Robert Arnison, P. Prov. G. S.N.; Thomas Harrison, Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P. Prov. G. Treas.; John F. Moss, P.P.G.P. Soj., as Prov. G. Reg.; Edmund Lord, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Thomas Richard Vaux, Prov. G. 1st Assist. Soj.; William Watson, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Henry Joseph Garnett, P. Prov. G. Soj.; William Skinner, P. Prov. G. Soj.; John Shaw, as Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Wm. Fredk. Tomlinson, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; John E. Wordsworth, as Prov. G.D. of Cers.; Thos. B. Edwards, as Prov. Asst. G.D. of Cers.; W. F. Smithson, P. P. G.D. of Cers.; Joseph Mellows, P., as Prov. G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. Asst. G.S.E.; Thomas Leighton, as Prov. G. Janitor; Fredk. Cleaves, as Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Ridgard Massie, Prov. G. Stwd.; Clement C. Carr, as Prov. G. Stwd.; Wm. Chas. Ellisdon, Prov. G. Stwd.; and others; and companions of the following chapters, viz.: 139, 154, 208, 242, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 495, 521, 537, 904, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1513.

Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and Officers opened Provincial Grand Chapter at 4 o'clock, when the roll of Royal Arch Chapters and of Present and Past Prov. Officers was called. The minutes of the meeting held at Leeds, April 30, 1887, were read and confirmed.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:—

Excellent Companions,—I thank you for the salutation and cordiality with which you have received the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire, surrounded by the banners of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It is a great pleasure, I can assure you, to come to Sheffield, and to meet so many representatives of the chapters under my jurisdiction in this noble hall, devoted to Freemasonry in its various Degrees. It is a fortress of "Loyalty and Charity," and a "Home and Rest" for those who seek peace within its walls, and who prefer the fellowship of brotherhood of civilization and humanity to the enmity of agitation so prevalent around us. I am glad to realize the feeling that it is the firm belief of Royal Arch Masons that our vital interests are concerned in the maintenance of this spirit of "Peace, Love, and Unity," and that we are determined to do all that in us lies to love our Sovereign and Supreme Grand Master and our Order; therefore, we have the greatest reason to-day to form the double Great Triangle to mediate on its significant symbolism to work in "Love and Unity," to venerate the wisdom of the Sacred writings, to keep the "Sacred Word," to do unto others as we would wish to be done by; and so to study virtue as to hand down to our successors in Royal Arch Masonry names unspotted by unlawful demonstrations and our conduct worthy by all men of imitation. Hence the advocacy of the Symbolic Degree and beautiful Order, founded on universal wisdom, unfolding its gates to receive the worthy professors of genuine religion and knowledge, and so conspicuous by the example set us in the lives and ancient characters of the nine great officers representatively formed in the chapter by the Principals and the figure of an Arch, and typical to us of the "Sanhedrim of the Jews." Studying to comprehend the beautiful allegories of this Institution of Masonry we meet in this Grand Chapter to foster and strengthen the Order attached to our lodges, and to encourage Craftsmen to enter therein that they may become wiser and better men by their admission to Royal Arch mysteries. You have this year so generously responded to the topics named in my address to Convocation in April last at Leeds, in the events connected with the commemoration of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria in London, June 13th, and at York on the 6th May, at Lord Zetland's installation as Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire, and in sanctioning a donation of fifty guineas from the chapter funds towards the purchase of two permanent presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; three guineas to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, and besides so nobly contributing, each in your several capacities as companions of chapters, or by chapters to the support of the Festivals of our Charitable Institutions, as well as responding to other innumerable calls for celebrating the fiftieth year of the reign of our Queen, that, without going over the whole of these interesting events in detail, it remains simply for me to-day to refer to the accomplishment of our schemes and the success of candidates at our elections, and labours in all these works of rejoicings in which Royal Arch Masonry has assisted and played its part. The Queen, in a letter to her subjects on the 24th June, and our Supreme Grand Master, have acknowledged the generosity, loyalty, and devotion of the Craft and of Royal Arch Masons in various ways most gratifying to ourselves and to the cherished principles of our various Orders. "We pray, therefore, Almighty God, the sole Architect of the Universe, at whose command the world burst forth from chaos, and all created matter had its birth, to crown them with every blessing from His inexhaustible store, and finally give them possession of an immortal inheritance in those heavenly mansions, veiled as yet from mortal eyes, where all secrets will be opened never to be closed." The progress which Royal Arch Masonry has made in England from the year 1837 to the year 1887 is as remarkable as the progress of Craft Lodges which I quoted at Heckmondwike. The statistics of the Grand Scribe E. of Supreme Grand Chapter show that in the year 1837 there were 215 chapters. In the year 1887 there are 700, being an increase of 485 chapters during the past 50 years. This marvellous addition of chapters must show that the essence of virtue with which the Queen has enshrined the throne, and which has exalted the nation—she, as the beautiful Rose of Sharon, in conjunction with that Lily of the Valley, the Princess of Wales, have exalted by their lives our intellectual parts and the prosperity of Masonry and of the people in the Empire. I have to inform you that at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, on the 3rd August, 1887, "Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., stated that the companions were aware that, at a recent meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, was pleased to grant special rank in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. As First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness has been pleased to declare that those brethren appointed as Past Grand Craft Officers should have Past Grand rank in Grand Chapter, provided, of course, that they were duly qualified according to the Royal Arch regulations. I have, therefore, to announce, by his Royal Highness's command, the names and rank of those companions on whom he had conferred Past Grand rank." Amongst these, Comp. Henry Smith had received the rank of Principal Sojourner, and Comp. W. H. Brittain, Sword Bearer, in Supreme Grand Chapter of England. West Yorkshire is highly complimented by the Supreme Grand Master's recognition of the merits of these esteemed members of this Prov. Grand Chapter. May they long enjoy their offices in Grand Chapter. I cannot refrain from expressing before Sheffield companions the admiration I feel for one of their most prominent Craftsmen; one who was initiated into Masonry in Lodge No. 139 on 10th February, 1859, exalted into Paradise Chapter 21st May, 1860; was Z. in the year 1867 and 1868; joined Loyalty Chapter, No. 296, on 22nd April, 1861; was Z. in 1866 and Prov. G.H. in 1878. He has consecrated three chapters in West York, viz., 904, 1462, and 1513. He is also an honorary member of Chapters No. 242, 904, 1513, and 1661, Newark. He has installed most of the Sheffield P.Z.'s, as well as a good number of the Z.'s of the above-mentioned chapters. He is,

as you all know, a deeply read Mason, and an authority in rites and ceremonies, and beloved by all in Sheffield, and, indeed, by every one in South Yorkshire who come in contact with him, but so modest and so sensitive that he will not permit this day of any outward recognition of our great appreciation of his services to the Craft and to Sheffield. He is, as you know, Comp. Ensor Drury, the learned Registrar at Firth's College. I can only ask you to join with me by this mention of his social and Masonic qualifications in expressing the obligations of this Province towards himself and his varied labours, and that the Most High may preserve his valuable life to every one of us for many years to come. Since addressing you at Leeds much laborious work has been done in the revision of the By-Laws of Prov. Grand Chapter, and we owe a debt of gratitude to those excellent Companions Watson, Mason, Smith, Green, and Smithson, who have given much time to this business. The record of old chapters up to the present time has taken their assiduous attention for several months to complete. You are aware that in 1885 there was appended to the account of the installation proceedings at Leeds a record of the chief transactions in Masonry since 1821. These companions have thought fit to compile a similar record of the events of Royal Arch Masonry, and to bind these "Notes" up with the By-Laws and the R.A. Regulations as well. This work is complete and in the printer's hands, and before the meeting of this Grand Chapter in 1888 will be distributed to the 38 chapters of this province. You will, I hope, join with me in congratulating these brethren who have brought this work and history to so satisfactory a termination, and I venture to say I know of no other province which will possess like West Yorkshire such a historical compendium of Royal Arch Masonry as ours. I wish to point out an important modification in these revised By-Laws. That of By-Law XV., "every chapter shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, transmit to the Prov. Grand Scribe E. a list or return of all its members up to the 31st December," &c. It used to be on or before the 1st March in each year. I ask your attention to this alteration in order to lighten the already too heavy secretarial duties at Wakefield. During the past six months death has carried off Comp. Joseph Binns, of 306, and James Allott Woodhead, the Z. of 1452. He died in July, but the Prov. G. Scribe E. was not advised of it. Mrs. Woodhead has returned his post card of this meeting endorsed, "Died 4th July, 1887." Had the S.E. of 1462 written to Wakefield, so unfortunate an incident would have been avoided. The other death is Comp. Ed. Sewell, of Chapter No. 302, who died at Fulneck, near Leeds, on the 20th October, aged 68 years. He was elected on the Annuity Fund last May, and he only enjoyed half a year's annuity. To the family and friends of these departed companions our sympathies are with them in the sorrows and griefs with which the "Most High" has thought fit to visit them." Companions, as we have assembled in the name of the "Most High," to acknowledge His power, His wisdom, and His goodness, so let us implore now His blessing to enable us to trace out His wonderful works, the desire of every companion in this Convocation of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comps. Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.E., Past Grand Prin. Soj. of England, and Wm. Hy. Brittain, P.P.G.H., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, were saluted.

Comp. Moss, acting Registrar, presented the revised Prov. G. Chapter By-Laws, which have been carefully written out in the minute book of Provincial Grand Chapter, to which the Grand Superintendent attached his signature. (He also called attention to the roll of chapters, with short history attached, which had been printed in sheet form, for the purpose of being framed, and advised each chapter to possess a copy; and stated that printed copies of the revised By-Laws, with roll of chapters and history, a limited number, which has been bound up with the Royal Arch Regulations, would shortly be ready.)

Moved by Comp. MOSS, P.Z. 296, seconded by Comp. ARNISON, P.Z. 296, and resolved, "That the best thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby given to the By-Laws Committee, and more especially the companions who had laboured so successfully in compiling the Roll of Chapters and History."

Comp. SMITHSON, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D. of C., Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that the Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentation Fund only required about £16 to complete it, and urged the 15 chapters which had not as yet contributed to make the amount up.

Moved by Comp. F. LAXTON, P.Z. 275, Prov. G.H., seconded by Comp. JOHN WORDSWORTH, P.Z. 154, Prov. G.J., and resolved, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the M.E.Z.'s and companions of the Sheffield chapters for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements."

Comps. FREDK. CLEEVES, Z. 139, and CLEMENT C. CARR, Z. 296, briefly acknowledged the compliment.

There being an application for the May (1888) Convocation, the Grand Superintendent said he should fix the meeting for Rotherham.

Prov. G. Chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Barnsley, on Monday, the 24th ult. The Portal Lodge, No. 127, having been opened, the Prov. G.M. and Officers entered. There were present—Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as Deputy P.G.M.; G. Althorp, Prov. S.G.W.; J. H. Gratton, Prov. J.G.W.; W. F. Tomlinson, Prov. G.M.O.; Darling, as Prov. S.G.O.; Dr. Pugh, as P.J.G.O.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, G.C. Eng., as Prov. G. Chap.; W. R. Massie, Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Cooke, P.G.O. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Hill, Prov. S.G.D.; Bennett, as P.S.G.O.; H. A. Styring, Prov. G.I. of W.; E. J. Massie, Prov. G.D.C.; F. Smith, Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. Greenwood, P.G. Swd. Br.; Henry Smith, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Wragg, P.G. Org.; F. Barber, P.G.I.G.; Ackroyd, Howden, Locking, and Dewhurst, P.G. Stwds.; and Barraud, as P.G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, having been saluted in accordance with ancient custom, said it was not his intention to address the brethren at any length; but first he desired to welcome their distinguished visitor, the R.W. the Prov. G.M.M. of Lincolnshire, who had come at no small inconvenience to himself to take part in their proceedings, to show that kindly good feeling existing amongst them. The R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., A.G. Sec., had come down specially from London to say a few words of encouragement; and to all their visitors they gave a hearty welcome. The Provincial Grand Master stated that it was with very great regret that he had received from Bro. Lukis his resignation as D.P.G.M. He was quite sure that during the four years that Bro. Lukis had held that office he had proved himself to be a true man and brother; one who had taken a great interest in the Order, and in every way endeavoured to promote its usefulness. He might say he was the chief promoter of the Prince Leopold Lodge at Ripon. It was not only in Masonry that Bro. Lukis had distinguished himself, he was also a great archaeological scholar of no mean repute. He desired most heartily to thank Bro. Lukis for all his kind services, and he felt sure the whole province would also join in expressing their thanks, and they all trusted that the rest that Bro. Lukis was taking, would tend to restore his health and preserve his life for many years to come. Whilst sincerely regretting the loss of Bro. Lukis's services, he had pleasure in stating, as no doubt they were already aware, that he had offered the Deputyship to V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, G. Chap. of England, and that he had most kindly accepted it. He knew that Bro. Dr. Smyth possessed the esteem of every Mason in West Yorks, and that he was a learned and erudite brother, who would bring with him the experience of a 40 years' connection with Mark Masonry. During the year they had lost one of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. James Gooding

Lee, of Halifax, Prov. J.G.D., who had only just returned from the Masonic meeting in the Albert Hall on the 13th June last, when suddenly, without warning, that messenger arrived whose bidding none can gainsay—summoned to take his place “in that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” To his family, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, he desired to tender their deep sympathy. Acting on the resolution passed at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge official registers had been prepared, and he desired to impress on the Masters and Secretaries of the several lodges the great necessity for having them properly written up and kept in accordance with the new Prov. by-laws. Patents had been prepared for those brethren who desired to have them. In conclusion he desired their kind attention to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also to the remarks of Bro. C. F. Matier relative to the Mark Charities. He thanked them all for their kind reception, and assured them that as long as he had health and strength, whether as their Prov. Grand Master or otherwise, he would do all he could to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order, and more especially the several lodges in the province.

The Provincial Master of Lincolnshire and the Assistant Grand Secretary were severally saluted.

On the roll of the lodge being called, every lodge in the province was represented.

The V.W. Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., was then presented to take the obligation as Deputy Prov. G.M.M. The Prov. G. MASTER in addressing him said he considered himself very fortunate in having a brother of such standing and learning to assist him in the government of the province, and thanked him heartily for accepting the appointment.

Bro. Dr. Smyth, being duly obligated, was invested with his chain of office, placed in his chair, and saluted according to ancient custom. Bro. Dr. SMYTH, in an eloquent speech, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception, and pledged himself to do all in his power for the welfare of the Order.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., G.C. of Eng.	...	D.P.G.M.
„ H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ J. L. Atherton, P.M. 11	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ W. R. Massie, P.M. 137	...	Prov. G.M.O.
„ G. Hill, P.M. 111	...	Prov. G.S.O.
„ H. A. Styring, P.M. 53	...	Prov. G.J.O.
„ Rev. W. Dunn, 111	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ G. Normanton, P.M. (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ E. J. Massie, P.M. 127	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ W. Cooke, P.G.O.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ France Smith, P.M. 352	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ C. Greenwood, P.M. 58	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ H. Smith, W.M. 110	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
„ F. Barber, W.M. 53	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ W. Ackroyd, P.M. 58	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ G. H. Locking, P.M. 111	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ T. Howden, 110	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ G. F. Carr, 111	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ T. Myers, W.M. 111	...	Prov. G.I.G.
„ Billington, 127	...	...
„ Hewitt, 53	...	...
„ Green, 58	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ Gaukroger, 14	...	...

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., A.G. Sec., then addressed the meeting on the question of the Mark Charities, pointing out the great benefit attending them, and asking the brethren to support them, which was immediately responded to by several brethren giving their names as Stewards at the next Festival.

An invitation was given for the next provincial meeting to be held in Sheffield.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, whilst thanking the brethren for their invitation, said he desired the next meeting should be held at Huddersfield; and, if the Sheffield brethren were agreeable, the succeeding one might probably be in Sheffield.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Barnsley brethren for their admirable arrangements for the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge, after which the lodge was closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Devonshire was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot. Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of Eng., as D.P.G.M.; Wm. Vicary, P.P. S.G.W. P.S.G.W. (pro tem.); C. G. Vicary, P.P.J.G.W. P.J.G.W. (pro tem.); W. Bradnee, P.G.M.O.; H. Stocker, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; F. Crouch, G.D. of Eng., P.A.G. Sec.; J. Holland, P.G.S. Wks.; W. R. Lisle, 15; G. Sercombe, 50; and F. C. Hallett, 316, P.G. Stwds.; and James Gidley, P.G. Tyler.

Among the other brethren present were—  
Bros. John Lane, P.G.S. of Eng., P.P.G.M.O.; C. Stevens, P.P.J.G.D.; William Harris, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.D.; G. Huxham, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Olver, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Haywood, P.P.G. Purst.; L. E. Bearne, P.P.G.O.; C. Pope, P.P. G.S.B.; J. Doidge, P.M. 319; J. J. O. Evans, W.M. 316; J. D. Cobledick, I.P.M. 100; J. P. Maunder, P.M. 76; A. Trout, P.M. 76; I. Rosekilly, W.M. 23; J. S. Kersteman, S.W. 215; T. Taylor, Treas. 319; T. Prust, M.O. 319; R. Hambly, jun., O. 215; T. W. Haydon, I.G. 215; and J. S. Saunders, Past S.W. 215.

The D.P.G.M. invested the following officers:

Bro. J. Stocker, 15	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ L. E. Bearne, 215	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ W. Ollis, 35	...	Prov. G.M.O.
„ Lieut. R. O. Polwhele, 64	...	Prov. S.G.O.
„ J. Olver, 215	...	Prov. J.G.O.
„ Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 35	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Charles Pope, 215	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ W. R. Lisle, 15	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ H. Stocker, 15	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ G. Bray, 16	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ F. R. Goodyear, 76	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ F. C. Hallett, 316	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ G. Sercombe, 50	...	Prov. G.D. of C.

Bro. J. D. Cobledick, 100	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ Lieut. G. S. Strobe Lowe, 50	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ I. Rosekilly, 23	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ J. J. O. Evans	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ W. V. Harris, 91	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ J. Dodge, 319	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ E. Coppin, 66	...	...	
„ J. E. Davis, 48	...	...	
„ F. C. Frost, 316	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
„ Jas. Gidley, 169	...	...	

The D.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the honour which they had done him in recommending him for the office of P.G.M. Should it please the G.M. to appoint him, he would do his best to fill the office in such a manner as to justify the choice which they had made. In making the appointment of the officers, he must in a great measure rely upon the reports which were made to him from the lodges. He hoped, therefore, those reports would be faithfully made by the respective officers, in order that full justice might be done to merit.

There was no other business of importance save that a letter was read from the widow of the late Prov. G.M., and was ordered to be entered in the minutes.

### AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

BY BRO. JNO. LANE.

The latest work on Freemasonry—“Masonic Facts and Fictions,” by Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England—is now before me. It is a very readable and instructive book, exhibiting evidence of careful labour and research, which I trust will be duly rewarded, and I sincerely congratulate Bro. Sadler on its appearance and value.

On page 44 the following extract from the Grand Lodge minutes of 24th June, 1731, is given: “A petition was presented and signed by several Brethren praying that they may be admitted into the Grand Lodge and Constituted into a Regular Lodge at the Three Kings in Crispian-street, Spittle Fields. After some debate, several Brethren present vouching that they were regular Masons, they were admitted, and the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would constitute them accordingly, and signed their petition for that purpose.”

Bro. Sadler adds: “It is impossible to ascertain whether this lodge was regularly constituted in conformity with the Grand Master’s promise. I cannot find that the fee for a Constitution was ever paid. 10s. 6d. is recorded to its credit on the day the petition was read, and the same amount on the 3rd of December following, after which I can find no trace of it in any of the lists of lodges extant—it had either removed to some other house, or was never further acknowledged.”

On reading this, my thoughts immediately reverted to No. 79, and remembering having made notes about this very lodge for further enquiry or investigation, on turning over my papers I found I had two references to a lodge at the place indicated, viz., on 14th May, 1731, when the Grand Lodge minutes state “3 Kings, Spittlefields, agreed to be constituted,” and again on the day referred to by Bro. Sadler, 24th June, 1731. Unfortunately in the latter instance, the names of the lodges attending Grand Lodge are not given, but only certain of them, nine in number, are noted as contributing to the Charity. In this short list “Three Kings, Spittlefields,” is at the end, the lodges being given in order of seniority (although not numbered), the lodge immediately preceding being “White Bear, in King-street, Golden-square,” which was number 76.

Whatever may be the outcome of the controversy in relation to No. 79, I venture to suggest the possibility, at any rate, that the Lodge at the “Three Kings, Spittle Fields,” which the Grand Lodge minutes on 14th May, 1731, affirm, “agreed to be constituted,” and which, on the following 24th June, “the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would constitute,” had a definite place assigned to it on the recognised list of regular lodges, and which place one is led almost irresistibly to conclude was that of the number 79.

If this be so, it necessarily disposes, to a considerable extent, of that part of the question as to the lodge No. 79 being identical with the Lodge at Philadelphia, although the difficulty of the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 will still remain to be solved.

But, assuming this lodge at the “Three Kings, Spittle Fields,” to have been duly constituted and numbered 79, it confirms the opinion I have repeatedly expressed, founded on the internal evidences of the lists and minutes, that there was a lodge (although I could not say where located) having the No. 79 prior to that which subsequently appeared with the same number at the “Castle in Highgate.”

As Masonic students, we do not wish to stifle investigation, but rather court the fullest enquiries, and consequently the more facts that can be brought to light, the more likely are we to arrive at safe and reliable conclusions. I cordially thank Bro. Sadler for his contribution towards so desirable a result.

I may add that there was another lodge at the same place described in the MS. List of 1731-2 as “Three Kings in Spittlefields, removed to the Sash and Cocoa Tree in Upper Moorfields.” This was No. 37, constituted in July, 1724, and erased on 14th April, 1746 (“Masonic Records,” p. 20).

It may possibly be that when No. 37 removed from the “Three Kings, Spittle fields,” some other brethren, or perhaps the proprietor of the tavern endeavoured to get another lodge to assemble there, or else to form a new lodge. Hence the removal of No. 37 to the “Sash and Cocoa Tree in Upper Moorfields” may have occasioned the petition to which Bro. Sadler so interestingly alludes, and as there are many who would be glad of any additional information that might enable them to satisfactorily identify this lodge at the “Three Kings, Spittle fields,” with the early No. 79, I hope further light may yet be obtained.

The fact that there is no entry of a payment of the usual fee for Constitution goes very far to prove that although the petition was granted, and the lodge (as a necessary consequence, I think) placed on the list, yet the omission, or perhaps refusal, to pay the usual fee may have been the cause of its very speedy removal from the Register of lodges. This, also, is quite in accord with, and tends to confirm the inference I have already recorded, that the lodge at the “Castle in Highgate” did not appear on the list until November, 1732, when, through the erasure of this or of some other lodge, it received the position and number 79 which was then vacant.

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CRAFT LODGES—Caledonian, No. 204; St. Germain, No. 566; United Brothers, No. 1069; and Eboracum, No. 1611.

INSTRUCTION.—Temperance, No. 169; Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355; and Kensington, No. 1767.

ROYAL ARCH—Patriotic Chapter, No. 51.

CORRESPONDENCE—The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry, J. H. Chapman. Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Journal" (Victoria, Tasmania), "Masonic Advocate," "Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Die Bauhutte," "New Zealand Freemason," and "Orient."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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.]

MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, I have read with a degree of interest the letters of "Zeta," who appears to be self-appointed censor of defaulting provinces, but who, to my mind, fails in comprehending or gauging the actual position of a province (be it Lincolnshire or any other) which secures by its votes the election of its candidates to the Central Charities. As these elections are conducted on the principle of recorded votes for which a sum has been paid, I would respectfully ask whether the defaulting province referred to by "Zeta" secured its votes in any other way than by payment? If so, a grave reflection is cast upon the management of the Central Charities. But, as I am of opinion all votes are paid for, will Brother "Zeta," who has gone so nicely into the figures for Lincolnshire, for those years suited to his purpose, kindly take the like comparison for preceding years?

If he does this he will perhaps be surprised to find that the province now selected for "Zeta's" strictures ranked amongst the foremost of those who contributed largely to the Central Charities, and for the votes thus obtained secures the election of its candidates, proving that in the aggregation of donations and subscriptions the province has done well for those grand Central Charities in the past, as it will, I hope, be found to do in the future.

I have before me a copy of the report of the last Prov. Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, kindly furnished by its able Secretary, and I would recommend its perusal by "Zeta," who would find it interesting and instructive, as it would enable him to form an opinion as to the beneficial application by Committees of the local funds referred to, which I find are not merely 2000 guineas, but are upwards of 3000 guineas.

There is much to be said in praise of the Central Charities, and as an old advocate of their great worth I cordially support every effort to aid them; but I also consider there is room in most of the provinces for local funds, and willing hearts to form and support them, as auxiliaries to the three grand Central Charities of our Order.

In conclusion, I would, in a truly Masonic spirit, suggest that if we all desire to see our Central Charities well supported, the object will not be obtained by passing reflections upon the charitable doings of others, based upon statements comprising a part and not the whole of the facts.—Fraternally yours,  
November 9th. HERGIAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not necessary for me to go into the figures "Zeta" quotes in his last letter as I have not disputed the accuracy of the list of votes. All I do is—

1st. I say the description given by "Zeta" of the province "he could name with over a score of lodges which for years past has done but little for the Institutions, and yet has received much from them, and which has five children in the Boys' School and four in the Girls' School, and five annuitants," points without doubt to Lincolnshire, as no other province with this description appears in the financial table for the Girls' School as not giving anything to this Institution.

2nd. Such being the case I deny the accuracy of his statement—"that for the last four years it has given nothing to the Girls' School"—as I have sent from the province during the past two years £42 to that Institution. If Lincolnshire is not referred to it will be easy for "Zeta" to say so. If it is, it ought not to be difficult for him to confess his error.—Yours fraternally,  
B. VICKERS,  
P.G. Sec. Lincolnshire.

CAN A WARDEN CONFER DEGREES?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Before the last revision of the Constitutions no question seems to have divided opinion much more than this. Whether it is made clearer now is, I think, in the absence of a definite decision since the new Constitutions were adopted, a matter of opinion. Can you inform us whether such a decision has been given?

The old law was discussed at great length in the "Freemasons' Magazine," in 1857, 1861, and 1862.—Yours fraternally,  
14th November. LEX SCRIPTA.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me, through your columns, to thank Bro. Ashley for his correction of an error in the statistical table for the Girls', which will also make the average wrong. I find it corrected in pencil in the copy, apparently overlooked by the printer's type-setter. The sum aggregate for London should be £40,901 16s. 3d., and the annual average £5843 2s. 4d., and the annual excess £3185 13s. 1d., instead of £50,921 16s. 3d., £7274 10s. 7d., and £4617 1s. 4d., respectively.—Yours fraternally,  
November 14. J. 174.

BROWNE'S MASTER KEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to thank Bro. Ramsden Riley for the kind offer contained in his last favour to furnish me with the key reading of the above book, if I sent him the copy thereof. This I have done direct, and have no doubt I shall hear from our respected brother in due course. I thank him in anticipation, and beg to express my gratitude to you for the use of your columns in this matter.—Yours fraternally,  
X. Y. Z.



MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS. By HENRY SADLER, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. London: GEORGE KENNING, 16, Great Queen-street. 1887.

There is little doubt that Bro. Sadler's work will create a strong feeling of interest among Craftsmen generally, but especially among those who have made it a practice to accept unquestioned whatever theories or sketches of our history a former generation of Masonic writers may have been pleased to propound, and who will now find their innocent little beliefs either entirely confounded or, to phrase it more gently and therefore more acceptably to their self-esteem, most unceremoniously disturbed. It cannot be gainsaid that till quite recently it was the custom of Masons to endorse unreservedly anything in the shape of a history of our Society, in any country or at any epoch, which any writer who had the requisite assurance and just a slight suspicion of an acquaintance with the contents of our archives saw fit to compile. We are not altogether surprised at this facility of belief. We derive what little knowledge we possess of the early career of Freemasonry from the historical prefaces to the various editions of the Old Charges which have been preserved to our time. Those prefaces are the result of oral tradition handed down through a long series of generations, and it is by no means surprising that the information they contain should be of a somewhat composite order. Well known personages of biblical and profane history are strangely brought together, whole centuries being bridged over in establishing the connection. No one appears to

have seen anything incongruous in associating together Abraham, Euclid, Charles Martel, and others; for the oral records of intervening ages had been forgotten, man's ordinary retentiveness of memory proving unequal to the strain of recapitulating whatever of consequence had happened in connection with Art and Science from the beginning of time. And this facility of belief continued to exert its influence even when the Society made a fresh start in life under a new name and organisation, and it so continues now, but less generally and conspicuously, though for the best part of two centuries. Freemasonry has had a veritable history recorded by its chosen scribes, and available for research by brethren qualified to describe its doings. The earlier historians of Speculative Freemasonry either suppressed, so far as in them lay, all knowledge of important events, or designedly misrepresented or distorted them, while those who have followed since have almost without exception adopted the same course, the consequence being that it is only during the last few years and through the instrumentality of such conscientious writers as Hughan, Gould, Woodford, and others, a too credulous Masonic public has been able to acquire anything like a clearly-defined and well-authenticated knowledge of our history. Whole regiments of ancient theories have—not without a sharp struggle, however—been exploded, and now that Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," has been published, we may reasonably look forward to the explosion of a few more on matters which, as they relate to differences and dissensions within the Society, have either rested on less uncertain foundations, and have on that account been more strenuously upheld; or have been considered—as indeed they are to this present day—as of less consequence to be controverted or disturbed!

Whatever services may have been rendered to Freemasonry by the historian, William Preston, who flourished between the years 1770—or earlier—and 1818, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it is chiefly owing to his suppression or misrepresentation of contemporaneous or almost contemporaneous events that our present knowledge of the true state of the Fraternity in England during his life time is so inexact. He was ambitious of being the historian of the Craft, as well as a lecturer on its ritual. He had many of the qualifications which are held to be indispensable for the former rôle, and his opportunities for obtaining authentic information were abundant. But it does not appear to have occurred to him that it was any part of his duty to record what was uncongenial or distasteful. No one knew better than he that during the most active part of his career, there were two rival societies of Freemasons in this country, and however much, as a partisan, he may have abhorred the one of which he had ceased to be a member, yet on that very account the obligation lay all the more strongly upon him as an historian, to describe to the best of his ability, its principles and proceedings. Preston, however, in the historical portion of his "Illustrations of Masonry," almost wholly ignores the existence of his "ancient" rivals. His references to them are only occasional, and for the most part inaccurate, nor is it till the question of a union of the two societies upon terms honourable to both is being seriously discussed that we find ourselves in a position to realise how numerically strong and influential the "Ancients" must have been to be able almost to dictate the terms on which they were willing to unite with the Society of so-called "Moderns." Bro. Stephen Jones, the friend and literary executor of Preston, and Dr. Oliver, by whom subsequent issues of the "Illustrations" were edited, appear to have adopted the same course, and had it not been for the inquiries of Bro. Hughan and his associate workers, we might still have remained in the same condition of ignorance as to the true history of the Craft since 1717. However, a series of successful researches has been made during the last 20 years; lodge and Grand Lodge archives have been ransacked for information as to the cause and nature of the dissensions which prevailed in English Freemasonry from about the middle of last century till 1813; and though all is not clear as yet, and possibly never will be so, we seem to be on the right track, and it will be no fault of the present generation of Masonic students, if what has heretofore been considered to be an impenetrable mystery, turns out to be no mystery at all.

We have said that Bro. Sadler's book is likely to create a stir even in the best informed circles, and it is not improbable that the opinions which he enunciates in his "Masonic Facts and Fictions," will at first experience a considerable amount of disfavour. He indulges in the belief that Masons are a body of studious men, to whom an occasional spell of Masonic reading is in the nature of a recreation. We may or may not be of the same opinion, but if his view is correct, and the present generation of brethren are fully conversant with the histories of our Society, or of some of its constituent parts, which has been published during these later years, then we think his theory as to the origin of the "Ancients," which differs materially from all that have been formulated by previous writers, will meet with many and serious objections. These, however, will not seriously affect his belief, which, as it is well supported both by facts and arguments, will stand a very good chance of maintaining its ground as a reasonable proposition; if, indeed, it does not succeed in establishing itself as the only solution which is possible of a difficult problem. In his official capacity Bro. Sadler has had access to the records of Grand Lodge, a privilege which our courteous Grand Secretary would freely extend to any qualified brother; but he has also enjoyed advantages above and beyond this—advantages which may be said to have had their origin in his own eager desire for further and fuller information on disputed questions. He has known precisely where to lay his hands upon material for formulating his theories, and by collating what is pretty generally known—nowadays, at all events—with books and documents that have been hitherto overlooked or hidden away in odd recesses and corners which have been undisturbed for years, he has been able to accumulate an array of new evidence which, as far as our own inquiries have gone in the same field of labour, would seem to justify his views as to the origin of "Ancient" Masonry. In order to make this clear it will be our duty to guide the reader through the series of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" which Bro. Sadler has brought together in the successive chapters of his valuable work, and as our prefatory remarks have already extended to some length, we shall defer entering upon the fulfilment of that important duty to a second article.

(To be continued).

BROWNE'S PHONETIC SHORTHAND, BASED UPON THE SYLLABIC AND PHONETIC PRINCIPLES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. A. M. BROWNE, 2, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C.

Bro. Browne sends us a copy of his new Phonetic Shorthand, which he describes as a Primer of the new system which he is now introducing. It is pretty generally admitted, by those best acquainted with the subject, that there is an urgent want of a system of shorthand at once easy to learn, facile to write, and of assured legibility, and which, while brief enough for reporting, &c., is at the same time legible enough for ordinary correspondence, &c.; and Bro. Browne claims for his system that it fully answers these requirements. The Primer appears to contain only the fullest style of writing, but it seems brief enough for reporting, although it has the disadvantage that it gives somewhat ungainly outlines for some long words. The reporting style, we believe, is but an extension of the principles contained in the Primer, and provides brief facile outlines of every word in the language. The essential difference between legible Phonography and Pitman's system is that the former is not an alphabetic system, and the theory is that as we listen to a speaker the sounds that reach our ears are not the letters but the syllables of the words uttered, and that a writer having at command a series of sufficiently brief signs to represent all such syllables, can have no difficulty, having acquired the necessary manual dexterity, in taking down the words of a speaker as fast as they are uttered. A great merit in this system is certainly its consistency, like sounds being always written alike, thereby reducing the heavy memory work demanded by the old system. Shorthand is daily becoming more essential to young men of all classes, but it cannot be denied that Pitman's system exacts a degree of study, of care in writing, and of intelligent application of its principles, that the majority of young men are unable to give to it, and we therefore welcome Bro. Browne's Phonetic Shorthand as a boon to a large number who are unable, from various circumstances, to afford the time and study hitherto necessary to acquire this useful art.



754] AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

Bro. A. Higerty, P.M. 1714, &c., has sent me a copy of the old certificate to which he referred in the *Freemason* of October 29th 1887, and I have much pleasure in having it reproduced in these columns, as it is both old and curious. When "King Solomon's Lodge" was formed at New York, it is not now, apparently, possible exactly to determine, but it must have been during the Provincial Grand Mastership of the George Harrison, Esq., mentioned on the document in question. The deputation to that brother was dated June 9th, 1753, so Bro. J. G. Barker tells us in the capital volume entitled "Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York" (1876). Sir John Johnson succeeded as Prov. G.M., and was installed in 1771, the Patent, however, being dated some four years earlier. Bro. Barker gives a list of five lodges formed by the first named Prov. G.M., including "King Solomon's Lodge," as far as the year 1767. An extract is also appended from the *New York Mercury* for December 28th, 1767, in which mention is made of "the St. John's, Trinity, Union, and King Solomon's Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons," who proposed to celebrate the Festival of St. John "at the house of Mr. John Jones, vintner, at the sign of the Masons Arms." The following certificate is written on parchment, the seal being attached to a green ribbon. The Arms are somewhat after those adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the motto being the same—"Follow Reason"—but the Certificate Seal has no supporters. I feel assured that these particulars will be acceptable to our brethren in New York, especially to Bro. Carter, the Librarian of the Grand Lodge, who is amassing a fine collection of curios at the Masonic Temple. It would be interesting to know if Bro. Carter has any certificates so old as the following.

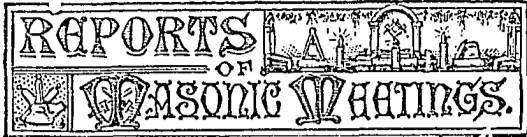
W. J. HUGHAN.

755] NEW YORK CERTIFICATE, A.D. 1767.

—And the Darkness comprehended it not—  
In the East a place full of Light where reigns reason, silence and Peace, We the subscribers, Master, Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary of King Solomons Lodge No. 7, of Free and Accepted Masons, of the Register of New York Granted to us by a Dispensation of Great Britain to George Harison Esqr., Grand Master of this Province, Dedicated to St. John. Adorn'd with all their Honours and Regularities Assembled Lodge in Due Form, do declare certifie and attest to all men Lighten'd and spread on the Face of the Earth. The Bearer hereof our well Beloved Brother John Ledsam hath been Received by us an entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft; and after having Sustained with Strength, Firmness & Courage The most Painful works and Secret Tryals, we have Raised, and given unto him the sublime Degree of a Master Mason and have admitted and Initied him as such into the Misterious and most Secret works of the Free and Accepted Masons. And may without Demur or Hesitation, be Incorporated into any Community where-ever Meet, Coigrigated or Convened. He having Srenuously to the Utmost of his Ability Supported and Contributed to the advancement & Interest of Masonry with Zeal & Vigor.  
Given under our hands & seal in our Lodge at New York this Ninth day of July in the Year of Masonry 5767 and of Salvation 1767.

JOHN KING, Treasr.  
JOHN LEDSAM, Secretary.  
(Signed) HENRY VAN DEN HAM Master. . .  
E. J. PRYOR Senr. Warden.  
JOHN BESSONET Junr. Warden.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., who has been appointed principal British delegate at the approaching International Conference on the Sugar Bounties question, will, in that capacity, preside at the sittings, which commence on the 24th instant.



### Craft Masonry.

**BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).**—The November meeting of this old lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., W.M.; E. Jones, S.W.; C. Jenner, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; V. Larner, S.D.; J. C. Main, J.D.; W. Snodin, P.M., I.G.; and P.M.'s T. Hall, J. Brander, A. E. Creak, J. Soper, S. Millis, and T. Walton. The lay members present were Bros. P. W. Donovan, E. F. Shoebridge, and visitors: Bros. J. L. King, P.M. 657; J. Benton, 1507; T. Crane, 1744; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

There was no work before the lodge, but there were the following items on the agenda paper: To receive at the hands of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., a presentation banner and Bible; to receive at the hands of Bro. W. Snodin, P.M., presentation officers' collars; to receive at the hands of Bro. E. Jones, S.W., a set of working tools; to receive at the hands of Bro. J. C. Main, J.D., a silver Tyler's jewel. With the exception of the banner, all these articles, which were very handsome, were presented, and votes of thanks were passed to the respective brethren who presented them. But, with regard to the banner, Bro. Cubitt much regretted that the presentation could not be made till the December meeting, he having at the last hour received a telegram to the effect that an accident had happened to it, and it had been damaged. Nothing else offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a nice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Cubitt, in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," feelingly referred to the illness of the Crown Prince of Prussia. In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," he said that the Grand Officers always performed their duties well, and particularly to the Charities, and in the past year, which had been an extraordinary year, they had supported the Charities of the Order in a way which showed they emulated the example set them by their predecessors.

Bro. John Soper, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." It had been Bro. Cubitt's privilege 24 or 25 years ago to be Master of that lodge, and he was now again in the year of Jubilee—though he was tired of the word "Jubilee"—the Master of the lodge. He thought Bro. Cubitt had been most distinctly favoured by the officers making three or four such handsome presents as he had been the recipient of that evening. That was an honour of which every W.M. had not the privilege. It was an unprecedented event in the career of a lodge to have a presentation of such a set of working tools, sashes, and the sword of the Tyler, and he had not seen such presents before. However, the lodge had received them, and he was sure the W.M. had received them in the same spirit as the brethren had, and the W.M. would feel a pride in being the Master of the lodge during the year when they were presented.

Bro. Cubitt, in reply, said he differed from Bro. Soper in his feelings about the Jubilee year, for he rejoiced to think they had the privilege and pleasure of celebrating her Majesty's Jubilee. They could not make too much of a good thing. Perhaps not many brethren present would be at another Jubilee, and therefore he considered the Jubilee that had been celebrated as only Englishmen could congratulate the Queen, was a thing to be remembered. It was true he had been associated with that lodge for some years, and the brethren had conferred a very great honour upon him by electing him W.M. for the Jubilee year. He regretted exceedingly, through circumstances over which he had no control, that he had not had the privilege of presenting the Jubilee banner in lodge that evening, but it would be presented at the next meeting. It was some years since he occupied the position of W.M. of the lodge, and there was only one other night when he would again preside. He hoped when he had finished his year of office he should leave the chair with credit to himself, and with the feeling that he had done his duty to the lodge. Being father of the lodge, he was proud of the position he now occupied in it, and he hoped I.G.A.O.T.U. would spare him a few years longer to have the pleasure of meeting his brethren. He had been always received with the greatest friendship and cordiality, and he felt he had some respect as the father of the lodge.

Bro. Cubitt next gave "The P.M.'s," all of whom had the good of the Bedford Lodge at heart, and who always were ready to assist in performing lodge duties. That year they had a P.M. performing the duties of I.G. It being many years since he (Bro. Cubitt) was last Master he might be a little rusty, and might have been found wanting. But he had not had the slightest occasion to call upon the P.M.'s. During his year they had come within the category of "The Unemployed," and therefore he had had no occasion to call on them for assistance. However, he gave the toast of the P.M.'s.

Bro. Soper, I.P.M., responded, and said that if the W.M. had called on the P.M.'s for assistance it would have been cheerfully given. The W.M., however, did not require it because he was a volume in himself. However, here the P.M.'s were, and only too delighted to render any assistance, not only to the W.M., but to the other officers of the lodge, who in their turn were ready to assist.

Bros. Crane, Bruton, and Massey responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Cubitt next gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and congratulated Bro. Briggs, the Treasurer, on having been appointed Prov. S.G.D. of Middlesex, an honour to which he was justly entitled, as he was a good working Mason. He hoped Bro. Briggs would be spared many years to wear that honour, and perhaps the time might come when he would receive further honours from the Grand Lodge of England. As Treasurer of the Bedford Lodge he was a most valuable officer, and when the balance sheet came to be placed before the brethren, he had no doubt it would come out right. He (Bro. Cubitt) was going to be Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Briggs thought the lodge could afford to guineas on his list. The Secretary, who was another valuable officer, had been obliged to leave.

Bro. Briggs, P.M., Treas., after thanking the brethren for the toast, said the Secretary was a most kind brother, who was initiated in the Bedford Lodge, and he could not speak too highly of him. It was a great pleasure to him (Bro. Briggs) to be elected year after year as Treasurer of their old lodge, in which he was initiated. He was very proud of it, and could not find any lodge in Masonry adequate to it. It was a great thing in this Jubilee year to have the father of the lodge in the chair as W.M. They all knew he had the good of the lodge at heart, and gave the best advice to the P.M.'s and the rest of the brethren. The W.M. had referred to him (Bro. Briggs) and Grand Lodge honours, and those he had obtained by following in the footsteps of Bro. Cubitt. His work in Middlesex was appreciated. He most of all valued being Treasurer of the Bedford Lodge. The funds had always stood on the right side since he had had the care of them. It had been his pleasure, his pride, and his duty to give the brethren every satisfaction, whether the funds were little or large. He was anxious to support Bro. Cubitt as Steward for the Benevolent, but the funds would not afford more than 10 guineas. If a Steward went up for either of the other Institutions the 10 guineas must be divided between them.

The toast of "The Officers" was next proposed, and it was responded to by all the officers present in turn, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable character, terminated.

### MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781.)

—This flourishing lodge met as usual, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Bro. G. Palmer, W.M., was ably supported by Bros. Bull, S.W.; Shepherd, J.W.; Timson, S.D.; Seage (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Varcoe), J.D.; Passfield, I.G.; Gooch, D.C.; and Terrif and Anderson, Stwds. There were also present Bros. J. H. Pringle, I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Daniels, Treas.; Breden, Sec.; and Scheerboom, and upwards of 40 members of the lodge, as also several visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges, amongst whom were the ever welcome Bros. Rennett, Burgess, and Bonner.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed, the ballot was successively taken for four gentlemen who had been proposed and seconded in due form, and having proved satisfactory in all four instances, they were initiated into the Order in a most impressive manner, the charge to the E.A. being given by Bro. Pringle, P.M. Bro. Porter was duly passed to the rank of F.C., in the W.M.'s usual efficient manner. The W.M. rose to make the usual enquiries, in response to which a large amount of fraternal sympathy was expressed for Bros. Ould and Gaisford, whose compulsory absence, through illness, was a source of much regret. The distinguishing characteristics of the Craft was then made the subject of discourse, and after being discussed in a very friendly manner, it was unanimously carried that the anniversary of the birth of the M.W.G.M. should be celebrated by placing the sum of 50 guineas from the funds of the lodge upon the list of Bro. S. Hayward, who will be the Steward representing this lodge at the next Festival, in aid of the funds for the relief of aged brethren and their widows. This would make no less than 150 guineas subscribed by this lodge to the above Institution in four years, they having given 50 guineas in the present year; 30 last year; and 20 guineas in 1885; and this is besides sending a Steward to represent them at the Festivals for the Boys' and Girls' Institutions; in addition to which there is the large sums annually subscribed by the members individually, and the large donations through and from the Lodge of Instruction. It may therefore be truly said that this lodge practices as well as preaches. Bro. Daniels, P.M., intimating his intention of acting as Steward at the forthcoming Festival, in aid of the Funds of the Boys' Institution. The lodge was closed in due form.

At the subsequent banquet the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the absent brethren, and expressed a hope that their genial features would soon—very soon—be again seen amongst us in all their radiance. The usual loyal and Craft toasts having been duly given and honoured, and the intervals enlivened with rare specimens of the vocal art, the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most enjoyable and business-like meetings ever held at this flourishing lodge.

### CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).

—The installation meeting of the above excellent and important lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when Bro. W. Temple, J.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor shall be duly elected and installed in his stead.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Watkins, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed (and we may here mention in parenthesis that we are exceedingly pleased to hear that Bro. H. B. Holliday, P.M., has, for the tenth time at least, been re-elected President of the lodge Benevolent Fund), the ballot was taken for Mr. William Henry Ware and proved successful. Bros. Oates, Newber, and Ingram were then raised, Bros. Reid and Higgings passed, and Mr. Ware initiated—a very fair beginning for a Master who had to install his successor. Bro. Temple was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course, and with full ceremonial, was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in the Three Degrees. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. D. Mears, S.W.; A. Dale, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; J. Still, S.D.; J. Tytheridge, J.D.; L. Crow, I.G.; J. H. White, D.C.; F. C. Ward and C. B. Sayers, Stwds.; N. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turberfield, Tyler.

Bro. Watkins then gave the usual addresses admirably, and finished an afternoon's work, not only remarkable for its quantity, but for its quality, not a single hitch or breakdown marring its eloquent and finished progress. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered him for installing his successor, and it was resolved "That the same be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge." He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, and returned thanks for both in feeling terms. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, admirably served under the immediate superintendence of Bro. Marcham, manager.

Among the other brethren present, and not above enumerated, were Bros. W. H. Harris, I.P.M.; H.

Taplay, P.M. (who acted as D.C. during the ceremony of installation in perfect form); E. West, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.G.S.D. Herts, &c.; W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br. Middx.; F. Brian, P.M.; P. McCarty, P.M.; W. Dorton, P.M.; W. Nevins, P.M.; R. Brown, R. W. Magub, J. T. Simpson, B. H. Spencer, P. Aarons, T. S. Yates, W. E. Cramphorn, J. W. Taylor, W. Robinson, W. Stockvis, H. Green, C. Brian, and G. W. Pankhurst, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. W. Burroughs, P.M. 1437; T. G. Holdom, P.M. 1306; C. W. Carrell, P.M. 1816; W. Dawson, W.M. 1228; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1228; J. Woolley, P.M. 15; C. H. Canning, J.W. 1472; J. G. Turner, 299; C. T. Groves, 77; T. Earnshaw, J. P. Acock, 1687; Jas. Bonetta, 1793; A. A. Timbrell, 1598; J. Williams, 15; A. W. Price, 1623; E. Janaw, 1641; S. G. Turner, 1598; T. W. Vernon, 901; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. Watkins rose and said the duty he had to perform that night was a very pleasant one; it was to propose "The Health of their esteemed W.M." It was a toast that he knew would be heartily received by every member of the lodge present, because, in the first place, Bro. Temple was worthy of his position, and they were proud of him in it. Under their W.M. the work would be well carried out—better than it had been during the past year. Well, at any rate, they all knew enough of him to be assured that at his hands the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren would not suffer, for if ever a brother had the good of the lodge at heart Bro. Temple had. With him at the helm, their grand old ship would sail well, and breast every tempest. He (Bro. Watkins) trusted their W.M. would meet with favouring gales, and that he might be spared with health and strength to reach the harbour safely that time next year.

The W.M., in reply, said he found it a hard task to respond in suitable terms for their kind reception of his health, but must express his obligations to Bro. Watkins for his flattering words, and, above all, for his brotherly good wishes for his success and happiness. He was afraid that he should not do so well as Bro. Watkins had done, especially in the getting of initiates, for Bro. Watkins had initiated more candidates than many who had preceded him had had an opportunity of doing. He was succeeding a long and brilliant line of P.M.'s, who had added both lustre and prestige to the lodge, and they must take that into consideration, and not be too critical on him or his work. He knew, however, that he could rely upon them for any assistance that he might require, and upon the brethren generally for support in carrying out the duties of the important position he held. He thanked them much for their fraternal greeting, and could only say, in conclusion, that the responsibility he had that day undertaken should so rule and govern him in his office that at the end of it they would say he had, at least, done his duty to the best of his ability.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he knew of lodges where the P.M.'s were conspicuous by their absence; that, however, was not so in the Capper—neither at the lodge nor at the lodge of instruction. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Holliday, the senior P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Holliday, in response, said he felt somewhat at a loss to respond adequately, for although the oldest subscribing Past Master, he felt it a task of great responsibility to do justice to the toast, shadowed as he was by the colossal figure of Bro. P.M. West, who they were proud to have as a P.M., although an honorary one. On behalf of himself and his colleagues, he felt sure he was expressing their sentiments when he said that it had always been their duty and their pleasure to maintain and support the prestige and enhance the prosperity of the Capper Lodge. He was not a master of words, but could conscientiously say that the P.M.'s had for the last 14 or 15 years tried to make the Capper Lodge a pattern to the world so far as the Charities was concerned, and he would defy anyone to show a lodge that, according to its numbers, had done more for the Charities than the Capper Lodge. He loved the lodge, and wished both it and them "jolly good health, long life, and prosperity."

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Watkins," and, in response, Bro. Watkins said he could not see why he should have the honour of a personal toast, but, nevertheless, he thanked them for their cordial reception of it. The Capper Lodge was his mother lodge, and he was initiated into it some 18 years ago, and now it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be ranked among its P.M.'s. He felt that the interest he now had in it would continue, and while he had health and strength he should do all in his power for its prosperity.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Gallagher expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present. If anyone had told him that Bro. Watkins was going through the Three Degrees, and then perform the installation ceremony in the admirable manner he had, he should simply have said, "Well, I can't believe it." After a long and eloquent address on the attributes of a good Mason, &c., he concluded by thanking Bro. Watkins for giving him the opportunity of being present to see such a grand meeting of men who were the "salt of the earth," and to witness the prosperity and partake of the hospitality of the Capper Lodge.

Bro. Carrell also responded, and said he was deeply indebted to Bro. Watkins for his invitation to be present. He had had a most hospitable reception, and had enjoyed a great Masonic treat, and was especially proud to see their I.P.M. so well supported as he was by every member in the lodge. He asked them to continue that support, as Bro. Watkins was going up as Steward for the Girls' Institution at the next Festival. He saw a good many good men and good Masons around him, and was pleased to see a friend of his initiated that day in so excellent a lodge. He cordially thanked them for the toast.

"The Initiate" replied eloquently to the toast of his health. Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and Bros. Mears, Dales, and others for "The Officers." Bro. Sherwin presided at the piano, and some good songs and recitations helped the pleasant hours along, till the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

### EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).

—A large gathering of the brethren of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, when about 93 were present, (including visitors), 44 of whom were Past Masters. The chief business of the eve-

ning after confirmation of minutes and one initiation, was the installation of W.M. (Bro. Robert Henry Pearson, P.M.), and investiture of officers. The ceremony of installation was gone through splendidly, with the assistance of Bros. Woods and Davis, all the brethren present expressing their admiration at the excellence of the working throughout. After the ceremony Bro. Parkhouse begged to return thanks on behalf of the lodge to a member for his handsome present of an oil painting of Bro. Cama, so well-known and respected, not only in this lodge, but amongst all provincial and most foreign lodges. The business of the evening being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after justice had been done to the good fare provided, the preliminary toasts usual amongst Masons were given and responded to, that of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. Woods in a most complimentary and feeling manner.

In responding, Bro. Pearson, who was greeted with loud cheers, begged to thank the brethren present for the handsome way he had been received. As he was at present a P.M. of another lodge, he had no idea until recently of going into office in connection with the Carnarvon Lodge, his idea being that the younger members should be pushed forward with the prospect of taking office in rotation. However, about two years ago he yielded, like a good man, to the solicitations of a deputation of P.M.'s, and he was very proud of the honour thrust upon him. He was not ambitious, and by his adherence to old pastimes he fancied himself quite the "old fogey." However, he again begged to thank the brethren for their kind wishes, which were fully reciprocated.

The remaining toasts were "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Jubal Webb, amongst others, testified to the general all-round qualities of the W.M., not only in Masonic work, but in parochial matters—in fact, anything he undertook was well carried out.

During the evening a P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to Bro. Woods, and general harmony prevailed throughout, a well-arranged programme being successfully carried through by Misses Bertha Colnaghi and Camilla Page and Bros. Henry Prenton and H. Parkin.

The list of visitors included Bros. Chandler, P.M. 1656; Mason, 2150; Aslett, 1892; Jolly, 1829; R. H. Williams, W.M. 1767; Banajee, 255; Marajana, W.M. 255; W. C. Williams, W.M. 865; Humfress, W.M. 733; Weaver, P.M. 1238; Walter, P.M. 1767; Fountaine, P.M. 948; Papworth, 1196; D. Smith, 2045; Scholding, 1512; Boswood, 343; Thomas, 2045; Head, P.M. 511; Breitbart, W.M. 1828; Dr. Gawith, W.M. 708; Neville, 1767; Mayne, P.M. 1238; J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744; Price, 1585; H. Rogers, 1567; J. Williams, P.M. 1791; C. Webster, P.M. 1637; G. Britton, P.M. 22; Day, 1641; Rumsey, S.W. 1627; G. N. Watts, P.M. 194; Walker, P.M. 733; Clarke, 1196; Honey, P.M. 11; J. Webb, P.M. 55; Saxon, P.M. 1196; W. Eckstein, J.D. 1196; S. Drew-Bear, P.M. 1584; J. Pearson, P.M. 1196; Sickle, P.M. 1196; J. W. Wakeham, 1767; English, 901; E. Routledge, P.M. 1635; J. Butler, P.M. 34; J. Jordan, P.G.S.; E. M. Daniel, P.M. 1694; Hicks, J.D. 1694; Challenor, 1694; S. G. Smith, P.M. 194; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; J. Welford, P.M. 733; Simpson, P.M. 683; and F. Eckstein, P.M. 1196.

The officers appointed were Bros. R. H. Pearson, W.M.; J. Woodmason, S.W.; R. C. Green, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; C. Rowlands, S.D.; R. Roberts, J.D.; T. Heath, I.G.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D. of C.; F. Delevante, Org.; Rev. P. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Dr. Pocock, A.D. of C.; and E. Rogers and J. H. Rutherglen, Stwds.

**COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bow Vestry Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when the chair was occupied by Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, I.P.M. and Sec., in the absence (through illness) of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Souch. There were also present Bro. E. G. Johnson, S.W.; Ellerton, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M., Treas.; Plater, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Gibbs, Org.; Paterson, I.G.; Webster and Smithers, Stwds.; and Harrison, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Taylor, P.M. 753; Peterken, P.M. 1805; Rawley, Sec. 1805; Westfield, 813; Butler, 895; and Flynn, 1805.

After the confirmation of minutes and certain routine business had been transacted, the election of W.M. was proceeded with, the result being that Bro. E. Johnson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Logan was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Harrison was, for the tenth time, elected Tyler. The usual P.M.'s jewel was voted for presentation to the W.M. on his retirement from the chair. Bro. Jas. Gibbs, Org., having offered to represent the lodge at next year's Centenary Festival of the Girls' Institution, his services were accepted. The lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to supper, after which a good selection of music was given by many of the brethren.

We may mention that this lodge and a few of the neighbouring lodges are arranging to give shortly a high class concert at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in aid of the Masonic Charities. As the arrangements are in the hands of an energetic committee, we may expect a good round sum will be realised.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. W. O. Goldsmith, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, S.W.; Dr. Griffiths, J. W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treasurer; K. J. Albery, Secretary; H. F. Bussey, P.M.; T. Minstrell, P.M.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M.; H. Wright, S.D.; W. T. Perkins, J.D.; R. A. Hancock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D. of C.; C. Basil Cooke, Assistant D. of C.; E. E. Peacock, W.S.; F. H. Gale, Organist; R. Redman, J. Macintyre, John Moore, W. S. Seabrook, W. Macdonald, George Welsh, C. Greenwood, J. W. R. Brown, C. K. Moore, F. W. Pattison, John Allan, Charles Lock, G. F. Babington, H. J. Sanderson, P. Wallace, H. James, Masson, and Ashenden. Visitors: Bros. T. F. Gowing, 428, S.C., (Shanghai); John Read, P.M., 2105; W. Hancock, 1588; Burcham Cooper, I.P.M., 1441; W. Larbins, I.G., 1389; and E. C. Massey, P.M., 1297. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro.

Masson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Ashenden passed to the Second Degree, the work being performed in most excellent style by the W.M. The by-laws having been read, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. H. Massey, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very, Tyler. Bros. Greenwood, Macdonald, and Sanderson were elected to serve on the Audit Committee, and Bros. Macintyre, Gale, and Potts on the Permanent Committee. Bro. H. Massey proposed and Bro. Bussey seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, "That a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Goldsmith, the retiring W.M., in recognition of the admirable manner in which, during his year of office, he has discharged the duties of the chair." The W.M. acknowledged the vote in appropriate words, and especially alluded to the kindness of the brethren during his illness in the early part of the year. A letter was read from Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas, thanking the lodge for the honour they had done him in electing him an honorary member. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, prepared in his usual good style by Bro. Cox, the hall keeper, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Bro. Goldsmith, the W.M. of this lodge, we hear with deep regret, died from congestion of the lungs on Monday, the 14th instant. An obituary notice of our deceased brother will appear next week.

**HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).**—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood. There were present Bros. J. W. Hartley, W.M.; H. Hooper, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, P.M., as J.W.; Darch, P.M., S.D.; Andrews, as I.G.; Hopekirk, A.G.P., P.M.; Stokes, I.P.M.; and a number of other members of the lodge, and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. reminded the brethren that their meeting was taking place upon the birthday of H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master, and suggested that a resolution of congratulation should be passed and forwarded to him per telegram; this was done, and after a short interval the brethren had the satisfaction of receiving a most gracious reply in acknowledgment. Bro. E. Singleton having been raised to the Third Degree, a ballot was taken for Mr. I. K. Baldock, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was forthwith initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Two gentlemen were then proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting in January. Bro. Williams, P.M., who has served the office of Secretary to the lodge since its consecration, tendered his resignation of that important post, as he is about to leave England for Sydney for a lengthened period. The valuable services rendered by Bro. Williams were commented upon by the W.M., who proposed that he should be elected an honorary member, this was seconded by Bro. Phillips, P.M., and carried with acclamation.

Subsequently the lodge adjourned to an excellent banquet served in the most admirable manner by the host, Bro. Bennett, the musical portion of the evening being admirably executed by Bros. Pitman, Lloyd, and others.

The usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

The W.M., in giving that of "The Officers," alluded in feeling terms to the loss the lodge would so shortly sustain in its able and energetic Secretary, Bro. Maunders Williams, who, however distant from them in person would be present with them in that brotherly spirit by which Masons were so easily identified. The lodge intend presenting him with an album containing the photographs of all its members, and those brethren who had not yet sent theirs to the W.M. were requested to do so at once.

"The Visitors" toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Williams, sen., and Poole, who responded in very happy terms.

**QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).**

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in the chair; R. F. Gould, W. M. Bywater, G. W. Speth, Dr. W. W. Westcott;—also Sir Charles Warren, S. Richardson, D. P. Cama, H. Lewis, F. A. Powell, S. P. Last, George Kenning, W. Lake, C. F. Hogard, Dr. W. R. Woodman, H. Lovegrove, and J. S. Cumberland, members of the Correspondence Circle; and the following visitors: Bros. W. W. Lee, 1897; F. Pegler, 1671; J. K. R. Cama, 2105; S. Shorter, W.M.; A. Pringle, S.W.; J. Houle, P.M.; G. C. Andrews, P.M.; and G. Greiner, all of 92.

Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, author of the history of Masonry in said province and of several archaeological works, was admitted a joining member. Bro. R. F. Gould was installed as W.M. of the lodge, the officers for the next year are as follows: Bros. Sir Charles Warren, I.P.M.; W. Simpson, S.W.; Major S. C. Pratt, J.W.; W. Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; W. M. Bywater, S.D.; Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, J.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, I.G.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then delivered the following address: Brethren.—In placing before the lodge an address from the chair, I am animated by the desire of inaugurating what I hope may become an annual feature of our proceedings, as it seems to me the very best way in which can be periodically brought home to us, the benefit of now and then touching mother earth, or in other words of subjecting the position and prospects of the lodge to an analysis, whereby we may estimate how far it fulfils, or falls short of fulfilling, all the purposes for which it was called into being. The Secretary has supplied me with a statistical report, but from which, as it will shortly come before you in another form, I shall merely extract two items, one referring to our correspondence circle, and the other to our printed transactions. The correspondence circle has reached a total of 155 members, residing actually and literally in all parts of the globe. This shows the amount of interest which is taken in our special labours, and I submit that the manner in which the lodge of the Quatuor Coronati is now regarded by students of all nationalities as the centre of Masonic light, should not be without weight, when we proceed to consider whether the responsibility we have voluntarily assumed as a general school of instruction has been exercised with discrimination, and whether any variations in our established procedure would be attended by advantage. The second item, which I take from the statistical report, relates to our printed transactions. The first number

appeared in August last, and a second will be issued about the end of this month. The part already published contains five lectures (or papers) by members of the lodge, and two have been delivered subsequently, making seven in all. Here I come to the argument which I wish to use in justification of this address. My ideal of such a lodge as ours is that it should represent an educational ladder in Masonry, reaching from the abyss of Masonic ignorance to the zenith to which we all aspire. That it should supply elementary teaching for those on the nethermost rung, and also be ready to discuss purely academic questions of the most abstruse character, in the remotest manner calculated to enlarge our Masonic knowledge, for the mutual improvement of those on the highest. The papers which have been read before the lodge (the brethren will do me the justice of believing that I am not here passing judgment on my own) have been of an exceptionally high standard, and as special studies or academical discussions, their value can hardly be over-rated; but it has occurred to me that, for the purposes of a body teaching or endeavouring to teach the elementary principles of Masonic science and history, in which capacity—as it seems to me—this lodge should also aspire to make its influence felt, they somehow fail to quite hit the mark or, to use a figure of speech, the lecturers have shot over or beyond it. This, I think, demands our attention, because there appears some danger lest the special work of the lodge, as a purely Masonic body, might become completely overshadowed by the more engrossing studies of the specialists among us, especially when embodied in papers combining so much real learning and research, and displaying such exquisite literary workmanship as we have had read in this lodge. The suggestion therefore I have now to make is, that without superseding the style of papers hitherto read before the lodge—a course of action I should myself very greatly deplore—we might occasionally vary them by reading others of an elementary and purely Masonic character, and that in this way the wishes and tastes of all members might be consulted, without detriment to the special functions of the lodge. Let me postulate, in the first instance, that there is something more in Freemasonry, than the mere acquisition of the ritual of our present ceremonies, and the accumulation of Degrees, the vast majority of which are only Masonic in the sense that none but Freemasons are admitted to them. Our London lodges are, to a great extent, select and expensive dining-clubs, and in the provinces—with but here and there a solitary exception to the almost general rule—though the feasting is on a more reduced scale, the entire instruction communicated to inquiring brethren consists of a smattering of ritual and ceremonial. Of English Masonry, it has been said, and not without great show of reason, that it now only retains the shell, of which our German brethren possess the kernel. Lodges of instruction (so-called) exist, it is true, but these oracles are dumb when a question is asked which soars beyond the mere routine duty of the various officers of lodges in and during the ceremonies of the Craft. Indeed, I might go further, and say that when in rare cases a reply is vouchsafed, it savours of the teaching of the Bologna school of painters, whose representative—Annibal Caracci—once said to a scholar, "What you do not understand you must darken." One, and perhaps the most urgently needed requisite, to a true study of Freemasonry, is a series of papers or lectures of an elementary character, each one dealing in broad historical lines with a particular epoch, carefully avoiding technicalities, moot or disputed points, and above all steering clear of theories. Of theory, indeed, it has been well said, that it is worth but little unless it can explain its own phenomena, and it must effect this without contradicting itself; therefore the facts are but too often assimilated to the theory, rather than the theory to the facts. Most theorists may be compared to the grandfather of the Great Frederick (of Prussia), who was in the habit of amusing himself, during his fits of the gout, by painting likenesses of his grenadiers, and if the picture did not happen to resemble the grenadier, he settled the matter by painting the grenadier to the picture. By eschewing theories, therefore, and adhering strictly to facts, I think we might arrange a system of elementary lectures, supplementary to those of a more advanced kind, which, while comprehensible by the youngest entered apprentice, would at the same time enlarge the foundations upon which the specialists among us might erect the scaffolding for their superior workmanship. The lectures should, if possible, be delivered by different brethren on each distinct occasion, and when completed, might serve as a text-book for beginners, and would, no doubt, be largely used, in the same way that we should in the first instance do ourselves, by the various lodges throughout the world. It may, indeed, be advanced that there are already in existence text-books from which the student who wishes to obtain a bird's eye view of the general subject of Freemasonry may do so quickly and easily. But if so, I am quite unable to indicate where they may be procured. Findel, no doubt, has written, or rather compiled, a concise history of the Society, but, like most Germans (to adopt the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge), while he is not altogether wrong, like them, also, he is never altogether right. Of my own recent work, as indeed of all that I have inflicted upon my brethren, I am naturally inclined to speak with indulgence, for parental love is perhaps best exemplified in the affection which one feels for the most rickety offspring, but putting sentiment aside and taking my history of Freemasonry to be worthy of its title, I should be the very last person to contend that it is either compendious—which would be a manifest absurdity—or a complete guide to students, except to those who will patiently read it through from the first to the last chapter. Sir Richard Burton, in one of his earliest works has remarked:—"Next to the Antiquary in simplicity of mind, capacity of belief, and capability of assertion, ranks the Freemason." This picture is scarcely overdrawn, but I think that the jesting words of the great traveller would soon cease to apply to any lodge of Freemasons who might adopt the scheme here advocated, and who, in the regulation of their proceedings should determine to propose with diffidence, to conjecture with freedom, to examine with candour, and to dissent with civility:—"in rebus necessariis sit unitas; in non necessariis liberalitas; in omnibus charitas." The divisions or sections into which the series of lectures should be arranged would fall more properly within the province of the lodge as a body to determine, though I will at once state that Early Scottish Masonry should indubitably form the subject of the second lecture; and the opening History of the Grand Lodge of England the third. Other papers in English, Scottish, and Irish Masonry, might bring the number of lectures to about

eight, and constitute a first series of the undertaking, after which, however, there will still remain a large number of subjects, albeit only indirectly connected with this country, which will supply the materials for a second, third, and fourth series of the same class of work. I shall now proceed with a short paper, in which I shall reduce theory to practice, and enable you to test the soundness of my conclusions by an experimental essay, dealing with what is actually known of Freemasonry in England before the era of Grand Lodges, of which the first or mother of Grand Lodges was the Grand Lodge of England, established in London in 1717. Before, however, I commence to read it, let me give just a word of explanation as to the circumstances under which it has been prepared. At our last meeting I ventilated some of the ideas to which I have given fuller expression in this address, but I had no intention of reading a paper. Indeed, on the contrary, having already read one, I hoped that every member of the lodge would do the same thing before my turn came round again. Bro. W. H. Rylands held out some hope of being able to read the paper for this evening, and it was with a very painful feeling of disappointment that I found he was subsequently prevented by various causes from doing so. Our worthy and untiring Secretary then wrote to me saying, to use his own words, that he was "in a real fix." The other papers that were available for reading in lodge were too long for an installation meeting. He then reminded me of the idea I had, as it were, thrown out at the previous meeting, and furnished me with a syllabus of the kind of paper which he wished me to prepare. This, brethren, is in effect my apology for being the lecturer this evening, as I think the more new voices we hear on these occasions the better, and I should be sorry for the members of this lodge to believe for an instant that they had placed a brother in the chair, who wished to claim a monopoly of those special duties which can only be pleasantly and satisfactorily exercised by being apportioned equally among us all.

The W.M., Bro. R. F. Gould, read a paper, entitled "English Freemasonry before the era of Grand Lodges (1717)." The paper was commented on by Bro. Woodford; the rest of the brethren refrained from criticism in view of the large quantity of business still to be transacted. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

The following list of presentations to the lodge library was announced, viz., from the Editors, current numbers of the *Toronto Freemason* and "Latonia;" from Bro. Beck, of Dresden, current numbers of "Die Bauhütte" and "Jahrbuch des Lessings-bundes, 1884 und 1886;" from Bro. Whytehead, "L'Ordre des Freres-maçons trahi et le Secret des Mopses, 1745;" from the Authors, "Pujahs in the Sutlej Valley" and "Architecture in the Himalayas," by Bro. Simpson; "Rosicrucian Thoughts on the Ever-burning Lamps of the Ancients;" "Commentary on the Ten Sephiroth," "Sepher Zetziyah," and "The Isiac Tablet," by Bro. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott; "The History of Freemasonry in the City of Durham," by Bro. Wm. Logan; "Tratado Practico de Arithmetica Mercantil," by José Mayner y Ros; "Whytehead's Poetical Remains," by Bro. T. B. Whytehead; "History of Freemasonry in Sussex," by Bro. T. Francis; "History of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, Hull," by Bro. M. C. Peck; "The Two Systems," by Bro. John Haigh; "The Masonic Directory for New Zealand, 1886," by Bro. Geo. Robertson; "Die ersten Jahre der Grossloge von England" (2 parts), "Das Sloane MS., No. 3329," and "Studien über den Meistergrad," by Bro. F. K. Schwalbach; "Einige Betrachtungen über das Verhalten Londoner Gross Loge zu den alten Ueberlieferungen der Werkmaurer," by Bro. Dr. W. Begemann, Rostock; "Record of a Year's Work, &c., Lodge Prudence, 2069," by Bro. C. L. Mason; from Bro. M. C. Peck, "A Short History of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire," by Bro. J. P. Bell; "Ceremonial of the York Jubilee Meeting, 14th July, 1887," a sermon preached at Jubilee Meeting, York, by Bro. the Dean, Form of service at Jubilee Meeting, York, Rules of North and East Yorkshire Educational Fund, and Medal of York Jubilee Meeting, 14th July, 1887; from Bro. A. E. Austen, "Proceedings of District Grand Lodge of South Africa (East Division), June 15th, 1887;" from Bro. J. Haigh, "History of Corinthian Lodge, Concord, Mass.," by Bro. L. A. Surette; "Proceedings of the Supreme Council, 33°, for America and Dependencies for 1886," "Information for Members of the Scottish Rite for America and Dependencies," and "An Address delivered before the Grand Consistory of Minnesota, 12th November, 1885;" from Bro. H. Whympier, "Schlüssel der Chemischen Philosophie, Strassburg, 1602;" from Bro. H. Sadler, "Masonic Facts and Fictions;" and from Mr. Wyatt Papworth "Architectural Drawing in the Middle Ages," and "Notes on the Superintendents of English Buildings in the Middle Ages."

The following 31 bodies and brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle: Coombe Library, Cornubian Lodge, 459; Agricola Lodge, 1991, York; Masonic Hall Library, Leicester; Wellington Lodge, 1521, New Zealand; Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, 331, Truro; Carnarvon Lodge, 804, Havant; Prudence Lodge, 2069, Leeds; Bros. S. Russell Forbes, Rome; W. Henderson, Hebron, Griqualand West; F. W. Thomas, Camborne, Cornwall; W. W. Morgan, J. R. Menzies Thomson, York, Western Australia; John Haigh, Somerville, Massachusetts; C. P. Cooper, Dundalk; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; S. Saunders, Whitstable; W. Horton, Yeovil, P.P.G. Purst. Hants; E. B. Down, Shaftesbury; G. Rackstrow Crickmay, Weymouth, P.P. S.G.W. Dorset; J. E. Green, Cradock, the Cape, D.S. G.W. South Africa, E. Division; John Bodenham, Newport, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., &c.; Jacob Norton, Boston, U.S.A.; F. A. Powell, Prov. G.S. of W. Monmouthshire; J. Dickson, Upper Tooting; J. L. Atherton, Bradford, P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks; C. Fendelow, Wolverhampton, G. Std. Br.; Dr. Richard Morris, Head Master R.M.I.B.; George Kenning, Proprietor of the *Freemason*; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W. North and East Yorks; and H. Lovegrove. This brings the total number of the Correspondence Circle to 155.

The death, on the 17th July last, of Bro. E. T. Budden, who had joined the lodge on the 2nd June previously, was announced. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to his son, Bro. F. Budden, expressing the grief and condolence of the brethren. Bro. H. J. Whympier, P.D.D. G.M. Punjab, was proposed as a joining member. The Secretary announced that Bro. Whympier had generously placed at his disposal the litho stones which he had prepared of the "Masonic Poem," thus saving the lodge a

considerable sum of money on their first volume of reprints now preparing. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Whympier, and it having been ascertained that his copy of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" was short of the last volume, the Secretary was instructed to ask his acceptance thereof from the lodge as a token of their appreciation of his fraternal generosity.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from Bros. W. J. Hughan, John Lane, Major Irwin, Dr. Crawley, T. B. Whytehead, J. Todd, S. K. Baskett, A. Jordan, Dr. Begemann, R. C. Beck, T. W. Lemon, C. Fendelow, H. Riddiford, Col. Mead, C. Kupferschmidt, W. Simpson, H. Sadler, H. Whympier, and others.

The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a modest but sufficient repast was provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Gould, W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," said this was a subject upon which he could say much were it not for the fact that he was one of that body himself. They had a great many Grand Officers in the lodge and in the correspondence circle, and they were all pleased that the W.M., for the time being, was honoured by receiving Jubilee honours. He should have asked that distinguished brother to respond, but he was going to ask him to reply for a special toast. He mentioned on a former occasion that they were pleased to have members who were similarly honoured in the matter of Jubilee honours. There were several Grand Officers present, including Bro. Woodford, who was a very old Grand Officer, Bro. Sir Charles Warren, Bros. Dr. Woodman and Hogard, and Bro. Bywater. They all knew that the rule differed as to whose name should be coupled with the toast, and he was a little inclined to depart from the general rule and couple the name of Bro. Bywater, who was actually performing the duties of G. Swd. Br. at the present time.

Bro. Bywater, on behalf of the Grand Officers, returned hearty thanks for the very kind manner in which they had taken notice of that body. It was the delight of the Grand Officers to discharge faithfully every duty that devolved upon them, and they were gratified to receive the kindly feelings of the Craft as their reward.

Bro. R. F. Gould, W.M. I now come to the toast of the evening, and I therefore have asked the brethren to charge in the usual formal manner. The toast I have to propose is that of "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Sir Charles Warren." In considering the most suitable manner in which I should bring this toast before you, I was powerfully affected by thinking of the manner in which I should like to hear it myself. You would like me to tell you all I could gather together in order to show you what measure of a man we have had to rule us. Our worthy and distinguished brother entered the army as Lieutenant Royal Engineers, in 1857, and before 10 years we find he was conducting an exploration in Palestine, and excavations in Jerusalem. In connection with that, I will read one extract from "Our work in Palestine, 1875," that will show you what was thought of the manner in which the duties were conducted. "Let us finally bear witness to the untiring perseverance, courage, and ability of Captain Warren. Those of us who knew best under what difficulties he had to work, can tell with what courage and patience they were met and overcome. Physical suffering and long endurance of heat, cold, and danger were nothing. So long as an interest in the modern history of Jerusalem remains, so long as people are concerned to know how sacred sites have been found out, so long will the name of Captain Warren survive." In connection with that work Captain Warren brought out two books, "Underground Jerusalem," and "The Temple and the Tomb," both of which give a deal of instruction and information to biblical scholars. The next we hear of him in the public world was in 1876, when he was especially selected to settle and arrange the boundary lines of the Orange Free State. In the following year he was appointed to settle the land law of Griqualand, and with what tact, discrimination, and zeal he discharged that important duty they were all aware. The work of Bro. Warren, however, consisted of other things besides civil duties, for when the Kaffir war broke out he commanded the Diamond Field Horse, and his conspicuous bravery and boldness, and rapidity in action were frequently brought before the notice of the authorities. A few years later, in 1879, peace was restored, and he was selected to rule that turbulent region which he had so successfully reduced to order. Those difficult duties he continued to discharge for two years, until the home Government recalled him. He had by this time so endeared himself to all with whom he had been connected, that when he left the Cape they severely felt his loss, and it was mentioned at the time as a public calamity. He came back to England, and we hear of him in the Egyptian war, when he commanded a perilous mission, and succeeded in bringing to justice the murderers of Professor Palmer and others who were put to death by the Arabs. In 1884 he volunteered to proceed by way of Abyssinia and visit Khartoum to ascertain news of Gordon, but his offer was not accepted, and he was induced to enter into another important enterprise—the foundation of this lodge. I may be asked on what grounds did we judge of him to fill that position of the first W.M. Whether we regarded him as a man of letters, and as a great and brilliant writer, or whether we considered his sterling qualities, and his resolute and daring character, I think we feel that his election has reflected honour on our choice. It may be said that "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and he was sent to the Cape before we could get to work. There is just one other feature. When Sir Charles Warren went to the Cape for the second time, he went with a considerable reputation, and it was quite equal to the further demands made upon it. His great energy and the excellent arrangements he made, combined with the celerity of his movements, quite overcame those to whom he was opposed. The enemy knew their man, and were aware of his military skill, so that there was no appeal to arms, and his object was attained without bloodshed. All that I have said proves that no commander of an expedition could have fulfilled the mission better, but if he had been a little inferior to what he really was his reward would probably have been far greater. Instead of meeting with the reward he merited, the authorities fell into the old rule, and he returned to his duties as Colonel in the Engineers. We were then enabled to start the lodge, although immediately afterwards he had been sent to Suakin and had returned to us safe and sound. Since then he has been a regular attendant at our meetings, when the affairs connected with his public duties permitted him, and he has found time amongst his many engagements to read before us one of

the most brilliant papers that adorns our transactions. He has been at all times a very enthusiastic Freemason, and when he was in South Africa, this was acknowledged by a lodge being formed and called after him, meeting in Griqualand. There is just one thing more I wish to say. I wish to sum up in a few words the estimation in which he is held by us all. I was reading a short account of Sir Philip Sydney, and I shall put it to you that what was said of him in the sixteenth century can be said of Sir Charles Warren. "He seemed born on purpose for whatever he was about." Whether in Palestine, South Africa, in the Nile Desert, or in this lodge, he has always shown the same fertility of resource, and has adapted himself to the many phases of his remarkable career. Bro. Sir Charles Warren, it is now my pleasing duty to present you with a number of books which have been written by members of the lodge, or brethren belonging to the correspondence circle. The method we have taken of acknowledging the great services you have rendered, we heartily trust may be as pleasing to you as it is to us. We hope they will remind you of the brethren who wrote them, and that they will convey to you, mutely but forcibly, that the hands by which they were written are always ready to grasp your own whenever you can afford us the privilege of being with us in the lodge.

The Tyler here approached the table with a number of elegantly bound books, on a silver tray. The 26 volumes had been contributed by the respective Authors, for the purpose of the presentation, and were all on Masonic architectural and archaeological subjects. The collection consisted of 40 distinct works, representing 23 Authors, all of whom are members of the lodge and of its correspondence circle.

The following is a list of the authors and works:—Jno. Lane, "Masonic Records 1717-1886;" J. Ramsden Riley, "The Yorkshire Lodges;" W. Simpson, "Pujahs in the Sutlej Valley," and "Architecture in the Himalayas," in one vol.; Harold Lewis, "Beginnings of the Bath Newspaper Press," and "History of the Bristol Mercury," in one vol., and "The Church Rambler," in two vols.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, "Color and coloured decorations," "Notes made during tours in Greece," and "Notes on Ancient and Modern Egypt," in one vol.; Jno. Chapman, "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry;" T. Francis, "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex;" W. J. Hughan, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry;" Wm. Logan, "History of Freemasonry in the City of Durham;" G. P. Brockbank, "History of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton;" Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, "Rosicrucian thoughts on the ever-burning Lamps of the Ancients;" James Newton, "History of Royal Arch Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton;" T. B. Whytehead, "Some Ancient York Masons and their early Haunts;" W. Kelly, "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Leicester and Rutland," "Records of the Corporation of the Borough of Leicester," in one vol., and "Notices illustrative of the Drama in Leicester;" W. M. Bywater, "Notes on Laurence Dermott, G.S., and his work;" W. Watson, "Masonic Career of the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth;" G. W. Speth, "History of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London;" J. Todd, "History, &c., of the York Lodge, No. 236;" R. F. Gould, "The Atholl Lodges;" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry;" C. P. MacCalla, "Dr. Franklin's Newspaper Accounts of Freemasonry, 1730-1750;" H. Sadler, "Masonic Facts and Fictions;" and W. H. Rylands, "Freemasonry in the XVII Century in Warrington, ditto in Chester," "Freemasons Tomb," "Early use of word Freemason," and other papers, in all, eleven in one volume.

Bro. Sir Chas. Warren, G.C.M.G.—I am going to ask to be allowed to claim your indulgence, for I have had a good many difficulties to contend with in the last few days, and have been a good deal harassed on your behalf in securing the safety of the Metropolis. In doing this, I have not had time to turn my attention to the subject of this lodge, and am not, therefore, enabled to reply in a manner suitable to the occasion. It is an occasion on which I feel most deeply. I feel what the W. Master has said, and I also feel the good wishes of the members and visiting brethren very much. I am quite unable to find words to express what I feel. I could not help being somewhat tickled with regard to something the W. Master said concerning my eventual career. At the present time, working at a crucial time of your history, I am endeavouring to keep peace in the Metropolis, but my position you must remember is precarious, for as I have been twice turned out and recalled by a paternal government, so I may possibly be turned out again. I can assure you that as a Mason I endeavour to do my duty and ask no man's favour. With regard to the work I have done in this lodge, I feel that it is extremely minute. There is only one point on which I take credit to myself, and that is I think I know how to let well alone, and I do not meddle with what I see being done well. I have seen the work in such excellent hands, that I have thought there was no occasion for me to interfere. We had the great experience of the present W. Master and of the officers of the lodge, and we had the wonderful assistance of our brother Secretary. All those who know our Secretary must know the immense amount of good work he performs, and the result it will produce for Masonry, and I feel myself indebted to him for the way in which he has carried the matter through and relieved me of work. Bro. Speth has not only relieved me, but has actually brought credit to my name, which should really stand to his own. I must take this opportunity of saying I feel myself gratified to think that the lodge at the present time is in the hands of the present W.M. I do not know anybody who is so suitable for the chair of this lodge, and I must congratulate you on having Bro. Gould as your W. Master. I was initiated in Gibraltar, and can assure you that there Bro. Gould's name was a household word, and we looked up to him in 1858 as a man of considerable reputation, and it is therefore the greatest gratification to me to find him presiding at this table. I can only say with regard to the books that I shall endeavour to read them with the utmost diligence. I have been a diligent Mason in the past, and have endeavoured to learn something, but I know the great amount of work necessary to know more than a smattering of the subject. There is a certain amount of irony in giving me these books in order that I may learn something, and I feel my insufficiency. I think, however, I know something about the Temple of Jerusalem, but I know very little of modern Masonry, and shall be pleased to study the subject. I feel much the kind thoughts of the brethren who have given me these books, and whenever I take up one of them, I shall remember it belonged to a

brother whom I loved and revered. I must sincerely thank you for having thought of giving them to me. I feel quite unable to say more than I have, and I can only thank the W.M. and brethren most heartily for the way in which you have treated me. The W.M. said he considered this the toast of the evening, but that was unfair to himself, and I hope you will regard the toast of the evening as the toast of the W.M. I feel I am so inadequate to offer it properly, that it will be offered by a brother who is one of the great authorities in Freemasonry, and who we know is in perfect accord with Bro. Gould on all Masonic matters.

Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the I.P.M. had concluded his most interesting speech with the remark that as the brethren were aware he was in accord with Bro. Gould, W.M. If in certain subjects there were slight and minute differences, in one thing he was entirely in accord with him, and that was that the lodge had done itself great honour in selecting him as its W.M. There was no brother who could have more fittingly presided over the beginning of this lodge than their I.P.M., and when the election for the second W.M. Master came round, they unanimously put into the chair a brother who by his public work had done more to raise the intellectual character of Freemasonry in England and all over the world than probably any living brother. He ventured to say that Bro. Gould's history was a brilliant example of literary work, for its lucidity, power, and lustre, and for the wonderful power displayed in marshalling facts. They had several Masonic writers amongst the members and Correspondence Circle, and they had a rising brother in their midst—Bro. Westcott. He ventured to say for Bro. Gould that he stood in the annals of archæology of England almost the first, if not the first, of living Masonic writers. Therefore this lodge, having so distinguished an historian of Masonry, felt justified in selecting him as the W.M. to preside over it. As he had mentioned, he augured very happy results in having a brother as W.M. who was versed in the higher branches of Masonry. In the words Bro. Gould delivered in the lodge he heartily concurred, and he trusted that their labours would lead to the subject of Masonic archæology becoming more popular in the Craft. He did not, however, take quite so disappointed a view as the W.M. had done of the present state of Masonic knowledge. He could remember the time when Masonic lectures were very infrequent and unpopular affairs, when a syllabus of lectures was a thing unknown. He thought they would notice a change, and they of that lodge would be glad to think they had served to light up a torch which would extend not only Masonic libraries, but a taste for the intellectual culture of Masonry. To no abler hands could this task be delivered than to those of the W.M., for under his auspices their meetings would not be without interest, but would be productive of good. They would meet on the level, and part on the square, glad to be permitted to give humble assistance to the spread of Masonic intellectuality, and a better knowledge of our ancient and valuable Craft. He begged to propose the health of their W.M.

Bro. Gould, W.M., in reply, said he was very much obliged for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; but as he felt that his voice had been so much heard he would not speak at any length. It had been a great gratification to him to have heard the kind words spoken by Bro. Woodford. They had their differences, but they were of a nature that usually occurred between husband and wife. Although they quarrelled between themselves, they would not allow anyone to come between them. But they were as good friends as it was possible to be. He felt on some occasions that there were some brethren who had known him by reputation, but had not met him in the flesh. Before those he had to pass a somewhat formidable ordeal. It was said that his history was long and somewhat dry, and he was afraid that the summons to this meeting, stating he would read a lecture, had induced many brethren to keep away who would otherwise have been present. He thanked them very much, and he felt that a brother who occupied the chair of a lodge that laid down any particular course of action had a responsible time. As their W.M., he felt there was little chance of going wrong while Bro. Speth was Secretary. He would now propose "The Visiting Brethren." They were always glad to see visitors, and those brethren would see that without them the lodge would be hardly pressed. There was a certain class of visitors present in whom he took special pride. He referred to the members of the Moira Lodge, to which he belonged, and he took it as a great compliment to him that they should be present. When the Quatuor Coronati Lodge was being inaugurated, it was necessary to have the petition recommended by another lodge, and this was kindly done by the Moira Lodge. He was glad to see the W.M. of that lodge, Bro. Shorter, present, whose name he should couple with the toast, as also that of Bro. George Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, but, as that brother had left, he would substitute the name of Bro. Lake, P. Prov. G. Registrar Cornwall, who was well known, and could not be known too well. He wished to take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Lake for the valuable assistance he had rendered him in many stages of his Masonic career, and for the many ways in which he had served him he could not speak too warmly.

Bro. Shorter, on behalf of the visitors, tendered sincere thanks for their hearty reception. The ceremony they had had the privilege of witnessing, and the paper they had heard read had proved most interesting to them, and they enjoyed it exceedingly. He had no doubt that a great many visitors had never before had the privilege of hearing so instructive a lecture as had been read. Representing the members of the Moira Lodge, he would say that they felt great pleasure in seeing Bro. Gould installed in the chair, and they wished him a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bro. Lake said he had no idea he should be called upon to respond, and expressed his regret that Bro. Kenning, the proprietor of the paper which he had the honour to conduct, was not present, having been obliged to leave. However, as that brother had left the room, he could do no other than thank the W.M. for the kind expressions he had used, but he felt that not one half of them was due to him. Bro. Gould had always expressed himself kindly for the few favours he had received. He should like to say that the idea of starting a series of lectures on elementary Masonic history was a very good one. The Masonic world looked upon that lodge as a very learned body, and came to it to get information; but on former occasions it had, unfortunately, reminded him of a bench of bishops resolving some abstruse theological problems, on which occasions

he could only liken himself, and those on the same level of Masonic erudition, to awe-struck and deeply perplexed laymen. He was quite sure, however, that the meetings would now be much more popular with Masons who desired to increase their knowledge of Masonic history.

The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Speth, and "The Memory of the Quatuor Coronati," with which the name of Bro. Woodford was coupled.

**DERBY ALCROFT LODGE (No. 2168).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Athenæum, Camden-road, on Thursday, the 10th instant. The members present included Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., W.M.; T. E. Gibb, S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; H. Halliday, S.D.; J. Corbett, P.M., J.D.; J. M. Smith, I.G.; H. Povey, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. Haskins, Org.; J. F. Davey, Stwd.; W. T. Wettenhall, C. C. Michie, and W. F. Ford. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Knight, Stwd. 2005, J.; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; J. Barratt, 2202; G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; C. F. Quick, J.D. 1531; J. Miles, W.M. 180; T. A. Upton, 1243; R. Perkins, P.M., Treas., 34; C. W. Read, I.P.M. 1743; W. T. Perry, 861; W. Cook, P.M. 22; J. H. Dixon, W.M. 27; H. T. Conolly, W.M. 173; H. D. Gamble, P.M. 857; P. Challis, P.M. 3; W. Mackie, P.M. 2054; H. C. Soper, P.M. 704; S. Dyball, S.D. 905; W. H. Froom, P.M. 1657; T. Whiting, 22; G. Glover, 1677; E. W. Scatterwood, P.M. 753; R. Eve, G. Treas.; W. R. Brooks, J.W. 22; C. Townley, W. Robinson, W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Auditor's report was received and adopted. Bro. W. F. Lord was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. J. Corbett, P.M. Bro. T. E. Gibb, S.W., having been presented as W.M. elect, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., S.W.; H. Halliday, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; J. Corbett, P.M., S.D.; J. M. Smith, J.D.; W. T. Charles, I.G.; H. Povey, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. Haskins, Org.; J. F. Davey, and C. C. Mickie, Stwds.; and Harman, Tyler. The addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft," and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being proposed by the W.M. in felicitous terms, and received by the brethren in a hearty manner.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that both the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were well known for their public work, and also in reference to Charity, which was part of Masonic work. In addition to that, the brethren knew the other Grand Officers to be men who were chosen for their hearty and energetic Masonry. He was pleased to say that on the present occasion they were honored with the presence of Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treasurer, and their esteemed I.P.M. Bro. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer. As it would be his pleasure on a later period to couple the name of the latter with a toast, he should ask Bro. Eve to reply for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treasurer, said he felt he was scarcely the brother to respond for the noble and distinguished who had been named as part of this toast. Their services in Masonry were so well known, and he felt they were conscious they enjoyed the confidence of the Craft. The toast the brethren had just drank was therefore their due. As one of the Grand Officers, he considered it a privilege to respond for the way in which the toast had been mentioned by the W.M. and received by all present. He felt that speaking as the Grand Treasurer, he stood in a peculiarly honourable position. He felt that that post was considerably honoured by having a brother on his left who had distinguished himself in the capacity of G. Treasurer, and who now simply stood aside to let the present rank take precedence of the past. In a few months however, Bro. Allcroft would be standing far above him on the roll of P.G. Treasurers. That distinguished brother was the oldest G. Treasurer, and had honoured this Lodge by giving his name to it. The members might well consider that a privilege, and he felt it a great honor in having to stand below him, as he should in the course of a few months. As long as Bro. Allcroft lived (and he hoped it would be for many years), his name would always stand well in the estimation of the brethren. The Grand Treasurership was an office he held dear, for it was in the hands of the Craft. H.R.H. the G.M. was the first elective officer, and the G. Treasurer was the second. H.R.H. had powers of appointing a number of distinguished brethren to honors in the Craft, and the brethren were delighted at the choice he had made. Those selected comprised men of social position in life, and men who had taken the highest distinctions in the administration of the country. When they found that such men had been chosen, they felt the Craft had been honored, and the brethren themselves had also been honored by being so selected. They felt that the honor was still of such a character as not to be lightly given away. A number of brethren had been selected in the past year, for promotions in the Order. They comprised men who had distinguished themselves in literature, science and divinity, and men of legal attainments. The honors given to those brethren were well deserved, but the P.G. Treasurer and himself felt that their own honors were peculiar, as they came from the great body of the Craft, and could not be conferred by any single individual. They now numbered 5, and next year when the G. Treasurer was elected, they would be 6. They hoped the number would be enlarged year by year, and would not be diminished. He had the greatest love for Masonry, for in it there was much for good. In fact there was so much in it that sometimes he felt it was not only a social life in itself, but was also a religious life. Masonry was so great and good that it embraced all creeds and denominations, and knew of no separation and differences. They recognised the great Author of all things, the G.A.O. T.U., and so long as every brother recognised that, so long would he be honoured. He would not dilate further, but he felt it an honour to stand as the representative of the Grand Officers, and trusted to be with them again on some future occasion. The brethren would join him in hoping the

I.P.M. Bro. Allcroft would be the oldest P.M. of their Lodge for many years to come.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Derby Allcroft, I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to give the toast. One of the advantages of Masonry, was, the opportunity afforded for making friends. They knew those friends would be good and true, and would be those with whom they could associate, and in whom they would feel confidence. He rose with those feelings to propose the health of their W.M., Bro. Eccleston Gibb. Short as the history of their Lodge has been, they had found in it good men and true, well versed in the duties connected with the offices they held. To their friend, Bro. Gibb, who had gone into the chair that evening they had to offer good wishes for a successful year of office. They also hoped that those who would be under his rule, would benefit by his presidency. They trusted he would rule over a united and harmonious lodge, and that the members would feel they were ably guided under his auspices. With those feelings, which were the sentiments of every member, he had great pleasure in asking them to drink heartily and with good wishes for the health of the W.M.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the kindly reception accorded it. It was a great honour to occupy the chair of that lodge, being so young in Masonry, for he knew a friend who, after 19 years' Masonic experience, had only recently attained the position. He felt that he was having greatness thrust upon him by being installed in his present position. Very good things had been said of him, but he could promise that he would do his best during the forthcoming year for the lodge, and endeavour to reflect credit on the name it bears.

The W.M. then gave what he termed the toast of the evening—"The I.P.M., Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas."—It was, he remarked, the health of the brother who gave his name to the lodge. Every brother present knew something of their I.P.M., either for many years past in connection with that district, or as one of the merchant princes of the City of London. They had known him not only as a Mason, but also as amongst those who knew how to disburse charity in their great city. They had known him in several distinguished positions, and they honoured him that evening as having become the first I.P.M. of their lodge. It would be like gilding refined gold to dilate on his merits, for they all knew him so well, and it would therefore be an impertinence on his part to endeavour to extol them. If he thought they were not aware of the facts, he could tell them many things which would reflect credit and honour on him as a man with a large, true Masonic heart. Before he asked them to drink the toast, he had to fulfil a very pleasing office. It was to present the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, trusting he would be spared for many years to wear it. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., with sincere and hearty good wishes, by the brethren of lodge No. 2168, in warm appreciation of his valuable services as their first W.M."

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., P.M., said they had done him a great honour, not only in what had been said but in what had been done, and he had therefore a double duty to perform in response. Firstly he thanked them for what had been said, and trusted he might live to feel that he deserved the encomiums they had paid him. The W.M. had been good enough to see the best side of his character, and he thought this might sometimes be a dangerous feeling, lest he should be led away by the praise bestowed. Coupling those kind words with that reservation, he sincerely thanked the W.M. It was the second lodge in which he had been the first W.M. Neither was his own seeking, and that remark would also apply to the office of Grand Treasurer he had held. He was selected for that post and had the honour of being the first elected under the new régime. He did not think that the positions he had held in Masonry was due to any great Masonic virtue. They were, however, so far at an end, and he thanked them for their very great kindness to him in any little time and labour he had been able to give. His labours are many, not for himself now, but for others. He had so many calls upon him that it was difficult to apportion his time. He thanked them for the way in which they had accepted any slight services he had rendered. He left the chair in the hope that he would be followed by a line of eminent men who would maintain and extend the influence of this lodge for many years. With that feeling and belief he could always look with pleasure on his connection with the lodge, and should look forward to be amongst them as often as possible. For the very beautiful and chaste jewel he begged to thank them again. It would be a remembrance of very friendly gatherings, and as a mark of the good feelings they had always evinced towards him.

"The Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that Bro. Fitzgerald, P.M., had been the life of the lodge. It was owing to his energy that the lodge existed, and the hearty manner in which he worked for its benefit was exemplified by his able rendering of the installation ceremony that evening.

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been given and received. It had been an immense amount of pleasure to him to install the present W.M. Anything he could do in the future in lodge work he should be happy to do to the best of his ability.

"The Visitors" having been given by the W.M., it was responded to by Bros. Conolly, W.M. 173; Perkins, P.M. 34; Dixon, W.M. 27; and Fairchild, P.M. 1196.

Bros. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas., and R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

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

During the evening an excellent programme of music was given under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. A. Lester, A. Thompson, and R. Hilton.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; S. Chandler, S.W.; F. Duke, J.W.; F. Rosister, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; G. Kandle, acting S.D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; E. W. J. Hennah, P.P.G. D.C., P.M., &c.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. J. Ticehurst,

L. O. Glenister, R. Dengate, G. Roddis, G. H. Gage, C. H. Geer, and R. J. Reed.

In response to solicitations of Bros. Hedges and Binckes, the Secretaries of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, the W. Master stated that he would undertake the duties of Steward to the Girls' Institution, and the Secretary said that he would represent the Boys' Institution, and expressed a hope that the brethren would support him well. The address of the D.P.G.M. was read. Bro. Rossiter, P.P.J.G.D., in a lucid and able manner gave the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, and received a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. Hennah, P.P.G.D.C., presented the third volume of "The History of Freemasonry" to the lodge. A proposition by Bro. Randle to have a picture of the officers of the lodge prepared, as being commemorative of the Queen's Jubilee, was carried.

**IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—**Visit of Lord Henniker. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, accompanied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, attended the ordinary meeting of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., the object of the visit being the investiture of Bro. John Talbot with brevet rank of P.P.G.S.B., in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Thos. James Noble, W.M.; A. W. Cook, I.P.M.; James Napier, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; George Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. Snow, P.M.; J. L. Brook, P.M.; John Talbot, P.M.; E. A. Scrivener, S.W.; S. G. Morley, J.W.; Alex. Barber, Sec.; G. P. Price, J.D.; W. J. Whytehead, I.G.; W. Leathers and T. Turner, Stewds.; J. D. Fraser, J. W. Daniels, F. S. Spinks, W. H. Cook, W. J. Leggett, E. Harvey, A. Lord, T. Turner, Rev. S. Maude, R. O. Clutton, T. J. Blumfield, J. Sheppard, W. Sharp, John Orton, and George Gould, Tyler. The visitors present, in addition to the Prov. and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, included Bros. W. Boby, P.M. 114, P.G.S.B. Eng.; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.G.S.; W. P. Mills, P.M. 376, P.P.S.G.W.; A. A. Bennett, P.M. 959, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Hunt, W.M. 376; A. R. Trew, W.M. 959; J. A. Pettit, P.M. 388; Fred. Bennett, 959; Jos. Chamberlain, W.M. 1445; Fred. C. Atkinson, S.D. 376; C. A. Cornish, 525 (Hong Kong); C. Markwell, 959; H. Parkin, 697; M. A. Butcher, 959; J. Driver, W. Clover, Jas. Hardwick, 959; and others.

After the transaction of the usual business of the lodge, Bro. George Abbott presented Bro. John Talbot to the Provincial Grand Master, who invested him with the badge and apron attaching to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to confer the honour upon such a worthy brother. The Prov. Grand Master, addressing the brethren, said it had given him very great pleasure to visit St. Luke's Lodge. He had done so at some little inconvenience to himself; but he was amply rewarded by witnessing the admirable way in which the work was done. He was in hopes that in due course he should be able to visit all the lodges in the province over which he had the honour to preside, and so make himself personally acquainted with all the brethren. He hoped that the brethren throughout the province would allow him to come amongst them, treating him as the brother who was anxious to ascertain their wishes, and who would do all in his power to further the cause of Masonry in the Province of Suffolk. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master also expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present. It was some years since he had the pleasure of visiting St. Luke's Lodge, and he was glad to find it in such a healthy and prosperous position. Before closing the lodge, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, gave a very hearty welcome to the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy.

At the banquet subsequently held, the W.M. presided, supported on the right by Bro. Lord Henniker, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. N. Tracy, and Bro. W. P. Mills, and on the left by Bro. W. Boby, Bro. Cook, I.P.M., and other brethren.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He called attention to the fact that they were assembled on H.R.H.'s birthday, and at the suggestion of Lord Henniker it was resolved to send a telegram from the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, and the W.M. and brethren of St. Luke's Lodge, wishing the Grand Master many happy returns of the day.

With the toast of "The Grand Officers" the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. W. Boby, P.G.S.B., who briefly responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker," and expressed the pleasure which the members of St. Luke's Lodge had derived from his presence.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, in response, said he was very grateful for the kind reception which had been accorded him. That was the first time he had been able to visit an Ipswich lodge since he had been Prov. Grand Master. He was extremely sorry that he was unable to be present at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, at Framlingham, because it was at the Framlingham Lodge that he was initiated into Masonry. He was, however, doing his duty to his Queen and country. He had to be in waiting on perhaps the most important personage who was here during the Jubilee year, viz., the Crown Prince of Germany, and he was unable for that reason, and on account of his work under the Government he was obliged to forego the pleasure of being present at the Prov. Grand Lodge. He had alluded to the Jubilee year, and he might say he was very pleased indeed that it had been his good fortune that day to invest Bro. Talbot, who had done so much for the Craft in the province in years past, with a Jubilee honour. Having referred to the pleasure it gave him to see Bro. Boby invested as a Past Grand Officer, his lordship, in conclusion, again thanked the brethren for the kindness with which they had received him, and complimented the brethren and the W.M. upon the excellent working he had seen in the lodge. Before sitting down, the Prov. Grand Master, in highly complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Noble."

The Worshipful Master briefly responded, and proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded in a genial speech, in the course of which he said St. Luke's Lodge had a grand

past, and he hoped and believed it would have a grand and prosperous future.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers," coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Tracy for the Present, and Bro. J. Talbot for the Past P.G. Officers.

Bro. Tracy briefly responded. Bro. Talbot, in response, said the distinction which had that evening been conferred upon him was an honour which was paid not to him personally, but to the lodge. It was a great compliment, and he hoped it would bring forth good fruit.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. J. Hunt, C. A. Cornish, A. R. Trew, and J. Chamberlain, who severally responded.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and, referring to the honour which had been conferred upon the Treasurer, Bro. Talbot, said it was really a very high distinction, inasmuch as only six such honours were to be distributed in the province. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Scrivener, S.W.; J. Talbot, and Leathers, who suitably responded.

The other toasts were—"The Past Masters of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. G. Abbott and Napier; "The Masonic Charities," ably proposed by Bro. Boby, and responded to by Bro. Tracy; and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. G. E. Barwell officiated as pianist.

**YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236)—**A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; S. Border (Sheriff elect), J.W.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; C. M. Forbes, S.D.; A. Jones, acting J.D.; S. Crummack, D.C.; T. Watkinson, acting I.G.; E. Carter, Stewd.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. A. H. H. McGachen, J. Barstow, A. Buckle, B.A., J. Sykes Rymmer (Lord Mayor elect), G. Balmford, G. Kirby, Hy. Foster, M.D., G. Garbutt, W. Draper, and Col. the Hon. H. Legg; Bros. J. Rawling, Dr. F. S. Gramshaw, A. Jones, W. Powell, M. Bryson, L. Hick, T. Archey, H. L. Swift, C. Anderson, G. Sellers, C. Simmons, E. B. Kendall, T. Sanderson, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Fitton, P.M. 1783; J. W. Cocking, S.W. 2035; J. T. Ennecott, 630; W. C. Anderson, 198 (I.C.); E. Muscroft Taylor, 200; J. Kay, Sec.; A. Archer, W. H. A. Coates, S. G. Scott, J. Blenkin, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; J. Smith, G. G. Pook, J. L. Spetch, W. Brown, W.M.; W. Sharp, W. Storey, and J. Hall, all of 1611; and the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened, and Bro. Wilson duly raised by the W.M. in his well-known able manner. The charge was given by Bro. F. Todd, P.M., Treas., P.P.S.G.W., who was in his usual excellent form. It was announced that Bro. Rooke, P.M., would attend as Steward from this lodge to the Girls' School Festival. Bro. E. Mustcroft Taylor, of the Old York Lodge, No. 200, was proposed as a joining member, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which the singing brethren all contributed, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

**GRANTHAM.—Doric Lodge (No. 362).—**The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren, being the last occasion of the presence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. A. Buckle.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a candidate initiated.

The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where Bro. A. Childs provided a sumptuous repast.

The Worshipful Master occupied the chair, being supported on his right by Bro. Arthur Gamble, I.P.M., and on his left by Bro. Rev. C. Elsmere; also several visiting brethren, including Bro. Richardson of London. The holding of the dinner was really to wish the W.M. God-speed on a journey he is about to take to the gold fields of South Africa on behalf of Messrs. Hornsby and Sons, and "His Health" was proposed in a very able manner by Bro. Gamble, I.P.M., and duly responded to.

Other toasts followed including that of "Absent brethren (Bros. S. Sparkes and T. Britten)," who it was announced were seven thousand miles from home.

The evening was one of the pleasantest that has ever been spent in connection with Masonry in Grantham.

The W.M. leaves in the Mexican, on the 18th inst., for the Cape and the Transvaal.

**BRIGHTLINGSEA.—Lodge of Hope (No. 433).—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 31st ult., when Bro. John Downes was installed as W.M. by Bro. Alfred Tinsley, P.M. 8, Past Grand Stwd. Eng. The officers for the year were appointed as under: Bro. the Rev. Jas. P. Britton, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; Geo. Riches, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.W.; William Martin, J.W.; the Rev. Arthur Pertwee, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. S. Blyth, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; F. Cross, S.D.; Herbert, J.D.; Wiseman, D.C.; James Chaplin, I.G.; Pitt and Drake, Stwds.; Wilson, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Tinsley for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. A letter was read from Bro. Poppleton, P.M., P.P.G.D., regretting that illness prevented his attendance.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital repast being served by the host, Mr. Harmer.

During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and some good songs and recitations were given by brethren present.

The visitors included Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. F. Wiseman, P.M. 1734, P.P.G.W.; G. Pung Hazell, W.M. 697; Thos. Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. B. Norman, S.W. 1658; W. S. Harvey, 1658; M. H. Page, Sec. 2063; H. E. Williams, 51; and R. Little, 51. The members of the lodge present besides those already mentioned were Bros.

John Dean, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Jolly, P.M.; A. Smith, P.M.; J. S. French, P.M.; H. York, P.M.; W. Bacon, W. Gentry, W. Bowles, W. Nicholls, E. Frost, J. Wheeler, G. Angler, J. Skinner, and F. B. Smythies.

**NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—**At the meeting of this lodge on Friday, the 4th inst., there was a large gathering of members and visitors to welcome, on his second visit, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of London, and to listen to his further address on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. H. S. Hanington, W.M.; W. Knight, as S.W.; T. Hawkins, J.W.; W. H. Belcher, P.M. and Treas.; Stephen Knight, P.M., and Sec.; R. Canning, S.D.; R. Maples, J.D.; F. J. Harold, I.G.; A. W. Neate, Stwd.; W. T. Tims, P.M.; J. H. Wilson, H. Kidd, J. B. Ingram, H. Jackson, A. T. Kersley, H. D. Oastley, J. Hallett, I. W. Graham, E. Head, E. Hill, A. Stradling, J. M. Gilkes, A. Judd, G. J. Cosburn, and others. The visiting brethren included Bros. R. Dampier Child, P.J.G.D. Hants; the Rev. F. Shelley Cuyler, P.P.G.C. Bristol; and H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541.

Letters of apology and regret for absence were read from several brethren whose business and other engagements prevented their attendance.

The lodge having been opened and previous minutes confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Hanington, referred to the gratifying result to the lodge which had attended the information and instruction afforded by a former lecture by Bro. Stevens, and the improvement in the general working of ceremonial in the lodge, which had called forth expressions of praise and gratification from numerous visitors since the adoption of several of the suggestions then made. He hoped that the address they were now about to hear might add many other hints for their consideration, and prove as instructive and beneficial. It was by the unanimous vote of the lodge that the request for a second visit by Bro. Stevens had been made, and in response thereto that he was now present, and he felt assured the utmost attention would be paid to his remarks on this occasion. Bro. Stevens, whilst regretting that the exigencies of time might prevent that full elucidation of many points he could desire, then occupied the attention of the brethren for nearly two hours, during which he reviewed portions of his first lecture and added thereto an exposition of even more important essentials in Masonic ritual and practice. In our pages we cannot set forth particulars, nor quote from his exceedingly interesting address. Bro. Stevens must be heard within the four walls of the tiled lodge room, for there only can his most useful work be understood and appreciated. It means something in Freemasonry when any one brother can so attract his hearers that an earnest attention remains unbroken for so long a period from commencement to conclusion, and that very fact should suffice for a general desire to hear what he has to say. Though opinions on some points may differ, a sure agreement on most others will result; and whilst, in particular, the lodges may respectively benefit, the good of the Craft in general in relation to the esoteric portion of its working will be promoted. These and similar remarks were made by the proposer (the W.M.) and seconder (Bro. S. Knight, P.M., and Sec.) of a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens after he had resumed his seat, and it is needless to say such vote was carried by acclamation.

There was no further business before the lodge, which was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel for supper.

After the cloth was cleared, a few toasts were given, amongst the principal of which were those of "The W. Master" and "The Visitors."

To the latter individual responses were made, the brethren respectively expressing great satisfaction with the proceedings of the evening.

Song and recitation, of which latter form of rational amusement Bro. Stevens favoured his hearers with three examples from Bro. Dr. Rob Morris's Masonic poems, made the final hour of the meeting most enjoyable, and the brethren, after joining Bro. Belcher, P.M., in singing the National Anthem, separated, much pleased with the Masonic treat which had been provided for them.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—**The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. L. Eccles, W.M.; G. Tootell, S.W.; Dr. Farmer, J.W.; J. Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Forrester (Mayor), P.M. 730, P.P.J.G.D., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Corbitt, P.M. 1032; A. G. Bird, P.M. 1032; W. Blackledge, P.M.; P. Yates, P.M.; J. Monks, Sec.; S. Widdows, Org.; C. A. Richmond, S.D.; J. Willis, J.D.; J. Entock, I.G.; J. Westall, Stwd.; J. B. Withnell, P.M., Tyler; G. G. Copenhagen, J. Bromiley, W. Burton, F. F. Brace, E. Smith, G. Yates, E. C. Thwaites, and J. Sharples.

The lodge was opened by Bro. L. Eccles, W.M. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were confirmed, and the correspondence was read and laid on the Secretary's table. Bro. F. F. Brace was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. P. Yates, P.M., whose working is always excellent and impressive. A discussion arose upon the financial position of the lodge, which is satisfactory, and the matter was referred to the present officers and Past Masters to frame in Committee a scheme for the constant and regular support of the Charities. The Rev. W. L. Pratt and Messrs. R. G. Anderson and T. Heath were then proposed to be admitted into Freemasonry.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where the hostess, Mrs. Stansfield, supplied supper in her usually excellent manner. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Bird, Withnell, and others giving vocal efforts to enliven the proceedings.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—**The first meeting since the installation, in July last, of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill, and was well attended. Bro. C. H. Lawsons, W.M., presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M.

and P.P.J.G.W. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.M., and P.P. G.R. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., and P.P.J.G.D. Kent, Sec.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; H. Barry, P.M., and P.P.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon. mem.); W. D. Keeble, S.W.; B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwds. England, J.W.; W. G. Lloyd, S.D.; W. Busbridge, J.D.; W. Sanders, I.G.; F. Tyler, Org.; W. C. Taylor, D.C.; C. Clapham; and Dr. E. Bryceson, Stwds.; J. Buckley, J. G. Collins, J. Murphy, J. H. Bull, W. S. Griffiths, D. Davies, W. Lock, C. Scantlebury, F. Hayward, W. Rahtiz, W. Harris, A. Capon, D. Capon, A. Eastling, A. Moore, W. Moulds, P.M. 1536; W. Doddrell, W.M. 615; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; Quartermaster Rankin, 1536; and C. Watkins.

The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Rabson, which was splendidly done by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. The proposition of Earl Amherst to raise a sum of 1000 guineas to found a perpetual presentation to the Girls' School, for the Province of Kent, was then considered, and Bro. Palmer, who has occupied the chair for two years in succession, undertook the collection among the brethren, and subsequently announced, as a first instalment, the sum of £20 collected that night.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," having been honoured, that of "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Latham, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Lopez.

Bro. Lopez said he hardly expected to be called upon to respond to such an important toast as that with which his name had been associated; in fact, a Past Steward was not considered a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, and it had been discussed as to whether or no they were entitled to respond to the toast of the Present and Past Grand Officers; but, whether he was entitled or not, he could not help feeling how kindly the toast had been received by the brethren and certainly thanked them for their hearty reception of his name. With respect to himself, he could only say that by their kind assistance he found himself in the chair of J.W., and considered it a great compliment to hold office in a lodge the name of which was so intimately connected with his own family. It was named after his late uncle, who, he felt sure, had been present would have rejoiced to see the lodge in which he took so much interest, occupying so important a position in the Province of Kent. He again thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause.

"The Health of Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent," having been drunk with enthusiasm, that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P. G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was honoured.

Bro. Butter, in response, said the past officers in that lodge felt very gratified at the hearty manner in which the toast was always given and received by the brethren of the Pattison Lodge. They felt, however, that they held the position in a certain sense through the kindness of the brethren, because if the brethren had not placed them in position as Masters of the lodge they certainly never would have held the positions they had held in the province, and he sincerely trusted they would never disgrace the purple they wore. He never knew any one to do so, and certainly had no fear of such a thing occurring. The position was an important one, and the duties were onerous, and they might depend upon it that they (the officers and past officers) were determined to do all they could to secure the credit, and maintain the prosperity of the province. Now, with regard to the proposition of their esteemed P.G.M., it was a grand one, and well worthy of their serious consideration and earnest support. It was their duty to do all they could in the cause of Charity, for one of the brightest jewels of the Order was their motto of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Bro. Mason once more had offered to stand Steward for the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and he asked them to support him liberally.

Bro. Palmer then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said they had had that night a forecast of what they might expect during the coming year. The manner in which their W.M. had worked the 2nd Degree was one of the most perfect exhibitions of ritualistic knowledge he had ever seen, and they might, from what he, Bro. Palmer, knew, expect the others to be just as good. He must tell them too that their W.M. had that year taken a dual responsibility, having entered the holy bonds of matrimony, and had since they saw him last been travelling on the continent, and now he was returned, he wished him, in his and their names, every health and happiness. The toast was drunk in bumpers and with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Lawson said the only way to respond to such a hearty reception of the toast was to respond at once. He thanked them most cordially then, for he fully believed they all wished him every happiness and success both in his private life, and in the chair of that lodge. When he was first initiated into the lodge he had but one ambition, and that was to reach the chair, and through their kindness and good feeling he had attained it, and now he meant to carry out the duties attached to the office with all the zeal and ability he possessed. He must say that he took the chair that night with a great deal of trepidation, especially as the weather was most impropitious, and he did not expect to be so well supported; however, it gave him courage, because they had that evening shown that they were actuated with but one desire, and that was the welfare of the Pattison Lodge, a desire that he reciprocated from the bottom of his heart. He trusted the harmony of the lodge would continue, and that a good and prosperous year was before them.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "Visitors," "Officers," "The Organist," and "The Lay Members."

The Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of a memorable evening.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. A. H. Gurney, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., acting S.W.; E. Jenkins, J.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; Capt. H. Bunn, S.D.; H. Jenkins, J.D.; Toulmin, I.G.; Lieut.

Col. Cuming, D.C.; Perry, W.S.; J. T. Briggs, I.P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; Coombs, Davison, A. Jenkins, J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Middx. (Hon. Member); and others. Bro. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org. Middx., was a visitor, and officiated most ably at the harmonium. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. J. T. Briggs, I.P.M., having assumed the chair, proceeded to install Bro. E. Jenkins as W.M., assisted by Bros. Taylor, P.M., as S.W.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., as J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.M., as D.C.; and W. H. Saunders, P.M., as I.G. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed. The following appointments were then made: Bros. Capt. Bunn, S.W.; H. Jenkins, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Toulmin, S.D.; Col. Cuming, J.D.; Perry, I.G.; Coombs, D.C.; Davison, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and subsequently a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to him. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was elected as a Steward for the ensuing Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion that the sum of five guineas be placed on his list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; and others. Bros. D. P. Cama and T. R. Recknell, with the consent of the lodge, were admitted as country members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by the caterer, Bro. Knight, and assistants.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Woodward, P.G.S.B., responded in fluent terms for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. Taylor, P.P.G.W., was equally as successful in replying to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given briefly but pertinently by the I.P.M.

The W.M., having acknowledged the compliment, then gave "The Installing Officer." In the course of his remarks the W.M. spoke very warmly of Bro. Briggs' efforts in every office he had held in the lodge, and he (the W.M.) personally had to thank him very much for the highly commendable manner in which he had carried out the onerous duties of Installing Master that day.

Bro. Briggs expressed his thanks for the compliment paid to him. His connection with No. 1503 had been most gratifying to him in every way, and he felt honoured in occupying so proud a position in a lodge bearing so good a name as that of the Sir Francis Burdett. He hoped to be spared many years to hold the position of a Past Master of the lodge, and to wear the jewel which it had unanimously voted to him.

Bros. Gurney and W. H. Saunders responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Dunkley for "The Visitors," and Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders and T. C. Walls, acknowledged the toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Masonic Charities."

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Capt. Bunn and H. Jenkins, terminated the proceedings, which were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bro. Dunkley and others.

**FELTHAM.**—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Railway Hotel. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. Isaac Dixon, P.P.G.P., W.M.; R. H. Dillon, S.W., W.M. elect; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. A. Brown, S.D.; H. T. Cooper, J.D.; H. Branch, Org.; E. T. Taylor, Stwd.; A. Bevis, I.G.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. Skudder, Potter, P.M., Tyler; and many others. The visitors included Bros. S. F. Humfress, W.M. 733; R. T. Redfearn, 753; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. J. Thomas, S.W. 753; J. Hariy, 901; W. Bowden, 1178; E. Powell, P.M. 1188; W. F. Cutbush, 263; D. M. Lane, W.M. 1871; W. Wigley, P.M. 834; H. Cotton, 1791; F. Manly, I.G. 1818; J. A. Burton, W.M. 1924; J. Adams, W.M. 1194; H. J. Pellatt, 1194; J. Wilson, P.M. 1328; A. Moore, J.D. 173; W. Iron, 1579, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Keep, 1464; G. S. Recknell, P.M., Sec. 1728; E. H. Pyne, 1634; A. Berry, 2030; W. W. Parkinson, 179; H. W. Carter, I.G. 1185; R. Webb, 704; Jas. Bayne, I.G. 1897; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; P. Palmer, 1706; W. Maxted, 209; W. J. House, 1828; R. Josey, 1828; and W. W. Lee 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Sawle was passed to the Second Degree in an able manner by Bro. T. I. Bird, I.P.M. Ballot was successfully taken for Bro. P. D. Isaacs as a joining member. A motion by Bro. Pearson, P.M., Treas., with reference to the months of meeting was considered, when it was decided that the lodge should discontinue the October gathering. The report of the Audit Committee, showing the lodge and Benevolent Funds to be in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted. Bro. Robert Hay Dillon, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Bird, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. A. Brown, S.W.; H. J. Cooper, J.W.; E. W. Winter, Chap.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., Sec.; A. Bevis, S.D.; E. T. Taylor, J.D.; G. Skudder, I.G.; W. F. Brougham, D.C.; G. Dockrill, A.D.C.; H. Branch, Org.; R. Parks and J. Hayes, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in a most able and impressive manner by the Installing Master, Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M. The W.M. then said there were many pleasing duties attached to the office he held. One of those duties now devolved upon him in presenting their I.P.M. with the jewel voted by the lodge. It was no figure of speech to say that he was delighted to have the opportunity of presenting Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., with the jewel which represented the good feelings and good wishes of all the brethren. The past year had been a successful one, owing to the popularity and the love felt by the members for the retiring W.M. He, therefore, was delighted to place the jewel on the manly breast of Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., trusting

that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him to wear it as an honour to himself and a credit to the lodge. Bro. Isaac Dixon, I.P.M., briefly expressed his sincere thanks for this mark of esteem from the members. The W.M. having expressed his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Bird, P.M., that the sum of 10 guineas should be placed on his list from the lodge funds. It was also intimated that Bros. W. H. Goodall and Taylor intend serving as Stewards for the R.M.I. for Girls. Five guineas were voted to a distressed brother, and a petition recommended to the Board of Benevolence.

Several propositions having been received, including a son of the W.M. as a candidate for initiation, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily given and received.

The W. Master, in proposing "Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers," said that both the Prov. G.M. and the Dep. Prov. G.M. had sent letters of regret at their inability to attend. It was the first installation of the lodge he had attended on which one or other of those distinguished brethren were not present. With reference to the Prov. G. Officers, he was sure that brethren could not arrive at that position without bearing the heat and burden of the day and being thoroughly efficient.

Bro. W. Iron, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., in reply, said that the Elliot Lodge had made its mark in the province, and he was sure the Prov. G.M. would have been present if possible, and would have endorsed that remark. On behalf of the other Prov. G. Officers he tendered sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Dixon, P.M., said he had a duty to perform, which would be as pleasing to the brethren as it was to himself. It was to propose "The Health of the popular W.M." He was convinced the members would afford Bro. Dillon, W.M., the same kind indulgence that had characterised the past year. He hoped the ensuing year would be a prosperous one both for the W.M. and the brethren.

Bro. R. H. Dillon, W.M., said he could not find words to express his thanks to the I.P.M. and brethren. It was a great surprise to him to find himself the occupant of the chair, for when he joined the lodge, six years ago, he had little idea of attaining that position. He had a very different idea of Masonry then, for he joined the lodge expecting to find the members austere, but he found them instead all love and everything that was necessary to produce a pleasing association with them. It was the same thing in other lodges, for when they visited a lodge the hospitality was offered in the most kindly spirit, and each visit made a brother feel a better Mason than he was previously. He had one trouble on his mind, and that was that Bro. J. Mason, P.M., was not in his usual form. Some of the members might be surprised that that brother had not continued to hold the position of Secretary, but he assured them it was through no want of courtesy, for it was Bro. Mason's decision, and he had abided by it. He (the W.M.) was sorry, for they had lost a most efficient officer, who had done his very best for the lodge. Those things, however, would occur, and he felt that, while regretting Bro. Mason's retirement, he was pleased that he had found a substitute who would perform the duties with equal vigour and satisfaction to them all. They might consider he was digressing from his reply; but he wished particularly to mention these few points. He thanked them all very much for their kind reception, and was too delighted and too happy to say more.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M.," was next given by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Bird might fittingly be termed the ubiquitous Installing Master. That distinguished brother was conversant with every point and detail in Masonry, and where he possibly obtained such a wealth of information he (the W.M.) could not say. Bro. Bird and he were initiated, passed, and raised together, and he naturally thought they were going on together; but Bro. Bird advanced by leaps and bounds, and very soon attained the chair. The result was that he had that evening been installed by Bro. Bird in a manner which all present would agree was perfect. It was a gratification to know there was a member of the lodge who could perform any ceremony in the most perfect manner possible.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., thanked the W.M. most heartily and sincerely for proposing his health in such kindly and feeling terms, although he must add that he thought that the W.M. had been carried away by his brotherly feelings. Equally as he thanked the W.M. he thanked the brethren for receiving the toast in the hearty manner they had. It was, fortunately for him, not the first time he had performed the ceremony, for he had had opportunities of rehearsing the ceremonies in that lodge, and on one previous occasion he had the felicity of installing his own successor in the chair. He thought he might say that the ceremonies he had performed in the lodge had culminated in the ceremony he had performed that day in installing his own twin brother in Masonry. From the friendship he had to their W.M. before they saw the light of Masonry, it was a delight to him to know he was going to enter Freemasonry in the company of a well-trying friend. They were passed and raised together, had attended meeting after meeting together, and had worked their way shoulder to shoulder in the world. The pleasure had culminated that day in installing Bro. Dillon as W.M., and he could safely say that no installing Master, in any time, had performed those duties with more pleasure than he had. He hoped the W.M. would be spared to have a prosperous year of office, and that the members would provide him with as much work as possible. His heart was with their lodge from the time he saw the light, and up to that night he had not missed one meeting. The G.A. O.T.U. had blessed him with health on the days of meeting, and although he had passed the chair, he should not in the future abate his regard for the lodge one jot or tittle, but his best energies would be devoted to its prosperity. He could not help referring to the new honour the W.M. had conferred upon him by appointing him as Secretary. He had been the Assistant Secretary for years past, but the duties had always been labours of love. No brother could possibly regret more than he did that Bro. Mason had felt himself compelled, on account of his health, to retire from the Secretaryship. No effort had been spared to induce Bro. Mason to remain at his post, but he had not altered

his decision, and the W.M. had pressed him (Bro. Bird) into service. He was quite willing to render his best services, and he hoped he should discharge the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and to the advantage of the lodge, and with some credit to himself. As he had already occupied their time too long, he thanked them sincerely for their kindness, and expressed the hope that the ensuing year would be the most prosperous the lodge had ever known.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., who impressed upon the brethren the necessity of loyally assisting the Charitable Institutions. He hoped that when he represented the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the members would respond liberally to his appeal, and enable him to take up a substantial sum.

"The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," having been given, cordially received, and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

The enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by the musical abilities of Bro. J. Bayne, whose vocal and instrumental services were much appreciated.

**LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).**—The annual meeting of this popular and flourishing lodge was held on the 12th inst., under most encouraging circumstances. The lodge opened promptly at four o'clock when about 100 Masons were present. Bro. C. L. Mason, W.M., P.P.G. Treas., assumed the gavel for the last time, when he was supported by Bros. Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W. (W.M. elect), Watson, J.W.; R. Abbott, Treas.; Rev. J. Rosser, Chap.; Chas. Middleton, Sec.; S. S. Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; Butterworth, Stwd.; B. S. Bailey, Hayler, Rev. H. S. Butler, J. Pendleton, R. A. Smithson, H. B. Abbott, E. Bentley, C. Cryer, and J. Redmayne.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed the following Present and Past Provincial Officers of West Yorks were admitted: Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., T. W. Tew; D.P.G.M., H. Smith; Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chap.; Rev. Canon Bullock, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. S. Turnbull, P.P.G. Chap.; Joseph Burney, P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, Past G. Chap.; Major Moore, P.P.G.S.B.; Twinn, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Hemmingway, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Craig, P.P.G.D.; J. D. Kay, P.P.G.D.; D. Glover, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rev. E. W. Makinson, P.P.G. Chap.; W. S. Smithson, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province; T. Tyers, P.P.G.S.B.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; S. T. Oates, P.P.G.D.C. The following W.M.'s. were also present: Bros. A. Scarth, 289; J. Brownfoot, 304; W. H. Bradford, 1211; W. Flockton, 1042; R. Harris, 1221; J. Mackail, 2134; W. Gillett, P.M. 2134, P.P.G.S.B. North and East Yorks. In the body of the lodge in addition to many others were Bros. the Rev. H. Dunn, Rev. T. H. May, F. G. Dimery, P.M. 1755; and F. J. Last, 387.

A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Trevor was most impressively installed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas., and brethren below the rank of the chair having been admitted the newly-installed W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. Bro. the Dean of York, who had to leave the lodge, was called upon to acknowledge the hearty greeting of his brethren. He said: I must express my gratitude for the cordial reception you have once again given me. It is with great pleasure that I avail myself of the kind invitation I received to be present on this most interesting occasion, and to see Bro. Trevor installed. I must congratulate you on the admirable manner in which the work has been done. I have been at a great many installations but such has been my experience that I never before saw the outgoing Master install his successor. As for Freemasonry, my 40 years' acquaintance of it has increased my regard for it, so that now my veneration for the system is, if possible, greater than ever. Such a spirit of order and dignity has pervaded your proceedings—and it is being repeated in I know not how many lodges throughout the country which cannot fail to have a most beneficial influence. I know of nothing that is more needed in the country at this moment than the spirit of order, which is one of the characteristics of Freemasonry. In these days especially, we must look to the great body of Freemasons to spread throughout the country that spirit of order which is so essential to our prosperity.

A procession was then formed to conduct the Dean to the portals of the lodge, and he left amid the hearty cheers of the brethren.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows, addressing to each suitable words of advice: Bros. Wm. Watson, P.M., S.W.; C. Middleton, J.W.; Rev. James Rosser, Chap.; R. Abbott (re-elected), Treas.; S. S. Young, Sec.; J. J. Fretwell, S.D.; T. Atkinson, J.D.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.M., G.C. of Eng., D.C.; A. Butterworth, I.G.; B. S. Bailey, Stwd.; Lewis Howarth, Organist and Steward; and S. Barrand, Tyler. Bro. Watson was re-elected Charity Member of the lodge, and the W.M. and S.W. were elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of the Local Charity.

The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Mason a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and, in doing so, alluded to the unvarying kindness and urbanity of the recipient, who possessed the esteem not only of the members of Prudence Lodge, but of every Mason in the province. The P.G.M., Bro. Tew, in pinning on the jewel, supplemented the kindly remarks of the W.M., and expressed his personal indebtedness to Bro. Mason for many services rendered to the Craft in West Yorks. Bro. Mason suitably responded. Dr. Smyth, G. Chaplain, moved a vote of condolence to Bro. W. Storey, who had lost a daughter. A similar vote was moved by Bro. Fretwell on behalf of Bro. Robinson, whose family circles has been thinned by death. Both votes were carried in sympathetic silence. The P.G.M. then shortly addressed the brethren, and urged Treasurers to at once forward to Wakefield the monies they had in hand towards the 2000 guinea Jubilee Fund, which had been raised by the province, that the matter might be closed without delay.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. It should be added that in the course of the proceedings Bro. Mason presented to each of his officers a photograph of himself in Masonic clothing, also a printed copy of his paper on Freemasonry, read before the lodge at the last meeting, as a memento of a happy year.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Vateky, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W.; Turpin, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Jenkins, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Francis, Dandridge, Leng, Priest, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Francis personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Leng. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Faulkner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. C. J. Biorn, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; J. Round, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; W. Turner, 72; R. T. Redfeare, J. Webster, J. W. Manktelow, M. Rosenberg, J. W. Curtis, and D. Stroud, W.M. 2045.

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. J. Webster being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Stroud having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stroud candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed down. The S.W., Bro. Mason, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 11th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Collings, P.M., W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. J. Copplestone, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; H. Oliver, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, J. Davis, G. Swan, C. Hopkins, F. Craggs, and J. Bates.

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 Degree, when the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. J. Collings, W.M. and Preceptor, and to the brethren who had rendered the Sections, for the able and efficient work of the evening. The lodge was then closed.

**TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE (No. 898).**—The brethren of the above flourishing lodge held their usual weekly meeting at Bro. Jev's, "Greenwich Pensioner," Bow-lane, Poplar, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. T. S. Craze, W.M.; E. F. Williams, S.W.; J. Carter, J.W.; F. W. Pulsford, P.M., Preceptor; A. G. Duck, Hon. Sec.; T. Ringrose, S.D.; J. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Bigg, I.G.; Byford, W.M. 898; H. Stewart, P.M. 898; Venton, Jevs, J. E. Coxwell, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Venton personating candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The questions leading to the Second Degree were then put to the brethren and satisfactorily answered. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and received "Hearty good wishes." It was proposed by the Preceptor, Bro. Pulsford, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Bigg, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Craze for the able manner in which he worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time—carried unanimously. Bro. E. F. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, for which he returned thanks. The lodge was then closed.

It being the 9th of November, and our M.W. Grand Master's birthday, Bro. W. Bigg proposed, and Bro. J. E. Coxwell seconded, that the brethren charge their glasses and drink to his good health, wishing him "Many happy returns of the day," which they accordingly did with great enthusiasm, after which they parted, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1549).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Brady, W.M.; W. Steele, S.W.; S. Renaut, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. W. Block, S.D.; G. A. Ball, J.D.; W. T. Wigglesworth, I.G.; A. Austin, Stamp, Wright, T. Ladd, H. V. Lloyd, H. J. Chapman, W. Roots, Grace, and Pullen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. V. Lloyd having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lloyd as candidate. Bro. Austin having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Bro. Brady vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. J. Chapman. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Austin candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Ladd proposed, and Bro. Austin seconded, that Bro. F. Krise, 619, become a joining member—carried unanimously. Bro. Krise returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when the Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; A. Clark, S.W.; W. Proudfoot, J.W.; H. G. Marsden, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Charles Lambert, Carlo Grassi, Angelico Cogliati, R. J. Harnell, W. C. Ginder, Walter Hancock, James Rowe, J. D. Graham, James Woodward, William Ham, Fred. H. Kerswell, and W. Brindley.

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. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. R. J. Harnell having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Smith, who appointed Bro. W. Brindley as I.G., and then proceeded to rehearse part of the ceremony of installation. Bro. F. Kedge having been introduced as W.M. elect, the usual ceremony was gone through. Lodge resumed to the Third, Second, and First Degrees, and the officers were taken as appointed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, delivered the charges to officers and brethren in a very clear and distinct manner. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. Fred. H. Kerswell, Stwd. 710, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. W. Brindley; and Bro. W. C. Ginder, 195, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. J. D. Graham. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. A. Clark, 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. Bro. Charles Lambert proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, to be entered on the minutes, for the very admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation—seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and carried unanimously. Bro. A. Clark, S.W., gave notice of motion that a second Charitable Association, in connection with this lodge of instruction, be started at the beginning of the year 1888. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Hardinge, W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; E. Child, P.M., J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; R. Josey, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Thompson, I.G.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Craggs, Vandyke, Nash, and Head.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nash candidate. The ceremony of passing was announced to be rehearsed, and Bro. Vandyke answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cochrane, P.M., was elected W.M. for next meeting, and lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; W. H. Harris, Treas.; J. W. Morley, Sec.; T. Swann, S.D.; Barinkel, J.D.; Craggs, D.C.; Fayers, I.G.; Sims, Stwd.; and Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The W.M. gave a lecture on the second tracing board in a very impressive manner. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the lodge was closed, the brethren especially thanking Bro. W. C. Williams for the interest taken in the welfare of the lodge.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. E. Aslett, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; C. Hopkins, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; Wimpey, J.D.; Gammell, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; M. Speigel, P.M. 188; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; J. Walden, Sec. 2012; J. Harvey, W.M. 2012; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; W. W. Williams, 834; and W. Smithers, Org. 2012.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, 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 Degree. Bro. Walden offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Walden being the candidate. Bro. J. H. Wood offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wood candidate. The impressiveness of the ceremonies was much enhanced by the assistance of Bro. Smithers, whose accompaniment on the organ gave great satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The presence of so many members of the mother lodge was very cordially recognised by the brethren generally, and they were very urgently asked to continue their visits, which, to the best of their ability, they willingly promised to do; and the brethren of the mother lodge are hereby advised that their respective offices are open to them at any time.

**ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 11th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Arnold, jun., S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Dittrell, J.D.; Mann, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Green, jun., P.M.; Green, sen., Haming, Blades, Arnold, sen., Brindley, Edwards, Brandon, and Richards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. Bro. Green, jun., 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. Green, jun., being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the annual supper take place on Friday, the 2nd prox., and that Bros. Boutton, P.M., Gibson, P.M., and Mason, P.M., be elected to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Arnold was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. 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 14th inst. Present: Bros. Folkard, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; Partridge, J.W.; Beavan, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Esling, Keen; Brown, Spencer, Wood, Steele, King, Walker, Reed, Boutton, and Koolman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First. Bro. Brown being the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Brown as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Reed as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Brown answered the questions leading to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wright, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Wright returned thanks for the honour, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The regular convocation of the above chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. Hilton, M.E.Z.; Elliot, H.; Addington, J.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Grumman, P.Z.; Cowley, P.Z.; C. N. North, S.N.; C. Stone, P.S.; Benedetti, 2nd A.S.; Tuck, Meicrnof, Dr. Makeham, Carl Fieck, Fry, Bumstead, P.Z.; C. Woods, and Patrick, Janitor, all of the chapter; with the following visitors: Comps. Pakes, P.Z.; West, P.Z.; and Halsey, P.Z., of 140; Bugler, J. 622; Parslow, 569; and Davis, 1693.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. Elliot, Z.; Addington, H.; Tuck, J.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Stone, S.N.; Hilton, P.S.; Benedetti, 1st A.S.; Fry, 2nd A.S.; and Patrick, Janitor.

The convocation was then closed, and the companions repaired to the banquet, after which the M.E.Z. proposed

in very appropriate terms "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry." He said that of all loyal persons Royal Arch Masons could truly be said to be the most loyal.

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.Z. of the Order." The M.E.Z. said that all Masons knew how much his Royal Highness had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. It mattered not whether it was Craft or Royal Arch Masonry to him, for wherever he could be of service there he was found.

The toast having been suitably honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed "The G.H. and G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," all of whom, he said, were ready and willing to help to further the interests of the cause.

Comp. Grummant, P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z., Comp. Hilton," said that no more pleasant duty could devolve upon him, for it was impossible to have a better M.E.Z. than Comp. Hilton. He was sorry that the exaltees had been unavoidably absent, for the companions had missed a treat. Comp. Hilton was an excellent worker, and carried out all his duties in the same spirit. Everything he undertook was undertaken enthusiastically.

Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z., in reply, said that he could not express his thanks for the kind and friendly way in which the toast had been proposed. He had found it an unmixed pleasure to preside over the chapter. During the many years he had been a Royal Arch Mason he had had very great love for the working, which was so beautiful. He would be always glad to do anything to further the interests of the chapter, and when he retired from the chair he should feel great pleasure in looking back over his year of office. There was no need to be doubtful of the future, for there was some real earnest companions to follow and take office. His feelings would always be of love and gratitude to the chapter and its members.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "Comps. Elliot, H., and Addington, J.," of whom he said that he was glad they had been elected to the offices they had that evening, and rusted they would have plenty of exaltees. The confidence of the companions had not been ill-placed, for he felt that both were equal to and willing to perform their respective duties.

Comp. Elliot, H., said that it was not the first time he had been elected to fill that chair, but he, nevertheless, felt it a high honour. He felt that he could perform the duties, but he had been very much pressed for time of late, and so had not attended regularly. He would have preferred to wait another year, but it was unavoidable. He would, however, try to do his duty to the satisfaction of all.

Comp. Addington, J., said that his time was also limited, and he had a bad memory, but he would make himself fully acquainted with his duties.

In proposing "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. said that he was glad to welcome them, and he felt certain the companions of the chapter would feel gratified if the number was doubled or trebled. He was very sorry that an opportunity had not been forthcoming of showing the working. He could say truly that the officers were capable of equaling, if not surpassing, those of any chapter. He should be glad to welcome them again.

Comp. Parslow, in reply, said that he was very pleased to be present. He regretted that he had not seen the working.

Comp. Davis also replied.

Next followed the toast of "The P.Z.'s," of whom the M.E.Z. said the members of the chapter were very proud. They had raised up a noble superstructure in the past, which it would be almost impossible to destroy. He was glad to see the first M.E.Z. of the chapter, Comp. Major Williams, who had left the sunny south, and appeared in unusual vigour. He trusted that for many years his pleasant face would be found among them. As for their S.E., Comp. Williams, P.Z., he took a great deal of work off the hands of the M.E.Z., and made his life a happy one. He was deserving of all the honour that could be bestowed upon him. Comps. Cowley and Grummant had performed their duties well and earnestly. Their knowledge was invaluable to the Principals of the chapter.

Comp. Major Williams, P.Z., Treas., said that he was highly gratified at the kind and enthusiastic way in which his name had been received. It gave him the greater pleasure when he remembered that for 10 years it had been received in the same manner; he consequently felt encouraged to do all that he could for the chapter. Although he spent part of the year away from England, his son performed his duties for him, and gave him similar help to that he gave the M.E.Z. He hoped to be present in January at the installation meeting.

Comp. Capt. C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E., said that although he was prepared to make an elaborate speech, yet under the circumstances he would only say a few words. He had been pleased to follow in the footsteps of his father, and not only had the pleasure of being the second M.E.Z., but also was a founder. His ten years' interest had been of the liveliest, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him long to work for the chapter.

Comp. Cowley looked back with pleasure upon the time when he introduced the present M.E.Z. to the chapter. They were losing a good First Principal, but he trusted, and felt sure, that those who succeeded him would follow in the same footsteps.

Comp. Grummant said that a retrospect of ten years in a young man's life was a long time, but he could look back upon all the meetings of the chapter, of which he had missed none, with great pleasure. During that period there had been nothing but harmony in the Star Chapter, not the least word awry. He had watched the officers and received nothing but kindness from all. From the new members that had been introduced into the chapter he concluded that for many years it would be one of the most perfect and influential chapters in London.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Officers," remarked that he was pleased to have to speak only of efficient officers. He was glad also to see others coming on who would not only be fully competent to occupy any position, but would also bring credit upon themselves and the chapter. The present officers deserved nothing but praise. Comp. North, S.N., was a constant attendant at the Chapter of Improvement, and every one regretted that he could not go into the Third Principal's chair at present. He had done his duty in the past and would always be ready to do it in the future. Comp. C. Stone, P.S., performed his duties in a manner that certainly could not be excelled in any chapter. He also regularly attended the Chapter of Improvement, and there performed any work that might be put upon him with the utmost efficiency.

He (the M.E.Z.) must not let this opportunity pass without mentioning that all the efficiency, not only of himself, the P.Z.'s, but also of the officers, should be credited to Comp. Bumstead, who had for years, with great kindness, given all his valuable knowledge to them in the Pythagorean Chapter of Improvement. He had now been compelled, to the regret of all, to resign the Preceptorship. He trusted, however, that Comp. Bumstead would live long to witness the fruits of his labours.

Comp. North, S.N., said that he felt both pleasure and melancholy—pleasure at having given satisfaction, and melancholy at being for a time among the unemployed. He loved the Royal Arch work, but could take little credit to himself for what he had done. They had such an excellent Master and his was only "reflected light."

Comp. Stone, P.S., repeated that his was also "reflected light." Whatever he had undertaken had been done to the best of his ability. He was much indebted to Comp. Bumstead, to whom he had tried to be an apt pupil. He would remind the companions that, although Comp. Bumstead had resigned the Preceptorship, the chapter of instruction was still in existence, with no other Preceptor than their worthy M.E.Z., Comp. Hilton. He trusted the companions would all often come to stimulate him in his office.

Comp. Benedetti, 2nd A.S., said that up to the present he had had no opportunity of showing whether he had any ability. He had got another rise that evening, and would regularly attend the instruction of their M.E.Z.

Comp. Bumstead, P.Z., said it had been with extreme regret that he had resigned the Preceptorship. He trusted it would be only for a time. At present he might only be able to attend occasionally, and he considered it to be the bounden duty of every one who undertook any office to be regular in his attendance. He was, consequently, compelled to resign for a time. Any one, however, who was in search of Masonic knowledge (and it was worth making a sacrifice to obtain it) would do well to rally round Comp. Hilton, who had thrown himself into the breach with enthusiasm. He felt very grieved that the companions of the other chapters in the district did not attend the instruction. There were plenty of Royal Arch Masons in the district to make it an immense success. He was not going to desert the chapter, but would necessarily be an irregular attendant at present.

The Janitor's toast brought a very happy meeting to a conclusion.

At the convocation in the afternoon it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Comp. Grummant, P.Z., to present Comp. Hilton with a P.Z.'s jewel at the end of his year of office.

Between the toasts Comps. Bumstead and Meierhoff gave some capital recitations, while Comps. Benedetti and Tuck enlivened the companions with their vocal powers.

### INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; M. Speigel, 834, H.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, P.S. and S.E.; G. March, 733, S.N.; G. N. Watts, P.Z. and S.E. 1196; J. Smith, P.Z. 890; W. E. Jameson, P.Z. 176; C. J. Luffy, P.Z. 863; and W. H. Wingfield, P.Z. 1851 (visitor).

The chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of installation of Principals was rehearsed, the companions afterwards being admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wingfield being candidate. A telegram from Comp. Child, P.Z., was read. It was announced that Comp. F. W. Levander had consented to give a lecture on "The Platonic Bodies and R.A. Jewel" on the 23rd inst., and decided that all companions who were desirous of hearing it would be welcome to attend. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE. — A meeting of this distinguished conclave was held in the Masonic Temple, Holborn Restaurant, on the 8th instant. Among those present we noticed M.W. Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D., Supreme Grand Ruler, S.R.; and Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Godfrey, W. J. Spratling, G.R., Sec.; H. E. Frances, Magnus Ohren, C. Belton, Treas.; Webster Glynes, Edgar Bowyer, H. E. Cousins, Baron de Ferrieres, T. C. Walls, Nelson Prower, M.A., A. E. Sansom, M.D.; W. R. Woodman, Emil Behnke, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, as well as an emergency meeting, an important communication from the Grand Council was read and discussed. The report of the Committee as to the by-laws was read, and, with a few modifications, it was accepted. The warrant of constitution was then handed over to the custody of the Supreme Ruler. Numerous apologies for non-attendance having been read, the conclave was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the genial presidency of M.W. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, S.G.R.

### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (INSTRUCTION), No. 463.

The annual banquet of this lodge of instruction took place on Tuesday evening, the 15th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. A capital dinner was provided for the brethren by Mr. Bridle, the manager. Bro. J. S. Streeter, P.M. 463, P.P.G.R. Surrey, was in the chair as W.M., and was supported by Bro. F. J. Blake, P.M. of the Grove Lodge, P.P.G.R. Surrey, P.P.J.G.D. Gloucester; and Bro. H. M. Hobbs, W.M. 1796, P.M. 2096, P.P.J.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor.

There was a very good attendance, and amongst the visitors were Bros. C. H. Woodward, P.M. 1463, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; James S. Frazer, P.M. 174; Joseph O. Langton, P.M. 1673, 2096, P.P.J.C.V. Surrey; A. I. Finlay, 879; Andrewes, S.D. 538; A. Smith, J.D. 538; and Bro. W. Blake, 855.

When dinner was over, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and "Prosperity to this Lodge of Instruction." In the course of the evening a capital selection of songs, by several of the brethren, was performed under the direction of Bro. J. Lloyd. Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G.O., presided at the piano.

### PRESENTATION OF A LODGE BANNER.

Bro. C. W. Carrell, I.P.M. of the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, signalled his retirement from the chair, after two year's consecutive presidency, by presenting the lodge with a handsome silk banner, especially designed and manufactured for that purpose by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain. The presentation took place on the 27th ult. Bro. W. Watkins, W.M., was in the chair, he having been that day installed by his predecessor, Bro. Carrell, and in accepting the handsome gift he assured Bro. Carrell that the banner would ever be highly prized, and trusted it might float over a long and distinguished array of Past Masters, who would ever remember the giver with feelings of gratitude and brotherly love.

### THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF LORINERS.

The above company entertained the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs at dinner on Tuesday last, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P. presided. Amongst those present were—Bros. the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, W. A. Higgs and Major H. Davies, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex; Under-Sheriff T. Beard, Deputy Warden; Rev. J. H. Smith, Chaplain; Colonel T. Davies Sewell, Clerk; Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, P.M.; A. F. Godson, M.P.; Deputy J. E. Walford, P.M.; Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, James Bishop, H. Carter, Barrow Emanuel, G. Hollington, George Kenning, John Lobb, H. Wright, W. Willey, F. Kent, Swan and others.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. ISAACS proposed the "Houses of Parliament."

Bro. A. F. GODSON responded to the toast.

The dinner was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kilby.

### PRESENTATION TO THE HYDE PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1425.

On Monday evening, the 7th inst., Bro. W. Thomas, W.M. elect of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, presented the above lodge of instruction with a handsome set of tracing boards, and, during the course of his remarks, regretted he was unable to be present on the 6th June to present them when Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, so kindly attended and rehearsed the ceremony of consecration; but on that occasion he deputed his friend, Bro. Dehane, to act in his stead. He had since found that that brother did not present them, but, with his desire that the honour should rest with the donor, only handed them to the presiding W.M., Bro. Simpson, as custodian for the time being, remarking that the giver would, on his next attendance, present them personally, which he (Bro. Thomas) now had the greatest pleasure and pride in doing, as he really had no idea that they were such works of art; and handing them to the W.M., begged him to accept them on behalf of the brethren, this being greeted with considerable applause.

The W.M. was pleased to accept the handsome present on behalf of the brethren.

It was then proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Thomas, which was carried by acclamation, many of the brethren remarking as to the personal good Masonic qualifications possessed by Bro. Thomas in the nature of generosity, good working, and determination to do that which was right, and also his good fellowship and genial manners.

Bro. THOMAS, replying, said he had much difficulty in finding words to thank the brethren for the way they had received his gift, and the kind things that had been said of him that evening would be remembered by him as long as he lived, and encourage him to continue to carry out his Masonic duties as he had always endeavoured to do. He would, in conclusion, say that the painter of those beautiful pictures—Bro. H. S. Watkins—deserved his as well as the thanks of the brethren for the labour and trouble he must have taken to have done them so perfectly.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. G. A. BEAN.

Bro. G. A. Bean, one of the founders and oldest P.M. but one of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364, was buried on the 10th inst., at Bow Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of brethren assembled to pay the last mark of respect. He died on the 6th inst., and was held in such high esteem that all the P.M.'s but two, unavoidably absent, witnessed the mournful ceremony. The coffin—literally covered with wreaths of choice flowers—was committed to the earth amid signs of universal regret. Bro. C. Bean, of the Cripple Gate Lodge, was chief mourner, with Bro. T. Taylor, P.M. of the Temple Lodge. Among those present we noticed Bros. G. Pope, W.M. 1364; W. Bristo, a founder and senior P.M. 1364; E. Wright, P.M., Treas.; H. Maples, P.M.; Lay, P.M.; Cockett, P.M.; Hegarty, P.M.; Fitzgerald, P.M.; H. Lowe, sen., W.M. elect; Bridegroom, J.W.; F. Crook, G. Cashford, T. Leabon, T. Paget, P.M. Kent Lodge; and W. Gray, P.M., all of 1364. Bro. W. Green (a retired S.W.) also joined the brethren on this occasion. Bros. Richardson, Chopping, and J. Britton, of 860, were also present. Bro. Bean was a very unassuming brother, ever ready with his advice when needed and with his mite on behalf of Charity. For 35 years he represented the firm of Randall and Way, of Cheapside, E.C., in whose service he died, and who were present at his funeral.

LIQUID SUNSHINE, is a brand of Rum, bottled by the old established firm of Sir Robert Burnett and Co.—This spirit, in our opinion, is properly named. It is, no doubt, a pure spirit of good age, very mellow and most agreeable flavour, and has a fine aroma. To connoisseurs it cannot help being much appreciated. At the present season of the year, when colds are so prevalent, it should be a great acquisition to every household, particularly to those who prefer a "night cap" to the doctor's prescription. We can imagine our Pickwickian friend "The Shepherd" having a liking for Rum, if it was of the same flavour as Liquid Sunshine. It is got up in handsome liqueur bottles with fancy labels.



The State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Wednesday, the 16th inst., until further orders.

Among the chief mourners at the funeral, in Hertingfordbury Churchyard, on Tuesday, of the Hon. Henry Cowper were Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper and Bro. the Earl of Arran.

Bro. T. Martin, Witham Lodge, No. 297, has been elected Mayor of Lincoln, and Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.M., No. 297, Prov. J.G.W. Lincolnshire, has been elected Sheriff of Lincoln for the ensuing year.

The first sod of the Manchester Ship Canal was cut last week by Lord Egerton of Tatton, at Eastham, within a few yards of the point where the canal will emerge into the Mersey.

Bro. Gabriel Lindo (La Tolerance and Clarendon Lodges), has been elected to represent Coleman Street Ward, in the Court of Common Council, City of London, in the place of Bro. Windybank, deceased.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., has so far recovered from his recent severe attack of rheumatic fever, that it is expected he will be able to resume his official duties at the Board of Works at an early date.

**CORRECTION.**—In Bro. Hughan's interesting article of last week, relative to Royal Arch Masonry at Halifax, the concluding portion of the third paragraph should read "about 30 years," instead of "50 years"

Bro. G. H. Danby, P.M. 1908, was presented by the members of the lodge, on the 8th inst., with a unique gold Founder's, Treasurer's, and P.M.'s jewel combined, designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

At the meeting of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 673, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 3rd inst., Bro. D. Jackson, P.M., was presented by the members of St. John's Lodge with dress and undress clothing, in a case, bearing a suitable inscription, on his being appointed Prov. G. Std. Br. of West Lancashire.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., made his first appearance in the political world after his long confined illness on duty, at the dinner of the Dolphin Society, Bristol, in celebration of the Colston anniversary. On Monday and the following day, he addressed a meeting of the committee of the West Bristol Conservative Association.

General John C. Smith, Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois, was unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons at the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He has been an active working Mason nearly thirty years; is a Past Grand Commander, an active member of the Supreme Council, A. A. Scottish Rite, and is the present Deputy for that Rite in Illinois.

On Friday, the 25th inst., Ex. Comp. F. W. Levander will deliver an explanatory lecture on the Platonic Bodies and Royal Arch Jewel at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., commencing at 8 p.m. As the subject matter has been very carefully compiled, it is well worthy the attention of Royal Arch Masons, who are cordially invited to attend.

General consternation has been excited both in Germany and England by the news that the medical advisers of the Crown Prince of Germany have pronounced the growth in his Imperial Highness's throat to be of a cancerous nature. It is some consolation, however, to know that there is no immediate danger to our illustrious brother, and that it is possible and even probable that his life may be spared for many years. The Emperor William of Germany has borne the news of his son's condition with his usual fortitude.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, nominated several of the brethren to attend the opening service of the Truro Cathedral on Thursday, the 3rd inst., and amongst those who in attendance in such capacity as representatives of the province may be mentioned Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.G.D. of England, &c.; Charles Read, P.M. 121, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Walter F. Newman, P.M. 75, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Charles Truscott, P.M. 496, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M. 450, P. Prov. J.G.W.; William Rowe, P.M. 330, P. Prov. J.G.W.; William Guy, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Richard A. Courtney, P.M. 510, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Dr. W. Mason, P. Prov. S.G.D.; E. Milford Cock, P.M. 589, P. Prov. J.G.D.; James C. R. Creves, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.S. of Wks.; Harry B. Neame, P.M. 589; and Hugh P. Vivian, P.M. 1544. The three chairs belonging to the Prov. Grand Lodge—for the Prov. G.M. and his Wardens—were used in the Cathedral on the opening day for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and another distinguished nobleman, the chief chair having a special canopy, which was arranged for the occasion. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Chairman of the Cathedral Committee, was most actively engaged for weeks prior to the great event; and two of the most indefatigable members of his Committee were the esteemed Mayor, Bro. R. M. Paul, and Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., the Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall.

**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 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 ("Sportsman'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.

Bro. George Augustus Sala is now a Westminster man, and has removed his belongings from Mecklenburgh-square to 91, Victoria Street, where he has a suite of rooms.

Bro. Sir William Pearse, M.P. for Gowan, was entertained at a banquet in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, by some 500 of his political friends and supporters, on Friday, the 11th inst.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday last of Bro. J. Randle Buck, of Sidbury, Worcestershire. A biographical notice of our deceased brother is in type, but stands over for want of space.

Bro. the Maharajah of Kuch-Behar, P.G.W., concluded his visit to the Prince of Wales at Sandringham, towards the end of last week, and has since been in London. On Tuesday his Highness visited the Savoy Theatre.

**THE CRYSTAL PALACE THEATRE.**—The Croydon magistrates have renewed the licence of the Crystal Palace Theatre, after hearing the report of Sir Douglas Galton as to the general arrangements of the theatre for exit and for protection against fire.

The remains of the late Bro. Lord Wolverton was temporarily interred at Ham, near Richmond, on the 11th inst., the first part of the burial service having been held in the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. Among the congregation at the latter were Mr. Gladstone and Bros. Earl Granville and Lord Oxenbridge.

According to the news from Philadelphia, the American National Opera season has commenced very promisingly, and Bro. Barton McGuckin's debut in "Lohengrin" has proved a great success, the calls before the curtain at the close of the performance having been again and again repeated.

The death occurred on Monday evening, at his residence at New Cross, of Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, a well-known London journalist. The deceased, who was in the prime of life, had been in delicate health for nearly 12 months. The immediate cause of death was congestion of the lungs. Bro. Goldsmith was the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, 1928.

A Masonic Charitable Association has just been started in connection with the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday evenings. Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., is the President; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor, Vice-President; and Bro. Caseley, Secretary, of whom all necessary information can be obtained.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided for the first time since his induction into office at the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, when a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., for his services as Lord Mayor during the past year. Among those appointed on the same day as Chairman of Committees was Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, who is Chairman of the Gaols Committee.

Bro. James Stevens has arranged to deliver his lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, in the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction No. 1638, at the Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. The attendance of brethren from other lodges is invited, and a large gathering of the Craft is anticipated.

**JUBILEE HONOURS.**—By virtue of authority vested in him by the Grand Lodge, the R.W.D.G. Master of Natal, Bro. R. I. Finemore, R.M., &c., has been pleased to confer on Bro. S. Marriott, D.G. Treas., and Bro. John B. Cotton, D.G. Sec., the rank of Past District S.G.W., as a mark of his appreciation of their services to the Order.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., the usual distribution of food left from the Lord Mayor's banquet was made to some 200 poor people, who attended at the Guildhall. Great care is necessary to preserve the food during the interval between the banquet and the distribution, and this year Bro. F. Green, C.C., and Bro. G. Manners, C.C., undertook the somewhat unenviable duty of securing the whole of the food before they left the Guildhall on Wednesday night. It is satisfactory to know that, in consequence of this care and foresight, the amount of food distributed was very large.

The friends of the late Bro. Admiral Bedford Pim in Sydenham, and they were many, will be interested to know that a handsome marble tablet was erected to his memory last week, in the parish church of his native town—Bideford, Devon. An international memorial window and brass are also to be erected to his memory in the Seamen's Church, Bristol. These are being subscribed for by the pilots of the principal ports in her Majesty's dominions, and in the United States, in grateful remembrance of the valuable services he rendered them throughout a long series of years. Bideford has turned out many a gallant sailor, but probably not one who endeared himself more than the gallant Admiral Pim, who was universally beloved both afloat and ashore.

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—Mr. August Manns, at the Crystal Palace concert last Saturday, conducted a performance of Berlioz's "Episode in the Life of an Artist," and its extravagant sequel "Lelio," with Mr. Fernandez as reader, and Messrs. Lloyd and King as vocalists. Mr. and Mrs. Eyre played the so-called "Fantasia on Shakespeare's Tempest," and the choruses were sung by the Crystal Palace choir. Next Saturday, save as to a couple of violoncello pieces for Herr Frans Néruda, the whole of the programme will, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the composer's death, be devoted to the music of Schubert, which is nowhere better rendered than at the Crystal Palace. The works selected are the great symphony in C, some songs, portions of the "Rosamunde" music, and a recently published overture in E minor, which has not hitherto been heard here.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.—ADVT.

The Very Rev. Dr. Spence, Dean of Gloucester, has been initiated a member of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, 839.

The Queen and Court, according to present arrangements, are expected to arrive at Windsor Castle on or about the 28th inst. from Scotland.

Bro. Lord Magheramorne was, on Friday, the 13th inst., elected Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works for the eighteenth time.

Letters of administration have been granted of the personal estate of the late Bro. Henry Windybank, of 19, Tavistock-square, and of 4, the Circus, Finsbury, solicitor, who died on the 22nd ult., aged 46 years, and the value of whose personalty has been returned at £1232 13s. 10d. by the administratrix, Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Windybank, the relict.

A deputation of the Royal Commission on the blind, the deaf and dumb, and the imbecile, consisting of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the chairman, and ten members, visited the Earlswood Asylum, Red-hill, on Tuesday, and thoroughly inspected the dormitories, schools, workshops, and farms; and on leaving expressed themselves to the members of the House Committee present, as highly gratified with all they had seen.

The special fall convocation of the Scottish Rite bodies of Indianapolis was to be held on the 15th, 16th, and 17th instant. The conferring of Degrees being arranged to commence promptly at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday. These convocations have always been a happy reunion of Scottish Rite Masons in Indiana. In addition to the enjoyment of a beautiful rehearsal of the work in the several grades, there is a higher enjoyment in the happy social intercourse of the brethren.

Comp. H. Baldwin, Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, asks us to state that at the last regular convocation of the 14th instant, it was unanimously resolved to return to the Horns Tavern, Kennington, from which hostelry they have been absent about 2 years, during the rebuilding, and by special leave of the Supreme Grand Chapter, have been holding their meetings at the Sterling Castle Hotel, Camberwell. A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Woodwell, proprietor, and Comp. Terry, P.Z., the courteous manager of the latter establishment, for the kindly treatment received at their hands during the sojourn of the Chapter at their hotel. The next regular convocation of this ancient and flourishing chapter is on the 13th of February next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 555, at the Green Dragon, Spring-gardens, Stepney, on Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst. Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554 and 1278, P.Z. 554, will preside. Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, will be the S.W.; Bro. J. Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, P.Z. 898, J.W.; and Bro. W. Richardson, S.D. 71, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows:—First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. D. McNish, 1962; 2nd Section, Bro. J. L. Anderson, S.W. 554; 3rd Section, Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M., P.Z. 564; 4th Section, Bro. N. Isaacs, 1349; 5th Section, Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. 554; 6th Section, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; and 7th Section, Bro. B. Stewart, P.M. 1278. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Whitworth, 554; 2nd Section, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; 3rd Section, Bro. L. Solomons, 1668; 4th Section, Bro. W. Richardson, S.D. 174; and 5th Section, Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. Oxley, J.W. 1306; 2nd Section, Bro. J. K. T. Job, P.M. 1076; and 3rd Section, Bro. J. Boulton, P.M. 28.

Speaking last week at a banquet of the Fishmonger's Company Sir Charles Warren, in reply to the toast of "The Metropolitan Police," said the police officer was told by Mrs. Beecher Stowe always to keep his eyes and ears open, and his mouth shut, and he must keep his mouth closed on many subjects. He would say, however, that if the police had not done their duty thoroughly during the past six months, there was not the slightest doubt there would have been some catastrophe. The police had gone through a great deal of work for some time past; they had been very much harassed, and they had not received the support from the public generally which they were entitled to. He had been in many parts of the world, but he had not met with any body of men in this or any other country equal to the Metropolitan police force in honesty, bravery, truth, or any other good quality. He had felt it most deeply that because one or other of the men had done something which any one present might have done without raising a remark, the whole body of police should be vilified as they had been. Citizens had begun to forget that there were certain duties devolving upon them, and when they were in a crowd and the police were doing their duty, instead of being offended when asked to move on they ought to do what they could to help and assist. As to himself, he simply endeavoured to carry out his duty according to the law, without seeking favour from anybody.

**MASONIC PRESENTATION AT STONEHOUSE.**—At a meeting of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, at the lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday. Bro. the Rev. W. Lemon, P.M., presented a chromo-photograph mounted in a handsome oak and gold frame, of Sir Charles Lemon, Bart. (a relative of the Rev. T. Lemon's father), bearing on the photograph the inscription—"Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., J.P., D.L., &c., of Carclew Park, Cornwall, M.P. for the County, and Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons of Cornwall—1843-1863; born September 3rd, 1784; died February 12th, 1868." On the frame was a gold plate, on which was inscribed:—"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70, 1205, and 2025, Hon. P.P.G.C. Devonshire). November 14th, 1887." Bro. Lemon explained that he intended presenting copies of this rare picture to the Grand Lodge of England and Masonic Hall in Plymouth. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. E. S. Hendry, P.M. and Sec., on behalf of the lodge. It is worthy of mention that there are now ten valuable pictures hanging on the walls of the lodge the gifts of Bro. Lemon, whose zeal and assiduity are well-known throughout the provinces.

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