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R.W. BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, and our anticipations of last week, that the several motions to be submitted to the brethren present for their acceptance would be adopted unanimously, have been verified. The acting GRAND MASTER had the entire sympathy of Grand Lodge with him when recommending that a sum of £500 should be granted towards the relief of the present distress in the Metropolis. Our own poor and distressed brethren and their families have the first claim upon our pockets, for "Charity begins at home," but there is always a reserve corner in our hearts and purses for the afflictions of non-Masons, or we should not be so fully entitled to the respect with which the world regards us. As regards the motion for presenting a silver-wedding gift of the value of £500 to the Prince of WALES, and a suitable address of congratulation to her Royal HIGHNESS and her husband, M.W.G.M., on the auspicious occasion, Bro. SPIEGEL, as we suggested, gracefully withdrew his minor proposition in favour of that submitted on behalf of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M., which was more appropriate to the circumstances and was acquiesced in at once. The rest of the business on the agenda paper, being of a more formal character, was soon dispatched, nor is it necessary we should say more in reference to it than that the Prince of WALES was again nominated for the Grand Mastership and that two brethren—Bros. S. B. WILSON and A. BARFIELD—were nominated as candidates for the Grand Treasurership. At all events, the reader who may be desirous of any further information will find it in the very ample report of the proceedings which appears in another part of our columns.

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Grand Mark Lodge. THERE was a full attendance at the Half-yearly Communication at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, and the business that was transacted was of a highly gratifying character. The Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. LORD EGERTON of TATTON, who presided, led the way with a proposal, not included in the agenda paper, for presenting H.R.H. the Princess of WALES with an address of congratulation on the approaching 25th anniversary, or "Silver Wedding" day, of the Prince of WALES, M.W. Grand Mark Master, and her Royal Highness, which would be signed by the PRO GRAND MASTER, on behalf of Grand Mark Lodge, and enclosed in a suitable casket. It is needless to say this proposal was agreed to with complete unanimity, and it was referred to the General Board to carry into execution. The Grand Secretary, Bro. BINCKES, announced that his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER had been graciously pleased to confer brevet Grand rank on a number of worthy brethren in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, and those included in the list who were present had the honour of receiving their patents at the hands of Bro. LORD EGERTON. The report of the General Board for the half-year ended on the 30th September last was in its main features of a satisfactory nature. There had been issued during the half-year 486 Mark certificates, four new Mark lodges had been constituted, raising the number on the roll to 383, and a Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales had been constituted, with R.W. Bro. NORMAN SELFE as Prov. G. Master. The Grand Treasurer's statements of accounts of the different funds in his charge, and of the Mark Benevolent Festival, disclose a degree of financial prosperity never before attained, every one of the statements showing a considerable balance in favour of the fund, while the largeness of the receipts at the Festival had enabled the Executive to place a sum of £500 to the credit of each of the three branches of the Benevolent Fund; that is to say, the Benevolent Fund proper, the Educational Fund, on which there are 26 children who are educated and clothed out of the funds at its disposal; and the Annuity Fund, which grants annuities of £20 to distressed Mark Masons, and £16 to the widows of Mark Masons. A recommendation of the General Board to the effect that the sum of 100 guineas should be granted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the occasion of its Centenary Festival in 1888 was

accepted without the least demur, and the Prince of WALES having been nominated for the Grand Mark Mastership for the next year, and Bros. J. L. MATHER and E. LETCHWORTH as candidates for the Grand Treasurership, the proceedings terminated, and the customary banquet followed. We congratulate the Grand Mark Lodge on the progress which it has made during the year now drawing to its close, and of which the proceedings on Tuesday as recorded elsewhere furnish such indubitable evidence.

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Good Fellowship. THE Lecture which was recently delivered by Bro. RAMSDEN RILEY before the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, and to which we referred at some length last week, contained much sound advice on a variety of interesting questions. There is no doubt that our lodges, and especially those which are held in the country, will benefit materially by an occasional lecture or two. It is expedient that the members of a lodge should exercise due caution in the introduction of candidates for initiation or membership; nor will any brother dispute his proposition, that what is known as "the fourth degree" should be cultivated with a due regard to moderation. We assume that our readers, so far from finding fault with Bro. RILEY for having introduced these topics into his lecture, will consider themselves under a debt of gratitude for his outspokenness in dealing with them. But there is one subject on which we think he might have dilated, namely, the advantages which a Masonic lodge offers in the way of promoting goodfellowship among the members composing it, who in many, if not in a majority of instances, are men moving in different spheres of society, and entertaining different opinions on the questions of the day, be they religious, political, or social. We are far from undervaluing the importance of having the work of our lodges well done, and we recognise that the time is not mis-spent which is devoted to the salutary lecture and the exercise of hospitality. But latter-day Masons are apt to lose sight of the fact that our modern or Speculative system of Freemasonry was established as offering a kind of neutral ground on which men of opposite factions in religion and politics might meet together, enjoy each other's society, and gradually learn to esteem and respect each other for their several good qualities, irrespective of those differences which kept them apart elsewhere. The political and religious strife which prevailed in England during the earlier half of last century was very bitter. The men who were ranged on opposite sides regarded each other almost as personal enemies, and it was one of the chief designs of Freemasonry to allay those feelings of personal animosity as far as possible. Now-a-days we are not quite so terrible in our opposition to the men who differ with us. But occasionally a certain bitterness of spirit is found to prevail among different sets of partisans, and there is undoubtedly a good deal of class feeling abroad, though most of us have the good sense not to express it in mixed assemblies. Now there is no society which the ingenuity of man has yet established that is so well calculated as Freemasonry to determine those petty animosities, and if the brethren, when meeting together in lodge or at the festive board when the lodge work was done, would give greater prominence to what we feel inclined to call the social character of Masonry, the society would reap the benefit. The banquet is a great help in this direction, and the songs and toasts which come after are a still greater help. But there is too often apparent a sense of restraint, begotten of the formality which is observed, and if some attempt were made to lessen this feeling, so that members might learn to know each other better and more intimately, the spirit which pervades most of our lodges would be still more harmonious. Good work and sensible lectures are an essential part of our system; but still more essential is it that our lodges should do everything in their power to strengthen and extend the spirit of goodfellowship.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The December Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as Past Grand Master. The other Grand Officers who attended were:—

Bros. Rev. T. C. Smyth, G. Chap.; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G.R.; T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; George Cooper, S.G.D.; F. S. Knynett, J.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; Sir A. W. Woods, G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; W. H. Perryman, G. Purst.; W. Hopekirk, A.G. Purst.; Chas. Egan, D.G.M. South Africa (East Division); Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, Rev. T. Cochrane, Rev. R. M. Sanderson, Rev. H. Adair Pickard, Rev. R. P. Bent, Rev. R. J. Simpson, and Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chaplains; Major J. W. Woodall, H. B. Marshall, D. P. Cama, and J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurers; R. W. Stewart, J. S. Perin, J. Glaisher, P. H. Brette, C. A. Murton, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. C. Parkinson, J. M. Case, Dr. Ralph Gooding, E. Letchworth, W. Whittley, Jabez Hogg, F. Davison, H. Maudslay, W. A. F. Powell, W. W. Walters, Fred. West, J. E. Le Feuvre, Ralph Clutton, T. H.

Devonshire, S. Pope, F. Richardson, F. H. Gottlieb, E. J. Barron, J. E. Saunder, and H. J. P. Damas, P.G. Deacons; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; H. T. Wood, W. Stanley Adams, C. Martin, J. Lewis Thomas, C. Harding, A. B. Cook, Magnus Ohren, W. E. Stewart, T. J. Ralling, G. Burt, and R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G. Directors of Ceremonies; H. Green, Dr. W. R. Woodman, Butler Wilkins, F. Binckes, E. Goble, C. F. Hogard, J. E. Dawson, W. Roebuck, C. F. Matier, W. H. Brittain, G. Kelly, Major G. Lambert, Henri Buc, J. Terry, and E. Bowyer, P.G.S. Bearers; C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org.; T. Cubitt, A. Lucking, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Garrod, and James Brett, P.G. Pursuivants.

The minutes of the September Communication having been read and confirmed,

Bro. BEACH said, before they commenced the regular business of the evening, there was a very pleasing duty which devolved upon him as the representative of the M.W.G.M. The brethren had all heard in the minutes just read that at Grand Lodge in September cordial votes of thanks were recorded to two distinguished brethren, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., and G.D.C., and Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. Board of Gen. Purps., for their valuable services at the great Masonic Jubilee at the Albert Hall on the 13th June last, and it was then ordered that these votes should be suitably illuminated and formally presented to these two brethren. The documents had accordingly been duly prepared, and he had now the pleasure of placing them in those brethren's hands, together with illuminated copies of the vote accorded to them by Grand Lodge in June, 1875, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, but which from inadvertence had not hitherto been prepared and presented to them. In presenting the testimonial to Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Bro. Beach said he knew full well Sir Albert would appreciate it as the testimony not only of the respect and affection entertained for him by Grand Lodge, but as a slight token of the thanks the brethren owed to him for his valuable services in connection with those great Masonic occasions which he had mentioned.

Bro. BEACH, in making the presentation to Bro. Fenn, said he knew there was no Mason who was ignorant of the valuable services Bro. Fenn had rendered to Masonry in presiding over the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Fenn was responsible, to a great extent, for the government of the Craft. But the brethren now made this presentation to him in recognition of the important services he had rendered to the brethren on the great Masonic occasions to which he had already alluded. (Cheers.)

After the presentations had been made,

Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (Garter), G.D.C., in acknowledging the gift, said he could but renew to the brethren the thanks that he had offered to them in Grand Lodge when the brethren conveyed to him their recognition in their kind and handsome vote of thanks for the services he had performed during the very many years that he had held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies. To him it must be a sincere gratification indeed to know that his humble services had been appreciated by this Grand Lodge, and he assured them that as long as he had the power those services would ever be given to Freemasonry, and especially to the Grand Lodge. He thanked them most sincerely for the honour they had done him on this occasion and on several other occasions.

Bro. THOMAS FENN said he did not at all expect to be again called upon to return his thanks for the kind vote which the brethren had accorded to him on the last occasion. Were he to repeat what he had said it would be tedious to the brethren, as well as unnecessary; but he could only say the success of that great occasion for which they had given their vote of thanks had been a great pleasure to him and those who so kindly assisted him, and so loyally given their services on that occasion. He thanked them for the very substantial manner in which they had that day recorded and presented him with a vote of thanks which had been granted at the former Grand Lodge.

Bro. BEACH said he had a proposition to make, which he did with a full knowledge that he would have the entire approval of the M.W. the Grand Master, which was that these votes of thanks just presented to their brethren, Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., and Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, be accompanied, in each case, by a Masonic Jubilee Jewel, which was approved by the M.W. G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June last.

The brethren having unanimously signified their assent, the jewels were presented to Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Fenn.

Bro. BEACH said he had now a proposition to make on behalf of their Grand Master. It came in the shape of a notice of motion from him—

That the sum of £500 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as the contribution of Grand Lodge towards the relief of the present distress amongst the deserving poor of the Metropolis.

Masons were very proud of distributing their Charity among members of their Order who might be deserving, and on those who might be dependent upon them and reduced to distress, and that relief was given with no stinted hand. But though Masons were very glad on every occasion to mete out the funds at their disposal to those of their Order who required it, still there were certain occasions when it was by no means inexpedient and was extremely fitting that they should recognise the claims of Charity from other quarters, and show that as Masons they could sympathise with distress in whatever quarter it might arise. In an immense City like London, the population of which was numbered by millions, it could not but be that distress would arise at particular times. It would be quite impossible that employment should be meted out to all on every occasion, but there had been occasions, and of late during the beginning of this winter, when there had been a dearth of employment which had caused considerable irritation. He would not enter into the causes of this, because differences of opinion might readily arise, and some might say that it was caused partly by the great number of foreigners who flocked towards our Metropolis. But we gave a home to all, from whatever quarter they might come; and that might possibly have a tendency to make employment less toward our own population. As he said, he was not going to enter into that question; he would merely state the fact, which he supposed was patent to all, that some distress did exist. Then the question was whether they (Grand Lodge), as representing the Freemasons of England, and representing to a very great extent the Freemasons in this great City of London, and this great Metropolis generally, should not raise themselves to the occasion, and make some grant which would be adequate to show their sympathy with those in distress. It seemed to him that their Grand Master had made this proposition in the full belief that it would mete out some aid towards those who might be destitute of employment. In what mode it could be best bestowed it was difficult to know at the present moment, but there would be doubtless several modes in which it might be usefully given, and if it could not be usefully given, he should think it would not be given at all; but he was sure they might trust their Grand Master, for, judging the best mode in which it could be bestowed. He thought it would be a very fitting

compliment to the Grand Master to allow him the discretion of meting out this amount as best he might think fit. He could not say at the present moment what fund might be raised, and whether this money would be joined to that fund; but he was sure in placing it in the Grand Master's hands they would be placing confidence in the judgment which would be exercised, and, saying this, he would submit the Prince of Wales's proposal for their approval.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN said he had great pleasure in seconding the proposal, but he had little or nothing to add to the observations so well made by Bro. Beach. He would only observe in very few words that it would not be gainsaid that we had at the present moment very great distress in the Metropolis of London, and, if we were to believe the public press and other signs of the times, it might be that that distress might even yet become greater. It could not also be gainsaid that they, as Freemasons, were to a great extent a close Society, and that they were not bound to give beyond it; but they need not give the whole of it to Freemasons. They might occasionally have an exceptional case in which they might extend their Charity a little outside. He would, therefore, confidently second the proposition made by the Grand Master in the chair that they devote £500 towards the relief of the present distress, and he thought they could not do more wisely than extend that £500 to be used at the discretion of the M.W.G.M., who, in the goodness of his heart had made this proposal. (Applause.)

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Bro. GABRIEL PRIOR GOLDNEY, P.G. Steward, and W.M. 259, then said: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—I have the honour to nominate to-night his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the office of Grand Master of our Order, and I give notice that at the next Quarterly Communication I shall propose him for re-election. I do not propose on the present occasion to offer any remarks to the brethren here, although on the next occasion I shall ask you for a unanimous vote. (Applause.)

Bro. F. J. TYLER, W.M. Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, next rose and said he had the honour to nominate Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson for Grand Treasurer. Bro. Wilson had been a Mason 35 years; he had served on every Board; was Vice-Patron of the Boys' School; on the Committee of the Benevolent Institution; he had been W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59 on the register of Grand Lodge three times, and its Treasurer for 28 years; he had been M.E.Z. of several chapters; and for several years had been a leading member, with his father, who was well known as the architect of the Boys' School, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He thought it would commend to the members of Grand Lodge that it was time the London lodges should have the chance of having a Grand Treasurer. The provinces, of course, had had a Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Richard Eve was elected Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge on the last occasion as representing the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It was the wish he was sure of every member of Grand Lodge that a Grand Treasurer should not be nominated or elected from the same province two years in succession. Of course, he need not tell the G.M. in the chair that the London lodges were very heavily handicapped; members of provincial lodges had a great deal more chance of getting into Provincial Grand Lodge, but the members of London lodges had very little chance indeed of getting Grand honours. He, therefore, nominated their Bro. E. B. Wilson, in the confident hope that he, as a very old Mason, and a good man and true in the service of Masonry, would be elected at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. GEORGE READ, P.M. 511, said he begged to nominate Bro. Asher Barfield, P.M. 511, who was well known to all the brethren. He would not detain Grand Lodge by making any observations about Bro. Barfield, but he had great pleasure in nominating him for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. BEACH then said he had great pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Master, in appointing Bro. Robert Grey as President of the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. Robert Grey was then re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence amidst loud applause.

Bro. James Brett having been again nominated for Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune as Junior Vice-President, Bro. BEACH said, as no other brethren were nominated for those offices, he declared them duly elected.

The following brethren were nominated and elected as the 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; William Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538.

The following recommendations of grants were then confirmed;—

A brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle	...	£	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 1530, Plymouth	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1423, London	...	...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London	...	...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Stability, No. 217, London	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, Birmingham	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, London	...	...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton	...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, London	...	...	75	0	0
A brother of the Mount Edgumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London	...	...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	...	...	100	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of November ultimo, showing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4443 15s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £20 19s. 10d.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th November, 1887.

Bro. BEACH next moved, for the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master;—

That in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the marriage, or the "Silver Wedding-day," of their Royal Highnesses our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, which will occur on the 10th of March next, Grand Lodge do vote the sum of £500 for the purchase of some suitable gift to her Royal Highness, expressive of the affection and loyalty felt by all the members of the United Grand Lodge of England towards her Royal Highness and her illustrious Consort, their Grand Master, and that this gift be accompanied by an address of congratulation on the auspicious occasion,

In making the motion, he said: Brethren,—I very much regret—and I am sure that regret will be shared by every member of Grand Lodge—that the Earl of Lathom, our Deputy Grand Master cannot be here this evening, because the proposition which he has given notice of would come much more fittingly from his hand. He has given notice of it, and I really wish that he was here to propose it. Brethren, in his absence, I will endeavour, as far as I can, to supply his place, and to submit it for your approval. Brethren, combined with the loyalty which animates Masonic hearts towards our Sovereign, there is an instinctive feeling of devotion towards the head of our Craft. Masons are proud that the Prince of Wales should have consented to act as our Grand Master, and I feel sure that in doing so he has added to and intensified the feelings which we should naturally entertain towards him as the heir to the Throne. Brethren, he could not accept that office with a view of shirking from its duties. True it is that the acceptance of the office would involve trouble; but trouble is a word which the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, has never allowed to interfere with the discharge of duty. Therefore, brethren, in assuming the office of our Grand Master he has done his very utmost to preside over us with that dignity and ability which have characterised his efforts. Brethren, it is fitting that we, when an occasion offers, should show the appreciation which we entertain for his services, and for the position which he holds. It is considered in human life a great subject for congratulation when two young people are entering into wedded life. All wishes are given for their prosperity; congratulations are offered to them freely on all hands; it is considered one of the most enviable periods in the existence of a human being. But, brethren, surely it is no light subject for congratulation when the bright star of happiness has shone for nearly a quarter of a century on a wedded pair. It is a subject of congratulation when unclouded happiness has existed for so long a period; and I think that if that is the case with us generally it is so also with those who occupy the most exalted position; and I think it is fitting that we, as Masons, should show that we do enter into the every-day life of those who occupy the very highest position; and it is, therefore, a very suitable occasion for us to present some gratulatory offering to the Princess of Wales on this happy occasion which is so speedily to occur. Brethren, I am quite sure that the Princess of Wales since she entered this country as a bride has won for herself the love and affection of all Englishmen by the dignity with which she has occupied her high position and the kindness which she has ever displayed and her sympathy with those around her. Let us, as Masons, come forward upon this occasion and lay at her feet a dutiful address with a small offering, as the notice of motion gives, of £500 to buy some suitable token on that happy occasion. Brethren, I know very well that you will not imagine that this amount of £500 at all represents the feelings which we entertain for her. It is not at all to be measured by its value, but it is to be measured by the feeling of devoted affection which exists in our Masonic hearts. It is in that spirit that we offer it, and it is in that spirit I hope it will be received. Brethren, I have the greatest pleasure in moving this motion which has been given notice of by the Earl of Lathom, which, after it is seconded, will be read out to you.

Bro. THOMAS W. TEW, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I respectfully crave your permission, and the indulgence of this Grand Lodge, to second the resolution which has been so gracefully and eloquently proposed by the M.W.G.M. in the chair. Brethren, you have shown charity towards the deserving poor of this metropolis, and I trust you will support this resolution and testify your love and affection to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and her illustrious Consort, who will attain on the 10th of March next, the 25th year of their married life. I hope it will please T.G.A.O.T.U. to spare them to witness their golden wedding day, and I hope every one of us will be spared to rejoice on that occasion. I venture to second the resolution.

Bro. MAURICE SPIEGEL, P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London, then said: M.W.G.M.,—The notice of motion which stands in my name on the agenda I have much pleasure, with your permission, to withdraw, in favour of the one just now proposed, and which I cordially and loyally support. I am gratified to see that the motion I attempted to propose to commemorate the happy and joyful event has, in some degree, been adopted by the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., and with more prominence and liberality than I could venture. Therefore, in supporting this proposition, I beg to withdraw mine. Bro. Spiegel's motion was as follows:—

That the Grand Lodge present a Congratulatory Address to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to her Royal Highness his gracious Consort, on the celebration of their Silver Wedding, the same to be enclosed in a suitable artistic casket.

Bro. Rev. H. ADAIR PICKARD, P.G.C., desired to support the original motion because he had the honour of initiating the Earl of Lathom in Masonry, at Oxford. He desired also to support it as the Senior P.M. of the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, of which the Prince of Wales had kindly consented once to be Master.

The motion having been put and carried amidst loud applause,

Bro. BEACH said he was very glad that Bro. Spiegel had withdrawn his motion, because the resolution would come with greater force if carried unanimously without any other proposition.

The following two appeals were then laid before Grand Lodge by V.W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

1. By Bro. Stephen J. Thompson, W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, against an order of Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Henry Hutton, P.G.D., Deputy District Grand Master of Montreal, suspending him from his office, on the ground that the said Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hutton had not been legally appointed Dep. Dist. Grand Master of that district.

2. By Bro. Frederick Lee, P.M. of the Unity Lodge of Sydney, No. 1169, Sydney, N.S.W., against the decision of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on his complaint against Bro. John Frederick Hill, the W.M. of Lodge No. 1169, for refusing to admit him into the lodge, after he had been excluded therefrom by resolution of its members.

The first of these appeals was dismissed, and the second allowed, the Grand Registrar stating that though Bro. Hutton had tendered his resignation it was not accepted, when he withdrew his resignation, and his still holding the office was notified to all the lodges in Montreal, and he was actually present and had his Health drank in that capacity when Bro. Thompson was in the chair as Master of his Lodge. In the second appeal, the Grand Registrar stated that according to the constitutions no private lodge had power to pass a sentence of suspension of his Masonic functions on any brother. A lodge might exclude a brother for one night for a grave Masonic offence, or fine him, or admonish him.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The jewels presented to Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Thomas Fenn, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant, London. The following brethren were present:—

Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided; Major J. H. Woodall, as Deputy Grand Master; Hon. W. I. Orde-Powlett, as S.G.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, as J.G.W.; Colonel W. E. Michell, S.G.O.; G. King Patton, J.G.O.; Rev. J. N. Palmer and Rev. W. Valentine, G. Chaps.; J. L. Mather, G. Treas.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, A.G. Sec.; R. Newhouse, S.G.D.; A. H. Moyes, J.G.D.; John Barker, G.I. of W.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; J. Terry, A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, G.S.B.; E. Baldwin, G.S.B.; Chas. Lee, J.W. 385, G. Org.; Henry Jeffs, G.I.G.; E. J. Mills, A.G.I.G.; T. Cubitt, J. D. Berkin, P. S. Simmonds, Jno. Collier, H. S. Goodall, W. Lake, F. H. Bennett, J. Hunter Little, and H. Von Joel, G. Stwds.; Col. A. Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; C. Stephens, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts; W. Long, D.P.G.M. Somerset; T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; Rev. T. C. Smyth, P.G.C., D.G.M. West Yorkshire; Col. A. Potter, P.G.O.; George Kenning, P.G.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.O.; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.G.O.; W. E. Stuart, P.G.O.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.O.; James Stevens, P.G.O.; W. Adlard, P.G.O.; J. Lane, P.G.O.; E. H. Crase, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochran, P.G. Chap.; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.; H. Ward, P.G.D.; J. Strachan, P.G.D.; G. Lambert, P.G.D.; G. J. McKay, P.G.D.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; A. Tisley, P.A.G.D.C.; I. Taylor, P.G.S.B.; G. Graveley, P.G.I.G.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G.; W. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; G. Edwards, P.G.S.; J. Tonkings, P.G.S.; A. Stone, P.G.S.; G. Powell, P.G.S.; D. P. Cama, P.G.S.; W. March, P.G.S.; E. Sweeney, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; Horace White, P.P.J.G.W. Middx. and Surrey; F. S. Knyvett, P.G. Sec. Herts; W. Winnett, P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. H. Bateman, P.G.O. Kent; W. W. Ridley, P.S.G.W. Berks and Oxon.; F. H. Gottlieb, P.S.G.O. Eastern Archipelago; T. Clarke, P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey; G. H. Newington Bridge, P.J.G.W. Middx. and Surrey; C. B. Tubb, P.P.G.I. of W. Berks and Oxon.; and others.

The minutes of the half-yearly communication of 1st June, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge, held at Weymouth, on the 22nd July, were read and confirmed.

Lord EGERTON OF TATTON then said he had to bring before the notice of the brethren a matter which was not on the paper of agenda, which he thought they would deem worthy of their immediate attention. His attention had recently been called to the approaching anniversary—the 25th year—of the wedding day of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and he wrote a letter to the Grand Secretary, saying that he (Lord Egerton of Tatton) would move to-day, what he would now wish to do, to present a congratulatory address to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the celebration of the 25th anniversary—the silver wedding day of her Royal Highness and the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and that the same be signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge by the Pro. Grand Master, and enclosed in a suitable casket. They had recently the jubilee of Her Majesty's reign celebrated, and following very closely upon that came the 25th anniversary of the wedding day of the Prince and Princess of Wales. He thought, considering the very great interest his Royal Highness took in Freemasonry, and more especially in Mark Masonry, it was but fitting that Mark Masons should approach his Royal Highness with an address of congratulation on the 25th anniversary of their wedding, which would occur in March next.

Lord EGERTON OF TATTON then formally moved the vote.

Bro. MAJOR WOODALL seconded, saying he felt sure the motion would meet with the response of the brethren's hearts. He hoped their Royal Highnesses would be graciously pleased to accept it.

The motion was carried unanimously, as was also another motion by Lord Egerton of Tatton, seconded by Bro. Major Woodall, that the matter be referred to the General Board to carry out.

Bro. F. BINCKES, G. Secretary, said that perhaps this would be a suitable moment for reading the reply to the address of congratulation which Grand Lodge voted to her Majesty on her completing the Jubilee year of her reign. Acting under instructions, the address had been enclosed in a suitable casket, and it was in due form transmitted to the Home Secretary, from whom, under date 25th November, 1887, he had received the following reply:—

Whitehall, 25th November, 1887.

Sir,

I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled on the occasion of the completion of the 50th year of her Majesty's reign. And I have to inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to command me to express to you her Majesty's appreciation of the tasteful manner in which the address is illuminated, and of the handsome case in which it is enclosed.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,  
HENRY MATTHEWS.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,  
3a, Red Lion Square, High Holborn, W.C.

Bro. F. Binckes next said his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M.M., had been graciously pleased to approve of certain brethren for Past Grand rank in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and the present would be a suitable time to present their patents to those brethren before proceeding with the ordinary business of Grand Lodge.

The following brethren then had their patents presented to them by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton:—

Bro. Alfred Williams	...	...	P.G.M.O.
„ Charles Belton	...	...	P.G.M.O.
„ Richard Joyces Emmerson	...	...	P.G.M.O.
„ Sir Richard Nicholas Howard	...	...	P.G.M.O.
„ Charles Fendelow	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ Joseph Todd	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ William Edward Stewart	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ Col. William Long	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ John Lane	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ Christopher Atkinson Newnham	...	...	P.S.G.O.
„ Nicholas James West	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ Major George Charles D'Albiac	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ George Felton Lancaster	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ Henry Hacker	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ Charles E. Soppet	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ George Cooper	...	...	P.J.G.O.
„ Rev. William Whitley	...	...	P.G. Chap.
„ Rev. Jonathan Marsden, B.D.	...	...	P.G. Chap.
„ Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	P.G. Reg.
„ Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama	...	...	P.S.G.D.
„ John Strachan	...	...	P.S.G.D.



Bro. William Pickford	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" Joseph Nicholson	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" William Francis Nettleship	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" Henry Wilson, M.A.	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" Robert Allen Luck, J.P.	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" Henry Joseph Lardner	...	...	P.S.G.D.
" Frank Alexander Huet	...	...	P.J.G.D.
" Ernest Farwig	...	...	P.J.G.D.
" William Nott	...	...	P.J.G.D.
" Henry Stone	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" James Boulton	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" Thomas Thompson	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" John Willinms	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" Owen Thomas	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" George Graveley	...	...	P.G. Swd. Br.
" E. Cheshire Patchitt	...	...	P.G. Std. Br.
" John Mason	...	...	P.G. Std. Br.

The following report of the General Board was then taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 30th September last, there have been issued 486 Mark Certificates, making the total number of registered advancements 23,270, and the following Warrants for new lodges have been granted:—

No. 380, Folkestone, Folkestone.  
 " 381, Unity, Ringwood.  
 " 382, Gottlieb, Penang.  
 " 383, St. George, Stonehouse.

Ninety-eight Royal Ark Mariner certificates have also been issued, making a total number of registered elevations, 2323, and the following Warrants for new lodges have been granted: Wiltshire Anchor, attached to No. 178; Kintore, attached to No. 333; Adytum, attached to No. 138; Gottlieb, attached to No. 382; Egypt, attached to No. 311; and Sandown Bay, attached to No. 320.

H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master has authorised the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, under the rule of R.W. Bro. Norman Selfe, as Provincial Grand Master.

The Board record with great regret the death of Col. Tanner Davy, R.W. Pro. G.M. of Devon, who for the last fourteen years presided over that important Province with fidelity and zeal. A successor has not yet been appointed, the Province for the present remaining under the control of the Dep. Prov. G.M., W. Bro. C. Spence Bate.

Cases of irregularity in connection with the Installation of Worshipful Masters continue to be reported to the Board, and each case has been dealt with on its merits. The attention of Masters and Secretaries has already been forcibly directed to Art. 100, which lays down that a Worshipful Master cannot be either elected or installed at a Lodge of Emergency; to Art. 120, which provides that the days for election and installation shall be specified in the by-laws; and to Art. 13, which lays down that a W.M. must fill the Chair for the full period of 12 months before he can qualify as Past Master; and the Board can only express regret at being called upon to deal with renewed violations of the Book of Constitutions.

Having considered the case of Bro. F. T. Elworthy, who had only served the office of W.M. for ten months, having been installed in the chair of the Unanimity Lodge, 341, on the 29th June, 1886, while his successor was installed on the 26th April 1887; the Board recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of Two Guineas.

Bro. J. Wrigley was installed in the Chair of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, on the 1st May, 1886, and his successor was installed on 16th April, 1887. The Board recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of Two Guineas.

Bro. James Corbett was installed in the chair of Lawrence Lodge, 313, on the 9th September, 1885, and his successor was installed on 10th August, 1886. The Board recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of three guineas.

The irregularity in the Elfin Lodge, 321, has been carefully considered, and having ascertained that Bro. Richard J. Davids, who was installed on the 27th October, 1886, only served as W.M. for six months, his successor having been installed on 20th May, 1887, the Board feel compelled to inflict the fine of three guineas on the lodge, while recommending Bro. Davids to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a further fine of three guineas.

The Nineteenth Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 20th July, under the presidency of the M.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst, Past Grand Master, supported by a more numerous Board of Stewards than on any previous occasion, and attended by a large number of ladies and brethren. The united efforts of the President and 166 Stewards produced the sum of £2263, the greatest amount yet declared, and the thanks of the Order are due to all those by whose exertions this satisfactory result has been obtained.

As a consequence of this great success, the Board have the pleasure to announce that the whole of the Candidates have been placed on the Educational and Annuity Funds, without proceeding to formal election, which in the ordinary course should have taken place on 6th October last.

The Candidates approved and placed on the list of pupils, are:—

Boys.—George A. Graham, Oxford, aged 12½ years; Harry James Swinerd, Plumstead, aged 10½ years; John Waller Lowick, Westbury, Gloucestershire, aged 12 years; Sylvester J. Murley, London, aged 10½ years.

Girls.—Grace Waugh Burns, Newbury, aged 9 years; Ethel Lily Greenwood, Weymouth, aged 9½ years; Bertha Stanley, Bolton, aged 9 years.

And on the Annuity Fund, Bro. Thomas Pickering, London, late of Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5.

The Silver Medal for proficiency has this year been awarded to John Travers Hosgood, a pupil at New College, Worthing (Mr. G. Le M. Spurgeon, Head Master).

The Board recommend that the sum of One Hundred Guineas be voted from the General Fund of Grand Lodge as a Centenary Offering to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, upon the celebration of their Centenary in 1888, and that the same be placed on the list of Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar (Patron and Steward).

The Board acknowledge with thanks the gift by V.W. Bro. George Cooper, P.G. Ov., of a framed Masonic Chart, formerly in the possession of the late Bro. Peter Gilks, and the receipt of copies of Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Board have ordered the investment of £500 on behalf of Benevolent Fund, £300 on behalf of Educational Fund, and £700 on behalf of Annuity Fund, making the total invested Funds as follows:—

General Fund, £2400; Benevolent Fund, £2000; Educational Fund, £2200; Annuity Fund, £2700.

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. E. P. S., No. 34, £20; Miss E. G. G., No. 331, £5; Mrs. A. B., No. 8, £5; Bro. J. V., St. John's, T.I., £10.

And recommended to Grand Lodge—

Mrs. M. A. P., widow of Bro. W. H. P., £20; Mrs. C. R., widow of Bro. J. G. R., £20; Bro. T. W. M., Lodge No. 144, £25.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M., President.

Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts for six months ending 30th September, 1887:—

GENERAL FUND.			
DR.	To Balance, 31st March, 1887	...	£467 11 6
	" Half-year's Receipts	...	754 12 4
	" Interest on Investments	...	59 8 9
			£1281 12 7
CR.			
	By Expenditure	...	£824 2 0
	" Balance	...	457 10 7
			£1281 12 7

BENEVOLENT FUND.			
DR.	To Balance, 31st March, 1887	...	£138 0 5
	" Transferred from Benevolent Festival Fund	...	500 0 0
	" Interests on Investments	...	30 1 3
			£668 1 8

BENEVOLENT FUND.			
CR.	By Grants in Relief	...	£39 5 0
	" Investments	...	501 6 8
	" Balance	...	127 10 0
			£668 1 8

EDUCATION FUND.			
DR.	To Transferred from Benevolent Festival Fund	...	£500 0 0
	" Interest on Investments	...	35 3 3
			£535 3 3

EDUCATION FUND.			
CR.	By Overdrawn, 31st March, 1887	...	£9 4 1
	" Education Fees	...	99 10 10
	" Investment	...	300 16 0
	" Balance	...	125 3 4
			£535 3 3

ANNUITY FUND.			
DR.	To Balance, 31st March, 1887	...	£47 2 4
	" Transferred from Benevolent Festival Fund	...	500 0 0
	" Interest on Investments	...	41 0 5
	" Bonds repaid	...	200 0 0
			£788 2 9

ANNUITY FUND.			
CR.	By Annuity, one Quarter	...	£5 0 0
	" Investment	...	701 17 4
	" Balance	...	81 5 5
			£788 2 9

BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.			
DR.	To nine months' Receipts, from 1st January to 30th September, 1887	...	£1778 10 9
			£1778 10 9

BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.			
CR.	By Transferred to Benevolent Fund	...	£500 0 0
	" Ditto Annuity Fund	...	500 0 0
	" Ditto Education Fund	...	500 0 0
	" Expenditure	...	29 19 0
	" Balance	...	248 11 9
			£1778 10 9

Audited and approved this 26th October, 1887,

CHARLES EDWARD SOPPET,

Auditor.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in the absence of Canon Portal through important business, moved the several recommendations in the Report, which were put and carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in moving the grant of £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls Centenary, as recommended by the Report, said he found that Grand Mark Lodge was always ready to hold out a helping hand towards Charity, and at various times considerable sums of money had been granted to the different Masonic Charities. Grants amounting to £273 had been granted to that excellent Institution the Boys' School, £73 had been granted to the School for Girls, and £76 to the Benevolent Institution. In asking for the present grant, he might say that the recommendation had been considered by the General Board, who found there were special circumstances in the case, the Girls' School attaining the hundredth year of its existence in 1883. From time to time the Craft had passed resolutions to admit a large number of girls to the School, and that Institution was now overcrowded, there being now 40 or 50 more children in the building than the Government allowed. Consequently the managing body of the Institution had been obliged to come to a resolution to recommend the enlargement of the buildings at an expense of £20,000. Of course this great expense would not be altogether thrown away, because then this noble Institution would be able to admit another 70 children. On the occasion of the Centenary it was thought to be a good opportunity to ask the Craft to grant the funds which were necessary to carry out the matter. He could assure the brethren that the funds granted would not be wasted, because the children were boarded, clothed, and educated at an expense of £35 a year each. The money granted was thoroughly applied, and the results of the education were surprising, all the children having come out well from the different examinations.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS said it gave him great pleasure to second the motion. The Grand Registrar had given an excellent statement, and he was sure the brethren would heartily agree that the money subscribed had been expended in a proper manner. It would be so in future, and the Institution would add lustre to Masonry.

The motion was put and carried.

The report of the Board was afterwards adopted.

Bro. Major WOODALL then said: It becomes my duty on this occasion to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Mark Masons for the ensuing year. He has done his duty, you know, loyally to this Order so long, that I am sure by re-electing him we shall be doing the best thing for ourselves. I cannot say we shall be conferring an honour upon him, but by asking him to undertake this duty I think we shall be doing the best we can for the Order.

Bro. WINNETT nominated Bro. J. L. Mather for election as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. HORACE WHITE nominated Bro. F. Letchworth.

Charity Jewels were next presented to the following brethren:—

Bros. Capt. Airey, Earl Amherst, Barrett, A. F. Carter, M. T. Carter, T. S. Carter, Capt. Castellari, Challenor, jr., Col. S. H. Clerke, H. S. Clutton, Rev. Thos. Cochrane, Coop, Courtenay, Cox, Crossley, Cottrell, Davies, Denton, Eastes, Edwards, Capt. Williams Freeman, Friend, Frye, Capt. Garnett, Gottlieb, Gregory, Wm. Green, Silver-Hall, Hallows, Harrison, Higgins, Hills, Hurley, Hart, Hamp, Jepps, Kenzett, Knyvett, Kohn, G. E. Lake, W. Lake, J. Lane, Lemon, Levick, Lyon, McLeod, Marsden, jr., Massey, Mitchell, Miller, Major Ormesby, Pakes, Watts Parkinson, King Patten, Penfold, Col. Potter, Rastrick, Ridley, Gordon Robbins, Rev. Thos. Robinson, Col. Rocca, Rowley, Ryrie, Col. Saunders, Lamb Smith, Staley, Stiles, Col. Stirling, Sweny, Thomas Owen, John Grey Trevor, Varren, Von Joel, Ward, Warne, Watson, Weddell, Weiss, Wilson, Winnett, and Abell.

Bars were presented to the following :—

Bros. Aillud, Anderson, Bateman, Belton, Bennett, Berridge, Boulton, Bowyer, Brittain, Cama, Church, Clark, Cooper, Crouch, Cummings, Cunliffe, Davison, Dawson, De Ferrieres, Driver, Duke, Eve, Emmerson, Fajja, Festa, Fletcher, Goodall, Glasspool, Godson, Graveley, Harwood, Heard, Hodgkin, Jefferis, Kenning, Kenyon, Lambert, C. S. Lane, Lott, Moon, Manwaring, March, Mickley, Milligan, Morris, Matier, Sir Love Jones Parry, Patchitt, Philbrick, Powell, Richardson, Rev. Dr. Smyth, Soppet, Stewart, Stone, Strachan, Sutcliffe, Terry, W. J. Thomson, Tisley, Toplis, Venn, Wallis, Weston, Williams, Williamson, Woodiwiss, Whytehead, and Young.

Bro. BINCKES having read a list of brethren from whom apologies for absence had been received, Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Duke's Saloon to banquet, Bro. Major Woodall presiding. The toasts were very few.

Bro. Col. A. M. SAUNDERS, Past D.G.M. Madras, in proposing "Bro. Major Woodall's Health," said the brethren were all pleased with the progress of the Mark Degree. Under the able guidance of the Grand Officers who were entrusted with the working of that Degree it would still further progress and advance. Bro. Major Woodall had done much to advance it, and he trusted that on many future occasions they would have him to preside over them. He also wished every success and prosperity to the Province of North and East Yorkshire, over which Bro. Major Woodall had so long and well presided.

Bro. Major WOODALL, in response, said he was as anxious for the good of Freemasonry as any brother in the Craft, and it was only want of opportunity which prevented the little Province of North and East Yorkshire not doing more. They looked up to West Yorkshire as their big brother. They would try to do more. When they came to London those who lived north of the Trent felt in a fresh air and picked up strength. They went back to their homes again with hearts fortified and wishes strengthened to do all they could for the good of Freemasonry themselves and to influence their brethren to do the same.

Bro. Col. SAUNDERS proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. C. F. MATIER, in reply, said it was hardly necessary for him to say one word in eulogy of the Mark Benevolent Fund in a Society like the present, every member of which had been, or was now, acting as a Steward. But it would ill become him if he were not to thank the proposer of the toast at once most heartily and cordially for the very kind manner in which he had mentioned his (Bro. Matier's) services, such as they were, in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Fund was established in 1869 with a donation, the only one they had received up to the present time, from the General Fund of the Order, of £50, and the result of the Festival, which was presided over by Bro. Canon Portal with six Stewards, amounted to the then large sum of £97. At the last Festival they were presided over by the M.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Past G.M., and they had 159 Stewards. The amount collected was totally unprecedented, viz., £2260. That was, shortly, the rise and progress of the Fund. It was now divided into three parts—one for pure benevolence, the relief of the widows and the distressed in the hour of their affliction and trial. Since the establishment of the Fund they had given nearly £2000 in this way. In 1875 the Educational Branch was established, and on that Fund they had had from the beginning to the present time 36 children. At the present moment they had 26, who were reaping its benefits year after year until they reached 16 years of age. That absorbed nearly £300 a year. In addition to this—by vote of Grand Lodge in June, 1886—they gave £5 each in clothing those children who were educated under the care of their parents or guardians; they went respectably to school, and £130 a year was spent on their clothing. Still, further, an Annuity Fund was established in 1885, on the earnest persuasion of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who had so gracefully presided in Grand Lodge that night. By this Fund they were enabled to give to each poor and distressed brother of a certain age the sum of £20 a year to tide him over his passage to that long home to which they were all hastening, and to widows £16 a year. It was only a small sum, only half what the annuitants on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received; but it was a good supplement to anything they had. Objects like these must commend themselves to the brethren, and he hoped they would strive with all their might and main to promote them. Next year the Festival would be presided over by the Marquess of Hertford, Deputy G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Warwick. There were 80 Stewards for this Festival at present who were determined to support it; but that was only half the number they had last year, and he was anxious to obtain other names.

Several names were afterwards given in, and the brethren then separated.

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, and thereafter the members of the Masonic Order celebrated the festival of St. Andrew by the customary banquet. Commencing at four in the afternoon, the meeting for the election of office-bearers was presided over by Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Past Grand Master. Bro. the Earl of Haddington was in his place as Grand Master Depute; Bro. James Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, acted as Senior Grand Warden; and Bro. James Crichton, Edinburgh, as Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the elective offices were declared from the chair to be vacant, and the Grand Secretary (Bro. D. Murray Lyon), read the list of nominations, which, on the suggestion of Grand Committee, had been adopted by Grand Lodge. Thereafter, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., moved the re-election of Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, M.P., as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and this motion was received with acclamation and at once adopted. Thereafter, Bro. the Earl of Haddington having been nominated by the Grand Master as Grand Master Depute, and Bro. the Earl of Kintore as Substitute Grand Master, the other officers were elected and installed to office for the next year, so that the full list is now as follows :—

Bro. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P.	...	M.W.G.M.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie	...	R.W.P.G.M.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	...	R.W.D.G.M.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore	...	R.W.S.G.M.
" James T. S. Elliott	...	S.G.W.
" The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun	...	J.G.W.
" D. Murray Lyon	...	G. Sec.
" David Kinnear	...	G. Cashier.
" Rev. Professor R. Herbert Story, D.D.	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Robert Henderson, M.A.	...	
" James Dalrymple Duncan	...	S.G.D.
" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell	...	J.G.D.

Bro. Hippolyte J. Blanc	...	G. Architect.
" David MacGregor	...	G. Jeweller.
" David Reid	...	G. Bible Bearer.
" Albert Apthorpe	...	G.D. of C.
" George Dobie...	...	G. Bard.
" James Crichton	...	G. Swd. Br.
" Carl D. Hamilton	...	G. Dir. of Music.
" James Brand	...	G. Marshal.
" Colin Galletly...	...	G.I.G.
" David Robertson	...	G. Tyler.

Board of Grand Stewards—Bro. William Edwards, President, and Bro. James Melville, Vice-President.

Bro. Sir Robert Buchanan presented his commission as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Grand Lodge gave instructions that a charter be issued to the new lodge Athole, Bundaberg, Queensland.

The brethren then repaired to the great hall, where they were joined by deputations from many daughter lodges in the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. The chair was occupied by Bro. Sir R. Shaw-Stewart, and the croupiers were the Wardens and the President and Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards.

After dinner the usual preliminary toasts were given from the chair, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Princess of Wales and Royal Family."

Bro. F. E. VILLIERS gave "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces."

Bro. Sir JAMES BUCHANAN replied for the Navy, Bro. Surgeon-General HEATH for the Army, and Bro. Major F. W. ALLAN for the Reserve Forces.

Bro. Sir MICHAEL SHAW-STEWART, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Grand Lodge and the Grand Masters," announced that the Grand Lodge was now free of debt. (Applause.) He had some details which would interest them. In February, 1877, the financial condition of Grand Lodge made it necessary to procure a cash credit from the Union Bank for £1000, the debt on Grand Lodge at that time being about £18,000. On that sum nearly £4500 had been paid in interest, making a total of over £22,000. On the 24th of this month a payment of £1040 had freed the Grand Lodge of all debts and encumbrances. The change in management which took place in March, 1877, restored confidence in Grand Lodge. (Applause.) Daughter lodges sent in their returns, and the officials of Grand Lodge were thus enabled to carry on the business of Grand Lodge without drawing upon the cash credit referred to. During the ten years ending that evening about 47,000 entrants had been recorded in the books of Grand Lodge, and in the same period 153 new lodges had received charters. The Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence possessed capital to the amount of £6500, and in grants during the last ten years it had expended £5000. During the last 12 months ending that night 4442 entrants had been recorded in the books. (Applause.) Now, he was sure it would be satisfactory to them to hear those small matters of fact, and it might be asked, how had all this been effected? Well, in the first place, in March, 1877, Bro. David M. Lyon was elected Grand Secretary. (Applause.) He had proved himself an able, indefatigable, and zealous official, being assisted by an honest Treasurer, Bro. David Kinnear. In the second place, the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge had most thoroughly attended to their duties. Those brethren had quietly and unostentatiously, and without any pretence, but nevertheless most punctually and most assiduously, carried on their work. They all owed them thanks for the way in which they had executed and carried on their work. Lastly, the Grand Masters, who had been in office for the last ten years. (Applause.) The Grand Committees, all of them, one and all, had determined that the scandals that took place at one time should be wiped out, and that there should never be a possibility of their recurrence. (Applause.) We must not forget, in giving you this toast, that we have to drink the health of the Worshipful Grand Master. (Applause.) Although he was absent from them—not only advised, but ordered to take rest abroad, for he was not a man who was easily persuaded to leave any duty which he had to perform—although he was absent from them, he was sure that in spirit he was with them on St. Andrew's night. (Applause.) They were all attached to the Grand Master; they admired and respected his zeal and devotion to the Grand Lodge, and he was sure that in drinking his health, they earnestly hoped that the rest he was about to have, and the sunny skies in the neighbourhood of the blue Mediterranean, would restore him, and send him back to them in the spring restored and renovated in every way. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, in proposing the toast of "The Past Grand Master," referred to the happy circumstance that the Past Grand Master was presiding there. It was not, he said, disparaging to other Past Grand Masters that he said so; it was certainly not in forgetfulness of the officials of the Grand Lodge in recent times when he said that Grand Lodge was under the deepest debt of obligation to Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart. No one who knew anything of the affairs of Grand Lodge would fail to recollect that it was Sir Michael who guided the ship of the fortunes of Grand Lodge through the sea of difficulties, and that it was owing to him in a very large degree that his position was that which he had described that night. (Applause.) He was sure that they must all rejoice that Sir Michael was there that night in such renovated and excellent health.

Sir MICHAEL briefly returned thanks.

Sheriff TOMS gave "The Grand Master Depute and the Substitute Master."

"Grand Wardens and other Office-Bearers was submitted by Bro. R. F. SHAW-STEWART.

Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, proposed "The Provincial and Dist. Grand Lodges at Home, in India, the Colonies, and in Foreign Parts."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. STIRLING, of Kippendavie, in reply, said the announcement made by the Acting Grand Master as to the state of their funds would be hailed throughout Scotland with the most intense satisfaction. They might now, he thought, be able to turn their attention to a subject which had been rather long neglected—the creation of a Benevolent Fund worthy of their national honour. He was aware that a Committee had been appointed to investigate this point, but he rather feared there had been too great an interval between their appointment and the presentation of their report. (Hear, hear.) He did not see how they should have two funds and two administrations, and, with all deference, he would suggest that they should follow the example of the Grand Lodge of England. There the scheme of annuities was based and worked along with the whole benevolent scheme, while here there was a second body with a second fund.

Other toasts followed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, under the banner of the Chapter of Concord, 297, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when the following were present—Comps. W. H. Smyth, G. Supt.; G. E. Birkett, 702, Prov. G.H.; A. Kirk, 422, Prov. G. Treas.; B. Vickers, 297, Prov. G.S.E.; G. F. Barrell, 272, Prov. G.S.N.; F. D. Davy, 1447, Prov. G.P.S.; W. Scorer, 297, Prov. G. Reg.; C. F. Liversidge, 422, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Roberts, 792, Prov. G. D. of C.; G. H. Porter, 712, Prov. G. Org.; W. Donner, 1447, Prov. G. Janitor. Also the following companions from the several chapters in the province:—Comps. W. Gray, P.Z., and W. H. Sissons, P.P.G.H., of 1447; H. E. Cousans, Z.; R. C. Carline, P.Z.; J. S. Battle, J. J. Allott, J. A. Robinson, J.; J. Williamson, H.; T. H. White, W. H. Close, T. C. Lazenby, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg.; and W. Rainforth, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., of 297; F. Thomas, P.Z.; J. Woodward, John Benner, and T. E. Jacobson, P.Z., of 272; W. Wheeldon, Z.; G. Housham, P.P.G.S.N.; and J. Moxon, P.P.G.J., of 422; W. Shephard, S.E.; M. Smith, A.S.; and E. Locock, P.P.G.H. of 712; and H. Clark, Z. 792.

Letters of apology were received from the the following companions: Comps. F. C. Ramshaw, 792; T. Coates, 792; C. E. Brady, 712; J. Hadfield, 792; C. Smyth, P.G. Std. Br.; T. C. Johnson, T. Fryer, Rev. G. W. Lowe, and T. C. Hill.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter held at Boston, November 18th, 1886, were read by the Prov. G. Scribe E., and duly confirmed.

The roll of chapters was called, with the following result: St. Boltolph, 272, Boston, 4; Concord, 297, Lincoln, 14; All Saints, 422, Gainsborough, 6; St. James, 712, Louth, 6; Oliver, 792, Grimsby, 2; St. Matthew, 1447, Barton-on-Humber, 4; total attendance, 36.

The list of P.G. Officers was called.

The P.G. TREASURER (Comp. A. Kirk, 422) read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the chapter of £28 4s. 10d.

On the proposition of Comp. VICKERS, seconded by Comp. WHEELDON, it was resolved that the Treasurer, Comp. A. Kirk, be re-elected to that office.

Comps. Housham and Liversidge were appointed Auditors.

Last year the sum of £6 6s. 0d. was voted to the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund; Comp. H. CLARK desired a sum to be granted to make the amount up to £21. Comp. Sissons proposed, and Comp. WILKINSON seconded, that the sum of £12 12s. 0d. be granted, making with the previous sum £18 18s. 0d., thus securing three votes for the chapter. This was carried.

The GRAND SUPT. explained that he had called P.G. Chapter in obedience to the Book of Constitutions, and now meetings would be held annually, and he proposed in future appointing Second and Third Principals from those companions who had occupied other offices in P.G. Chapter.

Comp. H. E. COUSANS (Sheriff of Lincoln) proposed, and Comp. Sissons seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that £5 5s. be given to the Girls' School Centenary Fund, and the Grand Supt. nominated Norah Sissons as a Lewis, in whose name the money is to be given.

The Grand Supt. then appointed and invested the following officers:—

Comp. Richd. Cotton Carline, 297	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. E. Jacobson, 272	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Benjamin Vickers, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" T. M. Wilkinson, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. E. Cousans, 297	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" John Benner, 272	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Wm. Gray, 1447	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Alfred Kirk, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Scorer, 297	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Wheeldon, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. A. Robinson, 297	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Roberts, 792	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. H. Porter, 712	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Donner, 1447	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held, at the special request of the Apollo University Chapter, at the University Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.P.S., presided, supported by Comps. H. O. Wakeman, P.G.H.; J. T. T. Bué, P.G.J.; W. L. Morgan, P.G.S.E.; Rev. R. Pope, P.G.S.N.; W. G. Emberlin, P.G. Treas.; J. Tomkins, P.G. Reg.; Viscount Valentia, P.G.P. Soj.; A. Rowley, P.A.G. Soj.; F. P. Bulley, P.G.D.C.; J. Varley Roberts, Mus. Doc., as P.G. Org.; and others.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT thanked the M.E.Z., Comp. Baynes, and the other members of the Apollo University Chapter for their cordial reception of the Prov. Grand Chapter that day.

The roll of the province having been called and responded to by members of all the chapters, and the usual routine business completed,

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT congratulated the companions on the fact that there had been only one loss (Comp. Fraser) through death during the past year; and next alluded in eulogistic terms to the zeal displayed by the Freemasons of Banbury in founding the Cherwell Chapter, which gave promise of an excellent future.

Comp. WAKEMAN, P.G.H., read his report on the chapters in the province, from which it appeared that Royal Arch Masonry in Oxfordshire continued to flourish, the Alfred Chapter, 340, being the largest chapter in point of numbers.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's report showed that the financial condition of the province was very satisfactory, and the sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Girls' Centenary Festival, Comp. Rev. J. A. LLOYD expressing his willingness to act as Steward on the occasion.

Comp. BRUTON, P.P.G.H., proposed, and Comp. WAKEMAN, P.G.H., seconded, the re-election of Comp. Emberlin as Treasurer.

This was carried unanimously, and Comp. EMBERLIN briefly returned thanks for the further confidence reposed in him.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then declared all Provincial offices vacant, and afterwards appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. T. T. Bué, 340	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Alfred Winkfield, 357	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. L. Morgan, 357 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" John Potts, 599	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.

Comp. W. G. Emberlin, 340 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Edward Prescott, 599	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. P. Bulley, 357	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" A. C. Clark, 357	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. S. Palmer, 599	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Edward Butler, 1399	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. H. Onions, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" William Rowbottom, 340	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. R. Badcock, 340	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Varley Roberts, Mus. Doc., 357...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" George Norwood	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Provincial Grand Chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to a banquet, prepared at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the only regret being that the Banbury companions had to leave at an early hour.

The Grand Superintendent presided with his accustomed ability, and the toasts were given with much spirit, "The Grand Chapter" being responded to by Comp. Wigram, P.G. Soj., and "The Visitors" by Comp. Lord Jersey, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and Comp. T. Eley, P.Z. of the Alfred Chapter, who, in consequence of promotion to the office of Sub-Inspector of Schools, is leaving the province for Yorkshire, to the great regret of his numerous friends and brethren in Freemasonry.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held last week, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, presided, supported by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, V.W.D.P.G.M.M., and the following:—

Bros. C. H. Garnett, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry L. Rocca, 34, P.G.M.O.; Rev. Henry G. Vernon, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; H. M. Ormsby, 296, Prov. G. Treas.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Partington, P.S.G.D.; C. P. Richards, 36, P.G.I. of W.; W. W. Helton, P.G.D.C.; Joseph Harling, 113, P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. Howorth, 18, P.G. Std. Br.; David W. Cagley, P.G. Purst.; W. B. Richardson, P.G. Stwd.; J. M. Hankin, Prov. G. Tyler; J. C. Lunt, 161, P.P.S.G.O.; J. C. Hunter, 36, P.P. S.G.D.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.M.O.; H. L. Hollingsworth, 171, P.P.G.M.O.; J. G. Christian, 143, P.P.G.S.; J. Kenyon, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Slater, 56, P.P.G.P.; T. R. Peel, 34, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. R. Raydale, 142, P.P.G. Registrar; Richd. Kay, P.P.G.S.B.; John Alcock, P.P.J.G.O.; A. H. Crossley, P.P.J.G.O.; F. A. Huet, 32, P.G.D.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O.; J. T. Newbold, 123, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Woodall, 32, P.G.D.; Rev. F. J. Dickson, P.P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. R. Phillips, 18, P.P.G.C.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.A.G. Chap.; Robert M. D. Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; Walter Newton, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.P.G. Chap.; Richard Newhouse, S.G.D. of England; Edward G. Simpson, 32, P.P.G. Reg.; Henry Gardner, 296, P.P.J.G.W.; James Hesketh, P.M. 268; Reginald Young, W.M. 32; W. Cartwright, S.W. 32; R. R. Lisenden, late 34; and others.

The proceedings commenced with the roll of lodges being called over, followed by that of the Provincial Grand Officers. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Blackpool were taken as read and confirmed.

The PROV. G. TREASURER read a statement of his accounts for the past year, which showed the receipts to have been £67 16s. 5d., and, added to the balance in hand at the commencement of the year, amounted to £77 1s. 1d.; expenditure, £53 4s. 9d.; and balance in bank £14 6s. 4d.; total, £77 1s. 1d.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY in his annual report said there were at present 710 subscribing members in the province, against 698 last year.

A vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Treasurer and Auditors was proposed, seconded, and carried.

Bro. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., proposed for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer Bro. John Edward Lees, who was unanimously elected.

Bros. A. H. Jefferis and Wm. Cartwright were elected Auditors; and the R.W.P.G.M.M. also nominated Bro. Barker.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. the invested the following brethren as officers for the year:—

Bro. Reginald Young	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" George Henry Parke	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Thomas Nevett	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" William Johnson	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" William Goodacre	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. G. McNally	...	...	
" E. G. Harwood	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" James Butterworth	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Rowland Rawlinson	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. R. Sowter	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Thomas Potter	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" O. C. Crompton	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Arthur Bowen	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" James Hesketh	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. W. Fisher	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. L. Littler	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Samuel Kelly	...	...	
" William Cartwright	...	...	

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to revise a portion of the Prov. Grand by-laws: Bros. Reginald Young, Prov. S.G.W.; J. Lees Aspland, P.P.G. Reg.; Worth, and E. G. Harwood, Prov. G. Reg.

Bro. WILLIAM GOODACRE, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, proposed a sum of ten guineas to be voted from the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. WILLIAM NICHOLL, Past Grand Deacon of England, proposed as an amendment that the sum proposed to be voted be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The amendment was carried by a large majority.

Invitations to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were received from Liverpool, Southport, and Barrow. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet presided over by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who was supported by Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie and 40 other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after the banquet. Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, V.W. Deputy P.G.M.M., proposed the "Health of Bro. the Earl of Lathom" in felicitous terms.

After acknowledging the compliment Bro. the Earl of LATHOM proposed "The Health of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," which was duly responded to.



# INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS DISTRICT G.M. OF BOMBAY.

The installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as D.G.M. of Bombay took place at Government House, Parel (by the kind permission of his Excellency the Governor, Lord Reay), in the presence of the largest assembly of Freemasons ever witnessed in India. The Parel Government House has been an empty house for some time past; but the portions of it used for the evening of the 12th ult. had been furnished, decorated, and illuminated in a style of great magnificence. The decorations, illuminations, and furnishing had been done in a thorough manner by Khan Bahadoor M. C. Murzban, executive engineer at the Presidency. The ornamental entrance gateway on the south was illuminated with lines of coloured lamps; and all over the large compound, from this gateway to the bungalow, festoons of tumbler lights were pendent in continuous lines on both sides, with banners waving from Venetian poles at short intervals. The fountain in front of the bungalow threw up jets of liquid crystal, which had a remarkable dazzling effect in the effulgence of myriad lights. The front and south facades of the bungalow were picked out with lines and curves of multi-coloured lanterns. In the archways of the porch were exhibited the illuminated letters D. and C. (i.e., Duke of Connaught) resting on the square and compasses, artistically fitted in elegant teakwood frames. The vestibule of the bungalow had been specially re-painted. Its pillars and arches were decorated with wreaths of flowers and Masonic emblems worked in floral devices. Beyond the vestibule was the dining saloon, where covers had been laid for 256 brethren, and which was tastefully decorated with wreaths of flowers and illuminated with chandeliers in which the electric light (incandescent globes) had been introduced. In an archway at the eastern end of the dining saloon, behind the seat of the District Grand Master, had been unfurled the Royal Standard, which greatly added to the effect of the other decorations. The room exactly over the porch had been fitted up as a robing room for the Masons generally, and a side room was specially reserved as his Royal Highness's dressing room. The long passage to the bungalow, the vestibule, the main staircase, and other parts of the bungalow were rendered pretty with a charming array of evergreens and of plants in flower and foliage. The lodge room upstairs was effectively illuminated with chandeliers with the electric light in the same manner as in the dining saloon. Accommodation had been provided here for 300 to 400 Masons. The dais had been removed from the Freemasons' Hall at Byculla, and fitted up in the east end of the Parel House. Superb gilt chairs were arranged upon it, while gilt chairs and couches were arranged in the central passage reserved for the processions of the Grand Masters and the officers of the Grand Lodges. On either side of this central passage were arranged seats for the Masons generally. Over against the walls of the lodge room were arranged the banners of the Dist. G. Lodge and of the different lodges under the English and Scottish Constitution. Behind the dais was placed against the wall a portrait of her Majesty the Queen-Empress in the robes of State. The general arrangements were carried out by a Committee consisting of Bros. W. H. Hussey, T. Counsell, W. C. Rowe, T. F. Pennock, and C. Moore; Bros. Harold King and H. I. P. Thompson formed the Dinner Committee; Bro. J. W. Smith had charge of the ceremonies. Among the Masons present were observed Bros. Sir Henry Morland, Harold King, J. W. Smith, H. B. Rustonjee, Rev. H. N. Midwinter, James Moore, R. S. Brown, W. H. Hussey, H. I. P. Thompson, Col. Wooldridge, Col. Cavaye, Col. Becher, General Bedford, W. C. H. Gill, Grattan Geary, H. W. Barrow, Manockjee Cursetjee, C. E. Kane, K. R. Cama, J. D. Wadia, M. M. Bhownuggree, C.I.E.; K. N. Kabrajee, H. M. Chichgar, L. Bergl, Chisholm, M. C. Murzban, D. R. Chichgar, J. Seabrooke, Capt. Glark, Professor Scorgie, W. B. Fellows, A. Bruel, A. Mackenzie, Alfred King, A. M. Gubay, G. Ormiston, N. Roberts, Dhunjeeb hoy Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy, S. N. Cooper, S. N. Wadia, Dr. Kirtikar, Major Loyd, Lieut. Montgomery, R. N. Mant, W. Lamb, E. M. Slater, Disha Dorabjee Mistree, R. M. Rutnagar, D. S. Taraporewalla, J. E. Davar, D. D. Shroff, S. P. Davar, D. P. Mehta, S. D. Framroz, C. D. Furdoojee, D. Gostling, Valentine Reid, P. M. Narielwalla, H. N. Gheesta, J. G. Pitt, Capt. Peile, F. Turner, H. Watson, W. B. Green, C. D. Wise, E. C. Jussawalla, H. R. Bragg, J. T. Branson, C. Bounneville, F. Blyth, J. P. Connolly, D. M. Kapadia, J. H. Latimer, J. Merriam, Kenneth Macaulay, M. K. Todywalla, S. B. Bhrocha, N. N. Guzder, N. R. Kathoke, F. W. English, T. M. English, Lieut. Elliott, J. Green, and others.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened at 6.30 p.m., Bro. W. H. Hussey, the District Grand Secretary, read the summons convening the meeting. The following roll of lodges was called over, and the representatives of each made responses thereto: Orion in the West, Poona; St. George, Bombay; Concord, Bombay; Union, Karachi; Industry, Hyderabad, Sind; Truth, Bombay; Alexandra, Jubbulpore; Emulation, Bombay; Corinth, Nagpore; Eastern Star, Bombay; Friendship and Harmony, Igatpuri; Cyrus, Bombay; Sukkur, Sind; Berar, Budneira; Aryan, Bombay; Excelsior, Bhosawal; Hiram, Bombay; Malwa, Mhow; Star of Rajputana, Nusseerabad; Justice, Abu Road; and Tyrrel-Leith, Baroda. Bro. H. M. Rustonjee, representative of the Grand Lodge of Bengal, and Bro. E. C. Jussawalla, of the Grand Lodge of the Punjab, were introduced and received with due honours. Next came Bro. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, with his Grand Lodge officers. About 7 p.m., a fanfare of trumpets announced the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master Designate, who was conducted by a private staircase to his robing-room.

Bro. HAROLD KING, Deputy District Grand Master-in-charge, said, brethren, I have now to inform you of the object of this special communication of the District Grand Lodge, which is, as you are well aware, the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as District Grand Master in this presidency. That, it must be admitted by all, is a great honour conferred on this presidency; and I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of all the members of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay that we shall show him all loyalty and obedience. (Cheers.) I will only add one fact to show the interest his Royal Highness takes in Freemasonry in this district. He recently met with a rather

severe accident which rendered him lame. He walks lame now; and he desires me to say that he hopes that the brethren will excuse his entering the District Grand Lodge limping, and with the aid of a stick. (Cheers.)

The undermentioned seven Past Masters of Lodges were directed to go out and receive his Royal Highness, and introduce him with due honours: Bros. R. Dickie, W. C. H. Gill, Shamrao Vithal, B. C. Pavree, H. W. Barrow, S. N. Wadia, and J. D. Pitt. At 7.30 p.m., his Royal Highness was escorted into the lodge room by the above mentioned brethren. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Col. Cavaye, his Military Secretary, Col. Becher, the Equerry-in-waiting, and Col. Wooldridge, Deputy Adjutant-General, who are old Masons. The District Grand Secretary read out the patent of his Royal Highness's appointment as District Grand Master of Bombay.

The prescribed ceremonial having been gone through, and the District Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. N. Midwinter, having offered an appropriate prayer, Bro. Harold King, amidst a fanfare of trumpets without, installed his Royal Highness in the chair of District Grand Master of Bombay.

His Royal Highness then appointed Bro. Harold King his Deputy and invested him with the insignia of the office. His Royal Highness announced that he re-appointed all the other officers holding office in the District Grand Lodge. H.R.H. also in the exercise of the privilege granted by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Lodge of England, to D.G.M.'s of conferring District Grand Lodge rank on a certain number of brethren in commemoration of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, conferred on Bro. W. H. Hussey the rank of Past Deputy District Grand Master—(loud cheers)—and on Bros. Framjee Dinshaw Petit and Rev. H. N. Midwinter, Past District Grand Wardens.

His Royal HIGHNESS said, brethren,—I rise to address you and to assure you of the high honour I feel it to have been this day invested as your Dist. G.M. (Cheers.) I feel the honour the more deeply, both from its coming from his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England, and from the brother at whose wish it has been conferred. During the time that I hold this office, brethren, I am sure you will find my first object and every endeavour would be to do all I can to promote the interests of the Craft in general, and of this District Grand Lodge in particular. (Applause.)

Sir HENRY MORLAND said: Your Royal Highness, —Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, it has been customary for the District Grand Master of Bombay to hold the office of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry. You, Sir, have done us the honour to deign to accept the office, and I trust that you will permit me to invest you with the insignia belonging thereto. I can assure you that this is emblematical of the good feelings with which the members of the Scottish Constitution are actuated towards the English Constitution, and that it is to be regarded as a token of our sincere loyalty to the Throne and good intentions to the British Constitution. (Applause.) I trust you will do us the honour of being present at a communication of our Grand Lodge on some future occasion. (Cheers.)

His Royal HIGHNESS: I thank you, Sir, for the great honour you have done me. (Loud applause.)

Sir HENRY MORLAND then invested his Royal Highness with the jewel of a Past Grand Master and a collar of the office. The collar was of green corded silk with lotus flower and thistle richly embroidered in silver and gold. The jewel was of 18-carat gold, very massive, with wreath of lotus and thistle, and St. Andrew in the centre.

The DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY intimated that he had received congratulations from the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, and of the Punjab, and from a number of other lodges, as well as from brethren who could not be present, and in connection with the joyful occasion he had received from Bro. Ganesham Nilkunt, J.G.W., a cheque for Rs.100 to be devoted to the Charity. Bro. HUSSEY also said that he had received her Majesty the Queen-Empress' reply to the address of congratulation sent by the District Grand Lodge in connection with the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign.

Bro. HUSSEY read the reply, which was as follows: "I thank the District Grand Master, and the District Grand Master Designate, and the officers and members of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Bombay, for their kindly congratulations and good wishes."

His Royal HIGHNESS the District Grand Master closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. During the evening, the band of the East Yorkshire Regiment played a selection of music. After dinner, the usual constitutional toasts were drunk. The toasts of "The Queen-Empress and the Craft," as well as "The Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" were greeted with enthusiastic cheers and continuous cheering; "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland" were proposed by his Royal HIGHNESS and received with due honours.

Bro. HAROLD KING said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I rise to propose the next toast on the list. I feel some regret that the Right Worshipful Past District Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Tyrrell Leith, is not present with his eloquence to deal with the subject as it should be dealt with. It is with diffidence that I present to you the toast of the evening, that of "The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." (Loud cheers.) Brethren, it needs but a few words for me, to embellish such a toast because his Royal Highness is well-known to you as a Mason eminent in Masonry, brought up in the Craft, and well-skilled in our ancient landmarks. (Applause.) Brethren, we consider it a singularly auspicious circumstance that a Prince of the blood Royal of England should come to reign over us—(loud and continued applause)—in Masonry here where all Masons have joined hands to reiterate their devoted loyalty to the Throne. (Applause.) From far and wide, Masons gathered together to present an address to her Majesty the Queen-Empress, the daughter of a Freemason, and the mother of a most Worshipful Grand Master—(loud cheers)—who was graciously pleased to receive our congratulations on her Jubilee, or the anniversary of the 50th year of her reign. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, we are in far away India, who were not able to be present, yet felt our hearts throbbing in sympathy with the great movement that took place in England in June last. (Cheers.) And now, brethren, to turn to him who was present there, and who was graciously pleased to be our representative, and bear our Masonic congratulations to her Majesty. (Cheers.) At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Right

Hon. the Earl of Lathom said, in seconding the address, that we as Masons claimed, and justly so, to be equal to and not surpassed by anyone in loyalty to the Throne—(loud cheers)—and he added that we ventured to believe that our Royal patron looks with a kindly eye on our Institution, and is satisfied that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and other members of the Royal Family belong to it. (Loud cheers.) And the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, who moved the address, pointed out that the Craft included several members of the Royal Family. (Cheers.) But, brethren, a new era seems to have sprung up in Masonry out here, for one of her sons has come out to reign over us in Freemasonry. (Loud cheers.) Right Worshipful Sir, your Royal Highness has conferred on the Bombay District Grand Lodge a great honour in consenting to rule over it, and on behalf of the brethren under you, I beg to offer you absolute loyalty and obedience. (Loud applause.) We have marked the interest your Royal Highness has always taken in Masonry in England, as Past Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and from the time your Royal Highness arrived in India, we have heard of your instituting branches of the Order in Upper India, visiting lodges and receiving Masonic deputations. (Loud cheers.) That, brethren, is sufficient to show the lively interest our newly-installed District Grand Master takes in Masonry in general—(loud applause)—and I have yet another fact to mention that shows the lively interest he takes in Masonry in Bombay. (Cheers.) Right Worshipful Sir, we felt that we were specially honoured when, on your arrival in this Presidency, you graciously consented to carry home the Masonic address from our Presidency. (Cheers.) That was the only Masonic address, saving that of the Grand Lodge of England, that was presented personally to her Majesty. (Loud cheers.) And now Right Worshipful Sir, I feel that I have omitted a great deal that I could say in support of this toast, but I think that in the heart of every member present at this table, there beats but one feeling of loyalty and devotion to yourself. (Loud cheers.) Right Worshipful Sir, let our work in the future speak to you, as our voice can never speak. (Applause.) It is the work of the brethren throughout the Presidency that will show how devoted and loyal here we are to you as our head. (Cheers.) We feel that under your beneficent rule, Masonry will flourish in all parts, not only in this Presidency, but throughout India. (Loud applause.) We look for an increase to our Order which has for its object peace, good-will, charity, and brotherly love. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, I now call on you to rise and drink with the utmost enthusiasm the toast of the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. (Immense Applause.)

His Royal HIGHNESS responded in the following terms: Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I am, indeed, deeply touched at the kind reception you have given me here the first time I have had the honour of presiding as your District Grand Master. (Cheers.) I hope I may take the reception you have given me here as a happy augury of what is going to happen in the future. (Applause.) Brethren, I suppose there is a no more unique district anywhere than the District of Bombay. (Hear, hear.) In this district there are Masons of all nationalities and of all creeds, but all imbued with the same spirit of devotion to the Craft and loyalty to their Sovereign. (Loud applause.) Brethren, I feel that in the position I now hold, I cannot do better than follow in the footsteps of the Worshipful brother whom I am succeeding. (Cheers.) I am sure there does not live a Mason who is truer to all the principles that govern our body than he was—(cheers)—and I know how deeply he felt on giving up the position which he was so proud to have held for so many years. (Cheers.) Brethren, W. Bro. King has referred in very touching and very pleasant terms to my having been your representative in presenting the address of this District Grand Lodge to the Queen-Empress on the occasion of her Jubilee. (Loud cheers.) I can assure you that I felt it an especial honour in having been asked to present this address from so representative a body as the District Grand Lodge of Bombay—(renewed cheers)—and excepting the address presented by the Grand Lodge of England, it was the only one received personally by her Majesty. (Loud applause.) Brethren, I hope I may congratulate you on the very successful, happy, and flourishing state in which Freemasonry in this district is—(hear, hear)—and I can say that it during the time I am your District Grand Master, I am able to keep you up to the mark, and, if possible to increase your numbers and your enthusiasm—(cheers)—I shall feel myself amply rewarded. (Loud applause.) I thank you all for the very kind manner in which you have drunk my health this evening, and you W. Bro. King for the terms in which you have proposed it. (Applause, loud and long continued.)

His Royal HIGHNESS proposed the next toast as follows: Brethren, I rise to propose a toast which I am sure will be very acceptable to us all—it is that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. Sir Henry Morland." (Applause.) Brethren, one of our great mottoes is good fellowship, and fraternity, and I think it is only right that on this occasion we should drink most heartily to the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. (Cheers.) They have come amongst us this evening in the most cordial manner, and we thank them most heartily, and I only hope that we may be able in the same way, to go amongst them. (Loud cheers.) It affords me especial pleasure to propose this toast, knowing, as I do, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for some time, and I hope it will not be considered out of place it on this public occasion, as the representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, we congratulate Bro. Sir Henry Morland upon the honour which it has pleased our Sovereign to confer upon him—(loud applause)—which we consider reflects the highest honour not only upon himself, but upon all of us as Masons. (Loud cheering.) I ask you to join me in drinking the health of Bro. Sir Henry Morland. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Sir HENRY MORLAND, on rising to respond, said, your Royal Highness and Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren all:—Believe me I feel deeply the compliment that has been paid me this evening by the toast of the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India having been proposed on this auspicious occasion by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) I feel it also an especial honour in being permitted to be present on this particular occasion, which must form a golden page in the annals of

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Among contributions held over owing to press of matter are: "THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN 1788 TO ITS CENTENARY 1888."

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"Liberal Freemason," "Masonic World," "La Chaine D'Union," "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Key-stone," "Boletín Oficial," and "Freemasons' Journal" (New York).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1887.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### ENGLISH AUTHORS AND AMERICAN PIRATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of October 18th appears an article signed by R. F. Gould, under the heading "English Authors and American Pirates."

The *undercurrent and animus* of the whole article is clearly shown by its *tone*, and the cleverly selected portions of the correspondence that suited Mr. Gould's purpose, cannot be disguised (thanks to his clear legal training) hence, I will, in view of these facts, be as brief as possible and not occupy more of your space than necessary to answer a few points in connection with the question at issue, and which Mr. Gould in his *partial* statement ignores.

1. The English publisher wrote me November 27th, 1883, that he and not Mr. Gould owned the *absolute* Co y right of the work, and had that publisher acted on the square with me, an amicable and satisfactory arrangement could and would have been effected for the benefit of all concerned.

2. His own English publisher had such an exalted opinion and great expectations as to the sale of the work in this country, that he *actually* thought he would put as many as four portraits of American Masons in the work out of some 50 or more portraits he promised were to appear in it, prodigious for America, was it not?

3. His own English publisher arranged for, closed a contract and sold the market of this country to a New York house in 1884, and they had the work upon the market for upwards of a year before the "American Edition" was ready, hence they had ample opportunity and a clear field to sell the English Edition.

Next, Mr. Gould states he has culled from the correspondence between Mr. Jack and myself "all the material facts," and that the correspondence during 1883 calls for no remarks. I wrote the following letters to Mr. Jack in 1883—they speak for themselves.

"Cincinnati, O., Sept. 3rd, 1883.

"T. C. Jack, Esq., Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Dear Sir,

"At what price per page will you supply us a duplicate set stereo or electrotype plates of the letterpress of your 'History of Freemasonry,' also the price per portrait for electros of portraits?"

Please entertain this and give the matter your favourable consideration. We have thought over the matter and think to make a fair sale, it will be necessary to place it on the market here at a less price than you charge in Great Britain, in view of the fact that similar works already issued and being sold here, are sold bound and complete for as low as twelve shillings per copy, and if you will accept a fair price for the above, we will entertain it.—Yours truly,

"JOHN C. YORSTON & Co."

See enclosed, which is two of the works referred to, and there are 4 or 5 others.

"Cincinnati, O., Sept. 27th, 1883.

"T. C. Jack, Esq., Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Dear Sir,

"Since receipt of mine of August 27th you will have received mine of the 3rd inst. regarding a set of plates, which, in the event of arranging for, we could make an equitable arrangement with your author for copyright. However, I will wait your full replies to all, and then can decide as to the best. Who are the four 'Americans' that you propose to represent and put in the work?—Yours very truly,

"JOHN C. YORSTON."

"Cincinnati, O., Nov. 13th, 1883.

"T. C. Jack, Esq., Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Dear Sir,

"I have been expecting to hear from you by each mail for some time, in accordance with your promise to write after seeing Mr. Gould, and also in response to my propositions. The time is rolling along, and I am desirous to close matters for our mutual interest—Mr. Gould included, and I trust that you have already written, as promised, ere this.—Yours truly,

"JOHN C. YORSTON."

It was on receipt of this letter that Mr. Jack wrote me that he, and not Mr. Gould, owned the absolute copyright of the work.

The above letters contain material facts that I wanted to treat both author and publisher fairly and on the square.

Of course we might have crouched or appealed in more cringing language and begged, but that would hardly have been business (it is not American) we submitted and asked for a fair business offer and we would have accepted it.

I could give you a few more columns from my side of the question, but I am afraid I have already encroached too much upon your space and crave your pardon, and have only to say in conclusion I regret the controversy at issue with Bro. Gould, and had his publisher, Jack, have acted on the square and have permitted me to communicate with Mr. Gould as I proposed, but which Mr. Jack, by his letter of November 29th, 1883, prevented, then all would have been well and satisfactory.—Respectfully and fraternally,  
JOHN C. YORSTON.

Cincinnati, O., November 1st.

[We have felt obliged to considerably reduce the reply from Bro. Yorston. We cannot undertake to advertise the merits of his reprint of Bro. Gould's famous history, save in the ordinary way. The readers of the *Freemason* have now the facts before them, and we consider, so far as possible, we have done our duty in the matter; hence we trust the correspondence will now cease. It will be noted, however, that whatever may be the explanations offered by Bro. Yorston, on his own behalf and those of the brethren who have assisted him, the fact remains, that he has reprinted the work, written and published by brethren in this country, without in any way obtaining their consent, or contributing aught towards the cost of its original production.—Ed. F.M.]

#### THE NEW LODGES IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your leading article in the *Freemason* for last week you state that the list of lodges warranted since the last quarterly communication embraces three from West Lancashire and one from East Lancashire. Permit me to say that all four are in West Lancashire. No doubt the close proximity to Manchester of two out of the four lodges would lead to the belief that they were in East Lancashire.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN CHADWICK, P.G. Swd. Br.,

December 7th.

Prov. G. Sec.

#### THE CHARITY COMMITTEE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The *Freemason* reports so very fully and prominently the remarks of Bro. Hine at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire that some little explanation seems requisite lest your readers should suppose that the Charity Committee—no longer under his guidance—had gone fearfully astray and attempted to commit some heinous offence. The circumstances referred to are as follows: West Yorkshire having a candidate who, before the next regular election of the Boys' Institution, would be over the age for admission, knowing that the Blair presentation was vacant, proposed that East Lancashire should nominate their boy, and in return West Yorkshire would, whenever we had a candidate (either boy or girl), give to our province the requisite number of votes to secure the election of East Lancashire's candidate. When the Prov. Grand Secretary communicated the offer to Bro. Brockbank (Vice-chairman) and myself, we considered the proper course would be to submit the proposal

to the Charity Committee in whom the power of presentation was vested. Accordingly a meeting was summoned, the attendance was very good, the Prov. Grand Master presided, and amongst others present were five Past Prov. Grand Registrars, three lawyers, and two barristers. After much discussion it was almost unanimously resolved, "That the offer of West Yorkshire should be accepted." However, circumstances arose which prevented the carrying out of the arrangement, and an East Lancashire boy, the son of a good and worthy Mason was, after all, presented. Bro. Hine, when he spoke, knew this, so that his remarks were quite supererogatory as he was really finding fault with what had not been done.

Bro. Hine, during the last two or three years of his chairmanship, had allowed this presentation to remain vacant, although he might well have filled it as his successor did by selecting the most eligible boy from amongst those who were being educated by the East Lancashire Systematic Institution. When first the offer was made Bro. Brockbank, Vice-chairman, and I had an interview with Bro. Hine and explained the matter to him. At that interview he made no objection; why did he smother his feelings if they were so strong? Why did he not attend the meeting and give the Committee the benefit of his great knowledge and long experience? He said in his speech he was out of England at the time, I am told he was making his way either to or from the Isle of Man. Even if the contemplated arrangement had been carried out, it seems difficult to understand how any great outrage would have been committed, because the presenting of the West Yorkshire boy would have secured the election of the next candidate (either boy or girl) from the province of East Lancashire.

Bro. Hine is justly esteemed most highly for long and most valuable service rendered to the Charities of our Order, but he has no right to assume that he is the only brother on the Charity Committee who is anxious to respect the wishes and reverence the memory of our late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Blair.—Very truly yours,

JAMES A. BIRCH,

Chairman of Charity Committee East Lancashire.

December 6.

#### WAS DARWIN A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Sigm. Spitzer's letter under the above heading, I have made enquiry here of Mr. William Erasmus Darwin, son of the great naturalist, whose reply to me is, "My father was not a Freemason."—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LASHMORE,

P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D. Hampshire  
and the Isle of Wight.

5th December.



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, W.C.

It is more than probable that Bro. Sadler's conjecture as to "The Origin of the 'Secession' Fiction" is the right one, and that we are indebted for this theory to William Preston. Bro. Heseltine, whose letter at the outset of the chapter devoted to a consideration of this question shows he had a strong antipathy to the "Ancients," and looked upon them and all their belongings as beneath the notice of the "G.L. of real Masons in England," was Preston's first patron, and it would consist with Preston's interest, if not with his inclinations—which would probably not count for much in the circumstances—to take his cue from Heseltine. But however low an opinion the latter may have formed of the leaders of the "Ancient" system, and however inferior may have been their social status, there must have been a leaven of genuine Freemasonry in that system or it would not have survived the ridicule that was cast upon it, and attained such vast proportions as to be able, as we have said before, almost to dictate the conditions on which it was prepared to form a Union with the "Moderns." Preston, having been for a brief period himself an "Ancient," must have found this out when he joined the "Moderns," and being a man of discernment, he may have thought it more prudent to assign their origin to a secession from the 1717 Grand Lodge than to ascribe it to a combination of clandestine, irregular, and make-believe Masons. At all events, his attempt to disturb the relations existing between the G. Lodge of Scotland and the "Ancient" G. Lodge in London was a signal failure. The minutes of the proceedings of the latter body from 1st Nov., 1775, to 4th Dec., 1776, include the record of sundry letters written about this time by the G. Secretary of Scotland (W. Mason), referring to communications he had received from Preston, to Bro. Dickey, G. Secretary of the "Ancients," and the replies of the latter, as well as a letter to Mason from Preston himself, in which the secession theory was mentioned incidentally, and regret was expressed that the G. Lodge of Scotland should have allowed itself to enter into friendly relations with the "Ancients." These letters were submitted to the Duke of Atholl, who directed a proper reply to be forwarded, and on receiving this important letter, the G. Lodge of Scotland, having carefully deliberated over its contents, ordered its G. Secretary to write an answer, in which the following passage occurs: "We are by no means competent judges of the differences subsisting between your Grand Lodge and that held under the patronage of Lord Petrie. But since we have had the honour of opening a Correspondence with you we have every reason to entertain the most Respectful Opinion of your Grand Lodge. We shall always think ourselves happy in keeping up the strictest communication with you, and uniting our endeavours to yours for promoting the Royal Craft and preserving it in its original purity." This letter is given as signed by David Dalrymple, G.M.; Wm. Barclay, D.G.M.; James Geddes, S.G. Warden; and W. Smith, J.G. Warden, as well as by Wm. Mason, G. Sec., and David Bott, G. Clerk. It should be stated that this correspondence originated in a letter from Preston to the G. Secretary in Edinburgh, asking

for "a correct list of the present officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the several lodges under your Constitution. As it is intended for an Annual Publication which goes to Press about a month hence"—this being of course the G. Lodge Calendar; on which Bro. Mason referred Preston for information to G. Secretary Dickey. It is clear, however, that Preston made nothing by his motion, either at the time or subsequently. In a letter dated Edinburgh, 2nd Dec., 1776, Mason writes to Dickey, enclosing a list of the new G. Officers of Scotland, and adds, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland have given me in command to assure the Grand Lodge of England through you that they will ever cultivate and preserve a steady and affectionate intercourse betwixt the National Lodges and to promote every scheme for so happy a Union." It is clear, therefore, that in spite of all the efforts of their detractors, the "Ancients" not only held their ground firmly, but waxed stronger and stronger as the attacks made upon them became more furious, and that it must have been something more than mere assertion on Dermott's part when he recorded in the Minutes of the Grand Committee Meeting on 6th Dec., 1752, "that they found the free-masons from Ireland and Scotland had been initiated in the very same manner as themselves, which confirm'd their system and practice as right and just."

There is one remark in the chapter—at p. 106—to which we think exception may reasonably be taken. "I am inclined to think," writes Bro. Sadler, "that Past Masters were considered members of Grand Lodge by the pre-1723 Masons, as they certainly were by the 'Ancients' of 1751." Here we have a statement of opinion, to which we say nothing, and a statement of fact, viz., that Past Masters were considered members of Grand Lodge by the Ancients in 1751, as to which we point out that it is in excess of the true position, as laid down in the second of their Rules and Orders of 1751. This Rule prescribes—see p. 71 of Bro. Sadler's Book—"That such meeting"—that is to say, of the Monthly Committee, or, when a Grand Master and Grand Wardens have been appointed, of the Grand Lodge—"do consist of the Masters and Wardens of all Regular Lodges, and in the Absence of a Master, or Warden, a Past Master may attend and bear the Office in their absence for the time being, and to have a Voice in the Grand equal to the present Members." The 3rd Rule says, "that none be admitted but Masters, and Wardens, and Past Masters, of Regular Lodges, and such as have been Regularly Installed and at the time of their Coming to be members of a Regular Lodge of ANCIENT MASONS." It is evident from the former of these rules that at the outset the "Ancients" only permitted a Past Master to be present in Grand Lodge as the representative of an absent Master or Warden, and as the Rule is worded "A Past Master may attend," that his presence was permissive only, not obligatory. This being so, we must interpret the extract from Rule the 3rd as to the admission into the Grand Committee or Grand Lodge, of none "but Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters," by the light of Rule the 2nd, so that the inclusion of Past Masters among the members of the Grand will have been regulated by the provision contained in the said Rule 2. In short a Past Master was not at first a member on his own account of the "Ancient" G. Lodge, but was legally admissible as the representative of an absent Master or Warden. It was not till the 4th Sept., 1765, that after a long debate it was "Ordered and declared that from and after the third day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixty and five, all and every Regular Past Master while a Member of any private Lodge under the sanction of this Grand Lodge, shall be a Member of this Grand Lodge also, And shall have a vote in all cases except in making New Laws, which Power is vested in the Masters and Wardens as being the only true Representatives of all the Lodges according to the Old Regulation the 10th." Thus in 1751 a Past Master was only admitted into G. Lodge as the representative of an absent member, while in 1765, though recognised as a member, he was not accorded the full rights and privileges of membership. Under these circumstances, Bro. Sadler's statement should be accompanied by some kind of qualification as regards the earlier years of the "Ancient" régime.

We have now gone carefully through these "Masonic Facts and Fictions." There is much in the volume that we have considered, and much else we should have gladly considered, had time and space lent themselves more readily to our wishes. But, after all, the purpose with which the work has been written concerns us the most, and as regards this we incline to the belief that Bro. Sadler has made out an excellent case to justify his theory. We do not say that he has proved it absolutely and beyond all further question. The evidence, though more voluminous than has previously been compiled, is still fragmentary, and there are still many unfortunate hiatus to be filled in; but as a theory it is preferable to the Secession origin. It is, as we have said before, a theory which commends itself to our reason, and if we have rightly understood it, is to the following effect. Up to a certain point—which cannot be determined precisely—in the career of the 1717 Grand Lodge, there was one uniform system and practice of Freemasonry, for have we not shown that Dermott himself quotes Anderson's Constitutions of 1728 as an authority on Grand Lodge procedure? But gradually, it may have been unconsciously, this Grand Lodge kept on edging away from the old landmarks and introducing what they imagined were more harmless innovations, but which, nevertheless, had the effect of strengthening the aristocratic element. Then there appeared in London a number of Irish brethren, who had graduated in Masonry under Lord Kingston, the premier G.M. of Ireland, and also a Past G.M. of England, by whom, no doubt, the unsophisticated English system had been introduced into Ireland. These brethren, being cavalierly treated by the English G. Lodge, set up lodges of their own, and having skilful and determined leaders in Morgan first of all, but in Dermott principally, they very slowly, but, after a time, very surely, built up a Grand Lodge organisation of their own, and though their members were at the outset largely and even chiefly recruited from the inferior grades of society, yet by their resolute conduct, and the assistance of English brethren, who had never joined the regular lodges, as well as by their stricter observance of the old landmarks, they at length placed themselves on so firm a footing as to defy successfully the utmost efforts of their "modern" rivals. They entered into alliance with the G. Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and in more than one of the British colonies in North America they drove their rivals from the field. They probably would not have succeeded in achieving this without such a leader

as Dermott, but could they have succeeded, even under his guidance, had they been merely the discontented rabble they are represented as by Heseltine and Preston? There must have been something to commend in their Masonry, if not in their appearance, and that something was their respect for and observance of true Masonry such as it had been in the earlier days of the 1717 Grand Lodge, and as they had obtained it from that body through the G. Lodge of Ireland by the instrumentality of Dermott when as yet it was undeified by "modern innovations."

But it is time we brought these remarks to a close. Bro. Sadler has compiled a useful and most readable volume, for which, whether they agree with him or not, he deserves, and will no doubt receive, due recognition from Craftsmen generally. He has broached a theory as to the origin of the "Ancient" system, which is absolutely revolutionary in its character, and will cause a terrible commotion among those who have sworn or swear by the "Secession" origin, but apart from this, he has introduced to us a mass of new matter from documents hitherto entirely or almost unknown; in short, he has done good service to the Craft and Craft literature by his publication, and we believe that, even if he fails to convert his readers to his opinions, he will receive a full measure of thanks for his diligence and the additional light he has succeeded in throwing upon obscure periods of our history.



### Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Monday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. G. R. Langley, W.M.; E. A. Francis, H. Hooper, G. W. Speth, G. P. Britten, R. Corsham, J. W. Oliver, S. Richardson, G. W. Pinnock, A. J. Hirsch, H. C. Archer, and A. Wortley. Also the following visitors: Bros. Langridge, Side, and Webster.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. George Henry Lindsey-Renton was admitted a joining member of the lodge. The by-laws were read and other business transacted, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, spending a pleasant evening in social intercourse.

**THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 24th ult. The following members were present: Bros. W. C. Smith, W.M.; F. Hill, S.W.; E. B. Cox, J.W., W.M. elect; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Secretary; C. M. Brander, S.D.; W. G. Higgins, J.D.; E. J. Hoare, P.M. 1765, Org.; C. Filhon, I.G.; C. H. Radcliffe, D.C.; T. Bates, W. H. Bolt, and G. Harrington, Stwds.; W. Potter, P.M. 181, Tyler; H. S. Lee, I.P.M.; C. A. Cotterburne, P.G.P.; J. Waugh, P.M.; T. W. Eastgate, P.M.; G. J. Jones, P.M.; E. Heatt, G. Lefort, Percy W. Phillpotts, J. N. Alexander, G. A. Piccirillo, J. A. Berther, H. Amelot, E. Steyer, A. Neat, G. Marshall, L. A. Langmead, W. H. Worster, Louis Marks, Ralph Dennis, Pierre Abate, John Hendry, Henry Hewett, Louis Cheviot, Jules Barre, A. Georget, Francis Ferris, and Harding T. Clark. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex; I. Zacharie, 2108, P.G.M. California; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. C. Hudson, W.M. 141; C. Parsons, W.M. 1637; A. T. Howard, W.M. 1765; A. Higerty, I.P.M. 1044; G. Gardner, I.P.M. 2012; H. Von Joel, P.M. 957; W. Woodruff, P.M. 957; J. Kay, P.M. 742; H. Simner, P.M. 1319; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677; H. Brock, P.M. 145; C. P. Bellerby, S.W. 2021; C. J. Grove, S.W. 742; H. Spurgin, S.W. 1305; E. Barritt Lane, J.W. 1765; H. W. Smyth, J.W. 1238; Felderman, J.W. 188; C. Pye, J.D. 1238; C. C. Piper, I.G. 2030; T. C. Arland, I.G. 1305; D. Baker, 1743; W. A. Williams, 1692; A. Proissant, 2060; W. Dodson, 1681; C. Gammon, 704; W. M. Mayne, 1238; J. Somers, 2191; W. C. Girdler, 195; J. Potter, 1614; W. Unwin, 1614; R. C. Jones, 749; J. Kent, 2030; H. Halliday, 2168; A. Oliver, 1987; D. S. Woolf, 77; J. W. Bannell, 1737; and F. M. Noakes, 2148. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; F. Seager-Hunt, M.P., I.P.M. 2030; and W. Sugg, W.M. 2030.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and confirmed, which showed, after meeting all liabilities, a substantial balance. The Benevolent Fund was also in an equally satisfactory condition. Bros. Phillpotts and Clarke were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in that faultless style for which Bro. W. C. Smith is so well-known. Bro. Edmund Beaumont Cox was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. F. Hill, S.W.; C. M. Brander, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. (7th year); W. G. Higgins, S.D.; C. Filhon, J.D.; C. H. Radcliffe, I.G.; E. J. Hoare, P.M. 1765, Org.; W. H. Bolt, D.C.; G. Harrington, A.D.C.; Alexander and Piccirillo, Stwds.; and W. Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Hulbert Beach, Mr. Chas. Le Clerc, and Mr. Hyman Fonseca, which, having proved unanimous, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in a manner which shows that the lodge will lose none of its prestige in the hands of its new W.M. During proceedings of lodge work an incident occurred that might have been to the prejudice of the Secretarial duties. A brother came too late for receiving his Third Degree with others, whereupon the W.M., Bro. W. C. Smith, remonstrated with him, as he could no longer prolong the work. The brother stated he did not know the hour of meeting, not having received a summons. Bro. Shand, the Secretary, avowed that, as far as he knew, the worthy brother had one posted to him. So matters dropped, but

soon after it transpired, by a visitor stating to the W.M. that he had just learned that the brother had removed his address during the last seven days. This of course exonerated the Secretary, and it was further corroborated, much to his satisfaction, as well as to that of the W.M. and members, before lodge closed, by the letter being returned from the Post Office marked "gone away." A ballot was then successfully taken for Bro. L. Grunefelder, 8 (S.C.), as a joining member. Bro. Cox, the W.M., having announced his intention of going up as a Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, a sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to be placed on his list from the funds of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Nicols' best style. The menu card, which was most chaste in design, contained a medallion portrait of the W.M., and was much admired.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said of the loyalty of Freemasons they had ample proof during the present Jubilee year in the noble gathering at the Albert Hall which would be remembered by those present as long as they lived.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was then given by the W.M., who said it was quite needless for him to say anything to enhance the toast, as his Royal Highness was so affectionately regarded by all. He knew the Grand Officers would agree with him that Freemasonry had never made such progress as it had during the time he had been Grand Master.

"The Grand Officers" was next proposed by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded the brethren to see them amongst them. He was proud of the honour conferred upon the lodge by their presence.

Bro. Philbrick, on behalf of the Grand Officers, returned his sincere thanks for the very enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. It was always a pleasure for them to attend on these occasions, when the destinies of the lodge were entrusted to a new Master, on whose zeal and ability depended the well-being of the lodge during his year of office. He had had the pleasure of attending many lodges on these occasions, but that was the first time he had visited that lodge. He would be pleased, however, to attend at any time, if the W.M. gave him the invitation, he had so enjoyed himself. He welcomed the Initiates on their becoming members of their ancient and honourable Fraternity, which was composed of men of all nationalities and creeds, banded together in one common fraternal band of brotherhood, which was non-political, unsectarian, and knew no creed save that of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that his year of office would add considerably to the welfare of the lodge there could be no doubt, as they all knew the painstaking care with which he had performed the duties of the various offices through which he had passed. He trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office, and so be able to look back with pleasure on the day when he was installed.

The Worshipful Master returned his sincere thanks for the very flattering remarks of Bro. W. C. Smith, and assured the brethren that he would do all in his power to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge and credit to himself.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," whom he welcomed among them, and trusted that the ceremony they had that evening taken part in had made the impression on them that it did on him at the time of his initiation.

The Initiates—Bros. Thomas Hulbert, Beach, Chas. Le Clerc, and Hyman Fonseca—briefly responded in terms of thankfulness to the lodge.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said they had several distinguished ones present. They were always pleased to see them in their lodge and around their table. He would couple with this toast the names of Bros. J. Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; and R. E. H. Goffin.

Bro. J. Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given the visitors. This was not the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting that lodge, and he trusted to be there on many future occasions. The greatest praise was due to their W.M. for the excellent manner in which he carried out the duties of the chair. He could scarcely believe that he had not occupied it before.

Bro. Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California, said he had known their W.M. for twelve years, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see him installed. He had come up expressly to give him some assistance, but by the way he did his work he found that was not necessary.

Bro. Goffin said, unlike Bro. Philbrick, he had visited the City of Westminster Lodge before, and once as a corporate body. As the officers of the Abbey were invited by the Westminster, and the compliment had been returned by the Abbey, a kind of affinity existed between the two lodges. The Westminster supported the Abbey petition for warrant, and the Secretary of one was Secretary of both. He thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the Grand Registrar. Freemasonry as a common platform knew no sects of religion or politics, but the one G.A.O.T.U.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," congratulated him on his successful year of office, and begged his acceptance of the P.M.'s jewel, which he had very great pleasure in pinning on his breast, and trusted he might long be spared to wear it.

Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind way they had received the toast of the I.P.M., and the hearty manner in which they had responded to it gave him extreme pleasure, as he felt assured it was expressed with all sincerity. He was fully satisfied with the number of initiates he had the pleasure of receiving into the lodge, also for the harmony that had prevailed among the brethren, as every one seemed most zealous to promote the interest of the lodge. He was also much gratified with their financial position, as they had a fair balance in the Treasurer's hands. In respect of Bro. Cox, their W.M., he was pleased to see him in that office, as they had both worked to that position by graduated steps of the Masonic ladder, and he was convinced that the lodge would be well cared for under his Mastership. For the very handsome jewel the W.M. had placed on his breast, and for the kind words he had been pleased to speak of his endeavours to carry through his duties whilst in the chair, he thanked him most heartily, and he thanked the brethren for the handsome present, wishing the W.M. a prosperous year in Masonry.



The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; and Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas., responded to the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" in a humorous speech.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was duly proposed, and responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Tyler's toast was next given, which brought a most pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some first-class music performed by Bros. Kift, H. Tinney, Bolt, and a most meritorious performance on the violin by Master Saunders.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).**—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. T. Benskin, W.M.; H. H. Wells, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; E. W. Stillwell, J.D.; G. M. Sayle, J.D.; P. Saillard, I.P.M.; T. M. Jones, F. W. Harris, H. G. Cubitt, L. B. Levy, Adolph Weil, and G. H. Kenning.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd Oct. were read and confirmed.

Bro. Adolph Weil, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, and Bro. G. H. Kenning, who had taken his first Degree in the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. A ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the S.W., Bro. H. H. Wells, was unanimously elected. Bro. H. S. Legg was also re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Goddard was re-elected Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. G. H. Kenning, who thanked the W.M. for the honour he had done him by conferring on him the Second Degree.

Several excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. H. H. Wells, F. W. Harris, and G. H. Kenning, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. John Hardcastle, W.M.; W. H. Lomax, S.W.; Jas. Naylor, J.W.; Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; Treas.; F. W. Brockbank, as Sec.; Wm. Golding, S.D.; Robt. Nightingale, J.D.; Wm. Forrest, I.G.; M. Robinson, T. Murphy, and J. W. Thompson, Stwds.; T. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap.; Johnson Mills, P.M.; John Booth, P.M.; Thos. Barnes, Jas. Simkin, H. L. Hinnell, George Crowther, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, F. W. Isherwood, T. Cooper, and W. Smith; also, as visitors, Bros. H. Thomas, 277, P.P.J.G.D.; S. F. Butcher, 191, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. B. Tong, W.M. 1723; and W. H. Brown, 221.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Jas. Walker, P.P.J.G.W. The ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Gustavus Sundell as a candidate for initiation, the result being that he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. John Booth, P.M. Bro. W. H. Lomax, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. It was resolved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. John Hardcastle, the retiring W.M. Bro. Jas. Newton, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer (this being the sixth time). Auditors were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

All business being concluded the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board.

**CHICHESTER.—Union Lodge (No. 38).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Council Chamber, North-street, when there were present Bros. H. E. Breach, W.M.; J. H. Hawes, S.W.; G. C. Inkpen, J.W.; Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. F. Charge, Sec.; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; J. Fielden, I.G.; H. H. Moore, Stwd.; W. A. Beatson, Tyler; Sir R. Raper, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Barrett, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D.; O. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. W. Grugger, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Heather, Fielder, Braybrooke, Mack, Stanley Moore, acting Org.; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the correspondence disposed of, the Secretary read to the brethren the address recently delivered in Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D. Bro. Sir Robert Raper, in an eloquent and affecting speech, spoke of the sad bereavement suffered by Bro. the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.W. (a Past Master of this lodge), in the death of his wife, and moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the noble and distinguished brother. This was seconded by Bro. Molesworth, P.M., and carried. Subsequently two brethren were passed to the Second Degree in an admirable manner by the W.M., and the S.W. delivered the lecture on the Second Tracing Board.

**ARUNDEL.—Howard of Brotherly Love Lodge (No. 56).**—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 17th ult., and Bro. Dr. Paxton was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Burnell. The following officers were also appointed for the year: Bros. Longman, S.W.; Goss, J.W.; Hearn, Treas.; G. T. Evershed, Sec.; E. Collings, P.P.G.S.B., J.D.; Tisdell, I.G.; Adames, Stwd.; and Robertson, Tyler.

A banquet was subsequently served at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, by Bro. Barkshire, the menu being of the choicest character. Among the visitors present were the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Lewis, W.M. of the Adur Lodge; the W.M.'s of the following lodges: Union, Gordon, Worthing Lodge of Friendship, and Hova Ecclesia; Bros. Breach, Field, Jennett, D'Albiac, and others. The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of 'Affability' (No. 317).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. John Garside, W.M.; R. R.

Lisenden, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. B. Akerman, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; Jas. Wilson, P.M., acting Sec.; F. G. Chesworth, S.D.; V. M. Vultchoff, J.D.; S. Staton, Stwd., acting I.G.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Read, S. Megarity, Edward Smith, Rothmeyer, Wolstencroft, E. Wehl, Garside, F. Spencer, J. Sly, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.; A. Wild, late of the lodge; E. W. Irving, W.M. 1170; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. 1030; D. Donbavand, late of the lodge; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. This being election night, the ballot for W.M. was taken, and the choice of the brethren was announced to be unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. W. B. Akerman. The W.M. elect returned thanks in appropriate terms for this mark of the brethren's confidence. Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D., was also elected Charity representative of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., a P.M.'s gold jewel was voted, to be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Garside. A Committee consisting of the W.M., the W.M. elect, J.W., and Secretary was appointed to make arrangements for the St. John's Festival. At this stage Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., announced that the R.W.P.G.M. sought admittance into the lodge. The brethren all rose and saluted him with grand and royal honours. The presence of the R.W.P.G.M. in the lodge was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to all the members, and will long be remembered. The lodge was shortly after closed in due form.

**YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).**—A meeting was held on the 5th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; S. Border, J.W.; C. Linley, acting Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; C. Forbes, S.D.; J. B. Sampson, J.D.; S. Crummack, D.C.; T. Watkinson, I.G.; E. Carter, Stwd.; W. G. Culvert, Tyler; Geo. Balmford, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M.; Geo. Kirby, P.M.; W. Draper, P.M.; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M.; G. C. Lee, P.M.; J. Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor), P.M.; F. S. Gramshaw, T. Toes, H. L. Swift, T. Dudley, W. G. Thomas, Thos. Tuke, Mungo Bryson, Chas. Wardle, W. Powell, R. E. Triffitt, H. A. Wilson, the Hon. V. A. Pelham, G. Seller, G. H. Holmes, T. Rawling, T. Archey, C. Anderson, H. S. Hopton, J. Rutherford, A. B. Everitt, A. Proctor, J. Stead, J. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Halliwell, 1611; P. Pearson, 1611; G. G. Pook, 1611; and E. M. Taylor, 200.

The lodge having been duly opened, and a successful ballot taken for the Rev. H. L. Clarke, he was regularly initiated according to ancient custom by the W.M. The tools explained by the J.W., and the traditional history delivered by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., Treas., P.P.S.G.W. The by-laws were read by the Secretary, and a presentation of six cut glass decanters made by the W.M. on behalf of Bro. H. Scott. A committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and the election of Bro. W. Smith, S.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place. Bro. Todd, P.M., was re-elected for the eleventh time Treasurer, and Bro. W. G. Calvert re-elected Tyler. The installation banquet was fixed for the evening of the 19th inst., immediately after the installation. This comprised the business, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren retired to the banquet room of the lodge and spent the remainder of the evening in a social manner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed by music, &c.

**TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).**—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Richards, W.M.; C. J. Harland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; D. Allems, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wakeham, P.G.S.B., and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Merrick was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. This being the night for electing the W.M., the choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. R. L. Mugford, S.W., who returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. C. J. Harland, P.M., P.P.G.D., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Burt, Tyler. Sundry propositions in relation to lodge matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Very great satisfaction is felt at the election of Bro. R. L. Mugford, as W.M. during the ensuing twelve months, on account of his geniality and courtesy with all the brethren. He has filled all the various offices in the lodge with credit, and is in every way competent to discharge the duties of his forthcoming high and important office.

**HOUNSLOW.—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).**—This lodge held an emergency meeting, at the Town Hall, on the 23rd ult. Those present were Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; W. H. Causton, P.M., Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; J. Lewarne, J.D.; C. Woods, D.C.; E. Clare, Org.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., I.P.M.; Evans, Sansom, West, Hatt, Davies, Murkett, and Walkley, Tyler. The only visitor was Bro. Craggs, 834.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Evans, Sansom, and Hatt were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. West was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. H. Murkett, a candidate for initiation, which proved favourable, and this gentleman was duly admitted to the mysteries of the Craft. All these ceremonies were carefully rendered by the W.M. During his tenure of office there has been plenty of work in the lodge, and this is in a great measure attributable to the knowledge the brethren possess of Bro. W. C. Williams's determination and ability to perform the various ceremonies in such a manner as to afford much instruction to all, while, at the same time, making a lasting impression on the minds of the candidates.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to substantial refreshment, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the indefatigable W.M.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.—Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).**—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., in the lodge room at the Bull's Head Hotel, where there was, as usual, a large gathering to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. F. Corcoran, S.W. Bro. C. Oliver, P.M., occupied the chair, and the following other officers were amongst those present: Bros. T. F. Corcoran, S.W.; Geo. C. Oliver, J.W.; Geo. Oliver, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Cooke, Sec.; W. Hamerton, S.D.; W. H. Silverthorne, J.D.; F. Amatt, P.M., D. of C.; W. Vial, P.M., Org.; A. C. Foulds, I.G.; John Raven and John E. T. Chapman, Stewards; H. Walker and G. Bishop, Tylers. The following brethren were also amongst those present: Bros. J. H. Marshall, I.P.M.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; R. L. Gibson, P.M.; F. Baines, P.M. 523; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; S. Knight, W.M. 1391; Miles J. Walker, 1265; W. H. Goodwin, P.M. 1565; E. P. S. Steeds, P.M. 2081; T. B. Laxton, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Barrow, P.P.G.O.; H. J. H. Thompson, H. Deane, T. Coltman, S.W. 1565; W. M. Williams, 279; J. G. Bower, Sec. 1391; A. Page, 1391; J. B. Waring, Sec. 523; R. S. Clifford, J. J. W. Knowles, J. Raven, G. Scampton, W. Armstrong, D. J. O. Croghan, J. Burn, A. C. Foulds, W. Armstrong, W. Shanks, and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Oliver, P.M., in the temporary absence of the retiring W.M., Bro. C. Lowenstein, and, after the transaction of the ordinary business, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installing Bro. T. F. Corcoran in the chair of K.S. was most effectively performed by Bros. C. J. Wilkinson and W. Vial, after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. C. Lowenstein, I.P.M.; G. C. Oliver, S.W.; W. E. Cooke, J.W.; the Rev. J. Bird, M.A., P.M. 442, Chap.; G. Oliver, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Silverthorne, Sec.; A. C. Foulds, S.D.; J. Raven, J.D.; W. Hamerton, D.C.; W. Vial, Org.; J. E. T. Chapman, I.G.; J. Burn and J. J. W. Knowles, Stwds.; and H. Walker and G. Bishop, Tylers. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented, in suitable terms, beautiful complimentary P.M.'s jewels to Bros. C. Lowenstein and W. Vial, P.M., P.G.R., both of whom acknowledged the presentation in appropriate terms. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. T. H. De Saint Legier and S. Herbert Mason, both of whom were elected.

The brethren afterwards assembled at a banquet, served up in excellent style by the worthy host, the W.M. presiding, and there being a large company present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were of the most enjoyable character throughout.

**SALTASH.—Lodge Zetland (No. 1071).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room on Monday, 5th inst. Bro. Richard C. Revell, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the work being ably carried out by Bros. T. D. Deeble, P.M., Sec., and J. Pearce, P.P.G.P., Treasurer, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Bowden, the retiring W.M.; E. R. Davey, I.P.M.; J. Rabbage, P.M.; W. H. L. Clark, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Burns, P.M.; J. T. Brooking, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks.; John Pearce, I.P.M. 1136; W. H. Terrell, P.M. 202; S. Willoughby, P.M. 1099; C. Croydon, P.M. 189; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P. G.S. Wks.; Richard Pearce, P.M.; N. Bray, P.M.; J. Deeble, P.M.; and E. Voser, P.M.—The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. H. Bowden, I.P.M.; W. R. Rawling, S.W.; J. Doney, J.W.; J. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; T. D. Deeble, P.M., Sec.; R. Pearce, P.M., Chap.; W. Nancarrow, S.D.; T. Shaddock, J.D.; J. H. Dingle, I.G.; J. Lander, D.C.; and T. Netting, and O. Williams, Stwds. At the conclusion of the business Bro. Lemon presented the lodge with a photo-lithograph portrait of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., F.R.S., J.P., D.L., of Carclew Park, Cornwall, M.P. for the county, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall from 1843 to 1863. The picture is similar to the one that Bro. Lemon recently presented to the Sincerity Lodge, and the panel bears the inscription—"Presented to Lodge Zetland, Saltash, Cornwall, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Honorary), P.P.G.C. of Devon, December 5th, 1887." The gift was suitably acknowledged.

**OAKHAM.—Vale of Catmos Lodge (No. 1265).**—The annual festival of the above lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there was an exceedingly large attendance of the brethren from various parts of the Province (Leicestershire and Rutland), to witness the installation of Bro. T. Coltman, F.C.A., the esteemed borough accountant to the Corporation of Leicester, the S.W. for the past year and the W.M. elect. The Tyler's book received the signatures of about 70 members, including those of nearly 30 P.M.'s, and representatives of every lodge in the province, such a gathering as we imagine has rarely, if ever before, been seen at this lodge of the quaint little old Rutland town. The meeting on this occasion was held at the Agricultural Hall, which will in future be the place of meeting, the lodge having outgrown the accommodation of the George Hotel. The following were amongst those present: Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C. England; G. Toller, P.M., P.D.P.G.M., P.S.G.W. England; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; M. J. Walker, P.M. 1560, P.G.J.G.W., P.G.D. of C.; C. A. Murcott, W.M. 50; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86, 279, 1007; J. M. Bently, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. Lancashire, who appeared in his robes; W. J. Freer, 1560, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; S. Cleaver, P.M. 1330, 279; C. F. Wike, P.M. 279; T. Worthington, P.M., 50; R. Taylor, P.M., 523; F. G. Boden, W.M. 779; T. F. Corcoran, W.M. 1007; E. Jeeves, W.M. 1130; H. Nicholson, T. B. Laxton, 1391; J. H. Thompson, P.M.; L. P. Chamberlain, P.M.; F. Griffith, P.M.; W. H. Goodwin, W.M.; T. Coltman, F.C.A., W.M. elect; W. Keep, P.M., Treas.; and J. D. Bennett, P.M., Sec., all of the lodge; S. Knight, W.M. 1391; G. Jessop, W.M. 2028; A. W. Rawson, 2028; G. W. Rawson, 2028; W. H. Lead, W.M. 2081; W. H. Chamberlin, 523; W. L. Thomas, S.W. 753; A. G. Boswell, S.W. 1339; and others.



Apologies were received from the following brethren for unavoidable absence: Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; R. Waite, Prov. G. Sec.; C. Stretton, P.M. 279; J. H. Marshall, P.M., S.W. 279 and 1007; C. E. Stretton, P.M. 279; G. Brocklebank, 523; A. M. Duff, P.M. 523; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523; G. Odell, P.M. 523; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523; J. H. Cooper, 523; J. A. Corah, 523; J. B. Fowler, W.M. 1560; R. S. Toller, P.M. 1560; J. Chadwick, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Lancashire, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng.; G. Brockbank, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; R. C. Clephan, Percy Wallis, Prov. G. Sec. Derbyshire; Silver Hall, T. Wright (Mayor of Leicester), P.M. 1391; I. Hart (ex-Mayor of Leicester), 279; and several others.

After a cold luncheon at the George Hotel for the brethren from a distance, the lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for the election as a joining member of Bro. A. Wellington, 1782, and he was declared unanimously elected. The Treasurer's statement was next received and adopted, thanks being passed to Bro. Keep for his services in the office during the past year, after which Bro. W. d'Auvergne Barnard was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Coltman, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with, and was most effectively performed by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C. Eng., assisted by Bros. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S. G.W., Prov. G. Sec., and Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G.D. of C., the Board of Installed Masters numbering 29. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. Coltman, the newly-installed Master, said his first and pleasing duty in assuming the responsibility of the office must be to thank the eminent brethren—the D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Sec., and the Prov. G.D. of C.—for having so effectively, as well as so efficiently, performed the ceremony of installation. He then presented to the lodge a very handsome new silk lodge banner, on which the name and emblems of the Vale of Catmos Lodge and the name of the donor were beautifully embroidered in silk, and which, it is needless to say, was received by the members with the usual form of approval. The W.M. then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. H. Goodwin, I.P.M.; C. R. Morris, S.W.; J. L. Hassan, J.W.; the Rev. C. J. B. Scriven, M.A., Chap.; W. Keep, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Bennett, P.M., Sec.; J. Chambers, S.D.; W. d'Auvergne Barnard, J.D.; A. W. Tuck, D. of C.; W. Bramley, I.G.; J. Read, P.M., and B. Furley, Stewards; and G. Faulkes, Tyler.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C. Eng., presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Goodwin, a handsome complimentary P.M.'s jewel (Manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge, and which was gratefully acknowledged by Bro. Goodwin. The regular business having been gone through, the lodge was then closed, the brethren having in the interval before the banquet an opportunity of visiting the Castle, with all its associations and numerous relics, as well as the curious and interesting collection of horse shoes presented from time to time by members of the peerage.

The banquet took place at the George Hotel, where nearly all the brethren who had attended the installation, as well as a number of others who arrived later, numbering altogether sixty-six, assembled at five o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Coltman, W.M., who was supported by a distinguished array of P.G. Officers and P.M.'s. A magnificent spread was provided by Bro. J. Read, the worthy host of the hotel, the only drawback being that a very great many more brethren turned up than were expected, not having signified their intention of being present, and the room was consequently rather inconveniently crowded, though Bro. Read did all it was possible to do under such circumstances to make all happy and comfortable.

At the close of the feast the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, which were drunk with hearty enthusiasm, "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" being followed by "The National Anthem," and that of "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Officers," by "God bless the Prince of Wales," the solos in both being finely given by Bro. T. B. Laxton.

The latter toast was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. George Toller, P.M., P.D.P.G.M., P.S.G.W. Eng. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., which was received with much approbation.

Bro. S. S. Partridge said he had great pleasure in responding to the toast on behalf of the P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, whom he represented on that occasion. It was a very great pleasure to be there to witness their old and well respected Bro. Coltman installed in the chair of that Craft lodge. He was sure Bro. Coltman would worthily fill the position to which he had that day been exalted, and it was a great advantage to the Vale of Catmos Lodge to have such an excellent brother in the chair. The very large attendance of the brethren there that day fully testified to the great respect in which Bro. Coltman was held, and he was sure they would all heartily join in wishing him a very pleasant and prosperous year of office.

Bro. the Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. Miles J. Walker, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G.D.C., also replied.

Bro. W. H. Goodwin, I.P.M., in a highly complimentary manner gave the toast of "The Vale of Catmos Lodge and the Worshipful Master," which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Bro. J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., here most appropriately and effectively sang the following new Masonic song, written by Bro. R. R. Bealey, and set to music by Dr. Bentley, who was his own accompanist:—

#### HERE'S TO HIS HEALTH IN A SONG.

"The world is so hard and so stony,  
That if a man is to get through,  
He need have the courage of Nelson,  
And plenty of Job's patience too.  
But a man who is kind to another,  
And cheerfully helps him along,  
God bless such a man and a Brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.  
And here's to his health, here's to his health,  
And here's to his health in a song.

This life is as cheerless as Winter  
To those who are cold in the heart,  
But the man who is warm in his nature  
Bids Winter for ever depart.

The ground that he treads on will blossom,  
'Till beauties around him shall throng,  
God bless such a man and a Brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.  
And here's to his health, here's to his health,  
And here's to his health in a song.

As clouds that in sunshine are open,  
And silver'd by light passing through,  
So men who are gen'rous in spirit  
Are bless'd by the good deeds they do.  
There's nothing like helping another  
For getting one's own self along,  
Who does this is truly a Brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.  
And here's to his health, here's to his health,  
And here's to his health in a song."

It is needless to say this very appropriate song was greatly applauded.

Bro. Councillor Cleaver also sang "A Friar of Orders Grey."

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, specially referred to the excellent services which had been rendered to the lodge by Bros. Bennett, Keep, and Miles J. Walker, as well as their successors, who had also worked very hard for the success of the lodge, and he was sure they would excuse him specially mentioning Bro. Lionel Chamberlain. In conclusion, the W.M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Vale of Catmos Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Goodwin, I.P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors and Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bro. F. G. Boden, W.M. 779.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was duly honoured, and, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, having been obliged to leave, Bro. Furley acknowledged it.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening Bro. H. Nicholson, the eminent flautist, of Leicester, gave a magnificent flute solo from "Lurline," and Bros. T. B. Laxton, W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., S. Cleaver, W. H. Noble, and other brethren contributed to the harmony and enjoyment of the assembly, which was also enhanced by merry peals from the church bells, and the proceedings were altogether of the most happy and enjoyable character, the newly-installed brother being complimented and congratulated upon all hands.

**TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge** (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. W. Warner, W.M.; J. Finch, S.W.; W. J. Porter, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M. Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., Secretary; F. P. Hill, S.D.; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.D.; J. R. Barnes, I.G.; J. Bonella, Stwd.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; Ruffell, Org.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; Middleweek, W. Smith, J. Hall, E. Hall, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.S.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1503, &c.; Argyle, P.M. 946; Hardnott, J.W. 901; C. J. Morse, J.D. 1257; W. J. Mason, J.D. 2150.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Cutler, and on proving to be unanimous he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. Bros. E. Hall and F. J. Jelly were passed, and Bro. J. Hall raised to the Third Degree, the arduous ceremonies being most ably performed. Bro. Finch, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; J. Piller re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having also been elected, Bro. Finch, S.W., W.M. elect, was appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. It being Bro. Warner's second year of office as W.M., a special gold bar was voted to him. The Treasurer having given notice of motion to vote five guineas to Bro. Finch's list, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts followed. Bro. J. T. Briggs ably responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Walls for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Hardnott for "The Visitors."

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bros. Ruffell, E. and J. Hall, Finch, and Porter.

**SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge** (No. 2039).—The last regular meeting of the above lodge, held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, was a very interesting one. Two candidates were balloted for, elected, and initiated, one by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., P.P.G.C., and the other by Bro. Robt. Singleton, W.M. 97.

There were several visitors present.

### INSTRUCTION.

**TEMPERANCE LODGE** (No. 169).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. W. Martin, P.M. 879, W.M.; Milbourn, W.M. 13, Preceptor, S.W.; Waterman, P.M. 147, J.W.; J. G. Dale, S.W. 169, S.D.; Talbot, 65, J.D.; Akehurst, jun., 1326, I.G.; Vellenoweth, 169, Hon. Sec.; and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. Among the latter was Bro. Hookway, 483, New York.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Akehurst, sen., Walters, Talbot, Beavis, Appleby, and H. A. Dale. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Akehurst, jun., Tokely, Waterman, E. C. Talbot, and Milbourn. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. Tokely, Lazarus, and Stamp. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Appleby and Shortland, 13; Tokely, 1273; McChristie, 405 (S.C.); Fryer, S.W. 879; W. H. Walters, 1559; and Stamp, P.M. 1178, were unanimously elected members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. On the third rising a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for the skill and urbanity with which he had presided. The W.M. suitably responded, and congratulated the working brethren on their efficiency. A cordial vote of thanks was also accorded to the working brethren, for whom Bro. Milbourn gracefully replied. The lodge was then closed.

**ZETLAND LODGE** (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. S. T. Hill, W.M.; T. Boyden, S.W.; C. Parsons, J.W.; H. J. Evers, S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; H.

Jordan, I.G.; H. Slyman, P.M., acting Preceptor; P. Recknell, P.M., Treas.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; H. Halliday, E. R. Smith, Dr. J. Powdrell, J. W. Smith, P.M.; H. Palmer, J. P. Poynter, and F. J. Holden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halliday candidate. Bro. Halliday, candidate for passing, answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Lodge resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. H. Slyman for so ably acting as Preceptor that evening. Bro. E. R. Smith obtained the first draw of the ballot of the Masonic Charitable Association. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The next ballot takes place on Monday, the 19th inst., there being no meeting on the 26th.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE** (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; J. W. Cuff, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas., and Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Sec. (pro tem.); W. Chapple, S.D.; R. Ross, J.D.; R. T. Redfearn, I.G.; C. Stalubass, Stwd.; H. Wells, S. J. Humfress, H. Ward, and Bond.

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, Bro. Wells candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Humfress, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Humfress candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bros. Ward, Bond, and Ross were elected joining members. Bro. Cuff was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult. at the Six Belis Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; C. Hopkins, J.D.; H. Oliver, Stwd.; Collin, P.M.; Alais, P.M.; E. Chamberlain, W. G. Coat, and E. Lucas.

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. Chamberlain being the candidate. Bro. Coat having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Lucas having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M., having risen, Bro. W. C. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, S.W. 1425, W.M.; A. Hardy, W.M. 201, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, &c., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; J. H. Taylor, Stwd.; Dr. J. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30\* (S.C.), P.P.G. Treas. Devon; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; C. T. Thomson, W.M. 1697; D. Moss, T. Middleweek, J. H. Baxter, W. Death, and J. Smith.

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. Death being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hardy was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication from Bro. Beaumont, 1343, was read. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**IVY LODGE** (No. 1441).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W. Present: Bros. Burcham Cooper, I.P.M. 1441, W.M.; Hawkins, 1507, S.W.; Prince, 902, J.W.; Higerty, P.M. 1044, 1714, P.J.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor; Wright, 1158, S.D.; Gill, 902, J.D.; George, A.D.C. 902, I.G. and Sec.; Squires, P.M. 3, 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Carter, P.M. 1044; H. James, Org. 902; Rashleigh, 902; and Miller.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Miller, as candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Higerty, Preceptor, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture in his usual excellent manner, and at its close received the thanks of the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Rashleigh was unanimously elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W., Bro. Hawkins, be elected W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. Bro. Hawkins returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE** (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Scariett, W.M.; Napper, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; Petch, Treas.; Coxon, Sec.; Loomes, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Cobb, I.G.; Duncan, Kilsby, Yates, Noakes, and Boyden.

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, Bro. Duncan acting as candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Cobb seconded, that Bros. Boyden, 295, and Yates, 1308, be elected joining members—carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Reynolds seconded, that Bro. Napper be elected W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Harding seconded, that a vote of thanks to the W.M. be recorded on the minutes for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office for the first time in this lodge of instruction; this was also carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The monthly meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association—Bros. D. P. Holmes, P.M., President; J. Petch, J.W., Treas.; and C. M. Coxon, Sec.—was then held, and a ballot was taken for a Life-Governorship, which was allotted to Bro. Pheasant. The Association has been in existence twelve months, and thirteen Life-Governorships have been appropriated.

**LEOPOLD LODGE** (No. 1571).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Barnes, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; Gregory, S.D.; Durmer, J.D.; Gaskell, P.M., I.G.; Driffild, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.); Ives, P.M.; Beadie, Arnott, Joyce, and McGee.

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. Arnott candidate. Bro. Arnott answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The

lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Arnott candidate. Bros. Arnott and Beadle answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and called off and on. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Driffeld, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Blake, that Bro. Smith occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Smith, and seconded by Bro. Blake, that Bro. Driffeld be re-elected Preceptor, as a mark of appreciation for his efficient instruction of the lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Driffeld returned thanks. It was proposed by Bro. Smith, and seconded by Bro. Gregory, that Bro. Lewis, P.M., be re-elected Treasurer—carried unanimously. Bro. Lewis returned thanks. The letter of Bro. Hughes, Hon. Sec., resigning his office, was read. It was proposed by Bro. Driffeld, and seconded by Bro. Lewis, that such resignation be accepted, and communicated to Bro. Hughes, with an acknowledgment for past services and an expression of regret—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. Dormer, and seconded by Bro. Blake, that Bro. Colley be appointed Hon. Secretary—carried unanimously. Bro. Colley returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time, and no other Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; W. Proudfoot, S.W.; E. Nice, J.W.; W. Hancock, S.D.; G. Wyn, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, E. J. D. Bromley, E. Chamberlain, W. Culverhouse, L. B. Sery, W. Wingham, R. Kirk, G. H. Reynolds, J. S. Henry, James Woodward, T. A. Dickson, R. J. Harnell, G. F. Swan, A. Clark, H. G. Marsden, and Charles Lambert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. H. Marsden 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. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Proudfoot be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The lodge will be opened at 7.30 on the 15th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked—Bros. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, W.M.; W. C. Smith, P.M. 1563, S.W.; and T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614, J.W.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; Speigel, P.M., S.W.; Smyth, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, Treas.; Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Whittell, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Dresden, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M.; Stroud, W.M. 2045; Hagan, E. Cox, H. P. Gilbert, L. Cox, T. J. Head, G. E. Higginson, Johnston, and Conway (visitor).

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Jennings vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Hagan answered the questions leading to the Third Degree in an able manner, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hagan candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in his well-known masterly style. Bro. T. J. Head presented a set of tracing boards to the lodge, for which a vote of thanks was duly recorded on the minutes. Bro. Speigel was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Conway was elected a joining member.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; J. H. Neville, S.W.; Craggs, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Keene, S.D.; Woods, J.D.; Kingsley, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Dresden, Swan, Wilton, Clare, W. C. Williams, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the addresses were given by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees, and the officers were appointed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swan being candidate. Bro. Clare was elected a joining member. Bro. J. H. Neville was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Read, Preceptor, and seconded by the S.W., that a cordial vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of installation—carried. Lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., J.W.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the lodge being opened and closed in the Three Degrees. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Wimpey, S.D.; M. Speigel, P.M., J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; F. Craggs, W. W. Williams, and F. Worth.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Wood offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. J. H. Wood being the candidate. Bro. A. Williams 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. A. Williams candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Speigel, P.M. 158. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Speigel, P.M. 158, was given a vote of thanks for the present of a copy of the Book of Constitutions.

## Royal Arch.

**ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on the 3rd inst. There were present Comps. William Dodd, Z.; Alfred W. Wells, H.; Alfred J. Shotton, as J.; B. E. Blasby, S.E.; Wm. Hy. Chalfont, P.S.; and Wm. Foster Reynolds, 1st A.S. We were sorry not to see any ceremony, as the chapter has attained a reputation for good working since the time when Comp. James Brett, one of the founders, was Principal. This being election night, all the officers were advanced a step. A jewel was voted to the retiring First Principal, and one guinea was given from the funds towards the Old People's Christmas treat at Croydon.

The companions spent a very pleasant evening at the banquet table. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

Comp. Cumberland, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," mentioned the interest he took in reading Masonic works, and especially the new book by Comp. Sadler—"Masonic Facts and Fictions"—which he advised the companions to procure.

The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by the singing of Comp. Shotton, and of the visitors—Comps. Cumberland, P.Z. 1611, P.G.J. North and East Yorkshire, and Comp. Ayling, P.Z. 1381, P.M. 975. Comp. Bughler, 766, I.P.M. of the lodge, was also present.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1387).**—This chapter met at the newly-constructed and most excellent hotel, the Horns, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Comps. E. Ayling, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, H.; G. Gardner, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Dowling, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.P. G.P. Soj. Middlesex, P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Salter, G. Everett, jun., and others. Comp. Harry Price, 177, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Letters from Comps. G. Everett, P.Z., Treas., and other absent members were read. A vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Comp. Everett, P.Z., who has been for some time past exceedingly unwell.

The chapter was then formally closed, and the companions partook of refreshment. A few toasts followed, the M.E.Z., as usual, being pertinent, but commendably brief, in his various speeches.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.—Charnwood Chapter (No. 1007).**—This chapter held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 29th ult., the officers being Comps. William Vial, Z.; George Oliver, H.; Charles Oliver, J.; J. Herbert Marshall, S.E.; Reuben L. Gibson, S.N.; Charles J. Wilkinson, Charles Lowenstein, P.S.; Thomas F. Corcoran, 1st A.S.; George C. Oliver, 2nd A.S.; Frederick Amatt, P.Z., D.C.; Haines Walker, Janitor. Comp. George Oliver was installed H.; Comps. A. C. Foulds, and W. H. Silverthorne were exalted; the work throughout being most efficiently performed by Comp. Vial.

## INSTRUCTION.

**MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER (No. 19).**—This old chapter of instruction has resumed its convocations for the winter season at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Cottelbrune, Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. On Saturday, the 3rd inst., Comp. Watts, P.Z., occupied the chair of Z., supported by Comps. J. Carter, P.Z., H.; Kidder, P.Z., J.; Docker, P.Z., S.N.; Halsey, M.E.Z. 1260, S.N.; and G. Gregory, P.Z., P.S.

Comp. Pellatt offering himself as candidate, the ceremony of exaltation was most ably carried out by the officers above mentioned. Companions in search of instruction in the H.R.A. ritual are cordially invited to attend. The chapter meets every Saturday at 8 p.m.

## Mark Masonry.

**NEWCASTLE.—Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.).**—The regular and annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street. There were present Bros. John Usher, P.S.G.D., W.M.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., S.W.; T. Y. Strachan, Deputy P.G.M.J.W. John Wood, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W.; M. H. Dodd, W.M. 124, P.G.I. of W.; John Page, W.M. 1293, P.G.S.B.; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. C. B. Ford, was duly presented to the W.M. for installation, and the brethren having retired, Bro. Ford was duly installed in the chair of W.M. of this ancient Time Immemorial lodge. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers for the year; Bros. John Usher, I.P.M.; Edward Marston, S.W.; J. Seymour Bell, J. W.; W. M. Lyon, M.O.; W. F. Carmon, S.O.; Duncan Macdonald, J.O.; J. S. B. Bell, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; T. Dinning, R. of M.; Errington Dunford, Sec.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; John McKay, S.D.; G. MacCarthy, J.D.; John Harrison, I.G.; James Shaw, and R. W. Deas, Stwds.; and W. Kennedy, Tyler.

A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, the festival taking place in the banqueting room, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. B. Ford, P.P.J.G.D.

**SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday evening, the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. Matthew H. Dodd, P.G.I. of W., presided, and was supported by the following distinguished brethren: Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; Col. Potter, C.B., Past G.M.O. Eng., P.S.G.W.; John Wood, P.A. G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W.; R. Kimmond, P.P.S.G.D.; C. B. Ford, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Page, P.G.S.B.; John Strachan, P.S.G.D., P.P.J.G.O.; T. M. Watson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Brandt, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.J.G.W.; Bulman, J. C. Moor, S.W.; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; G. Porteous, M.O.; R. Singleton, Sec.; W. Liddell, P.P. G.M.O., Treas.; H. Liston, S.D.; and others.

Bro. F. Wade, J.D. 1389, was balloted for and elected, and was afterwards advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, towards the close of which Bro. J. Strachan made an eloquent speech on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, for which he will be a Steward at the next Festival. He appealed to the brethren to heartily assist in the effort to be made. The proposal was most cordially received, and will no doubt be acted upon.

**BATH.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 177).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 28th ult., Bro. B. H. Watts, P.M., in the chair (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Edwards, the W.M.); Bro. C. Marshall, P.M., acting S.W.; the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, S.W.; Surgeon-General J. Ringer, M.O.; Rev. J. W. Macdonald, S.O.; J. Sumson, J.O.; and others. The ballot having been taken and proving unanimous, the following brethren were duly advanced: Bros. the Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, the Rev. the Hon. S. Meade, and F. C. Adams. Bro. B. H. Watts was then elected Treasurer, and Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was closed.

**BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M.M., Kent, P.G.C., &c., having been re-elected for a second year of office, was again installed in the chair of A. by his predecessor, Bro. Bateman, P.M., who congratulated the lodge on the fact of so eminent a brother being willing to undertake a second year of office. The P.M.'s jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. Cummings, who acknowledged the gift in feeling terms, and reported with much pleasure that the S.W., Bro. Robinson, had been honoured with Provincial rank at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Bro. Bateman rendered an account of his Stewardship at the last Benevolent Fund Festival, and after appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, the meeting closed.

## Knights Templar.

**SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY (No. 154).**—A meeting of the above preceptory was held at 33, Golden-sq., W., on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, E.P.; Cumberland, P. Sub-Prior; Lovegrove, P.E.P., and Reg.; John Read, P.E.P., and P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.E.P., P.A. G.D.C.; Shilcock, P.E.P.; Robinson, Palmer, and Scurrah. Visitors: Sir Knights T. C. Walls, P.E.P., and Allan.

The ceremony of installation of Comp. H. H. Hay into the Order by the E.P. was ably performed, after which a Priory of the Order of Malta was held, the candidates being Sir Knights Scurrah and Hay. They were well and ably installed as Knights of Malta by Sir Knight Cumberland, P. Sub-Prior.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet at the Criterion. After the banquet a very pleasing and agreeable programme of music was performed, under the direction of Sir Knight John Read, P.E.P., and P.A.G.D.C., assisted by Mdles. Colnaghi and Fenn and Mrs. Read, Sinclair Dunn (The Scottish Tenor) and Bro. Stanley Smith. The rendering of the solos and concerted music was thoroughly musicianly and artistic and gave unanimous satisfaction, being pronounced a great success.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**HULL.—Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).**—On Thursday, the 1st inst., a meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, when it was opened by Ill. Bro. Edward Kipps, 30°, M.W. Sov., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Amongst the members present were Ill. Bros. W. Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S.; M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. A. Hopwood, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. E. Cousins, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Thomas Oates, M. P. Hockney, and W. C. Whiteside. Visitor: Bro. J. A. Robinson, 87.

The business was to elect the M.W.S., Treasurer, and Equerry for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30° (Sheriff of Lincoln), was elected the M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, Treasurer; and Bro. Wm. Clayton, Equerry. A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, Inspector General of the district. The Recorder, Ill. Bro. W. Reynolds, announced that since the last meeting three members of the chapter had received the 30°, namely, Ill. Bros. H. E. Cousins, E. Kipps, and Henry Logan.

The business of the chapter being over, it was closed, and afterwards, as is usual at this chapter, the brethren spent a most harmonious hour or two.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

**YORK COLLEGE.**—The quarterly meeting of this body was held in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, November 16th, the building having been courteously placed at the disposal of the fratres by the brethren of the Hall Committee. There were present the following: Fras. W. F. Tomlinson, Celebrant; L. J. Atherton, Deputy; W. Brown, Sec.; G. Chapman, P.A.; Col. Monks, as S.A.; F. Laxton, as T.A.; J. R. Dore, O.A.; G. H. Locking, C. of M.; Major McGachen, Herald; W. H. B. Atkinson, Medallist; J. W. Monckman, W. Stott, A. Haigh, A. Stott, and J. Marshall. Several apologies for absence were read, amongst others from Fra. T. B. Whytehead, C.Adept. Bros. J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600, and T. H. Pattinson, 1545, accepted aspirants, were received into the M.C. A candidate was proposed, and after votes of thanks had been passed to the Hall Committee for the use of the building, and to Fras. W. Scott and A. Haigh for their hospitable reception of the fratres, the M.C. was dissolved. The members afterwards met at high tea, and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

By special dispensation, a meeting of the Time Immemorial, Newcastle, Royal Ark Mariner, was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on the 24th November, prior to the Union Mark Lodge meeting, and several Sunderland brethren were duly admitted to the Royal Ark Mariners Degree, Bro. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Past G.M.O. of England, W.C.N., presiding, and supported by several distinguished brethren, whose names are given in the Union Mark Lodge report.

Bros. Lord Wolseley and the Earl of Euston were present at the distribution of prizes to the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, of which the former is honorary colonel. Bro. Lord Wolseley delivered an interesting address on army organisation, which was frequently applauded.

Her Majesty has been particularly successful as an exhibitor at the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, having been awarded no less than five 1st prizes, one 2nd prize, and two 3rd prizes in the different cattle classes. The Prince of Wales obtained only one 3rd prize. Bros. Lord Wantage and Sir R. Baker were also among the prize winners. The Show closes this (Friday) evening.



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Masonic history. (Applause.) I feel that I and my Grand Lodge being present on this occasion will add a feather to the renown of all Scottish Freemasons, and that it will be remembered for all time in this presidency. (Cheers.) I feel, brethren, that by his Royal Highness assuming the Hiram of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, Masonry throughout India will reap the benefit, and will take a higher position, perhaps, than it ever had before, it will be strengthened, and its banners will unfold more freely amongst the vast multitudes of this continent. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, it is a happy thought that for so many years the two Constitutions existing throughout India have worked together in peace and harmony. (Hear, hear.) I feel sure that the honour which is being showered now on the English Constitution will have a certain amount of reflection on the Scotch, and will serve to unite the two Constitutions more closely together than they have ever hitherto been. (Loud cheers.) It has been our happiness brethren, for some years to meet under the same roof. We have had the same Hall, and the President of the Masonic Hall Committee is a Past Deputy District Grand Master under England, while the Secretary is a Substitute Grand Master under Scotland. (Hear, hear.) I feel that circumstance will knit us more closely together, but if it be possible, I am sure it will be due to the honour and lustre that will be shed on Freemasonry by the grand advance which has been made this evening in bringing amongst our noble Fraternity a member of the blood Royal of England. (Loud applause.) His Royal Highness, brethren, has been good enough to allude to the high honour that has been conferred upon me by our Most Gracious Queen and Empress. (Hear, hear.) I take this opportunity, brethren, of publicly acknowledging that the honour is principally due to his Royal Highness's favour. (Loud applause.) I thank him deeply for his kind interest in myself, and for the goodwill that he has expressed towards Scottish Masonry, I believe he is an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, and on behalf of the constitution, brethren, I thank him for his kindly words and good wishes towards the constitution over which I have the honour to preside in India. (Loud cheers.)

His Royal HIGHNESS next proposed the toast of "The Past Dist. G.M.'s of Bombay, Bros. G. Taylor and E. Tyrrel Leith," which was drunk with all honours.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with appropriate songs sung by Bros. Lamb and Chisholm.

His Royal HIGHNESS then said: Brethren,—I will now ask you to drink "The Health of the Worshipful the Deputy Dist. G.M., and the Officers of District Grand Lodge." (Hear, hear.) In giving this toast, brethren, I think we should give all honour to the District Grand Officers, and especially to my Deputy here, Bro. King—(applause)—for the manner in which they have carried out everything connected with the day's ceremonial. I think it reflects the highest honour on them, and shows they are capable of the highest administrative efforts. (Hear, hear.) We all know the amount of extra work it has given them, and, I think, we ought to be most grateful for the time and trouble that they have given and bestowed to see that everything was carried out with the most complete success. (Cheers.) I am especially grateful to Bro. King for the great support which he has been to me to day, and for the very admirable way in which he installed me. (Cheers.) I am especially desirous of thanking Bros. Hussey and Smith—(cheers)—for their co-operation, without which, I am sure, the very admirably managed ceremonial of to-day would not have taken place with the éclat with which it has been attended. (Cheers.) We must not forget, brethren, that the District Grand Officers have very important duties to carry out, and that they are very much more onerous than we think—everything is due to them. I feel grateful to them for the way in which they have carried out their work, which has been in every way suitable to our Craft. (Cheers.) Without further preface, I will ask you to join me in drinking to the health of the W. Dep. District Grand Master and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Hussey and Smith. In drinking to the health of Bro. King, I have to congratulate you on the honour conferred on him by his Royal Highness in appointing him a Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England. (Loud applause.)

Bro. HAROLD KING responded as follows: Your Royal Highness, Right Worshipful Brother, and Brethren,—I rise to return thanks for the very kind way in which you have received the toast of my health, and, in doing so, I shall confine myself to the toast of the Deputy District Grand Master, leaving the Officers of the District Grand Lodge to be represented by Bros. Hussey and Smith. In returning thanks for the kind way in which you have drank my health, I feel that my speech amounts to more or less a personal explanation, for I feel that the praises passed upon me ought most surely to be shared by many of the brethren. (Cheers.) A Deputy District Grand Master in charge has a difficult and onerous work to perform, for on him lies the obligation of seeing that everything goes off all right, but he depends on those under him—and it is a well-known principle in Masonry that neither Masonry, nor any one in authority in Masonry, can work properly unless he is supported by the brethren around him. (Hear, hear.) That is a great principle in Masonry—there must be some who rule and others to obey; but it is the brotherly, and fraternal, and harmonious working which shows a grand and successful work in Masonry. (Hear, hear.) And so in making this personal explanation, I claim very little praise for myself, but I would ask you to give it first to the District Grand Secretary, who has been untiring in regard to this work. (Cheers.) I can speak, brethren, as one who knows the amount of clerical work in receiving letters and answering questions, and so forth, that has been done in the Secretary's office, and I think this great gathering is an evidence of the way in which he has performed his duty. (Cheers.) The work of the District Grand Secretary, however, stops at the entrance in our District Grand Lodge, and here Bro. Smith reigns paramount—(cheers)—and I have authority for saying that the ceremonial of this evening could not have been better arranged than it has been done by him—(cheers)—and therefore I think I have cut away on both sides, and left but little praise for myself. (Cheers.) I will go further, and speak of the arrangements. Bros. Moore and Rowe both worked almost night and day to carry out to a successful issue the decorations and lighting of the rooms, and seating you at the banquet table this evening.

(Cheers.) Bro. Pennock has also worked hard, not only in making the necessary preparations for you to come here, but also in making nice arrangements for you to go away happy. (Cheers.) I would also mention Bro. Howarth, who, though not a member of this District Grand Lodge, has nobly come forward to assist in the arrangements for the banquet. (Cheers.) And now, brethren, I score a great point when I point out to you the value of Freemasonry in saying that from the Scottish Constitution we have gained a tremendous help. (Cheers.) Bro. Murzban, of that Constitution, has been the ruling spirit of the arrangements down here. (Loud cheers.) I have mentioned Bros. Moore, Rowe, and Pennock, but it is Bro. Murzban who decorated this place fully—he has designed and controlled everything. (Cheers.) Regarding the banquet this evening, I must mention Bro. Cowasjee Furdunjee as my co-adjutor; his administrative capacity is very great. (Cheers.) There is one more acknowledgment to make, and that is to yourselves. I think on no previous occasion have so many brethren been present at a Masonic gathering. The acknowledgment is due to you for your forbearance. However good the arrangements, however attentive the Stewards, there must be hitches here and there, and so I think, brethren, that in returning thanks for my own health, I may at the same time give thanks to you for your forbearance. If the installation has been a success it has been due to the Masonic forbearance, the Masonic feeling shown this evening which should rule throughout—we all helping one another. (Loud applause.) The Deputy District Grand Master stands under the District Grand Master to obey his commands; around him and under him are the officers who carry out the commands; but in a large Presidency, which numbers amongst you so many Masons, it is impossible always to carry them out without friction. The brethren must therefore exercise forbearance towards each other. The aim of the District Grand Lodge has been and is to induce the brethren to unite in being and making each other happy. That is the watchword of Freemasonry. Accept my most hearty thanks for your forbearance this evening. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. J. W. SMITH, said, your Royal Highness, Sir, and Brethren,—it appears to me that the duty of responding to this toast on behalf of the Officers of the District Grand Lodge might very well have been undertaken by the Deputy District Grand Master who has just spoken, but since he has not done so, and very kind mention of my name has been made by your Royal Highness, it is inevitable that I should say a few words. It has been said that I have rendered some assistance in bringing this function to a successful issue; and I cannot but feel exceedingly gratified if my efforts have secured your approbation. (Hear, hear.) Having accepted a certain position with regard to the ceremonies and arrangements of this occasion, it became my duty to exercise the best of my powers in that behalf; and if you tell me that in what I have been able to carry out I have done my duty, you pass upon me the very highest eulogium that I could desire. (Hear, hear.) I am proud to know, Sir, that the Masons of Bombay are aware that whenever my services are needed, they have only to put them under requisition, and they will be cheerfully rendered as a labour of love. I will not continue longer than again to express my thanks for the reception given to this toast, and to add, as I hope I may be allowed to do, without being supposed to intend anything derogatory to the brother who sits at your Royal Highness's right hand, that we congratulate ourselves not so much on your having a King for a Deputy as on our having a Prince for a Master. (Loud applause.)

Bro. W. H. HUSSEY said, your Royal Highness, Right Worshipful Sir, Most Worshipful Brother, Sir Henry Morland, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all:—I assure you I feel that a great honour has been done to me by his Royal Highness making mention of my name in connection with this toast. I will not attempt to occupy your time more than half a minute seeing that a great many speeches have already been made and the subject dealt with in an exhaustive manner by those who have preceded me. I would simply say that I thank his Royal Highness for graciously conferring on me the rank of Past Deputy District Grand Master, which I appreciate, and which I consider to be an ample reward for all my services as your District Grand Secretary during 20 long years. (Applause.) Brethren, I also thank you for your kind applause, and I feel sure we shall all work together in the future as harmoniously as in the past. (Loud applause.)

His Royal HIGHNESS next said, brethren, I have now an especially pleasing task to perform, and that is to propose "The Health of the Sister District Grand Lodges in India." I desire, not only in my own name, but also in the name of the brethren of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, to express our grateful thanks to the representatives for coming here all the way from Bengal and the Punjab. (Hear, hear.) It shows that they entertain a most fraternal feeling towards us in Bombay for them to have undertaken such long journeys to be present here on this occasion. (Hear, hear.) And we thank them most cordially. (Cheers.) We appreciate their presence here most highly. I desire to couple with the toast the name of W. Bro. Rustomjee of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. (Cheers.)

Bro. H. M. RUSTOMJEE desired on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which he had the honour to represent, to return sincere and hearty thanks for his kind reception and the manner in which they had been pleased to receive the toast of the Sister District Grand Lodges in India. His only regret was that his Right Worshipful District Grand Master had been prevented by his public duties from being present in person, as he would have been glad to do. He did not doubt that the impetus given to Masonry by the installation of his Royal Highness would be felt not only in this presidency, but throughout India. He recognised an old Bengal Mason in W. Bro. King, under whom he had worked, and from whom great things had been expected in Bengal, previous to his removal to this side of India. His loss to Bengal had proved a gain to Bombay. (Applause.)

Bro. E. C. JUSSAWALLA also returned thanks on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab.

His Royal HIGHNESS, proposing the last toast, said, brethren, there is only one more toast which I should like to bring to your notice, and I already anticipate that it is one that you will drink most heartily, it is that of "The Visitors." (Applause.) I think that the brethren of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay must feel they are flattered at the large number of visitors present amongst us. (Cheers.) We know that they have come from a

distance, and at considerable trouble to themselves to be present amongst us—(cheers)—and I hope that, as District Grand Master, I may be allowed to thank them personally for the compliment they have paid me. (Cheers.) I think this toast will be especially acceptable to you when I ask you to couple with it the name of one of our most zealous and oldest Masons here, Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee. (Loud cheers.) I think the Freemasons of Bombay, and I might almost say the Freemasons of India, owe him a debt of gratitude as he was one of the first and keenest of the native Masons in India. I also desire to couple with this toast the name of Bro. Col. Woodbridge. I ask you to join me in drinking to the health of the visitors. (Loud applause.)

Bro. MANOCKJEE CURSETJEE and Bro. Col. WOODBRIDGE, responded.

Bro. GRATTAN GEARY said it was a great pleasure to the guests on that occasion to see so remarkable a gathering of men of all races, creeds, and classes, dining at the same table and animated with a common feeling of friendship and good will. (Cheers.) It was a tribute to the vitality and the force of the principles of brotherhood and mutual help which found expression in Masonic lodges, that such an example of tolerance and concord should be given in that hall, and it would, no doubt, have an effect throughout India. The presence amongst them that evening of representatives of the Craft in Bengal and in the Punjab showed how widespread was the salutary influence at work, binding diverse races and creeds in a common bond of social sympathy towards each other and loyalty to the Queen-Empress. (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated, the brethren felicitating each other on the great success by which they had been attended. A guard of honour of the East Yorkshire Regiment was in attendance. The brethren gave three hearty cheers as his Royal Highness' carriage drove off at about 11.30 p.m.

#### MASONIC SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

A Masonic service was held in All Saints' Church, Oxford-street, in this city, on Sunday last. By dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire (Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie), a lodge was opened in All Saints' school, York-street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, under the banner of the Strangers Lodge, No. 1219, Bro. H. Slatter, W.M., performing the ceremony with the assistance of his brother officers. There was a numerous attendance of members of the lodge named, and also of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and of brethren hailing from other lodges in Manchester and neighbourhood. Both Craft and Royal Arch clothing were worn. A procession was marshalled at the school, and the officers and brethren walked in Masonic order to the church. The weather was unpropitious, and consequently their passage over the short route attracted little attention. Within the church, however, a large congregation had assembled. Bro. J. H. Greenwood directed the musical arrangements, and these were admirably carried out by the choir. The service included two anthems, "God is a spirit," and "O praise God in his holiness," which were splendidly sung. Bro. Varley was organist on the occasion. Prayers were said by the Rev. D. Ellison, rector of All Saints', and Bro. the Rev. John Watson, Provincial Grand Chaplain, read the lesson and preached, founding his discourse on the words "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." A collection was afterwards made on behalf of the East Lancashire Masonic Systematic Benevolent Institution and the churchwardens' fund of All Saints' church. On leaving church the Masons returned to the school, where the lodge was closed in due form.

A word of praise is due to Bro. Greenwood for his trouble in arranging the musical service, and to Miss Conway for her truly exquisite singing in the anthems.

Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. John Roberts, P.M., Treas. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Bladon, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C.; S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1633, 149, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; Wm. Bostock, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. H. Jeffries, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas North, P.M., P.P.G.I.G.; D. A. Davis, P.M. 625, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Derbyshire; Rev. John Watson, P.M. 12, Prov. G. Chap.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; Hy. R. Slatter, W.M. 1219; W. B. Russell, S.W. 1219; C. Vickers, 1219; W. Baron, Org. 1219; Geo. D. Kelley, 219; J. Callum, I.G. 1219; R. D. Callison, 1219; Wm. Branden, P.M. 1219; Jas. Robinson, S. 1219; Jas. N. Haslam, 1219; Robt. Leech, P.M. 1055, 1219; R. Hughes, 1219; Geo. Barlow, 1219; Edward Smith, 317; W. Wright, 581; W. J. Cotsworth, W.M. 1166; J. Bowers, I.G. 1730; F. Batty, Chap. 1231; J. P. Wills, 1633; J. F. Platt, 1633; R. Jones, 1633; Walter Biggs, W.M. 1496; John Goss, 2156; J. Jordrell, W.M. 1052; J. Gibbons, J.D. 1774; S. Ashcroft, 1633; Wm. Harris, 1126; G. Garlick, 18; R. E. Coates, 210; M. Naylor, S.W. 44; Wm. Lyon, W.M. 1633; E. Dodd, 78; J. H. Williams, Stwd. 1057; S. Mills, Stwd. 1077; Wm. Boden, Sec. 1588; R. Beresford, W.M. 1993; Wm. Dunkerley, 78; A. H. Challenor, S.W. 1774; T. S. Kendal, 1774; Wm. Dean, 2185; J. H. Marsh, 1730; D. Baxter, 1219; J. T. Kenworthy, 1633; J. Cantrell, I.G. 152; D. Coaway, J.W. 152; Bryce Blair, W.M. 815; R. H. Green, 1633; A. Grice, S.W. 992; William Goss, Treas. 581; C. Moorhouse, 2166; Wm. Craven, I.P.M. 1633; R. Booth, I.P.M. 1011; R. Ingle, 1011; D. R. Halliday, 1011; F. T. Hair, 1011; M. Miller, 204; D. Macleaman, 815; J. Newton, 1496; J. Grant, 152; J. W. Haslam, 1219; J. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.P. Cumberland and Westmorland; C. H. Normanton, 204; K. E. Walker, 993; Thos. Stopford, S.W. 1077; E. Goodwin, 526, 2185; John Radcliffe, I.G. 210; Wm. Byway, P.M. 1633; H. Paulden, P.M. 204; T. W. Foxcroft, 204; G. McWilliams, 1055; G. E. Wand, 581; P. D. Ohlmis, 935; R. Walker, P.M. 1126; Maurice Levy, 204; W. H. Wellington, P.M. 78; G. Crocker, P.M. 204; A. B. Whittaker, P.M. and Treas. 1633; S. Locke, P.S. 1387; R. Walker, 555; J. H. Grimshaw, 204; James E. Roberts, 204; Jas. Bromley, 210; A. E. Powell, 152; T. E. Broadbent, 204; J. Richardson, P.M. 204; T. Eveleigh, 552; J. W. Lloyd, and R. Walker, P.M. 1052.

The Duchess of Albany opened the new Public Hall and Leopold Institute at Slough on Tuesday afternoon.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, A. Bryant, G. Gardner, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D. of C.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; F. Adlard, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwill, Joyce Murray, Charles Belton, W. Maple, A. Durrant, George P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, H. W. Hunt, J. Moon, W. H. Saunders, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, six petitions were presented and considered, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in April next. Two applications by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the proceedings terminated shortly afterwards with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## DEDICATION OF NEW MASONIC HALL, MIRFIELD LODGE, No. 1102, MIRFIELD.

Friday, the 2nd inst., will long be remembered as a red-letter day by the brethren of the Mirfield Lodge, as on that day was consummated the wish and desire of those brethren for many years past, namely, the formal dedication and opening of their New Masonic Hall.

The corner-stone of the building was laid on March 22nd last, that day being the 21st anniversary of the date of the warrant of the lodge, and now, before the close of the Jubilee year of her Majesty, it has been completed, and Friday's ceremonial put the keystone to the building.

Before proceeding to give an account of the proceedings, a description of the Hall will not be out of place. On the ground floor there is reading-room, 20 ft. by 16 ft., dining-room, 29 ft. by 25 ft., billiard-room, 25 ft. by 19 ft. 4 in., spacious entrance hall, large cloak-room, bar, lavatory, &c., also caretaker's living-room. On the first floor, lodge-room, 48 ft. 9 in. by 25 ft., instruction-room, 25 ft. by 16 ft., robing-room, store-room, good roomy landing, and two bed-rooms for caretaker. On the basement, heating apparatus chamber and keeping and wine cellars. Special care has been taken in fitting up the building both in heating, lighting, and ventilation, and now that it is finished it stands a monument of the perseverance and determination of the Mirfield brethren in providing themselves a habitation which is an ornament to the parish and a credit to the lodge. The whole of the works have been carried out under the superintendence of Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., architect, Mirfield, and Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., architect, Mirfield and Heckmondwike.

The brethren assembled at 2.0 p.m., and the lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Simpson, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. Bailey, S.W., W.M. elect; F. H. Hare, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; J. Womack, S.D.; F. J. Crowther, J.D.; J. Barker, P.M., as I.G.; M. Deadman, Org.; J. Hilton and W. Beaumont, Stwds.; W. Booth, T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; John Walmsley, P.M.; Jas. Walmsley, P.M.; John Crowther, P.M.; J. T. Barras, P.M.; Jos. Milner, G. Jackson, W. H. Wilson, W. H. Wilkinson, C. E. Sutcliffe, and T. Porritt. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Pearson, 1301; J. Mitchell, 1214; W. Cocking, W.M. elect 2035; W. Fitton, P.M. 1783 and 2035; A. Macaulay, W.M. 258; J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600 and 1561; T. Gledhill, 258; J. H. Rayner, P.M. 380; J. H. Stocks, 1514; S. Sinkinson, S.D. 258; W. Rilev, 258; F. Fearnside, 974; T. Helliwell, P.M. 208; J. Robinson, S.W. 788; G. Horsfall, P.M. 1514; G. H. Sykes, 652; W. Forrest, 221 and 37; T. Buckland, Sec. 1231; J. Rhodes, S.D. 1231; H. Blackburn, P.M. 827; Lewis Lee, S.W. 827; Edwin Lee, W.M. 827; G. T. Bull, P.M. 750; and G. H. Holdroyd, S.W. 1514.

After the minutes of last lodge meeting had been confirmed, Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. of England, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, entered the lodge, accompanied by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. H. Smith, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M.; C. L. Mason, 304 and 2060, P.G. Treasurer, as Prov. S.G.W.; G. Newton, 1019, P.P.J.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; J. W. Fourness, 1211, Prov. G. Treas.; J. K. Ibberson, 1102, Prov. G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; C. E. Rhodes, 208, Prov. S.G.D.; A. A. Stott, 1102, as Prov. J.G.D.; R. Castle, 750, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. C. Monckman, 1018, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. G.D.C.; W. Stott, 61, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Smithson, 1211, 1001, W.M. 2128, P.P.G.D., as Prov. G. Purst.; J. W. Turner, 521, and E. Lord, 910, Prov. G. Stewards; S. Barraud, 304, as Prov. G. Tyler; J. Booth, 258, P.P.G.W.; J. Ibberson, 1102, P.P.G. Reg.; John Barker, 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Davis, 810, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Poppleton, 827, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Beck, 289, P.P.G.D.C.; and R. Williamson, 521, P.P.G.D.; and proceeded with the ceremony of dedication, which he performed in his usual able and impressive manner, and delivered a very interesting oration, alluding to the history of Mirfield as a parish, and different matters referring to the Mirfield Lodge. The corn, wine, and oil were carried by Bros. John Barker, P.M.; John Walmsley, P.M.; and James Barker, P.M., respectively; the salt by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.G. Reg.; Bro. Deadman acting as acolyte. The musical part of the ceremony was ably performed by Bros. Riley, Holdroyd, Calverley, and Fearnside, while Bro. Pearson presided at the organ.

At the completion of the ceremony the principal P.M.'s, Officers, and brethren of the lodge were presented to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., then took the chair vacated by the Prov. Grand Master, and Bros. J. H. Simpson, W.M., and J. B. Fairclough, P.M., presented Bro. Walter Bailey, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M., reading the ancient charges. The officers resigned their collars, and all the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters retired. Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, then took the chair, having Bros. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.G. Reg., and A. A. Stott, P.M., in the Wardens' chairs, and opened a Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. W. Bailey having been admitted was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, in the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, D.P.G.M., and Provincial Grand Officers and Past

Masters, 38 in number; this being one of, if not the largest number of installed Masters which have ever been present at the Mirfield Lodge. Bro. Simpson was invested with the collar of I.P.M., and Bro. J. K. Ibberson explained the jewel of that Degree.

After the Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master having been duly proclaimed was saluted. The working tools were given by Bros. T. B. Fairclough, P.M., John Barker, P.M., and A. A. Stott, P.M. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master presented the W.M. with the warrant, Book of Constitutions, and by-laws.

Bro. Bailey, W.M., then appointed and invested the following officers, who, as they were brought up to the dais, were introduced to the visiting brethren by the INSTALLING MASTER in a few well chosen words: Bros. F. H. Hare, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; Thos. Lang, P.M., Treas. F. J. Crowther, Sec.; J. Womack, S.D.; T. W. Spruille, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., D. of C.; J. Hilton, I.G.; M. Deadman, Org.; W. Beaumont and Jos. Milner, Stwds.; and W. Booth, Tyler.

The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. John Barker, P.M. Various useful and valuable presents having been made to the lodge, viz., collars and gauntlets, by Bro. J. H. Simpson, I.P.M.; organ, by Bro. W. Bailey, W.M.; tessellated pavement, by Bro. W. Wilson, J.W.; and others by Bros. Fairclough, P.M., and J. Womack, S.D. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. JOHN BARKER, P.M., seconded by Bro. JAMES BARKER, P.M., and carried nem. con.

A letter was also read from Bro. E. T. Ingham, P.P.G.R. Cambridge, forwarding a donation to the Building Fund, which was duly acknowledged. Bro. John Barker, P.M. was again elected member of the Charity Committee, and after the usual business of the lodge had been transacted, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the PROV. G. MASTER, and DEPUTY G. MASTER, both of them congratulating the brethren who had taken part in the ceremonial of the day in the efficient manner in which it had been performed, the Deputy specially remarking how pleased he was to see that so many of the P.M.'s of the lodge were able to take a prominent part in the ceremony.

The PROV. G. MASTER also congratulated Bros. Barker, Stott, and J. K. Ibberson on the success of the whole of the arrangements made for that day's proceedings, which had been brought to a conclusion without the slightest hitch of any kind. "Hearty good wishes" were further expressed by representatives of Lodges, 37, 208, 221, 258, 289, 302, 304, 380, 521, 600, 652, 750, 788, 810, 827, 910, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1211, 1214, 1231, 1301, 1514, 1561, 1783, 2035, 2060, and 2128.

The lodge was then closed, and Prov. G. Lodge retired, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Bull Hotel, where Bro. and Mrs. Beaumont had prepared a sumptuous repast, after partaking of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and thus was this important day for the Craft in Mirfield brought to a close.

## GRAND LODGE OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The following address was presented at the last quarterly communication on the 22nd October to M.W. Bro. Sir Henry Morland, by the officers and members of his Grand Lodge.

To Most Worshipful Brother

Sir Henry Morland,

Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India.

"We, the undersigned Officers and Members of your Grand Lodge, now approach you, Most Worshipful Sir, with our congratulations on your having received the distinction of Knighthood at the hands of Her Imperial Majesty the Queen-Empress.

"Called twice by the suffrages of your fellow-citizens to the important civic post which you now occupy, no further proof could be needed of the esteem and respect in which you are held by them; nor of their appreciation of your conspicuous ability and integrity. Therefore in honouring you with Knighthood, when in the capacity of Chairman of the Corporation of the City of Bombay you placed at the foot of the Throne a loyal address congratulating Her Imperial Majesty on her long and prosperous reign, extending over fifty years, Her Imperial Majesty also honoured the citizens of Bombay, by whom you were twice elected to your high office, and by whom you were deputed to convey to her the assurance of their deep devotion and unswerving loyalty.

"Moreover, Freemasonry has been brought within the range of the distinction conferred upon you; for those qualifications, which have made you eminent as a citizen and as a man, and to which you owe your present high position, were fostered and developed in the bosom of the Craft. By a happy coincidence you not only, for the second time hold office as Chairman of the Corporation of this City, but for the second time also you wield your Hiram as our Grand Master. The achievement was hailed with acclamation when in the early part of your former administration, you were instrumental in bringing about the rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, which had lapsed into and long remained a Provincial Grand Lodge only. Such an achievement was in itself a title to greatness; it proved your fitness for the position you held, and gave sure promise of the splendid future which was in store for you and your Grand Lodge. You have won the warm affection of all, who serving under your Banner have had opportunities afforded to them of witnessing the dignity, the impartiality, the wisdom and the tact with which you have discharged the duties of your exalted office, and we deem ourselves specially privileged in being Members of your Grand Lodge.

"We pray the Great Architect of the Universe for your long life, health, happiness and prosperity, and may you for many years to come continue to preside over us, affording to all true and faithful Freemasons a bright and glorious example to follow."

(Signatures)

Bro. T. Sutherland, M.P., presided at the 47th annual meeting, held at the offices in Leadenhall-street on Tuesday, of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The report, under the circumstances of the past year, was of a satisfactory character.



When "The Pointsman" is withdrawn from the Olympic, it is probable an adaptation from Mr. Rider Haggard's "Jess" will be put on, Mr. Willard playing the chief part. Mr. Ben Greet will also appear. Miss Hewitt will rest until her tour commences. Whether she gives up management or not is not yet made known.

The busy season is once more upon us. On Monday a new drama, called "Siberia," is to be produced at the Princesses. Bro. Toole the same night re-appears in the "Butler." About the 15th Mr. Buchanan's new play will have its first performance at the Haymarket. Mr. Wilson Barrett and the Empire Palace (to be graced by the M.W. Grand Master) both began on the 22nd ult., and on Monday last "The Two Roses" was revived at the Criterion.

True burlesque can be seen nightly at the London Pavilion where M. Brunin, from Paris, appears every evening in his celebrated character as a "Lady of the corps de Ballet." Nothing more funny than this has been done anywhere of late. He burlesques the style of dancing, the mode of coming on and exit, the steps, bows, taking of encores, dress, and all the business, and causes hearty laughter from his audience. The usual excellent programme is put before the public to enhance the pleasantness of the evening, and Bro. Ed. Swanborough now reigns as Treasurer, looking well and happy.

Mr. Geo. Edwardes announces that at Christmas he will in his new burlesque, "Frankenstein," by Richard-Henry, excel all his former efforts. This is saying a great deal. He has gathered round him a very talented company, which must make a heavy salary list, amongst them being Bros. Fred Leslie, F. Lonnen, J. D'Auban, Messrs. G. Stone, F. Thornton, Charles Ross, and Cyril Maude; Misses Farren, Marion Hood, Camille D'Arville, Sylvia Grey, Sybil Grey (the two names very confusing), J. McNulty, Lizzie Wilson, Lily Ernest, and Emily Cross. Mr. Robert Martin, of "Ballyholly" and "Killaloe" renown, will contribute to the incidental songs. The dresses will be again designed by Mr. Percy Anderson. Bro. Meyer Lutz, P.M. 1319, will compose much of the music and conduct the orchestra. Messrs. Beverley, Banks, and Perkins will be responsible for the scene painting, and the dresses will be executed by Madame Auguste and Miss Fisher. Mr. John D'Auban will look after the ballets, the chorus will be materially increased, and the whole produced under Bro. Charles Harris's management. "Miss Esmeralda" will be played at matinees then.

Bro. Edward Terry, last Thursday, produced at his theatre Mr. Lloyd's "Woman Hater," which he played originally at Newcastle, where it met with warm approval. Whatever good fortune may attend this farce in three acts it will be owing, not to its author's skill, but to its very clever depiction of the title rôle. The plot is not new. The third act, which is by far the best and in marked contrast to the second, deals with a subject which has formed the groundwork of much hilarity in farces before. Mr. Bundy who has arrived at middle age and been looked upon as a woman hater—for he is always saying that railway accidents, earthquakes, and everything terrible in the world are owing to women—is suddenly found to adore the sex. Before he knows where he is he has been engaged to three ladies at once. Mrs. Joy has accepted him for her third spouse; Mrs. Walton, to whom he has shown much politeness, will not wait for him to speak the necessary words but tells him she is his; and Mrs. Brewster, whom he had proposed to by letter, accepts, but not till long after he had given up all hope of hearing from her, and so had become engaged to Mrs. Joy. Complications necessarily follow; however, he marries the one of his deepest choice, but on the very wedding afternoon he is seized by mistake and clapped into a lunatic asylum in the place of Mrs. Walton's brother. In Dr. Lane's establishment all the characters of the play meet, each avowing himself or herself sane and pitying the others as insane. This time-worn stage business as worded up by Bro. Terry and his able company, evokes hearty laughter. It must be admitted that though not novel in its plot, the third act is highly amusing. Many pieces of this description exhaust all their fun in the first two acts, but "The Woman Hater" quite freshens up throughout the last act. Bro. Terry has a character in which he revels, exactly suited to his peculiar gifts, wherein he grotesquely illustrates the despair of Samuel Bundy. He is well supported by Bro. Alfred Bishop (the new I.G. 1319), as Dr. Lane, who, it is needless to say, pays great attention to his make up. This excellent actor is so carefully got up, that one can scarcely recognise who it is playing the part.

## Obituary.

BRO. H. JEPSON.

Bro. H. Jepson, M.R.C.S., died on the 22nd ult., at his residence, Hampton-on-Thames, and was buried at Hampton Church on the following Monday. Bro. Jepson could claim being one of the oldest Masons in England. He was born in September, 1797, and consequently was in his 91st year. He came from Colnbrook to Hampton in 1822, and was initiated in that year in the Harmony Lodge, No. 255, which then held its meetings at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. He did not take a very active part in the Craft; but when the Hemming Lodge was launched in 1874 he became a founder, and was its Treasurer for a short time. Having resigned that position, he continued, however, to be on its books till his lamented decease, and was regularly returned to the Grand Lodge as a subscribing member. In the village where he had lived so many years he was highly respected. In his prime he had been an athlete of no mean powers, and was always a zealous disciple of Izaak Walton. His loss will be greatly felt in the community in which he mingled. His funeral was attended by a vast concourse of persons of every degree, which testified to the estimable worth of the venerable deceased.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next stated meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, opened a new Town Hall at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, erected in memory of the late Lord Redesdale.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Mannockjee Cursetjee, Honorary Depute G. Master of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and late Judge of the High Court of Bombay.

The Queen has ordered that the Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom, of which her Majesty is Patron, shall henceforth be known as the Royal Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom.

Bro. John Fuller, S.W., has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, and will be installed on the first Monday in January.

The Prince of Wales, in company with the Comtesse de Paris and the Princess Helene of Orleans, visited the Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, and returned to Sandringham the following day.

Bros. the Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Lord Ashbourne), and Lord Stanley of Preston were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., was the only absentee.

Bro. the Hon. R. H. Dutton presided at the first annual festival of the London and South-Western Railway Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Society at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday. Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., John Aird, M.P., W. S. Portal, and Lieut.-Col. Davis being among the chief guests. The subscriptions announced during the evening amounted to close on £482.

Bro. W. Kuhe, Past G. Org., gave a concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday, at which Madame Adelina Patti sang three songs, and was rapturously enjoyed in each case. Miss Kuhe's contribution on the pianoforte was well executed, and Bro. Cusins, P.G.O., conducted the orchestra.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser has expressed his willingness to take charge of any donations remitted to him at the Mansion House towards the fund about to be raised for erecting a monument in the New Brussels Cemetery at Evere to the memory of the British officers and soldiers who fell in the Waterloo campaign in Belgium and lie buried there.

Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., presided at a meeting at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, on Monday, of the members of the Hackney, Cleveland Bay, and Yorkshire Coach Horse Societies to support their claims to a portion of the subsidy of £5000 which the Government intend granting towards encouraging the breed of horses, especially for military purposes. Bro. the Earl of Londesborough was among those present.

M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and Countess of Carnarvon arrived at Hobart, Tasmania, on the 20th October, and left for Melbourne the following week. In the Tasmanian capital they were honoured with a Masonic ball; whilst in Melbourne it was intended to hold a special communication of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, as also a banquet in honour of the visit of the Pro Grand Master of England. Lord Carnarvon was further made an honorary member of the Melbourne Masonic Club, which body were also to tender his lordship a complimentary dinner.

The partial recovery to health of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, is a matter of great rejoicing to the brethren over whom he presides, and amongst whom he is most popular. He has attended Provincial Grand Chapter, of which he is Grand Superintendent, within the last ten days, and is now announced to attend a meeting of an important nature at Cheltenham, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The business to be transacted will be to appoint Past Provincial Grand Officers in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Queen, and to lay the foundation stone of the Cheltenham Grammar School, a re-building of Pate's old Grammar School. Richard Pate, of Minsterworth, was recorder of Gloucester in 1556, and left at his death, in 1578, an income which now reaches £2000 a year for schools and almshouses.

**NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.**—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 1886.—“The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the mouth need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortress-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplies artificial teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and performs all other necessary operations painlessly, and bestows benefits that cannot be over-estimated upon this portion of our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of Hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in hospitals and private practice, is of a very kindly disposition, and eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER is also a well-known benefactor, having devoted ten years of his early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored and able hand relieved (free of cost) no less a number than 20,000 suffering patients.”—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and Free to “the Unemployed.”

The farewell benefit to Bro. Charles Warner, previous to his departure for Australia, will take place at Drury Lane Theatre this (Friday) morning.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., who was accompanied by Lady Dilke, opened the Queen's Park Liberal Club, Harrow-road, on Saturday evening last.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will leave England next week for Spain, where he will stay till the opening of Parliament in February next.

The Queen has graciously consented to become Patroness and H.R.H. the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), President of the Distressed Irish Ladies' Fund.

We regret that we are compelled to hold over till next week reports of the opening of a new Masonic Hall at Newry, and the complimentary banquet given by the brethren of Hull to their Mayor, Bro. H. Tooser, P.S.G.D. N. and E. Yorkshire.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided at a meeting of the Aldermen of the City of London on Tuesday, when Bro. James E. Saunders, P.G.D. (elected successor to the late Sir W. McArthur, K.C.M.G.), took the oath and his seat, and was heartily congratulated by his brother aldermen.

Thursday, the 1st inst., was the 43rd birthday of the Princess of Wales, and the joyous event was celebrated by a dinner party given at Windsor Castle, and by the usual Royal Salute in the Long Walk, the bells of St. George's Chapel and Windsor Parish Church also ringing merrily.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th instant. Bros. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563, Preceptor; W. Englefield, W.M. 1321, Treas.; and G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, Secretary.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Imperial Institute, occupied the chair at a meeting of the Organising Committee held at Marlborough House on Tuesday, among the members present being Bros. Lord Herschell, the Lord Mayor, Sir F. Abel, Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., and Sir Somers Vane (Assistant Secretary).

**MARK MASONRY.**—The election of Worshipful Master of the Langley Lodge, No. 28, took place on Thursday at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, when Bro. J. Munday, S.W., P.A.G. Sec., was unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing 12 months. The installation will take place in the beginning of February next.

The Sub-Commission elected by the Congress on the Sugar Bounties met for the first time on Monday at the Foreign Office. Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., who is President of the Congress, has issued invitations to the delegates to a banquet to be held at his residence in Grosvenor-place to-morrow (Saturday), one banquet having already been held on Tuesday.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at seven o'clock, in the Masonic Temple, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W. (entrance from Piccadilly or Jermyn-street by the lift). Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, will be the W.M.; Bro. W. C. Smith, P.M. 1563 (Preceptor), S.W.; and Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614, J.W.; Bro. Reynolds, J.W., is the Secretary of the lodge.

An error crept into a paragraph in last week's issue referring to the annual banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. We described it as having taken place on the previous Monday, whereas it should have been a prospective notice. We trust it did not adversely affect the attendance, as we should especially regret being the means, even in the smallest degree, of preventing such able and energetic workers as Bro. Stiles, E. Storr, and others receiving the deserved compliment of a full attendance.

The *Ipswich Advocate* (Brisbane) of October October 7th contained the following paragraph:—“The District Grand Lodge of Queensland of the English Constitution of Freemasons will, it is understood, take steps to invite the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, to extend his visits in Australia as far as Queensland. Lord Carnarvon is now on his way out to Australia, and immediately after his arrival in Adelaide or Melbourne, the Hon. A. C. Gregory, District Grand Master of Queensland, will forward to his Lordship a pressing invitation to visit the colony. As he does not propose to return to England until the middle of May, it is believed Lord Carnarvon will accept the invitation, in which event the Board of General Purposes will be at once intrusted with all the arrangements to accord a reception befitting so distinguished a member of the Craft.”

An Assault-at-Arms by the members of St. Stephen's Young Men's Club, assisted by members of the 18th Middlesex Rifle Corps, was held at the Athenæum, Godolphin-road, Hammersmith, on Tuesday. The hall was crowded in every part and the various items in the programme elicited hearty applause from those present. A picked team of seven boys of the St. Stephen's Schools, consisting of Cecil Freeman (Captain), M. Costin, Cecil H. Abbott, A. Freeman, H. Woodin, H. Brooking, and R. Nicholls, gave an exhibition of their skill on the parallel bars under the direction of the Rev. A. K. Ramsay and Mr. S. Tampion, and the neatness and precision with which they executed the several movements was most creditable both to them and their instructors. The dumb bell exercise by the same seven boys, with D. Mitchell for their leader, was also well done, and so too, were the Indian club exercises by Sergeant Harris; while the bout with the gloves between Mr. M. Roberts (sweep), and Mr. G. Toogood (miller), was greeted with roars of laughter. The proceedings were much enlivened by the selections played by the string band of the 18th M.R.V., under the able leadership of Signor Denelli.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—Bilious affections, with all their concomitant annoyances induced by atmospheric changes, or too liberal diet, should be checked at once, or serious consequences may ensue. When any one finds his ideas less clear than usual, his eyesight dimmed, and his head dizzy, accompanied by a disinclination for all exertion, physical or mental, he may be quite sure that he is in immediate need of some alternative medicine. Let him at once send for a box of Holloway's Pills, a mild course of which will remove the symptoms, and speedily renew his usual healthful feeling. If the bowels be irritable, Holloway's Ointment should be diligently rubbed over the stomach and liver every night and morning.—ADVT.

The members of the Langton Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual dinner at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 7 p.m., and will resume work on Thursday, 5th January.

Bro. Lord Herschell, P.S.G.W., presided at an adjourned conference held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Monday, to consider the condition of the working classes.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun has been elected Treasurer of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple for the ensuing year in succession to Mr. Justice Stephen.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) and Lady Halsbury visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

The Prince of Wales will open the Apprentices' Exhibition at the People's Palace, Mile End, to-morrow (Saturday), and the Post Office Rifle Corps has been ordered to furnish a guard of honour on the occasion.

Bros. the Earl of Onslow (Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies), and Lord Bury (late Under-Secretary for War), have become Vice-Presidents of the St. George's Club.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., returned to Chatsworth Hall, Derbyshire, from his visit to Dublin, on the 2nd inst., and addressed a full meeting of his constituents at Rawtenstall, on Saturday evening last.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., presided at a meeting held at the residence of Bro. John Aird, M.P., on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of considering the necessary steps to be taken to alleviate the distress among the unemployed in Paddington. A series of resolutions were adopted.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser and Bros. Sheriffs Major Davis and Higgs, were entertained at a banquet given at the Hotel Metropole, on Saturday last, by the Master, Wardens, and Court of the Worshipful Company of the Makers of Playing Cards.

We are asked to announce that on and after Monday, the 12th inst., the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, formerly held at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road, will hold meetings every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London were the principal guests at the annual livery dinner of the Plumbers' Company, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 1st inst., Bros. Alderman Sir H. Isaacs and Sir F. Abel being also present.

The W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, 1744, in connection with his officers and Committee, announce their third annual ball to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on January 11th, 1888. It is hoped there will be a large attendance, and that it will be as successful as the former gatherings.

The *Philadelphian Keystone* of the 19th ult. states that Bro. General F. C. Latrobe, who, as a member of the Executive Committee at the recent Centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, contributed by his courtesy so largely to its success, has been elected Mayor of Baltimore for the fifth time.

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a county ball at Sandringham House, on Friday, the 2nd inst., among the most distinguished guests being the Comte and Comtesse de Paris and Princess Helene, the Duke of Cambridge, the Italian Ambassador, Bro. Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, C.B., and Sir F. Knollys.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided at the 25th annual meeting, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, of the Surgical Aid Society, with which his Lordship has been connected for twenty years. The report and accounts were adopted, and subscriptions announced to the amount of £400. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

A Masonic Charitable Association has just been started in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, which meets at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evenings. The payments will commence on the 5th January, 1888. The officers are: Bros. T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614, President; A. Clark, S.W. 2191, Vice-President; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Treasurer; and F. M. Noakes, 2148, Secretary.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his popular lecture “On the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry” in the Royal Commemorative Lodge of Instruction at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, close to the London and South-Western Railway Station, at Putney, S.W., on Monday evening, the 10th inst. Brethren from neighbouring lodges are invited to attend, and, there being spacious accommodation, a large gathering of South London Freemasons is anticipated.

Bro. Lord Wolseley, J.G.W., presided at a meeting held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 1st inst., when a testimonial was presented to Mr. G. Stormont Murphy, in recognition of his services as honorary Secretary for the last 17 years of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, with a beautifully illuminated address on vellum.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., the Maharajah the Gaekwar of Baroda and the Maharanee visited the Queen at Windsor Castle, when her Majesty held an investiture of the Order of the Star of India, and having conferred the honour of knighthood on his Highness, invested him with the ribbon and star of a Knight Grand Commander. Bro. the Earl of Limerick was in attendance as Lord-in-Waiting, and Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C., as Registrar and Secretary of the Order. Levee dress was worn.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than “Grant's Aorella 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.