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THERE was a large attendance of brethren at the meeting of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, but though, as we anticipated last week, there was a certain amount of excitement over the election of a Grand Treasurer for next year, there was nothing passed that calls for any lengthened remarks. The resolution of sympathy with the Crown Prince of Germany in his present severe illness was moved and seconded by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., who presided as Grand Master, and Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, respectively, in speeches which left nothing to be desired, and it is hardly necessary we should add that it was agreed to unanimously. The Prince of Wales was re-elected G. Master, and of the two candidates for the G. Treasurership—Bros. S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59, and A. Barfield, P.M. 511—it will be seen from our report elsewhere that the latter was preferred by a large majority of votes. What lent additional interest to the meeting was the fact that the gift of G. Lodge, which is to be presented to the Princess of Wales in commemoration of her Silver Wedding with his Royal Highness the Grand Master, was on view, and all who saw it were agreed that it was a worthy present to so gracious a lady from so ancient and honourable a body of men as the Freemasons of England. And we doubt not it will be valued the more highly by the Princess as she knows it is intended only as the outward and visible sign of the love and respect they entertain towards her and her husband, in common with the rest of their fellow countrymen.

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WE do not see how, under the circumstances, the General Committee of the Boys' School could have arrived at any other decision, at its meeting on Saturday last, than to reject the resolution for a further inquiry into the case of the boy MOTION. As the proceedings which then took place are recorded elsewhere, it is not necessary we should do more than refer to them, casually as it were, in the remarks we purpose making here. We will point out, however, in the first place that the resolution, as it was worded, prejudged the very matter at issue between the boy and his friends of the one part and the House Committee of the other part. It declared, clearly and unequivocally, that a "wrong" had been "done" to the boy MOTION, while it was contended on behalf of the House Committee that he had been treated with justice and in accordance with the laws of the Institution. Thus the General Committee, unless it was prepared to condemn the House Committee without hearing its defence, had no alternative but to reject the motion, and this it did by a very substantial majority. In our opinion, however, there is another and still stronger reason, which, so far as we know, was not referred to at the meeting, why the General Committee should be commended for its rejection of this motion. By the laws of the Institution the House Committee are entrusted with the performance of certain duties, and in the case of the particular duty they performed in their treatment of the boy MOTION, it is distinctly laid down in the law relating to it, that they shall do it "at discretion." This law provides that the House Committee shall "make inquiries respecting" the "conduct" of the boys, "and reward, admonish, or punish them at discretion," and it is difficult to see how any person, who is not blinded by anger to the dictates of reason, can misinterpret its meaning. The case of the boy MOTION came before the House Committee in the ordinary course of duty; they inquired into all the circumstances, and, in the exercise of their "discretion," they sentenced him to a certain punishment. Therefore, there is here no question of the House Committee having exceeded their duty, while it is monstrous to suggest that the conduct of the boy MOTION had been otherwise unjustly dealt with. To an outsider, who is a near relative of the boy, the punishment inflicted may appear to be out of proportion to the offence committed; but it is impossible that such an outsider can be acquainted with all the circumstances which were brought to the notice of the Committee, or with the reasons which led them, in the legal exercise of their "discretion," to sentence the boy to this particular kind or degree of punishment; and, even if he were so acquainted, the chances are millions to one that, as a near relative

of the defendant boy, he would not exercise an unbiassed judgment. Moreover, in this particular case, at the instance of the boy's friends, a second inquiry was instituted and conducted by the House Committee, without the evidence adduced at the first being shaken in any point—material or immaterial. It cannot be said, therefore, that the facts have not been thoroughly investigated, nor do we think any one, after what we have said, will venture to assert that the case has not been adjudicated upon with the strictest impartiality. For these reasons it appears to us it was the duty of the General Committee to withhold its assent from any proposal for a further inquiry. But there is yet another reason in favour of this view which must not be lost sight of. In all that relates to the inner management of the School at Wood Green, the House Committee is the legally appointed representative or agent of the General Committee. Its duties are clearly marked out, and it is allowed the exercise of its "discretion" in the performance of those duties. If it exceeds or fails in that performance, it lays itself open to the censure of the General Committee of which it is the agent; but if it performs its duties in the manner and to the extent prescribed by the law, the General Committee would itself become censurable, if it repudiated responsibility for the acts of its House Committee. Now, as we have shown already, the course adopted by the House Committee in the case of the boy MOTION was strictly in accordance with the prescriptions of the law, and, therefore, if the said Committee insists on carrying out its course to the end, it is impossible for the General Committee, without abusing its powers, to override or repudiate the decision of its legally appointed agent. If it considers the decision harsh and that the punishment meted out to the boy is disproportionate to the offence he committed, it may say to itself—This agent of ours, this House Committee is getting us into disgrace, by the extreme severity with which it performs the duties which the laws have entrusted to it, and therefore when the time comes for us to renew the appointment of the House Committee, we will elect other brethren to serve on it in place of its present elective members. But the General Committee, so far from considering its agent has acted in this matter with any undue severity, is firmly persuaded it has, to use an expression which was employed by one of the speakers on Saturday last, "tempered justice with mercy." Here then the matter rests and is likely to rest. Whether the friends of the boy MOTION will make any attempt to force the resignation of the House Committee remains to be seen. We trust they will not; but, should they act so unwisely, we hope all friends of the Boys' Institution, who know that a school of 260 boys cannot be properly conducted unless strict discipline is maintained, will continue their support of the General and House Committees.

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WE publish elsewhere the result of the Cambridge Local Examination held in December, 1887, so far as it affects the pupils of the Boys' School who offered themselves as candidates, and we doubt not our readers will be highly gratified with a success which is so creditable in all respects, both to the educational staff of the Institution and the boys themselves; especially as it has been achieved under signal disadvantages, scarlet fever having broken out in the School last half and seriously interfered with the regular course of study. In spite of this, however, two boys obtained second class and six boys third class honours, while four passed. The name of a 13th boy was also given in, but illness necessitated his withdrawal, so that virtually the whole of our candidates from Wood Green were successful, and two-thirds of them were awarded honours. We warmly congratulate Bro. DR. MORRIS, the headmaster, the governing powers, and the boys on the result. We are aware that it is only the latest of a long series of similar successes, but it comes the more opportunely and will therefore be the better appreciated just at the present time, when a determined and most discreditable attack is being made on the authorities of the Institution.

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It is satisfactory to learn that, notwithstanding the lethargic condition in which, according to an excerpt we quoted from a contemporary last week, our Norfolk brethren are sunk, a new lodge—the Earl of Leicester, No. 2237, at Wells—was consecrated on Monday, and that there is every reason for its having before it a long and useful career. We are perfectly aware that Norfolk is an agricultural county, and that the recent hardness of the times has been felt more severely than in manufacturing districts. But we are also well aware that our illustrious GRAND MASTER has been one of its magnates for about a quarter of a century, and likewise that at a very early period in the history of Modern Freemasonry Norfolk was one of our strongholds. We hear of there having been a lodge in Norwich as early as 1724, and another in King's Lynn in 1729. It was also at an occasional lodge at Houghton Hall, the seat of Sir ROBERT WALPOLE, in 1731, that FRANCIS of LORRAINE had the Third Degree conferred upon him, while some years later—in 1759

—Bro. EDWARD BACON was granted a deputation as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. We are justified in assuming that the brethren of the province must be proud of its antecedents, and that with as many as eight of their lodges dating from last century, of which five have been granted centenary warrants, they must be desirous of playing a part in Masonry that comports well with their past history. For these reasons we are glad that, after a rest of some nine years, a move has been made in the right direction, and that a new lodge has at length been established under most favourable circumstances in a part of the county where there is every likelihood of its being well supported. The Earl of Leicester Lodge has our heartiest good wishes for its success.

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The West Lancashire Educational Institution. THE report for the past year of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution is considerably more favourable than any of its predecessors, and demonstrates not only the efficiency of the management, but likewise the increased favour with which the Association is regarded by the lodges and brethren in the Province. The income from all sources, amounting to upwards of £2632, is stated to have been larger than in any previous year, the excess of Donations and Subscriptions alone over 1886 being £463, owing to the special efforts made by the lodges to signalise the year of the Queen's Jubilee by a more than usually generous exhibition of their bounty. The number of children benefited by the fund was 183, for whom clothing and education were provided out of the Educational Fund, and 20, for whom maintenance as well as clothing and education were provided out of the Combined Fund, the number to whom grants were made for their advancement being eight. The sum dispensed under these various heads was close on £1792, and is in excess of that of other years, while, as regards expenses of management, they amounted to a few pence under £77 10s., including the price of a fireproof deed box. There was also disbursed in the purchase of five Rights of Presentation for 21 years—namely, one to the British Orphan Asylum, two to the London Orphan Asylum, and two to the Orphan Working School—the sum of £1575, and steps have been taken towards purchasing a sixth Right on payment of £350, the balance remaining in hand on the 31st December, 1887, being £764 6s. 8d. The property invested amounts, including cash in hand, to £18,792 13s. 8d., and the sum received in interest during the year was no less than £750 11s. 8d. If to this we add the estimated present value of the five Presentations, the assets of the Institution will be found to exceed £20,344, which is larger than the capital of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. From the statement of these particulars our readers will see clearly that this Institution, which is only one out of several established to meet the requirements of necessitous brethren in the Province of West Lancashire, is instrumental in doing a large amount of good, while its cost of management is a mere trifle. It is generously and increasingly supported by the brethren in the district, and its assets are very valuable. We know, of course, that West Lancashire is one of our strongest and richest provinces, and it is not surprising it should set so admirable an example to those in other parts of the country. But when due allowance has been made for this, it strikes us it will be found that they have succeeded in placing this particular Institution upon a larger and more ambitious footing than we are accustomed to look for among Institutions that are intended for merely local purposes. However, we need not stop to consider this point. It is enough for us that West Lancashire, though it is not the only Province which has adopted this plan, has carried out most successfully its system of helping those of its members and their belongings who need help, by providing for them out of local funds. We congratulate them most sincerely on what they have done, and we trust that this and their other Associations will always continue to be as ably conducted and as successful in achieving the purposes for which they have been established as this one has been during the year of the Queen's Jubilee.

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The United Northern Counties Lodge. THE full report which appears in another part of our columns will serve to show that the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, is as popular and as prosperous as ever, and that from the manner in which its proceedings are conducted it well deserves its good fortune. Its installation meeting on Tuesday was a conspicuous success, and we congratulate Bro. W. MASTERS, who is well-known in Masonic circles, on having been elected to succeed so able and genial a brother as the retiring W.M., Bro. SMITHSON, whose services to Masonry are so widely known.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, presided. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, as Past G. Master. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., acted as S.G.W.; and Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W., as J.G.W.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December, 1867, were read by Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., and put, and confirmed.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., then said he had to report for the information of Grand Lodge that with respect to two resolutions come to at last Grand Lodge, the first £500 voted towards assisting the unemployed of the Metropolis, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., after due consideration, had been pleased to allot the moneys placed in his hands as follows: £100 had been allotted to the Mansion House Fund raised by the Lord Mayor for

the employment of people out of work; 150 guineas had been given to the principal London Police Courts, including the Mansion House; 50 guineas had also been given to other principal Police Courts, and the Guildhall; and the remainder of the £500 had been sent to the other principal Police Courts of the Metropolis. With respect to the £500 voted for a present to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the Silver Wedding-day of the M.M.G.M. and the Princess of Wales, he had to report that the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, having ascertained the feelings of her Royal Highness on this matter, it had been arranged that the present should take the form of a diamond ornament of a certain description, which had been manufactured, and it was hoped that it would be presented by the Deputy Grand Master in a very few days. (Applause.)

(The handsome present was subsequently exhibited to the brethren.)

The Earl of LATHOM then rose and said: Brethren, few words are needed from me to recommend the motion that stands in my name, for I believe that there is not a single person in this country who does not watch with the deepest anxiety the reports received from time to time of the illness of his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany. (Hear, hear.) And why? Because he is known to be one of the most honest and one of the most upright men of the day—(hear, hear)—a man who has made himself beloved by all, an example to all as a son, a husband, a warrior, and a statesman. (Hear, hear.) We know how the destinies of Europe are hanging on this one man's life; we know also how closely allied he is to our own beloved Royal Family; we know also that his wife, the Crown Princess of Germany, has followed in the footsteps of her mother, and has shown what a watchful, untiring nurse she can be during his long period of trial and suffering. (Hear, hear.) I feel sure that I say what you all will say, that she and all her family have our deep sympathy. (Hear, hear.) I will now move the motion that stands in my name on the paper.—“That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore his Imperial Highness again to health.”

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair—I have the greatest possible pleasure in seconding this motion, which I am sure will be carried with the utmost unanimity, on two grounds, which you have already alluded to, the private and the public one—the private one from the relationship the illustrious person bears to the Sovereign of our country, which would commend itself to the hearts of every Englishman, especially to the Masons; and the public one, because of the important position we are aware he occupies amongst potentates of this world. We know that in this life, as you have justly said, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair, hangs the destiny of Europe, because he is well-known to incline to that love of peace which must tend so much to the benefit of the civilised world. (Hear, hear.) Let us hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may be graciously pleased to spare this important and illustrious person. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously, and amidst loud cheering.

Bro. G. PRIOR GOLDNEY, W.M. 259: Brethren,—You are all aware that the chief business to be transacted by us this evening is, in exercise of our constitutional rights, to elect a Grand Master to preside over our Order for the ensuing 12 months. This large assembly of brethren testifies unmistakably to the great interest taken by Masons from all parts of the country in this election. It is my good fortune to have the honour of proposing for that high office the most distinguished Mason among us. Apart from the exalted position held by the Prince of Wales as Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms, his Masonic career points him out as pre-eminently the most fit and proper brother for the office. It is now some 15 years since his Royal Highness was, under the most auspicious circumstances, installed in the chair of the Royal Solomon at a memorable gathering of Masons in the Albert Hall, the recollection of which is still green amongst, I think, most of us here. The number of years that elapsed before the next meeting of Masons beneath that dome are not many in a life time; but still they mark a distinct epoch in the history of the Craft. During that period—but a short one—not only has the stem of Masonry grown larger and more solid, not only have the branches spread wider, but the roots of the stately old tree have struck so deeply into the home and colonial life of the nation, that the grand commemorative assembly of last summer may well be said to have been a physical representation of Masonry universal, exemplifying as it did Freemasonry spread over that great empire of ours, as to some parts of which the sun is ever at its meridian. To the Royal ruler of the Craft are we largely indebted for the remarkable progress, stability, and public appreciation of Freemasonry in that period, and for the beneficial hold it has taken upon the best feelings of our race. The mere numeration of the tens of thousands of pounds subscribed and spent by Freemasons upon their Charitable and Educational Institutions and private benevolence to the unfortunate, by no means expresses all the good which our Order confers. There still remain the comforts it conveys, the advantages for doing good it extends, and the bond of union it affords amongst those whose better fortune enables them to hold out the right hand of fellowship to struggling humanity. They are well known and felt by us all, and have been admirably cherished and fostered by our Royal brother. With a force of character peculiarly his own, H.R.H. has exhibited in a marked degree an ability to lead and control large public assemblies; and further, he has been blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe with that magnetic influence, so characteristic of his family, which attracts to himself the personal attachment and devotion of those with whom he is brought into personal contact. Firm of purpose, just and patient, he is a model for every Master of a lodge to emulate. Hard working, painstaking, and sympathetic, he sets an example for every Entered Apprentice to follow. Our past

experience of his Royal Highness's beneficent rule over us leads us to look forward with confidence to the future, and I trust that your unanimous voices to-night will convey to him and to the outside world our high appreciation of him as a man and our fraternal respect for him as a Mason. (Hear, hear.) I beg, therefore, to propose H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Masons for the ensuing year.

Bro. JOHN SMITH, P.M., in seconding the motion, said that under the Prince of Wales's auspices Freemasonry not only had risen but must rise in importance throughout the known world.

The motion was carried unanimously amidst loud applause, and Sir ALBERT WOODS (*Gariter*), P.G.W., G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the year ensuing.

Bros. Asher Barfield, P.M. 511, and Stephen Barton Wilson, P.M. and Treas. 59, were then duly proposed and seconded as candidates for the office of Treasurer. Bro. Barfield was elected by 643 votes against 166.

The following grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were then confirmed:—

A brother of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole	£50	0	0
A brother of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry	100	0	0
A brother of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, Tredegar	50	0	0
A brother of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, Kidsgrove	50	0	0
A brother of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, Oakham	50	0	0
A brother of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man	100	0	0
A brother of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells	100	0	0
A brother of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury	50	0	0
A brother of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	50	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 last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of February instant, showing a Balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5712 18s. 7d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £17 7s. 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
21st February, 1888.

The Report of the Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts was also adopted. Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., G.R., then brought forward the appeals.

The first was from a brother who had been expelled Masonry by the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand. The District Grand Lodge expelled him for desertion of his wife and family and committing adultery. Bro. Philbrick explained that it was of the utmost consequence that Masons in dealing with matters which were before them, and which the tribunals investigate and decide upon, should limit themselves to Masonic matters. If they travelled out of their province, they not only had no means of enforcing their own decrees, but they assumed to themselves a jurisdiction they did not possess. It was no part of his duty to enter into the details of this case which might or might not have been properly established in evidence. The evidence sent home certainly at the present moment was far from complete; but it could not be too carefully borne in mind that Masonry was an Institution which existed for Masonic purposes, and that Masons were not, unless a Masonic offence had been committed, general "censores morum." they had not to take cognisance of matters which were outside the province of Masonry, and for this reason he ventured to submit to Grand Lodge what he thought himself, that this matter was entirely a matter outside of Masonry, and was not one on which as a Masonic body they ought to enter into or express their opinion upon. Under these circumstances he thought that the District Grand Lodge was entirely wrong in dealing with the matter, and that the appeal of the brother ought to be allowed.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion, and the appeal was allowed.

Bro. PHILBRICK next brought up the appeal by Bro. John C. Cobbe, P.M. of Lodge Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, Madras, against the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, in charge, of Madras, declining to interfere in a matter at issue between Bro. Cobbe and Lodge No. 465, relative to a proposed presentation from it to him. The circumstances of the case were that the brother had had a clock voted him for his services to the lodge; but before the clock had arrived from England, the brother had done something which offended some brethren, and the vote was not confirmed, and the clock not presented. He appealed to the District Grand Lodge, which declined to interfere on the ground that it was a matter entirely for Lodge 465. Bro. Philbrick recommended and moved the dismissal of the appeal.

Bro. THOS. FENN seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. PHILBRICK next brought up the appeal by Bro. Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales declaring that Bro. Joseph James Allen, J.W., had been duly elected W.M. of the said lodge. In this case Bro. Allen, J.W., was elected W.M., and the ground of the complaining brother was that when Bro. Allen was elected and installed he had not been 12 months a Warden. Bro. Philbrick explained that if a Warden was elected W.M. 11 months after he had been a Warden, and the following month his election was confirmed, he had been 12 months a Warden according to the Constitutions, and was duly elected and installed. If, on the 19th November, 1886, he was elected, and on the 18th November, 1887, he was installed, he was properly placed in the chair. He advised the dismissal of the appeal and the confirmation of the ruling of the District Grand Master.

Bro. THOS. FENN seconded the motion, and it was put by the GRAND MASTER in the chair and carried.  
Grand Lodge was then closed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF LEICESTER LODGE, No. 2237, AT WELLS, NORFOLK.

The somewhat unusual ceremony of the consecration of a new lodge in the Province of Norfolk took place at Wells, on Monday last, and, judging from the spirited way in which the proceedings were carried out, and the interest shown in them, a successful future may be safely predicted for this, the first lodge ever established in the ancient town of Wells. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Major Penrice, performed the ceremony, assisted by Bros. H. G. Barwell, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; G. Baxter, P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. H. Wimble, P.P.G.C., as Chap.; and J. B. Aldis, P.G. Sec. There were also present the founders—Bros. G. V. Grummett, P.P.A.G.D. of C., W.M.; Rev. J. E. Player, S.W.; A. Goddard, J.W.; A. W. Ralling, Sec.; H. A. Dewing, S.D.; A. Whitlock, J.D.; and Wm. H. Pearce, I.G.

Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec. and P.G. S.E. Essex; W. H. Tench, I.P.M. 996, P.G. Std. Br.; Cleare Bowles, 114; W. Rituthovry, 1808, P.G.S.; J. Hall, 1114; O. Hudson, 1114; G. F. Smith, 1114; G. W. Bernard, 943, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Spoweth, 943, P.J.G.D.; W. Lake, 131, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; W. A. Driver, 313, P.G. Steward; W. G. Sheringham, 1114, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, 341, and 943; R. F. A. Atkinson, P.M. 1114, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Anderson, W.M. 996; F. B. Quinton, P.M. 1808, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Dixon, W.M. 1808, P.P.G.R.; J. Wainwright, 1114; C. H. Rust, 213; J. Tench, 213; T. Coninby, 807; E. Pugh, 1808; F. Smith, 213; T. Mackley, 1580, P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. J. Bailey, 1500, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Gunn, P.M. 93, P.P.G. Sec.; C. J. Campling, 1500, P.G. Org.; E. Hollis, 93; G. E. Waterson, 1114; and R. Edge, 1794.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the brethren on the nature of the meeting, referred to the ceremony as being one of an important and solemn character, and calling for the serious and thoughtful attention of all present. At the conclusion of the address Bro. the Rev. H. WIMBLE delivered the following oration, which was listened to with marked attention:—

Brethren,—It has been the custom from time immemorial that, on such an occasion as this, a few words should be spoken on the nature and principles of our Institution. The sanction for this custom I find in the conduct of our G.M., King Solomon himself, who, as we read in Holy Writ, on the occasion of the dedication of the Temple "stood before the altar of the Lord and solemnly bade the children of Israel to keep the Law, to fear their God, to walk in His ways." Following this high precedent, let me now call your attention, in the first place, to the definition of Masonry in its nature and essence—that it is a system of morality. What is it that first strikes the candidate in lodge when light is restored but that Sacred Volume of the Law which we have just sealed, with our lips and which is the embodiment of all morality, the revelation of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has there set forth the rules that should guide and regulate the moral world with no less unerring accuracy than those which guide the physical universe? And the definition continues, "it is veiled." That Masonry should thus be veiled from the outer world has been urged as a reproach against it, but if we examine it closely we shall find, I think, that therein lies much of its strength. Were the privileges of Masonry thrown open to the world, the Craft, perchance, would fall into neglect, for, as Tacitus says—"Omne ignolum pro magnifico." Where there is mystery there is greater attraction for humanity. So our forefathers and masters in the Craft were wise when they made our Order a secret one, and yet one whose secrets are open to the candid inquirer who seeks by lawful means, open to the good and the worthy of every class of mankind. How valuable is the training that man receives who is taught to practise the value of fidelity with which his lodge is closed. Saith not our G. Master, Solomon—"He that refraineth his lips is wise;" and this true wisdom the good Mason will carry into his commerce with society at large, and, indeed, that virtue is no small bond thereof; for how could public business be carried on were the secrets of the Cabinet betrayed by a statesman, or how would commerce flourish were each man's private business opened to the world, and what is our opinion of the individual to whom empty gossip is as the breath of his life, and who hears but to tell to the first he meets? It is veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbol. How rich and varied a theme for treatment, did not time forbid more than a few illustrations of the way in which allegory and symbol go hand in hand to set forth the beauties of our Order. The three who rule a lodge—the Sacred  $\Delta$  reminding us of the three great Craft Masters—S.K.I., H.K.T., and H.A.B., teach us that as in the outer world so in the lodge, though all as Masons meet on the level, yet some must rule and some obey, and that so alone true harmony can be established. The principal point of Masonry is threefold, and comprises the exalted virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Thus in the first we follow the teaching of the Saviour in His parable of the Good Samaritan. We look not at a brother Mason's politics, for in the lodge we have them not. We inquire not into his religion or creed, provided he acknowledge the G.A.O.T.U., any more than did the Samaritan, whose temple was on Gerizim; that of the Jew who worshipped at Jerusalem. His colour or his country alike are indifferent to us. If he but employ the universal language of Masonry, and exhibit the signs and tokens of his profession, he is our brother, entitled at all times to our courtesy and attention, and, if needs be, to our relief. And this is the second virtue, Relief. Who can with more legitimate pride than a Mason point to better proofs as he contemplates those noble institutions which so practically illustrate its theories and exemplify its doctrines—proofs not of his excellency as a man, but of the excellency of his Craft—

The widow's tear, the orphan's cry,  
All wants our ready hands supply,  
So far as power is given;  
The naked clothe, the prisoners free,  
These are thy works, sweet Charity,  
Revealed to us from Heaven.

And the third is Truth—an essential to the Free and Accepted Mason. The sacred dictates of Truth must be the guide and director of all his actions. To be good men and true is one of the first of Masonic lessons—upright as the perpendiculars, firm and secure on a truthful basis. Such are but a few of the modes of illustration of our Order, and I might multiply them and tell you how every letter and figure has its moral lesson—how the white of your aprons is emblematical of the innocence and integrity that should clothe you—how the Three Degrees are an allegory of man's passage through life, from the cradle to the grave, from the time when naked and poor and penniless you stand in the lodge—until you pass through the grave and gate of death to the serener heights of Master Masonry, as I

trust you will one day, to the Grand Lodge above. How the very signs teach temperance, as you touch the seat of bodily appetite and fortitude as you strike the breast—but time forbids. Let me close by congratulating you. V.W. Sir, on your words in Provincial Grand Lodge having borne fruit in this new lodge, and the brethren of the town of Wells in having thus taken them to heart, and instituting a lodge under the honoured name of Leicester. I give it to the first officers in strong terms of recommendation that they begin its work worthily and well, and establish a good tradition thereof. May all who attend it meet on the level and part on the square, having learned the lessons which the Degrees will teach them—lessons of duty to God, to their neighbour, to themselves, the value of time and its proper application, and above all the solemn lesson which one Degree has for them that the final catastrophe must come upon all one day—that the sprig of acacia that graced the resting place of H.A.B. must one day mark ours. From this, and thoughts at times like these, we shall be led to the conclusion that one thing alone is truly great and that is virtue; one thing mean and contemptible, and that is vice.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and on its completion Bro. G. V. Grummett was installed as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. Rev. J. E. Player, S.W.; Ambrose Goddard, J.W.; Arthur W. Ralling, Sec.; Herbert A. Deiving, S.D.; A. Whitlock, J.D.; and W. H. Pearce, I.G. Col. Fielden, who was unfortunately absent, was elected Treasurer. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Major PENRICE.

The W.M. then said that it was their first duty to pass a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for attending and performing the ceremony in such an able manner, and to ask him and those who had assisted him to accept the honorary membership of the lodge. The vote of thanks having been seconded by the SENIOR WARDEN, was carried by acclamation.

Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

A very choice luncheon was afterwards provided, at which about 40 sat down, but as the majority of the brethren had to leave by an early train the proceedings were considerably shortened. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the opinion seemed general that the lodge had started under excellent auspices, and that it would have a prosperous career.

We must congratulate the brethren on having provided themselves with an excellent and tastefully decorated lodge room, and also on the temperlines on which they have determined to carry on the lodge, this will give them many advantages and opportunities for promoting true Masonic principles.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE F. R. SEWELL LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 213.

On Friday, the 24th ult., the Mark Masons from many lodges in the province assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, as candidates for elevation and to witness the consecration of the first Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge ever dedicated to Masonry in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. There were 27 candidates on the agenda to ballot for, and 21 were in attendance for elevation.

A diligent search has been made by the learned ones of the mystic lore, but from the day that the first Grand Commander entered upon his nautical command to the present time it cannot be shown that this beautiful Degree in Freemasonry has been wrought in the Northern province, although frequently designated the land of the mountain and the flood. Perhaps a more suitable place could not have been selected for the first warrant in the province to be planted than under the banner of the Fletcher Lodge, 213, where every parental care will be bestowed upon the bantling, and we feel sure no effort will be spared to make it a success. The name of the new lodge is that of our highly esteemed Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.C.N. 3, Dep. P.G. M.M., and C.N. designate, keeping up an old Masonic family connection with the town, his late and much respected father having held supreme command over the sons of a Craft lodge so long ago as 1828. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.C.N. 3, P.G.D. Eng., is J. designate, and Bro. G. Ryrie, R.A.M. 3, P.S.G.W., S. designate.

The brother deputed by the M.W.G.M. to perform the ceremonies of elevation, consecration, and enthronement was Bro. J. D. Murray, P.C.N., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., who discharged the honoured duties entrusted to his care in a most efficient manner. The Consecrating Officer opened a lodge of R.A.M.'s, when a ballot was taken for the candidates, which proved favourable, and they were elevated accordingly, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with. The founders of the new lodge, namely, Bros. Col. Sewell, N.; P. de E. Collin, J.; and G. Ryrie, S., were arranged in order, add the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed them at length on the nature of the meeting, and the purposes for which the warrant had been granted, and then called upon the acting Secretary, Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., to state their wishes, and what proceedings had been taken with respect to the lodge.

The ACTING SECRETARY then stated that, by the unanimous vote of the brethren of the Fletcher Mark Lodge, No. 213, a petition had been signed and forwarded to the M.W.G.M. praying for a warrant to hold a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge under their banner, and he was pleased to say that the M.W.G.M. had approved of their petition and granted them a warrant, and they now desired to be consecrated and dedicated according to ancient custom.

The warrant was then read, and the officers designate unanimously approved of.

Bro. the Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, Prov. Grand Chap., then delivered an oration, which was attentively listened to.

The Consecrating Officer was then assisted by the following brethren to bear the elements of consecration: Bros. Col. Sewell, the corn; Geo. Ryrie, wine; J. Nicholson, oil; and the Rev. J. Anderson, the censer; T. Atkinson, as D.C.; H. D. Cook, P.G. Org., Organist; assisted by Bro. L. Taylor. The elements having been duly applied, the lodge was then declared duly dedicated and constituted to the ancient and honourable fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners, &c. Bro. Dalrymple then presented Bro. Col. Sewell, C.N. designate, to receive the benefit of installation, when he was installed and proclaimed with all the honours. The following brethren also had the honour to have conferred upon them the rank of P.C.N. of the Order, viz.: Bros. G. Ryrie, J. Nicholson, and G. Dalrymple. The

brethren were then re-admitted, and saluted the newly-installed C.N. Col. SEWELL then moved, and Bro. RYRIE seconded the motion, that Bro. J. Nicholson be Treasurer, which was carried unanimously. Bro. DALRYMPLE moved, and Bro. ATKINSON seconded, and it was carried, that Bro. J. Casson be Warder. The following brethren were then invested as officers, viz.: Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.C.N., J.; G. Ryrie, P.C.N., S.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; J. Nicholson, P.C.N., Treas.; G. Dalrymple, P.C.N., Scribe; T. Atkinson, S.D.; J. Gardiner, J.D.; W. Carlyle, D.C.; H. D. Cook, Org.; T. Brakenridge, Guardian; J. Harper, Stwd.; W. J. Tyson, Stwd.; and J. Casson, Warder. The following brethren were also present, viz.: Bros. E. Tyson, J. Moordaff, W. Robinson, H. Burns, B. Taylor, R. Leach, T. Mitchell, L. Taylor, Dr. J. F. Muir, and G. Scott; and the other candidates balloted for and accepted, who were unable to be present, were Bros. G. W. Roll, Sec. 213; T. F. Braithwaite, 213; D. Atkinson, J.O. 213, T. Mandle, P.M. 151; J. Eden, W.M. 282; and T. Atkinson, J.W. 229.

The following brethren were nominated to draw up the by-laws: Bros. Col. Sewell, Collin, Ryrie, Nicholson, and Dalrymple. Bro. Col. SEWELL, C.N., then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Murray for his excellent services rendered that day in elevating the candidates, consecrating the new lodge, and installing himself as the first N. Bro. Murray was always willing and ready for the work, and he now moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes and that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. CARLYLE seconded the motion, and it was carried with applause.

Bro. MURRAY replied at length and eloquently, and thanked Bro. Col. Sewell and the members for the honour conferred upon him by electing him an honorary member, and he hoped in the time to come he would hear well of the F. R. Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 213, which had been launched that day under such favourable circumstances.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Lion Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

#### MASONIC MEDALS.

The only work on Masonic Medals, brought down to recent times and for all countries, is the fine volume by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, of Boston, U.S.A., published in 1880 [1881], having many valuable illustrations. It is now out of print, and deserves republication. The large number of 744 medals are described in that work, the English portion mainly having been derived from Bro. Hughan's "Numerical and Medallist Register of Lodges," 1878, which is beautifully illustrated in appropriate; colours and information derived from that industrious investigator and student.

Since then numerous pieces have been traced, and are now in collections amassed in this country and the United States, especially the large cabinet formed by Bro. G. L. Shackles, of Hull, by far the finest of the kind in Europe, who has already made known the character of the chief prizes in his collection through the pages of the *Freemason*. There are also smaller cabinets, having rare and sometimes unique pieces, which should be duly noted, as the number is not the only guarantee of excellence, the rarity of the medals being after all the chief desideratum. The noble array of medals obtained by Bro. George Taylor, now domiciled at Worcester, the select and valuable collections made by Bros. James Newton (of Bolton), Major Irwin (of Bristol), William J. Hughan (of Torquay), Thomas Francis (of Havant), T. Lamb Smith (of Worcester), the Supreme Council, 33°, the Grand Lodge of England, and others, possess each of them special characteristics, and are capable of contributing much to the general information as to English as well as foreign medallists.

Bode, Zacharias, and Merzdorf were useful in their day, but the whole together did not describe anything like the number of old medals now familiar to students of that branch of Masonic literature, and since their period hundreds of new and beautiful medals have been struck to commemorate the lives of individuals, Craftsmen, or great enterprises and achievements by various Masonic bodies.

Bro. Marvin has again entered the field, and is now preparing a supplement to his noble work, each number of the "American Journal of Numismatics" (Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Paris, and London) containing, from January, 1888 (issued quarterly), until completed, full particulars of the medals hitherto undescribed, several of which being practically unknown to collectors generally.

The following introduces the series, and it will thus be seen that Bro. Marvin means to do the thing thoroughly, as it deserves. Indeed, excepting the two English brethren named by him, we doubt if any else could complete the task successfully.

"We have been requested by some of our subscribers [American Journal of numismatics aforesaid] to resume the publication of descriptions of Masonic medals, which attracted so much attention in the *Journal* a few years ago. So many new medals of this character have been struck since the publication of 'The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity,' [by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, Boston, U.S.A.,] and the diligence of collectors having brought others to light that had evaded search when that work was finished, it has seemed that a list might be prepared which would be of value, and add much to the completeness of the former. We have obtained Mr. Marvin's consent to furnish us with descriptions of those which have come to his knowledge since that time, and he has had the valuable aid of Mr. Poillon, Vice-President of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York, whose superb cabinet of these medals is by far the largest known to us, either in this country or abroad; of Mr. W. J. Hughan, and Mr. George L. Shackles, well-known English collectors, who are specially familiar with the Masonics of their own country, and the latter of whom has probably the best collection in Great Britain. The list will probably include upwards of an hundred undescribed pieces, which for the convenience of collectors, and for ease of reference by those who have Mr. Marvin's book mentioned above, will be numbered consecutively from the close of that volume. We propose to begin with descriptions of several which were mentioned by Mr. Marvin without full accounts, and give their numbers as in his work; after which we shall proceed with the medals since issued, or recently discovered."

We have said enough to prove the interest and value of Bro. Marvin's labours, about which we shall keep the readers of the *Freemason* fully informed, and conclude with the recommendation that brethren having rare medals should communicate with either Bro. Hughan (Torquay,) or Bro. G. L. Shackles (Hull,) so that they may be duly and accurately described.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR HEDWORTH AND LADY WILLIAMSON.

There assembled in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Monday afternoon, the 27th ult., an unusually large number of Freemasons from all parts of the province to take part in a presentation to the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and the Lady Elizabeth Williamson on the celebration of their silver wedding. The presentation consisted of a massive silver vase and an illuminated address. The vase occupied a prominent position on the table, and is designed from the celebrated beautiful marble basin of a fountain still in existence at the Villa Albani in Rome. The subject engraved upon it represents the apotheosis of Hercules. The original is esteemed one of the finest productions of the kind, and is of Greek workmanship. The vase bears the following inscription: "Presented to Sir Hedworth and Lady Elizabeth Williamson on the celebration of their silver wedding by the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, 3rd February, 1888." As mentioned above, in addition to the vase a handsome address, illuminated with Masonic emblems, and beautifully bound in russet-coloured plush with orange blossoms and a pair of love birds worked on the cover, was presented to Sir Hedworth.

The presentation was made and the chair occupied by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M., and amongst those present were Bros. Lionel Booth, P.S.G.W.; H. J. Turnbull, P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; R. W. Simpson, P.J.G.D.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C.; R. Dickinson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Barker, P.G. Org.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Barnes, P.P.S.G.W.; James Monks, P.P.S.G.W.; R. A. Luck, P.P.J.G.W.; John Wood, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. Backhouse, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; Rev. G. R. Bulman, P.P.G.C.; B. Boulton, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Logan, P.P.G.R.; R. Luck, P.P.G.R.; T. M. Barron, P.P.G.R.; W. Brignall, P.P.G.R.; Alderman W. C. Blackett, P.P.S.G.D. (Mayor of Durham); J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Coulson, P.P.J.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Currie, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Gray, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Fenny, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Crawford, P.P.G. Org.; J. F. Hiller, P.P.G. Org.; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P.; D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; E. Shewbrooks, W.M.; W. Brown, J.W.; and Rev. W. Bowker, Chap., of 48; J. Nicholson, W.M., and T. Atkinson, I.P.M., of 80; R. Singleton, I.P.M.; W. Birch, and J. F. Napier, of 97; W. C. Barron, I.G. 111; T. Bell, P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; T. Dunn, S.W.; J. Smith, S.D.; C. F. Dawson, P.S.W.; M. Fawler, Treas.; C. Dawson, J. Walker, P.P.G.O.; R. Hauxwell, P.M.; Rev. F. Glanvill, W. Goodenough, J. Nutton, H. Brown, J. H. Veitch, W. H. Watson, G. Hewitt, G. Gregson, and W. Shell, of 124; J. G. Wilson, W.M. 375; H. B. Olsen, W.M. 704; W. Crawford, W.M. 1121; R. Appleton, W.M. 2104; J. Atkinson, W.M. 1230; G. S. Shaw, W.M. 1334; W. Arrowsmith, W.M. 2019; J. Robinson, W.M. 1650; G. Lazonby, P.M., and C. Allan, I.P.M., of 940; Calvert, P.G.S.; W. Shell, Richardson, and Humphrey, of 2135; Henry Hayes, 1389; A. W. Kindler, 2104; W. Nelson, P.M. 509; T. Wilkes, P.M., and E. F. Wallace, P.M., of 1418; W. Darbyshire, T. Parkinson, and J. H. Nightscales, of 940; W. Sanderson, J.W.; R. Ritchie, John Willan, Treas., and James Willan, of 1334; W. Parkin, J.W.; W. H. McLean, J. Archbold, G. Melvin, G. Nesbitt, and W. Clarke, S.W., of 1274; E. Milburn, J.W., and J. H. Gowland, of 2019; J. Swan, J.W. 94; W. Cochrane, 1121; Holland, 764; E. Cooper, W.M., and C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.R. Norfolk, S.W., of 1379; and about 30 brethren whose names were not recorded.

Bro. Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, who was loudly cheered on rising to make the presentation, said in order to explain to their Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master why he had been invited there that afternoon, and why he (Canon Tristram) had presumed to stand in the front of that chair which typified the Prov. G. Master's presence, and why he (Sir Hedworth) had been asked to take a seat on his (the Canon's) right, he might be permitted to read the following address, which explained the purport of their meeting:

"To Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., R.W.P.G.M. of the Province of Durham.

"Right Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, over whom you so ably rule, we are deputed to approach you on this occasion of the celebration of your silver wedding, in order to express our hearty congratulations and our sincere trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may accord to you and the Lady Elizabeth Williamson many years of domestic happiness, surrounded by loving children and true friends.

"We also earnestly hope that you may have health and strength to discharge for many years to come those high Masonic duties which you now perform with conspicuous efficiency and genial tact, to the great advancement and credit of Freemasonry.

"As a memorial of the happy celebration, and as a token of esteem, we ask your acceptance of a silver vase from the Freemasons of the province.

"Dated the 3rd day of February, 1888.

"On behalf of the brethren,

"H. B. TRISTRAM, W.D.P.G.M., Chairman.  
R. HUDSON, Past Grand S.B., Secretary."

Canon Tristram then handed the address to Sir Hedworth amidst rapturous applause. Continuing, the Canon said, having thus briefly and formally introduced the matter, they trusted that the address now presented to Sir Hedworth might long remain an accepted ornament in his drawing-room. He also ventured to draw Sir Hedworth's attention to a more substantial and at least as permanent a record of the feelings of the Freemasons of the province of Durham. Freemasonry had, in England especially, many sides, and upon each of those sides he might be permitted to congratulate Sir Hedworth upon the position which he had held so worthily in this province. Freemasonry had its ancient and historic side. It had also its beneficent side. It had also its moral side, its domestic side, and its social side. And many-sided as Freemasonry was, reaching the heart, and reaching to every relation of life in its effects, it would be strange indeed if Freemasonry generally, inasmuch as one of the very first principles of its morality, its interests and assistance in the affairs and the welfare of their brethren, if it did not feel the deepest sympathy and interest in all that related to their Worshipful Grand Master, their local honoured head. They as Freemasons must take an interest in the domestic

happiness and welfare of him who ruled over them. Sir Hedworth was connected with Freemasonry in general, and with the Freemasonry of that province by many ties and in many ways. He was not the first of the name who had held the highest position which a Freemason could hold in that province. His respected father before him occupied the same chair which he so worthily and with such genial hearty sympathy always filled. And they had not forgotten how for many years Sir Hedworth had served with distinction in that high office for which he had, with a partiality which he (the speaker) could not defend, selected himself (Canon Tristram) to succeed him—how he filled that office for many years under him who was the first Freemason of the kingdom, he meant the senior P.G.M. of England in his day, their late Right Worshipful Bro. John Fawcett. There were those in that room who were present at that magnificent Masonic ceremony in the Royal Albert Hall, London, when their Royal Grand Master was placed in the Master's chair, and who remembered with what pride they saw that the ceremony was performed for the heir to the crown of these realms by the Grand Master of Durham, John Fawcett, Senior Provincial Grand Master of England. Sir Hedworth had had yet further experience in serving under their late revered Grand Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, who filled that chair with such dignity and grace and urbanity. Right worthily had Sir Hedworth been selected by his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England to occupy in succession to that noble brother the chair, which by his death was left vacant. They welcomed him then, and welcome him still, whenever he came amongst them. They recognised with gratitude how often he had sacrificed his own personal convenience in his devotion to his Masonic duties. After so many years of service in Masonry, years which extended beyond the quarter of a century of his married life, it was a happy thought which suggested itself to one of their brethren in front of him, the P.G. Secretary, that they should not allow the occasion of his silver wedding to pass over without recognition. They did it with pleasures of anticipation as well as pleasures of memory, because they anticipated, looking at his robust and vigorous frame, that their sons in Masonry hereafter, five and twenty years hence, might be called upon to make another presentation. Let him, in conclusion, draw Sir Hedworth's attention to that small testimony of the regard and esteem with which he (Sir Hedworth) was held by the brethren of the province. That Albani vase was an exact model of one of our most celebrated "chef d'œuvres" of ancient art, which, he believed, was still to be seen in the Albani Palace of Rome, or in Dresden. But, whatever be the history of it, they trusted that it would remain as many centuries as that of which it was a copy as an ornament and a heirloom in the house of Williamson. In conclusion, Canon Tristram turned to Sir Hedworth and said: Allow me to present to you, on behalf of the Freemasons of Durham, this silver memorial, in classic style, of your happy silver wedding. Canon Tristram, then amidst the greatest enthusiasm drank health and happiness to Sir Hedworth and Lady Elizabeth Williamson.

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, P.G.M., on rising to thank the donors, was greeted with loud applause. He said he was afraid Canon Tristram had erred in initiating, and the brethren had more or less erred in receiving these initiations, with so much apparent cordiality, because he was afraid nothing he had done could ever deserve the high encomiums Canon Tristram had passed upon him and the magnificent gift they had given him. Canon Tristram, with his usual eloquence, had dilated upon, he was afraid, more virtues and excellences than he (Sir Hedworth) possessed. And he therefore hoped that the canon and the brethren would not be angry with him if he ventured in a commercial phrase to ask them to discount those remarks by at least 90 per cent. For if what the canon had said was half true, or even a quarter true, he had put him (Sir Hedworth) in a very difficult position, because if half or quarter of it be true, it must be quite clear to himself and everybody present that during his reign over that province he must have arrived as near perfection as possible. Now, if that was the case, it was perfectly clear that if he had for some time exercised perfection, it was also possible for him to continue to do so. He could only say he would try his best to do so. But it was rather hard to expect an humble individual like himself to continue for any length of time without erring. He feared that a great many of Canon Tristram's kind remarks were not earned by his (Sir Hedworth's) efforts, but he could fairly say that he had tried to lay down his line of conduct since appointed by endeavouring to do his best. He was sure he should not have succeeded as well as he had done if it had not been for the great and zealous support he had not only received from his excellent friend Canon Tristram, but also from all his officers in the Prov. Grand Lodge, during the years in which he had had the proud happiness to appoint them, and also from all the Masters and Wardens of the various lodges in his province. Canon Tristram had alluded to his (Sir Hedworth's) silver wedding. It was true that that was the anniversary of his silver wedding. He could only say he hoped every brother present who had been married 25 years could look back upon those 25 years with the satisfaction he could. He was afraid, if it was not wrong to say so, that although that was his silver wedding he was more or less of a bigamist, because long before he married his good wife he was wedded to Masonry, and if he was only spared for two short years they might then have to congratulate him, not upon his silver wedding, but upon his golden wedding with Freemasonry. They need not be alarmed, however, for if even he celebrated his golden wedding to Masonry he should not expect another testimonial, because the testimonial and address he had just received were quite as much as anyone could expect, and much more than he himself deserved. Bro. Tristram had told them that the vase was an exact model of a fountain either in the Palace Albani or the Dresden Gallery. He did not care where the original was situated, whether in Dresden, or Rome, or France, or anywhere else, so long as he had that most beautiful copy. He did not pretend to be much of a judge of art, but he knew perfectly well when a thing was solid and massive, and handsome, and in good taste, and he saw quite enough of the vase from where he was to see that it possessed all those three qualifications. And he was also emboldened in his opinion that it was a real handsome piece of plate, because his brother, who was very learned in these matters, was fortunate to see it, and gave it his unqualified approbation. Now, they had presented him with that beautiful piece of plate, and he could only say that he looked upon it not

only as a gift from the Freemasons of that county in doing honour, as it were, to him as their Grand Master, but he hoped it might be considered as a personal gift from many private friends. Of course it was impossible for him to know personally the numberless Masons in his province, and it was equally impossible for all of them to know him. Nothing would be wanting on his part in the future to try and extend his personal acquaintance amongst the Masons in the province to the utmost of his power. He could only say, in conclusion, that the vase and the very beautiful address would be kept by him with great pride and satisfaction. He would forthwith take pains that measures be taken that the vase should be made an heirloom of his family, so that his children, and grandchildren if he had any, might look upon it as a proud token of the kindness and affection of his brother Freemasons in the Province of Durham.

Sir HEDWORTH then pledged the healths of the brethren present, and the compliment having been returned,

The MAYOR of DURHAM asked the brethren to acknowledge in the most cordial manner possible the services rendered by the Chairman, the R.W.D.P.G.M., to Freemasonry in general, and also the very able manner in which he had conducted the present ceremony.

Bro. T. BELL, W.M. 124, P.P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Canon TRISTRAM having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings terminated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of this Institution was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the chairmanship of Bro. T. H. W. Walker, one of the Vice-Presidents. There was a very large attendance, and the proceedings were of a most interesting character. The minutes of the last Court, General Committee, House Committee, and Finance Committee having been read and confirmed, a number of children were elected on the foundation of the Charity, involving an additional outlay of about £210. On the proposition of Bro. R. Martin (one of the Hon. Secs.), it was resolved that the Annual Court of Governors of the "West Lancashire" should be held in future on the first Friday in October, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Bro. J. T. Callow, the Honorary Treasurer, presented his report for the year, which was of a most gratifying kind, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of this prosperous Institution has just been held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. Bro. Richard Wilson, P.M., was elected President, Bros. Dr. Smyth and C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas., Vice-Presidents; and the following Committee: Bros. G. F. McGill, P.M. 1311; J. Dyson, P.M. 206; J. M. Hollingsworth, P.M. 1311; R. Thompson, P.M. 1042; R. Kingston, P.M. 1221; W. E. Asquith, P.M. 1311; Tudor Trevor, W.M. 2069; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; J. Brownfoot, P.M. 304; H. Banks, 1042; W. Warren, 1211; T. Winn, P.M. 1211; J. Dobson, P.M. 289; J. Jaques, P.M. 1211; J. Stansfield, 1211; H. Cowbrough, Treas.; and C. Lowrey, Hon. Sec.

The HON. SEC. (Bro. Chas. Lowrey) submitted the eleventh annual report of the Committee as follows: "Your Committee in presenting their eleventh annual report of the working of this Institution, have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and friends on its continued success. During the year last past, the Capital account has been increased by the creation of two Perpetual Governorships of £10 10s. each, in the persons of the Senior and Junior Deacons of the Zetland Lodge, and the further sum of £2 4s. 7d., on account of a further Perpetual Governorship, in the name of the Inner Guard, the whole being the result of an entertainment, in which Bro. Sir Geo. W. Morrison and other members of the Zetland Lodge took a prominent part; also by the sum of £18 4s. 4d., being the amount of the offertory after a Sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock; two Life-Governorships of £5 5s. each in the persons of Bro. Sidney Galvayne, of the Fidelity Lodge, and Bro. Thomas Sutton, of the Excelsior Lodge; £2 2s., being the completion of the purchase of a Life-Governorship by Bro. Wm. Furze, of the Goderich Lodge, under Rule 14; £2 2s. from Bro. Jno. Grimshaw; and £1 1s. each from Bros. Yates, Rickard, Hattersley, Pocklington, and Suddick, all of the Philanthropic Lodge, being payments on account of Life-Governorships, under Rule 14; and £2 2s. from the Charity Box of the Fidelity Lodge—and now amounts to £1560 1s. 1d. This fund is invested as follows, viz.: in the purchase of £1000 Leeds Corporation 4 per cent. Stock, at a cost of £1036 11s. 8d., and in the purchase of £450 3½ per cent. Leeds Corporation Stock, £454 18s. 11d., and the balance in the Leeds and County Bank. The Revenue account for the year is as follows, viz.: Balance brought over from last year, £38 15s. 4d.; Interest from the Leeds Corporation, £54 2s. 6d.; Bank Interest, £1 14s.; and Subscriptions, £54 13s.; making together the sum of £149 4s. 10d. The payments for education have amounted to £51 6s. 7d., and for incidental expenses to £11 10s. 11d., together, £62 17s. 6d., leaving to carry forward the sum of £86 7s. 4d. There are now on the books of the Institution six boys and three girls."

This report was unanimously adopted.

Bros. Lawson, Amherst, A. Acland, Sir John Ellis, Bart., and Marriott, O.C., are members of the House of Commons Committee which will continue the inquiries instituted last year respecting town holdings, with special reference to the question of leaseholds.

H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, brother of the Princess of Wales, left Copenhagen, via Kiel, for London on the 2nd inst., in order to be present at the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Crown Princess and her husband arrived in town on Tuesday, and are now the guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

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### To Correspondents.

The following communications were either received too late for publication or stand over for want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES—Pattison, No. 913; Mirfield, No. 1102; Lagos, No. 1171; and Henley, No. 1472.

Presentation to Bro. George Brown, P.M., Preceptor of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140.

Ladies' Night at the Kingsland Lodge, No. 140.

Annual Supper of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Old Masonians.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

“The Freemason” (Sydney), “La Chaîne D'Union,” “South African Freemason,” “Masonic Chronicle,” “Keystone,” “New Zealand Freemason,” and “South Australian Freemason,”



SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1888.

### 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.]

### OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been amused by, though I own I cannot understand, the commencement of “Q's” last letter on the above subject, nor is its object clear to me. He dubs me a “statistician of a certain class.” Why I know not, unless it be to invent for me a position which would enable him to deck me with his satire.

Satire, which has been likened to “a polished razor keen,” requires a careful hand in its usage, or it may fall back to wound only the user of it. I should hardly have judged “Q” to be a “funny” man, but his comparisons are decidedly “funny.” Homœopathic globules are not hoarded up to be administered in one large dose; in such case the treatment would cease to be homœopathic. “Globules of money in the shape of farthings or halfpence” could scarcely be, as in that form they would cease to be globules. I have not yet met the man quoted by “Q” who tells you that twopence or threepence a day saved for a certain number of years will enable you to buy up the National Debt, or the parent who, putting away a farthing a day for 21 years, and by lending it out at interest, will at the end of that time possess almost infinite riches. As I presume “Q” quotes from persons he knows (who, luckily for themselves, are not in a lunatic asylum), I am not so much surprised as sorry that the result should be the production of such nonsense; but even if these remarks of “Q's” had any sense whatever in them, what bearing can they possibly have on my suggestion? or do they represent the tone in which a subject serious as that of Charity should be treated? But, to pass to the other portions of his letter, which I am glad he wrote, as it enables us to come to the satisfactory conclusion that “motley is” not “the only garb he wears.” “Q” suggests I did not read his letter carefully. Has he done so with mine? If so, why will he persist in endeavouring to put out of sight the mode by which I suggested the subscriptions should be gathered?

If my plan had any merits at all in it, one would certainly be the simplicity of the manner in which it would be got together. A by-law passed, the forwarding a Postal Order by the Treasurer of the lodge to some person authorised to receive these subscriptions, and little more would have to be done; there would be no gathering of the twopences or fivepences, but the one amount would be taken out of the general lodge funds. When I named these little sums in my last, it was to show how small the money value per head would be taken from those funds. And now, Sir, I have done with this subject; my suggestion has been some weeks before the Masonic public, and save from “Q,” it has met with no response, and he has taken up the subject, not from sympathy with it, but as an opportunity to use it as a hook to hang his own scheme for exhibition.

If I should be tempted to comment on that scheme, I promise “Q” that, the characters being the aged, the widow, and the orphan, I will not introduce farcical fancies into that which should be considered as a serious life drama. Our countrymen, as a rule, are cautious before they commit themselves to a new plan. I did not, therefore, expect a large following, nor, indeed, a large correspondence, but I might (with your permission) have adopted the phrase attributed to the late President Lincoln, and have kept “pegging away;” but when thus early I find argument has become secondary to satire, and that satire possibly ungenerous, certainly ill placed and unintelligible, I come to the conclusion that if my suggestion deserves no better fate than that, it would be well, so far as I am concerned, that it should end, not, however, without my thanking you most sincerely for the space you have so fraternally permitted me to occupy in your numbers.—I remain fraternally yours,  
S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I be allowed to add a suggestion to those already given as to aiding our Charities? It is for every lodge to pass a by-law creating a “Benevolent Fund,” composed of the usual collection after dinner or supper, a portion of each initiation and joining fee also of the annual subscription (say 10s. of each of the former and 5s. of the latter); this fund to be kept separate, and especially for Charity, either for cases arising in the lodge itself, the provinces, or for the three Institutions. This would enable a lodge to send a Steward to a Festival—say every year—with a few pounds to start and encourage him; it moreover would tend to influence the lodge as a whole, and the brethren individually, in the favour of the Charities. This rule obtains in a lodge recently formed in London, and in less than three years the result has been very gratifying both to the lodge and the Charities.

No doubt more money from Grand Lodge funds would be very welcome, but there is immense scope for lodges and individual members to start giving regularly to the Charities and to send Stewards to the Festivals, some lodges never having done so.

Hoping you will find room for this letter, and thanking you in anticipation thereof,—I remain, yours fraternally,  
March 6th. W.M.

### THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to mine in yours of 25th ult., I willingly accept the suggestion made in yours of the 3rd inst. by “P.A.G.D.C.”—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
P.S. PROV. G.W.

March 7th.

### THE RULINGS OF THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been requested to call your attention to a matter of some importance by a member of our Correspondence Circle residing at the Cape. The rulings of Grand Registrar or of Grand Lodge, in cases of appeals, reach them through your columns, and naturally attract interest. But the decision without the context is often misleading. For instance, on the 7th December last, a lodge was apparently declared incapable of excluding a certain brother, and our friends at the Cape are now wondering whether Clause 210 of the Book of Constitutions is abrogated. The verdict of Grand Lodge was, however, that a lodge could exclude for one night only, Clause 209, or for ever, Clause 210; but not suspend a brother indefinitely. My friend suggests that in your summary of Grand Lodge proceedings these and such like matters should be gone into at a little greater length, so as to avoid misunderstanding and thus increase the value of your already valuable paper. I cordially support his petition, and feel sure that by so doing you will benefit our colonial brethren and yourself at the same time. My friend writes: "If the editor of the *Freemason* were to give a full account of all such matters when settled at the quarterly meetings of Grand Lodge he would be doing a work which is much needed to elucidate our jurisprudence by a careful record of precedents."

Trusting you will take this into consideration.—Yours fraternally,  
G. W. SPETH, Sec. of 2076,  
and of the Correspondence Circle.

### WHO IS THE OLDEST FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I much regret that a slight mistake occurred in my letter, bearing the above heading, which appears in your issue for to-day. The date of my grandfather's initiation is there given as 20th May, 1826, but this was the date in which he was raised. I find on referring to his G.L. Certificate that he was "regularly received into Freemasonry on the 1st day of March," 1826—just over 62 years ago. It was somewhat remarkable that, without knowing of the coincidence at the time, I paid a first visit to the Lodge of Harmony (309), in which he was initiated, on the 1st instant, being the 62nd anniversary of his initiation, and, at his especial request, conveyed to the W.M., officers, and brethren his fraternal regards and hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
March 3rd.

ALEXANDER HOWELL.



## REVIEWS

### FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1888.

As we intimated last year, Bro. B. A. Smith, P.M. 523, &c., has succeeded to the editor's chair, and so far as one can judge from the appearance of the issue for 1888, he is feeling "quite at home" in that honourable position. There is a special feature in this Calendar for 1888, which we hope will become a permanent addition, viz., "Events of the Past Year." The record, though only occupying a page, is an interesting reminder of the chief facts relating to the province during the year departed, and will become valuable for reference as time "spins onward." The frontispiece for 1888, is an excellent photo of the esteemed D. Prov. G.M. of the province, who was so long editor of the Calendar. Bro. S. S. Partridge appears in the suit of Grand Lodge clothing presented to him by the Prov. G. Lodge on October 19th, 1887, a compliment which he richly deserved. We have not yet met him face to face, but hope soon to do so, the capital photo, meanwhile, answering for a personal introduction. We like the plan of giving the names of the Honorary members of each lodge, following the regular rolls or registers, if only to prove that the brethren of such lodges have not failed to appreciate the services of the Craftsmen so honoured. Of the 12 lodges in the province we note with pleasure that the beloved "Father" (R.W. Bro. W. Kelly) is either a subscribing or Honorary member of the whole, and, after 50 years membership, that zealous brother is again the W.M. of No. 279, Leicester. It is the senior lodge of the province, of which the M.W. Bro. the Duke of Abercorn (G.M. of Ireland); General the Hon. Sir Leicester Smyth, K.C.B.; Wm. James Hughan (P.G.D. Eng., &c.); The Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Magee) the D. Prov. G.M., the P.D. Prov. G.M., &c., are Honorary members. The province exhibits an increase in membership, the total for 1887 being 572 as compared with 542 in 1886. A gratifying increase in the Charity votes is likewise chronicled, under the superintendence of Bro. Miles J. Walker, the energetic Charity Secretary, there being now a total of 1194, showing an increase of 94 over the previous year, and of 155 as compared with 1886. We say emphatically, well done Leicester!

### THE DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL DIRECTORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1888. Published by C. H. Fox, 19, Russell-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

This is the fifth year of publication of this Directory, and it is clear from a glance at its contents that Mr. Fox and his coadjutors have succeeded in making it even more comprehensive than it was before. The provincial information has been carefully overhauled and brought down to date, while an Index, Almanack, and Trades Directory have been added, and enhance considerably the value of the work. In fact, it is only necessary that those members of the musical and dramatic professions who have hitherto neglected to supply necessary information as to their addresses, &c., should make good the omission, and Mr. Fox's Directory will be as complete as, so far as we have had an opportunity of testing it, it is trustworthy.

### THE EAST ANGLIAN HAND BOOK, 1888. *Argus* Office, Norwich, and 130, Fleet-street, E.C.

The 29th annual issue of this valuable Hand Book is quite as interesting as regards its reviews and articles as its predecessors, and, if possible, more complete and accurate for its more immediate purpose as a work of

reference. As an "Agricultural" annual principally, its contents partake mostly of an agricultural character, but other industries, both local and general, have their share of attention. The principal article is a review of "The Past East Anglian Year," in which full particulars are given of the leading events in East Anglian history during 1887. There are also articles on the "Smithfield Cattle Show" and the "Fish-eating Birds of Norfolk," a brief account of "Norwich Castle," and a most readable paper by John T. Varden, entitled "Curiosities of the Calendars." The "East Anglian Occurrences" and "East Anglian Obituary for 1887," go some way towards completing this useful volume.



## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 762] CURIOUS BY-LAWS (No. 1323).

On looking over a copy of the by-laws of the "Talbot" Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea, I noticed a curious regulation, about which we would desire a little light, and I trust that some member of that lodge will kindly oblige me accordingly. Law XVIII respecting *Visitors* provides that "The Visiting Fee shall be *Five Guineas*." It may be urged in explanation that this extraordinary sum is to pay for the visitor's fee at the banquet, but is that really so? Would a member be liable for such a large fee on introducing a visitor to the banquet? The Joining Fee of the lodge is *two guineas*, and a similar amount is fixed for the annual subscription; *one guinea* being exigible by those "permanently residing more than seven miles from Swansea." Many of the Rules are so excellent, and so superior in some respects to the ordinary sets I have come across, that I am all the more anxious to know what the regulation in question means.

MASONIC INVESTIGATOR.



## REPORTS OF THE PAST YEAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ultimo, among those in attendance being Bros. Hudson, W.M.; Hakim, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Wetzler, S.D.; Langdale, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Cursons, Steward; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. White and Harwood to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken, Mr. J. Moss was ably inducted into Craft mysteries, the ceremony leaving but little to be desired.

Among the visitors were Bros. Johnson, S.W.; Holmes, J.W.; and Floate, of 1608; and R. White, 1107.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Coop congratulated the W.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that day. He hoped that the W.M.'s year would be as prosperous as any Master's that had preceded him in the chair.

The toast of "The Initiate" having been drunk, Bro. Moss briefly replied.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W. Master particularly thanked Bro. Coop, the I.P.M., for the assistance that that brother had rendered him. He also spoke of the excellent services of Bros. Carter and Stuart.

The other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, on Monday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. G. R. Langley, W.M.; E. A. Francis, S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; G. P. Britten, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; R. Corsham, S.D.; J. W. Oliver, J.D.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, as I.G.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M., Stwd.; S. Richardson, I.P.M.; A. J. Hirsch, P.M.; H. Wadling, P.M.; C. S. Hester, and F. W. Zimer. Also the following visitors: Bros. H. R. Price, 1816; W. Burridge, I.G. 1922; E. Wareham, 1366; Dr. R. Morris, 1185; J. Sims, 1604; J. D. E. Tarr, W.M. 1293; C. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238; R. Darling, 1446; and J. W. Hartley, W.M. 1986. Mr. Fred. William Zimer was initiated. The Audit Committee was appointed for the 15th March. Bro. E. A. Francis, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. P. Britten was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Reinhardt, Tyler. Bros. J. D. E. Tarr, W.M. 1293; and A. O. Side, 1658; were proposed as joining members of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Langley, the retiring W.M.

Other routine business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The installation meeting of the above old and distinguished lodge, now within one year of its centenary, was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. There were present Bros. W. H. Dowland, W.M.; T. Fisher, S.W.; T. Cohu, P.M., J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; G. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; R. Marke, S.D.; J. M. Mower, D.C.; W. Sherwin, Org.; W. Medwin, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Barclay Perkins, P.M.; S. Lucas, P.M.; C. Arkell, P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; J. Belpage, G. Goodes, (I.G. pro tem.); G. Powe, T. Barker, W. Downe, F. Hughes, S. West, W. S. Cobb, J. Quy, J. Smith, C. Finney, and J. S. Fraser. Visitors: John Brooks, 51; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; W. Holmes, 1364; J. Barnes, 65; W. F. Stiles, 753; George Hunt, P.M., Treas. 1009, Sec. 1170; J. A. Lucas, 79; W. W. Westley, 186; J. N.

Bate, 73; W. Crossley, 2069; T. B. Williams, 147; C. Sharman, 858; E. G. Coleman, 11; E. H. Mitchell, 1446; E. Harris, 1446; T. J. Cuthbert, 1815; T. Bradley, 507; J. Chaplin, 1305; A. Bush, 1614; and W. Simmons, 371.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the audit meeting was read, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of nearly £100. The death of Bro. J. F. White, an old member of the lodge, was announced, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the friends of the deceased brother. The W.M., Bro. W. Dowland, then proceeded to instal his successor, the ceremony being impressively rendered. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Thomas Fisher, appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Dowland, I.P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M., S.W.; R. Marke, J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; G. F. J. Goodes, S.D.; J. M. Mower, J.D.; Frederick Hughes, I.G.; John Quy, Stwd.; W. Medwin, P.M., D.C.; and Couchman, Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. T. Fisher at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A valuable 18 carat gold jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. W. Dowland in recognition of his services for the past year. The W.M. proposed two candidates (one of whom is his son) for initiation at the next lodge meeting, both gentlemen were duly seconded. "Hearty good wishes" from the 20 visitors present having been offered, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet admirably served under the personal supervision of Bro. Kilby.

The usual toasts were effectively proposed by the W.M., Bro. T. Fisher; that of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. H. Garrod, P.G.P., in an able speech; "The Visitors" by Bros. George Hunt, P.M. and Treas. 1009, and Sec. 1170, J. N. Bate, P.M. 72, and Bailey, (Australia). The last named brother gave some interesting details of the work of the Craft in our colonies.

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

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., W.M.; W. Simpson, S.W.; Col. S. C. Pratt, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, J.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, I.G.; W. H. Rylands, G. Stwd.; and Rev. C. J. Ball. Also the following correspondence members Bros. F. A. Powell, G. Kenning, S. R. Baskett, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. Kupferschmidt, and Col. J. Mead. Also the following visitors, Bros. Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem, 1802, P.P.G.C. Notts.; and C. Powell, 457, P.G. Sec. Monmouth. The following 66 lodges and brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle: Beaminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367; Abbey Lodge, No. 432, Nuneaton; Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin; Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, St. Columb; Lodge of Harmony, No. 209, Fareham; Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone; Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford; Friendship Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth. Bros. A. R. Holbrook, 309, Southsea; A. Mears, P.D.G. Styd. Queensland, Herberston; C. Crabtree, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, Bradford; A. N. Y. Howell, 257, Southsea; W. C. Lupton, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, Bradford; Capt. S. Perry, 431, (I.C.) Ballymena; H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks, Halifax; W. H. Jacob, P.G.S. of W. Hants, Winchester; T. Greenwood, P.G. Stwd. Oxon, Salisbury; H. F. Raymond, 329, Yeovil; C. Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, London; W. Hopekirk, G. Purst. London; Richard Eve, G. Treas., Aldershot; J. W. H. Thompson, 165, Temple; H. C. Owen, 526, Wolverhampton; Dr. F. Dalby, 526, Wolverhampton; S. J. Walker, P.P.G.W. Stafford, Wolverhampton; T. W. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire, Chester; F. H. Gottlieb, J.P., St. Leonard's-on-sea; G. F. Travers-Drapes, D.D.G.M. Burma, Rangoon; H. J. Wicks, W.M. 1269, London; E. Storr, 167, Hornsey; S. Bates, Correspondence Member of G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; W. Gaukroger, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, Halifax; Major-General W. J. Vizard, W.M. 761, Dursley; R. Hodgson, 448, Halifax; Rev. E. M. Myers, P.P.G. Chap., (S.C.) Melbourne, Petersburg, Va.; J. J. Mason, G. Sec. G. Lodge of Canada, Hamilton, Ontario; A. J. Bodman, 1001, Harrogate; T. Riley, 600, Bradford; T. H. Pattinson, 1545, Shipley; J. R. Welsman, 600, Bradford; Dr. W. H. Kempster, 60, Battersea; Webster Glynes, P.G. Stwd., London; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. Leicester and Rutland, Leicester; W. S. Glenn, 3, Holloway; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D. Durham, West Hartlepool; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks, Bradford; A. Roberts, 307, Halifax; F. Whiteley, 61, Halifax; J. W. Balme, 61, Halifax; W. Maitland, 2170, Colombo, Ceylon; General S. C. Lawrence, Past Grand Master, Massachusetts, Boston; A. Stott, 1301, Brighouse; H. C. Macdougall, Providence, U.S.A.; G. H. Locking, 910, Macdougall; F. Laxton, Brighouse; W. H. Cowper, P.P.G.R.N. and E. Yorks, Middlesborough; J. R. Robertson, D.D.G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada, Toronto; Rev. G. Gunn, W.M. 58, Kelso; W. Rowley, 289, Leeds; A. F. Fitz-Patric, 495, Wakefield; Capt. G. H. B. Reed, R.N., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Cornwall, Falmouth; C. G. Miles, 711, Port Elizabeth; W. F. Cranswick, 1409, Kimberley; J. E. Harper, W.M. 1, Augusta Georgia, U.S.A.; Rev. Dr. Cockrem, P.P.G. Chap. Notts., Watford; and George Hunt, Manchester. This raises the total membership of the Circle to 260.

The Worshipful Master called attention to the satisfactory nature of the list just presented and to the steady growth of the correspondence circle. Many members had distinguished themselves by their successful efforts to widen the sphere of action. To mention these *seriatim* would occupy too much time, but he desired that the names, especially of Bros. G. F. Lancaster and of J. L. Aiherton, be recorded on the minutes in recognition of their zeal and services. The latter had introduced quite 30 new members to the circle since he joined in November last, and that showed what might be done if every brother would only use his personal influence. The following brethren were proposed to join the lodge, viz.: Bro. E. J. Castle, O.C., late Royal Engineers, P.M. 143, author of "The Origin of Parochial Relief," "The Law of Rating," and other works; Bro. E. Macbean, of St. John's Lodge, No. 33, Glasgow, author of "On Symbolism," and several lodge addresses, historic and esoteric; and Bro. Fred. Hastings Goldney, P.G.D.

author of a "History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire." Letters were read which had passed between the W.M. and the Board of General Purposes, arranging for the reversion of the lodge library to Grand Lodge of England should the lodge from any cause dwindle down to three members or be dissolved. Donations of 51 books to the lodge library from various brethren were acknowledged. The Officers' Committee advised the lodge to accept the tender and estimate of Bro. George Kenning for a lodge medal of membership. The S.W. and Secretary were appointed a Committee to supervise the execution of the work. Bro. W. H. Rylands, Grand Steward, read an interesting paper entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage." Having briefly reviewed former contributions to, and studies of this subject, especially the chapter devoted thereto in Gould's history, he added much of a very interesting character, gleaned from a hitherto unknown third edition of Perdiguer, and promised in a second paper on the same subject to consider the evidence as a whole and invite criticism on the conclusions to which he had come. Bros. Speth and Gould made some general remarks on the paper, but reserved further criticism till the second part should be before them, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer. Bro. Speth read a short paper describing two hitherto unknown versions of the "Old MS. Constitutions" lately discovered by him, viz., "The Phillips, No. 3," in the possession of the Rev. Fenwick, of Cheltenham, described in the *Freemason* of the 18th and 25th ult., and of "The Parchment Roll of 1677," "The Stanley MS.," belonging to Bro. F. Stanley, of Margate. This latter contains a curious and valuable postscript, full of political allusions, symbolically expressed. Bros. Speth explained at some length, thereby fixing the date of the postscript as 1713-1714, a matter of some moment, as it contains esoteric allusions which have hitherto not been met with before 1724. The MS. in question, a roll ten feet long, as also the beautiful Woodford MS., now the property of the lodge, were exhibited and created much interest.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

#### UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE

(No. 2128).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on Tuesday evening, when there was a good attendance of members and numerous visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, opened the lodge and transacted some formal business, including the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency meeting, the election of Bro. E. Evenden, P.M., as Tyler, and received propositions for two candidates and a joining member. The W.M. then said that on the last occasion he had to refer to the death of an esteemed brother (Bro. Woodford), and he now had the painful duty of officially announcing the death of one whose loss would be felt by every member of the lodge. Bro. Brunt was initiated on the 8th November, 1887, and was only raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. at the emergency meeting on the 17th January last. Bro. Brunt met with a serious accident while driving out with his brother-in-law; the trap was overturned and Bro. Brunt was so seriously injured that he died shortly afterwards. By his death they had lost a brother for whom he personally had formed a very high regard; he did not doubt that he would have been a very active member of the lodge; he was a very highly educated young man and of a most loveable disposition. The W.M. went on to say that on account of his absence in the north he was unable to attend the funeral himself, but the W.M. elect and many of the members of the lodge attended, and he had given instructions for a wreath to be purchased out of the lodge funds to be deposited on the coffin. Since that time he had taken the liberty to write, in the name of the lodge, a letter of sympathy to the widow, and expressing the esteem and regard in which the deceased was held by the lodge. The W.M. read a copy of the letter to the lodge. Bro. Masters, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect, in rising to propose that the letter should be entered on the minutes, said that the widow to whom he had had the mournful satisfaction of delivering it, was still very unwell from the shock of her husband's death, had not yet sent any reply. No doubt, however, she would do so, and he proposed that her reply when received should also be entered on the minutes. The proposal was agreed to. Bro. Smithson then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, and E. Yorkshire, one of the founders and first Master of the lodge, in order that he might have the privilege of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Masters, P.M., whom he presented for that purpose to the Installing Master. The ceremony of installation was therefore performed by Bro. Cumberland, whose ability as a workman is too well known to render it necessary to say that it was performed with the utmost precision and in an impressive manner.

At the close of the ceremony the new W.M. invested Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, as I.P.M., and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. L. Cooke, S.W.; W. H. Bullock, J.W.; E. Carr, P.M., Treas.; S. B. Bolas, Sec.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.D. North and East Yorkshire, D.C.; W. Sidman, S.D.; G. B. Davis, J.D.; Frank Wright, I.G.; H. J. Giller, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, and C. R. Lee, Stewards; and E. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. The W.M.'s next act was to present Bro. Smithson with a P.M.'s jewel which had been accorded him by the unanimous vote of the lodge. In reply, Bro. Smithson said he highly appreciated that token of their regard. It gave him great pleasure to be associated with the lodge where he had made many acquaintances, who he hoped would prove lasting friends. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and any defects in his government are, not from want of sympathy with the lodge, but by necessary absence. He hoped that the present Master would have as happy and successful a year as had fallen to his lot. Bro. Giller presented to the lodge a handsome "Charity column," which was accepted with thanks by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren of the lodge with their guests subsequently dined together, with the exception of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was compelled to leave.

At the close of the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and enthusiastically honoured by the company. After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," referred to the fact that within a week from the present time the Prince would celebrate his 25th wedding day, and he was so good a Mason that 500 guineas were proposed to be voted to the Princess of Wales as a present, through the Princess, to the Grand Master.

"The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the I.P.M., who associated with it the name of Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Boys' School.

Bro. Binckes, after referring particularly to the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, said when he came to the rest of the Grand Officers, he was in more difficulty. The three Secretaries were there before the brethren, as perhaps very imperfect representatives of a very large and important body. They were by an accident appointed on a very special occasion, under very special circumstances, and they occupied the same rank in the Order, and he supposed they were all exceedingly grateful for the honour conferred on them. The distinction however would make no difference in the discharge of their duties. He held that there was no higher responsibility attaching to office in Grand Lodge than attached to the most humble member of the Order, which was to promote the interests of their great Order. They would always hail with delight friends equally honoured, but he had no doubt that the great majority they addressed were more worthy than themselves, but in the future they would endeavour to justify the exercise of the Grand Master's prerogative.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said that the toast had been put earlier than usual in the list, not that he thought it more deserving of honour than others, but as Charity was characteristic of Masonry, there was no reason why it should not occupy this prominent position. They were honoured by the presence of the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions, who, during the last 25 or 30 years had done great work for Freemasonry. During the last six years the Institutions had collected over £314,000, and beyond that the Lodge of Benevolence had distributed £58,068. These were facts of which all Masons might well be proud. This lodge, young as it was, had done something for the Charities, and before the year was out they hoped to do more. The next Festival was that of the Girls' School, and a supreme effort was being made to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of its existence, and he was sure that all would do their best to aid Bro. Hedges, whose name he should associate with this toast.

In reply, Bro. Hedges said that he deemed it a very great honour to have been selected as the mouthpiece of the Masonic Charities; he could have wished that the honour had devolved upon the far abler brother on his immediate left (Bro. Terry). On the other hand he assured them that he thanked them none the less on behalf of the Charities and on behalf of the Secretaries for the very kind reception they had met with that evening. They were deeply grateful for the very liberal support which was accorded to them. Perhaps their gratitude partook of different sentiments. Bro. Terry was gratified that he had got through his anxieties for this year, and they all congratulated him on the splendid success of the 29th ult. As for Bro. Binckes and himself, though not unmindful of the past, they had the anxieties of the immediate future, and they were very grateful to this lodge and to the W.M. for the very kind support that had been promised. The Craft loved its Charities too well to let them suffer, though at some times one particular Charity might be the recipient of its larger bounty; but when the Craft selected one it was to show they gave the more to that, and not the less to the others; and that when June came round he hoped that Bro. Binckes would have to thank them too. After the publicity which the Girls' School Centenary had given to it, he was glad to have an opportunity of acknowledging the very liberal support with which the brethren had come forward; they had already some 873 Stewards, so that he had good reason to be deeply gratified. Bro. Hedges said he had hoped to be able to lay before the brethren some further details, but in the meantime he must do what he could to announce the name of the Chairman, and the date of the Festival, after which there would be no hitch, but the arrangements which had been well thought out would then be completed. Bro. Hedges concluded by thanking them once more for their kind reception of the Secretaries.

Bro. Terry also responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Smithson.

In reply, Bro. Masters said he thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received, and Bro. Smithson for the handsome terms in which it had been proposed. It gave him very great pleasure to occupy that chair, having taken a very great interest in the lodge even before it was formed, when it was thought that a lodge of that kind in London would be a means of gathering together many who belonged to the Northern counties, and creating among Masons a union which of all things was to be desired. During the two years of its existence its success had been very great. The way in which Bro. Smithson had spoken of him was very flattering; he could not hope to do so well as his predecessors, but he hoped the brethren of the lodge would grant him their indulgence and Charity. He did not profess to be a good ritualist, but he was sure there were Past Masters in the lodge on whom he might rely for support. The propositions made in lodge gave them a good beginning of work for the year. He could only thank them for the way in which they had received the toast, and the kind remarks Bro. Smithson had made about Mrs. Masters, who had worked their banner, and who had a thoroughly Masonic heart. She was the daughter of a Mason, and every one of her brothers were Masons also.

In proposing the Health of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that last year the wife of the I.P.M. presented him with a Jubilee baby, and he had now to ask Bro. Smithson to accept from the brethren of the lodge a small silver drinking cup, which had been subscribed for by every member of the lodge, and not from the lodge funds, and he trusted that the baby would live to wear it out. He thought that the son would prize it in years to come as an evidence of the regard in which his father was held.

The cup bore the following inscription—"The brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge presented this Cup to Reginald Fourness Smithson, to commemorate his birth during his father's year of Mastership and the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria's reign, March 6th, 1888."

Bro. Smithson, in responding for the Past Masters, thanked the brethren for their gift to his son and for their good wishes, in which Mrs. Smithson also was included.

Several other toasts, including "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "Absent Members of the Lodge" were proposed and duly honoured before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following were among the visitors: Bros. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Hedges, P.G.S.B.; Llewellyn Jones, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. G. Stott, 667; A. H. Boys, 1775; H. S. Garvey, P.M. 1294; E. St. Clair, W.M. 2060; R. Townsend, W.M. 1984; Ernest Flint, 33; H. G. Denby, I.G. 1056; Neville Green, P.M. 1962; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; W. Soden, 1287; H. T. Bailey, 1719; Harry Nicholls, J.D. 2127; S. Jennings, 142; and E. C. Massey.

#### NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. T. E. Roberts, W.M.; Wilson, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; D. Sibley, Sec.; Dennis, S.D.; Chapman, J.D.; Adie, I.G.; Cockrem, Org.; Benham, Tyler; Baxter, P.M.; Gee, P.M.; Vickers, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; and about 25 members. Bro. John Read, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Storer, Cooley, and De Ville were duly passed to the Second Degree, the work being done in an able manner; the charge and lecture on the tracing board also being given. Bro. H. Vickers, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Rogers seconded the motion, that consequent upon the great loss sustained by the lodge by the death of Bro. John George Woodward on the 1st inst., and also in consideration of the high esteem in which he was held by the members, that a letter of sympathy and condolence be addressed by the Secretary to Bro. Woodward's widow. Carried unanimously.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the proceedings brought to an appropriate conclusion by the solemn strains of the "Dead March in Saul," admirably performed by the Organist.

#### MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. John Studd, W.M.; D. D. Macpherson, S.W.; G. M. Kershaw, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. P. Bedson, S.D.; Wm. Lee, J.D.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; R. L. McMillan, I.G.; J. Kirk, Tyler; W. W. Warburton, P.M.; J. E. Williams, P.M.; B. Williams, P.M.; Livesey, P.M.; J. S. Pixton, H. A. Owles, C. E. Towell, J. Blamey, J. Stott, J. B. Sumner, S. Davies, C. Hobbins, C. Pike, and others. The visitors were Bros. Godfrey Higham, P.D.G.D.C.; Robt. Williamson, P.M. 1045, P.G. Purst.; Thos. Schofield, T. Rostron, H. Small, and J. E. Samuels, of 1140; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147, P.P.G.D.; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. P. Sagrandi, 1375, who was declared elected a joining member. Messrs. John Bolton, Charles Schunk, Samuel Gaskell, and F. Walmsley were severally balloted for and elected. The W.M., Bro. John Studd, who presided for the first time since his installation, initiated Messrs. Bolton, Schunk, and Gaskell, and Bro. Livesey, P.M., initiated Mr. Walmsley. The working tools were presented to the four initiates by the W.M., Bro. J. M. Kershaw, J.W., delivering the charge. The whole of the work was exceedingly well done, and fully sustained the prestige this lodge enjoys.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent at the social board, where the usual toasts were honoured, including "The Initiates," who severally replied.

#### STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).

The annual banquet of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel. A magnificent repast was admirably served up under the direction of Bro. John Ward, W.M. The vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Frank R. Thomas, S.W., and W. M. Robins, S.D., as J.W. pro tem. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Dunsterville, P.M.; T. S. Bayly, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.T.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C.; George Jackson, P.M.; George Hawken, P.M.; J. White, P.M. 1138; Hendry, P.M. and Sec.; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223; J. Hiley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; N. Radmore, P.M. 159; R. Blight, P.M. 223; J. Leonard, W.M. 202, W. Addiscott, P.M. 1347; Dr. Harrison, Snell, Geach, Dr. O'Grady, Captain Dick, J. Gidley, P.M. 2025, Tyler 189; G. Dunsterville, 711; C. Haly, 2025; D. C. Herbert, 1212; W. J. Pengelly, J.D. 2025; W. Addiscott, 1341; and C. Hunt, 1071.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received and duly responded to.

Bro. D. C. Herbert sang two good songs with his usual ability. Although it would be a loss locally, it is a matter of regret that Bro. Herbert, possessing such a magnificent voice, does not adopt the musical profession. Bro. Leonard amused the company by his serio-comic songs, and Bros. C. Haly, R. Blight, J. Ward, T. W. Lemon, G. Hawken, and Robins rendered excellent music. Bro. G. Hawken gave two recitations capably. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. H. J. Pye, W.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; R. G. Bradley, P.M.; Morris Davis, P.M.; D. W. Cangley, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., Treas.; John C. Spurr, S.W.; Wm. Hewson, J.W.; D. C. Davidson, S.D.; R. Shacklady, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; T. Bush and H. Brown, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and upwards of 60 members and visitors.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. Ost, who was declared duly elected, and, being in attendance, was initiated, after which Bros. Williams, Bell, Bradshaw, Webster, and Watson were raised to the Sublime Degree

of M.M. by the W.M. in a most able manner. After the transaction of the usual routine business, and three gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room for refreshment.

**DERBY.**—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—A meeting of this centenary lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.P.G.C., W.M.; R. L. H. Mole, S.W.; John H. Clarke, J.W.; H. O. Edwardes, Sec.; A. J. Flint, S.D.; Rev. Herbert Price, Prov. C. Chap., Chap.; E. McInnes, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; E. R. Ward, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; A. G. Taylor, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. Mantou, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Murray Lindsay, M.D., W. H. Wheeldon, Turner, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. Whittaker Brigg, S.W. and W.M. elect 731.

Bro. Wheeldon was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., after which Bro. Percy Wallis took the chair, and raised Bro. Dr. Lindsay to the Third Degree. Notice of motion was given to devote 10 guineas from the lodge funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the occasion of the Centenary Festival.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the lower hall, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. W. B. Akerman, W.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; V. M. Vultchoff, S.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; John Read, I.G.; F. Spencer and J. McLeod, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. H. Clark, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G. Treas.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; James Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; John Garside, P.M.; Edward Smith, Rottmayer, Wolstencroft, A. Wild, C. J. Rix, W. Garside, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147, P.P.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.M. 1055, P.G. Purst; A. T. Forrest, P.M. 1633; John Church, 2 (S.C.); and C. Wallworth, S.W. 1459.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Bushell, late of the Architect Lodge, as a joining member, and he was declared elected. Mr. F. C. Phillips was next balloted for and elected a candidate for initiation. He was subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. W. B. Akerman. Bro. J. Garside, I.P.M., presenting the working tools, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden, P.M., delivered the charge. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards supped together, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and responded to.

Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147, P.P.S.G.D., replied for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Initiate" in eulogistic terms, and the brethren drank to it with great pleasure, after which Bro. Phillips returned thanks in appropriate language.

"The Health of Bro. Bushell," (joining member) was proposed by Bro. John R. Lever, P.M., in glowing terms, and responded to.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and responded to by Bros. C. Wallworth, S.W. 1459, and A. T. Forrest, P.M. 1633.

In response to the toast of "The P.M.'s," Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who had just returned from attending the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, gave a very interesting account of his visit, and spoke of the satisfaction he felt on hearing the total amount subscribed by the brethren of East Lancashire announced, viz., £2873 11s. 6d., and also that his own lodge, the Affability, was one of the largest subscribers, having sent up the names of seven Stewards, and a total of 200 guineas. Bro. Cunliffe said the announcement caused his heart to rejoice that he was a Mason, and that he belonged to the Affability Lodge, of the province of East Lancashire. His satisfaction was further increased from the thought that every brother in his lodge must have responded nobly to the appeal from the Benevolent Institution for funds, thus proving themselves to be Masons at heart as well as in name.

Bro. Cunliffe's remarks were listened to with great attention, and much applauded.

**HADLEIGH.**—Virtue and Silence Lodge (No. 332).—The annual festival in connection with this lodge was celebrated at the White Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. James Warren, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance, the presence-book being signed by the following officers and members: Bros. George Arthur Hardacre, W.M.; James Warren, S.W., W.M. elect; H. R. Taylor, J.W.; Rev. S. Maude, Chap.; C. J. Grimwade, Treas.; A. Taylor, S.D.; William Gardiner, P.M.; S. Honeywill, I.G.; Rev. E. A. Thelwall, J.D.; A. J. Grimwade, Sec.; S. Cooper, P.M.; J. King, P.M.; J. C. Norman, P.M.; F. Grimwade, P.M.; J. Whittle, Tyler; Thomas Cooke, Fred. W. Woods, Robert Aldous, H. Jones, and J. Stevens. The visiting brethren were Bros. James S. Warren, 979; S. R. Anness, 376, P.P.J.G.D.; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Sec.; H. J. Wright, P.M. 936, P.A.G.S.; and John T. Gaul, 959.

The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bros. J. C. Norman, P.M.; Wm. Gardiner, P.M., acting as S.W.; and S. Cooper, P.M., as J.W. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. R. Taylor, S.W.; A. Taylor, J.W.; the Rev. S. Maude, Chap.; C. J. Grimwade, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. E. A. Thelwall, S.D.; S. Honeywill, J.D.; W. Gardiner, P.M., D.C.; H. Jones, I.G.; George A. Hardacre, P.M., Org.; and James Whittle, Tyler.

The visiting brethren having tendered "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Robert Aldous in the lodge room of the

hotel. The tables were adorned with choice plants and flowers. The W.M., Bro. James Warren, presided, supported on the right by Bros. J. A. Norman, P.M., and C. Grimwade, and on the left by Bros. G. A. Hardacre, P.M., and John King, P.M.

Universal regret was expressed at the absence of the J.W., Bro. A. Taylor, owing to recent domestic bereavement.

The W.M. proposed, in flattering terms, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The next toast was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. C. Norman, P.M., proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Chas. Grimwade, P.S.G.W., and Bro. N. Tracy, P.G. Sec., both of whom responded.

Bro. Arthur Grimwade proposed "The Masonic Charities," and remarked what a great blessing they were. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Maude, who would represent the lodge at the Festival of the Masonic Charities in May.

Bro. the Rev. S. Maude responded. Bro. G. A. Hardacre proposed "The Worshipful Master." They were all aware the Worshipful Master had discharged his duties in a thoroughly conscientious manner as S.W., and he had no doubt that he would do similar credit to the choice of the lodge during the present year.

The W.M. thanked them most heartily for placing him in the chair of King Solomon. It had been filled by so many worthy and distinguished Masons that he felt some amount of reluctance in accepting it, but he hoped to give the lodge entire satisfaction.

Bro. W. Gardiner proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hardacre." Everyone was proud of the name of Hardacre, and his services to the lodge merited their grateful appreciation.

Bro. G. A. Hardacre said he had been earnest for the cause of Masonry, and he had always received every assistance from the brethren. He must particularly mention the great assistance rendered to him by the Secretary during the past year.

Bro. C. J. Grimwade proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. J. C. Norman." Those who witnessed the manner in which the installation ceremony was carried out would certainly envy the knowledge and ability of Bro. Norman.

Bro. Norman having responded, Bro. J. King proposed "The Treasurer, Bro. C. J. Grimwade," who, in response, said it was a great honour to hold office in Grand Lodge. Some of the happiest hours of his life had been spent in Lodge Virtue and Silence.

Bro. Tracy proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. King, Josselyn, Norman, Gardiner, and Cooper, who responded.

Bro. Cooper proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Wright, Warren, Anness, and Gaul, who responded.

The other toasts were—"The Wardens and other Officers," proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. Maude, Gardiner, S. Cooper, and H. Jones; "The Ladies" and the Tyler's toast.

Songs were contributed by Bros. H. R. Taylor, H. J. Wright, S. Honeywill, F. W. Woods, and others. Bro. Hardacre ably presided at the piano.

**HUDDERSFIELD.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Abraham Graham, W.M.; John Dawson, as S.W., for J. Firth; J. Jackson, J.W.; G. Marshall, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Turner, Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; S. Crossley, S.D.; W. Wood, J.D.; J. Davis, I.G.; G. Hardy, Tyler; A. Jackson, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Armitage, I.P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; W. H. Jessop, P.M.; Brierley, Horsfall, Sissons, Sawden, Dyson, Cornish, Nicholson, Wray, and Bagshaw. Visitors: Bros. T. Ruddock, 275, P.P.G.D.; G. Sykes, 290, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. N. Crowther, P.P.G.D.; J. Shoesmith, P.M. 1783; E. Mellor, D.C. 1783; and C. H. Holroyd, W.M. 1514.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for a joining member; Bro. Joughin was passed to the 2nd Degree by Bro. A. Armitage, I.P.M.; Bro. Horsfall was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. A. Armitage, assisted by Bro. R. Williamson, P.M.; Bro. G. Marshall, P.M., delivering the Traditional History. Business being completed, the lodge was closed. The Rev. John Dunbar officiated as Chaplain, which rendered the ceremonies more impressive.

**MALTON.**—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge were held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when there was a good gathering of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Yorkers-gate. After the opening business had been transacted, Bro. Mosey F. W. Williamson was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. W. Walker, P.M., Treasurer. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Buckle, I.P.M.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. R. Metcalfe, J.W.; Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Chap.; A. W. Walker, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Marshall, Sec.; W. H. Wimpenny, S.D.; W. A. Holmes, J.D.; R. G. Lucas, D.C.; J. W. Marshall, P.M., Org.; A. W. Deeley, I.G.; E. St. Clair Rogers and S. Wallgate, Stwds.; and W. Stockdale, Tyler.

The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, when Bro. Williamson presided over a good attendance of the brethren, including visitors from other lodges.

**CREWKERNE.**—Parrett and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the lodge room, Town Hall, when there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, including Bro. Pamphlett, W.M.; Lawrence, I.P.M.; A. Hart, S.W., W.M. elect; Bartlett, J.W.; Tompsett, P.M., Treas.; Strongfellow, P.M., Sec.; Catford, S.D.; Walter, J.D.; Smith, acting I.G.; Coombs, P.M., D.C.;

Alford, Steward; Wicks, Major Hayward, Parry, Wheatley, P.M.; Hughes, P.P.G.S.B.; and amongst the visitors were Bros. S. H. Soper, P.M. 732, P.G.D. Sussex; W. F. Booth, 732; C. M. Coxon, D.C. 1471; W. C. Lye, 398; S. Pile, S.W. 1181; A. Reynolds, I.P.M. 2038; A. Milborne, P.M. 329, P.P.J.G.D.; and R. Leach, P.M. 437.

The lodge having been opened Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were admitted and received. The minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report, showing a satisfactory balance in hand, was then received and adopted. The D.P.G.M. having taken the chair, Bro. Arthur Hart, W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. invested with the badges of their respective offices the following brethren: Bros. Bartlett, S.W.; Catford, J.W.; Tompsett, P.M., Treas.; Parry, Sec.; Walter, S.D.; Lye, J.D.; Coombs, P.M., D.C.; Read, Org.; Alford, I.G.; Wicks and J. Smith, Stewards; and Lacey, Tyler. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., for the admirable and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The proposition was carried by acclamation. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, offered a cordial greeting of welcome to the visiting brethren. It was resolved that a letter expressing the sympathy of the lodge should be written to the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. Major Hayward kindly offered to present the lodge with an ancient sword for the Tyler's use. The weapon had been brought by him from Northern Asia, and he desired to present it as a memento of Bro. Hart's installation. The gift was accepted by the W.M. with suitable thanks. A candidate was proposed for initiation. Other business having been transacted, the W.M. announced his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the approaching Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and stated that subscriptions received by him on that account would be paid over in one sum for the purpose of securing votes in perpetuity for the lodge. Communications were read from Bros. Toleman, Dyke, Read, and Lye, regretting their inability to be present, and congratulatory telegrams were received by the W.M. from the W.M. 1471, and other brethren. After having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors present, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where Bro. Rugg had provided an excellent banquet, at which the W. Master presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the customary honours, the W.M. setting the praiseworthy example of brevity.

During the intervals some excellent songs were sung, in fact, the musical talent present was of a very high order. Bros. Soper and Booth—in several songs and a duet, "All's well"—met with deserved applause. The W.M. also contributed to the harmony of the evening by a couple of well rendered songs. Bro. Milbourne presided most efficiently at the pianoforte. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

This lodge is to be congratulated on having secured such convenient rooms at the Town Hall, and we wish it success.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the installation of Bro. P. B. Coward, the newly-elected W.M., took place at the Ship Hotel. There was a good attendance of members, and visiting brethren were present from Bramston Beach, Friendly, Wentworth, Hereford, William Preston, St. George's, Bishop Stortford, Wharnccliffe, and Royal Brunswick Lodges. Bro. W. Dickie, I.P.M., was the Installing Officer. After the ceremony of installation, the new W.M. appointed the officers for the ensuing year, and invested them as follows: Bros. Joe Smith, S.W.; J. Oakes, J.W.; J. E. Wordsworth, Treas.; R. J. Buttenshaw, Sec.; J. Gibbs, S.D.; Timothy France, J.D.; H. J. Bingham, P.S.W., D.C.; Charles Harvey, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Joseph France, I.G.; M. Le Tall and G. A. Illston, Stewards; and T. Chester, Tyler. The annual installation banquet then took place, the caterer being Mr. H. Doel.

**STONEHOUSE.**—Metham Lodge (No. 1205).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on the 20th ult. there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. H. E. Setters, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. D. Cross, P.M., P.P.G.T., as Treasurer. Three candidates were initiated, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Kennedy.

At the close of the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room adjoining, where an ample supper was prepared.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and many excellent songs were given during the evening.

**ILKLEY.**—Olicana Lodge (No. 1522).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The brethren assembled for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, the following being present: Bros. A. E. Kershaw, W.M.; W. I. Kaye, S.W.; A. B. Balfour, J.W.; T. J. Critchley, P.M., Treas.; J. Bennett, Sec.; W. R. Bates, S.D.; E. A. Brotherton, J.D.; H. Evers, I.G.; A. Sykes, Tyler; W. Whitaker, J. Ramsbotham, W. James, C. E. Brightwen, J. Gaunt, P.M.; C. H. Watson, P.M.; H. Morton, P.M.; T. Johnstone, P.M.; W. Wedgewood, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. S. Jacob, W.M. 837; E. W. Harry, P.M.; Wm. T. Smithson, P.P.G.D.; T. B. Wilson, I. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire; and T. Lawrence, J.W., of 1001; T. Pelham Brown, S.D.; H. Pollard, W.M.; and S. Johnson, of 1648; F. G. McNally, P.M., P.G.C. West Lancashire, and R. Casson, P.M., of 995; A. Holmes, 1545; C. M. Wilson, P.M., and W. H. Lupton, P.M., P.P.G.D., of 974; E. Shute, 600; George Tetley, W.M. 55; and G. D. Halliwell, 837.

Bro. Lupton, P.M., P.P.G.D., presented Bro. W. J. Kaye, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the year: Bros. A. B. Balfour, S.W.; W. R. Bates, J.W.; T. J. Critchley, Treas.; H. Evers, Sec.; E. A. Brotherton, S.D.; T. Bennett, J.D.; W. Wedgewood, I.G.; and A. Sykes, Tyler. Bro. John Gaunt, P.M., P.P.G.W., was unanimously re-elected Charity Steward. The winter festival of St. John was afterwards observed by the brethren.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 17th ult. Present: Bros. Bentley, W.M.; G. Deaton, S.W.; F. Deaton, J.W.; Poulton, S.D.; King, J.D.; Price, I.G.; Wingham, acting Preceptor; and other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Price having answered the usual questions, the lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Price being candidate. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, and seconded, that Bro. G. Deaton, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 2nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammer-smith. Present: Bros. Coppleston, W.M.; Oliver, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; A. Williams, acting Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; P. Burton, J.D.; F. Wilkins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, Bricklade, and J. Bates.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bates offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wilkins offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Oliver was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Amherst-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Hopwood, W.M.; Cordell, S.W.; Margetts, J.W.; Shurmer, S.D.; Campbell, J.D.; Draper, I.G.; Finch, acting Preceptor; Church, Sec.; Richardson, Kettle, Seigenberg, Fairclough, Tyrell, Okleford, Eastwood, Redding, Aston, and Diamond.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were duly confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eastwood acting as candidate. The brethren assisted Bro. Draper to work the 3rd and 1st Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Finch proposed, and Bro. Margetts, J.W., seconded, that Bro. Cordell, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Eastwood, 45, was proposed as a joining member by Bro. Margetts, J.W.—seconded by Bro. Finch, and carried. A sum of £2 2s. was voted to Bro. Bunker, to be placed on his list as Steward for the Masonic Benevolent Association. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

After the lodge business was over, the monthly meeting of the Third Clapton Masonic Benevolent Association took place, when two Life Governorships were balloted for.

**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. Allan, W.M. elect 1425, W.M.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Stagg, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; J. Corrie, I.G.; H. Guntrip, Stwd.; S. J. Humfress, P.M. 733; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 307 (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1542; W. J. Stratton, J. Smith, W. Death, and S. Barrow. Bro. W. E. Coleman, 511, was a visitor.

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. Smith being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Stratton was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Coleman was elected a member. Bro. Death was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The names of the brethren who have consented to work the Fifteen Sections—First Lecture, 26th of March; Second and Third Lectures, 9th of April—were announced. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Boro', when there were present Bros. J. J. Wright, W.M.; W. Roots, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; A. Austin, S.D.; S. Renault, J.D.; G. A. Ball, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. J. Chapman, A. Wingham, E. Fullick, J. Youlden, and others.

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. Austin candidate. Bro. Youlden having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Youlden candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 2nd and 1st Sections were worked by Bros. Roots and Wingham, Preceptor, respectively. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. G. Wynn, W.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; W. Hancock, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. E. Gladwell, W. Honeyball, J. Laurence, E. C. Talbot, L. Lazarus, E. W. S. Rymer, H. G. Marsden, J. D. Grahain, W. Culverhouse, F. Kedg, G. F. Swan, A. Georgell, V. Smith, R. J. Harnell, F. Dusterwald, A. Clark, and H. Martin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Talbot having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. W. Cash. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Laurence answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. F. Dusterwald offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree; he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. A. Georgell, 1563; E. C. Talbot, 65 and 1310; L. Lazarus, 879; E. W. S. Rymer, 860; and J. Laurence, 1853. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. J. G. Wynn be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., said that Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., having kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at this lodge of instruction, be asked to name a Thursday evening that would be convenient for him to do so, and that at the conclusion of the ceremony there be a supper, and that Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563, be asked to take the chair, the supper to be taken at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Dusterwald, and tickets to be 4s. each. Seconded by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and carried unanimously. A Committee was then formed to make the necessary arrangements. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**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.; Clare, S.W.; Weekes, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Keene, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; Neville, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; Cochrane, Wildes, Read, Sims, and Townsend.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cochrane having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams, Bro. Wildes answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the traditional history was given. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Townsend was elected a joining member. Bro. Clare was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**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. C. R. Cross, W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Johnston, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); H. Moss, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; Wiles, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; T. H. Wood, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; Colwill, Ridgley, Arnott, Bridger, L. Cox, E. Cox, T. J. Head, Cotton, Sanson, Martineau, E. Moore, Higginson, and E. B. Smith.

The lodge was opened, and the usual routine business was transacted, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bridger being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thomas Kefford was elected a joining member. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**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.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Morley, W.M. 1891, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Williams, W.M. 865, Sec.; R. H. Williams, W.M. 1767, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; H. Olliver, I.G.; W. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; and J. Worth.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Woods offering himself as a candidate, and having answered the necessary questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed by Bro. Sims, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. W. Morley, that the S. and J. Wardens be elected honorary members for their kind assistance in working the Fifteen Sections—carried. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. D. Aslete, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; Bassett, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Arlidge, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; and D. S. Long.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. H. Wood, who resumed the lodge to the Second Degree. Bro. Arlidge offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Arlidge being candidate. Bro. Aslete then took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. H. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Arlidge was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Mann, S.W.; Hume, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Arnold, jun., J.D.; Blades, I.G.; Brandon, P.M.; Arnold, sen., Coleman, and Roberts.

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. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Gibson, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Mann was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. Partridge, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; Gibbs, J.W.; Folkard, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Wood, I.G.; Wintley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Boulton, Salter, Hudson, Sandals, Wright, B. Perkins, Green, Pugh, G. Gill, J. Poole, S. West, Williams, Wicks, Winney, Reid, and Shannaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews and Westley, each assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. West as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. S. West, 192; Wicks, 1269; Poole, 1772; and Winney, 1963, were elected joining members. These brethren responded, and expressed the great enjoyment the evening's work had afforded them. Dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele was elected W.M. for Monday fortnight, Monday next being allotted for the annual supper. Bro. Steele returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The Secretary called attention to the Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge, and stated there was money enough in hand to take another ballot at the next meeting.

## Royal Arch.

**CHAPTER OF FIDELITY (No. 3).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Comps. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z.; Graves, P.Z., acting H.; Greenwood, J.; Heming, H. elect; A. W. G. Weeks, P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Collins, S.E.; W. E. Williams, S.N.; W. Radcliffe, 1st A.S.; C. J. Craig, 2nd A.S.; J. B. Stevens, D.C.; Cordwell, P.Z. (hon. member); Larcome, T. C. Walls, H. J. Lardner, and others. Comp. Whitaker, 1572, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Heming, H. elect, was most ably inducted into the second Principal's chair by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. Whitaker, as D.C. Grants having been made to the three Masonic Institutions, the chapter was closed.

The banquet that followed being most ably presided over by the M.E.Z., whose eloquent remarks in proposing the various toasts were highly appreciated by the companions. The success of the evening's proceedings were still further enhanced by the vocal contributions of Comps. Craig, Greenwood, Lardner, and others.

## ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).

—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present: Comps. Wm. Dodd, M.E.Z.; Alfred W. Wells, H.; A. J. Shoter, J.; B. E. Blasby, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; W. F. Reynolds, 1st A.S.; Hy. Sapsworth, 2nd A.S.; Samuel Brooks, P.Z., Treas.; John Green, P.Z.; J. Spilling, J. Brill, W. Hilton, H. C. Lansdown, and C. Coombs. Visitors: Comps. J. P. Houghton, H. 382; G. B. Chapman, G. N. Watts, Z. 1196; J. Pearson, 1196; F. Eckstein, 1196; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The convocation was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The following companions were then installed into their respective chairs by Comp. S. Brooks, P.Z.: Comps. Alfred W. Wells, M.E.Z.; Alfred J. Shoter, H.; and B. E. Blasby, J. The officers invested were Comps. W. Dodd, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; W. F. Reynolds, 1st A.S.; H. Sapsworth, 2nd A.S.; S. Brooks, P.Z., Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. Haynes, his investiture as S.N. was postponed. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Bros. H. C. Lansdown, 1541, and Chas. Coombs, W.M. 780, they were impressively exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a letter was read from Comp. Geo. Everett stating that he was at Bourne-mouth for the good of his health and that his attendance at the chapter was therefore doubtful. Other routine business having been transacted, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, admirably served under the superintendence of the worthy host, Comp. Brill.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," remarking that the influence of H.R.H. had benefited Masonry to a large extent. Since the accession to office of the present Grand Z. the number of lodges and chapters had been considerably extended. He (the M.E.Z.) congratulated the members of Grand Lodge that the sum of £500 was voted to assist the poor, for H.R.H. was at all times delighted to be the medium to help those who suffer. He was pleased to be able to announce that the presentation to be made to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their silver wedding, would consist of a diamond butterfly, which had been purchased, and would be on view to the companions and brethren. It afforded him great pleasure to communicate this news to the companions, and he trusted H.R.H. and the Princess would be spared many years to appreciate the gift.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the M.E.Z., who was then reluctantly compelled to vacate the chair owing to indisposition.

Comp. Brooks, P.Z., Treas., said it was an unexpected pleasure that he had to propose "The Health of the occupant of the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Dodd, I.P.Z." It would have been more in consonance for the I.P.Z. to have proposed this toast, but that companion could not, however, propose his own health. The companions all sincerely regretted that the M.E.Z., Comp. Wells, had been obliged to leave them through ill-health, but hoped he would be with them at their next meeting thoroughly recovered. In the ordinary course of events Comp. Dodd filled the chair in his absence, and it was therefore with much pleasure that the toast would be received. The heartiness with which the companions would drink Comp. Dodd's health, would testify to their admiration of the services he had rendered, and of the excellent working which had characterised his year of office. By the unanimous manner in which the members voted a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Dodd, they had expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at his work, and they had also decided to place upon the ribbon a special bar indicating that those services were rendered during the jubilee year. They hoped he would appreciate the small extra compliment, and heartily congratulated him upon a brilliant year in the chair of M.E.Z. They sincerely hoped he would be spared many years to assist them as a P.Z. and in his more special duties of S.E.

Comp. W. Dodd, I.P.Z., said he rose with the greatest pleasure to respond for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk; but he regretted that Comp. Wells, their respected M.E.Z., had been obliged to leave them in obedience to his doctor's orders. The M.E.Z. wrote to him quite recently saying he would not be present owing to ill-health, and he (Comp. Dodd) expected to have had to render the exaltation ceremony; but he was extremely pleased to see Comp. Wells with them, and surprised at the admirable manner in which he had, notwithstanding his indisposition, performed the work. He had to thank the companions for the kindness he had received during his year of office. He could not but regret the small amount of work during that period, but he would be happy in the future to render every assistance in his power by filling any office in which he could be of service. He would again heartily thank them, and he could not say more than that if he made a long speech.

"The Exaltees" was next given, and having been suitably responded to by Comps. Lansdown and Coombs, "The Visitors" was proposed by the acting M.E.Z., Comp. Dodd.

Comp. J. Pearson, P.Z. 1196, in reply, said he had to return thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and also for the very enjoyable evening he had spent. Comp. Blasby had frequently invited him, but circumstances had hitherto prevented his acceptance. He was therefore pleased to be present as the guest of Comp. Blasby, and he was convinced the companions had never known a more admirable and kind hearted companion than he whom they had been gratified to see installed as J. That was his opinion of Comp. Blasby after a connection which had extended, not only in Masonry, but in the walk of life in which he followed. He had been a Mason for many years, but was seldom prevailed upon to visit a lodge or chapter. He was therefore highly gratified to be present, and at the manner in which the work had been carried out, which was as near perfection as possible. Every officer appeared to thoroughly know his work, and to feel that which everyone who entered

Masonry must feel—that it brought him nearer and nearer to the Great Architect who ruled the Universe. He hoped to renew his pleasant visit on a future occasion.

Several other visiting companions replied, after which the toast of "The H. and J." was given and heartily received.

Comps. Shotton, H., and Blasby, J., responded, expressing their thanks at the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and their determination to continue to exert their best endeavours for the good of the chapter.

In proposing "The P.Z.'s," Comp. Dodd eulogised the excellent services rendered by Comps. Brooks, Treas., and expressed his regret, which he was sure was shared by all present, at the unavoidable absence of Comp. Everett.

Comps. Green, P.Z., and Brooks, P.Z., having replied, and "The Officers" having received the usual honours, the Janitor's toast closed a very instructive and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

#### METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 1st instant. There were present Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; G. W. Knight, H.; H. Dickey, J.; J. Furguson, P.Z.; W. M. Stiles, P.G.P.S. Midx., P.Z., S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; R. W. Fraser, P.S.; Dimsdale, 1st Asst.; Mordey, 2nd Asst.; Emblin and Little, Stwds.; and an excellent attendance of companions. Visitors: Comps. W. A. Scurrah, M.E.Z. 2048; E. J. Day, Org. 1329; G. L. Moore, J. 169; J. W. Cain, 1056; W. H. Wadham, 1642; and A. H. Scurrah, D.C. 2048.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the companions admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. G. W. Price, 1681, was unanimously balloted for and exalted into R.A.M., the ceremony being worked in an efficient manner by the M.E.Z. and his officers. A vote of sympathy was proposed by Comp. W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E., to Comp. J. Willing, and a letter to be written from the chapter sympathising with him in his recent illness, and hoping for his speedy recovery to health.

The chapter was then closed, and the M.E.Z. and companions banqueted together. The usual loyal toasts followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Furguson, P.Z., who said the perfect rendering of the ritual by Comp. Smith was an excellent example for the companions to follow. The chapter had a reputation for good working, and he was pleased to add that while such excellent M.E.Z.'s came to the front it would still retain it.

The M.E.Z., in replying, remarked that he was only doing his duty. He had studied well, and hoped to leave the chapter as he found it, prosperous. He proposed "The H. and J.," and said they were excellent officers, and did their work in a masterly manner. Both replied, thanking the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, and the companions for the way the toast was received. He (the M.E.Z.) then proposed "The Health of the Exalte."

Comp. Price said he thanked the M.E.Z. for exalting him into R.A.M., and what he had seen of the ceremony he liked it, and hoped some day to be able to do the same as the M.E.Z.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Scribe E. and P.Z.'s of the Chapter" was then given, and was received by the companions in an enthusiastic manner. Comps. Furguson and W.M. Stiles replied.

"The Visitors" came in for the next toast, and a hearty welcome having been accorded to each, Comp. W. A. Scurrah replied in his usual affable manner, leaving little to be said by the remainder. Comp. Day kindly presided at the organ in the chapter, and pianoforte after the banquet. The toast of "The officers" was given and received in an enthusiastic manner by the companions. Some excellent singing was afforded by Comps. Fraser, Ruyicka, Curzons, Cain, Emblin, and Moore. The companions then separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### FARRINGDON-WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).

—This representative chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Strugnell, M.E.Z.; J. Young, H.; J. Lester, J.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas.; P. Simpson, S.N.; R. Webber, P.S.; Herbert, 1st A.S.; N. Prover, M.A., 2nd A.S.; Dr. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. (Hon. Member); and others. Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Dorling, 7145, and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. Apologies for non-attendance having been read, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to a well served banquet.

The customary toasts followed. Comp. C. F. Hogard replied in fluent terms on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Comp. F. W. Driver made a neat speech in response to the toast of "The Visitors."

The proceedings were enlivened by the admirable pianoforte selections of Comp. Dr. Lott, and the vocalism of Comps. Young, Herbert, Lardner, and Prover.

#### SUNDERLAND.—Chapter of Strict Benevolence (No. 97).

—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Comps. J. G. Kirtley, Z.; J. R. Pattison, H., and T. Sharp, J., were the presiding principals, and were supported by Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., G. Superintendent; B. Levy, P.P.G.H.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, P.G.S.E.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sedcole, J. 1119; T. Henderson, P.Z. 94; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Liddell, P.P.G.J.; M. Douglass, P.P.G.R.; and others. The installation of the principals for the ensuing year took place as follows: Comps. Jos. Robson Pattison, Z.; Taylorson Sharp, H.; R. Singleton, J. Walter Beattie, S.N.; C. M. Wake, S.E.; W. Liddell, P.Z., Treas.; R. Shadforth, P.S.; A. Gray and D. G. Smith, A. Sojs.; T. M. Watson, P.Z., D. of C.; George Porteous, P.Z., Org.

The installation ceremony was splendidly performed by Comp. B. Levy. The usual sums were voted to the local Charities.

**LEEDS.—Excelsior Chapter (No. 1042).**—The annual meeting for the installation of Principals and investiture of officers took place on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The occasion was one of more than usual interest. Our veteran and eminent E. Companion, the Rev. Dr. Smyth, G. Chap. Eng., and 1st Asst. G.S., had occupied the chair of Z. from the period of the foundation of the chapter, two years ago, and upon him devolved the pleasing duty and privilege of installing the Principals. He was supported by Comps. T. Tyers, H.; W. Tyers, J.; W. Watson, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; R. Thompson, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; Craig, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; Hill, P.Z.; Yates, Z.; and Flockton, J., of 304; Bingham, Cowborough, Sutton, Thorp, Mays, Crosby, P.S.; W. Carter, W.M. 1042; J. Rickards, S.E. 304; Watson, acting as D.C.; and others.

The usual business having been transacted, the companions below the rank of Principal were marshalled, and passed round the room saluting their retiring Z. for the last time. A convocation of Installed Principals was then opened, and our illustrious companion proceeded to install Comp. T. Tyers into the chair of Z., and subsequently, in due order, Comp. W. Tyers, as H., and Comp. Crosby, J. There were several companions present who had witnessed the working of ceremonies on former occasions by the Installing Officer, but there was but one opinion during the evening—that the worthy and distinguished companion, Dr. Smyth, excelled himself, and gave one of the most touchingly beautiful and impressive exemplifications of Royal Arch ritual ever displayed. The following companions were then invested: Comps. Carter, S.E.; Mays, as S.N. (pro tem.); Bingham, P.S.; Cowborough, Treas.; and Barraud, Janitor. Before closing the chapter a pleasing surprise was sprung upon the outgoing Z., Comp. Dr. Smyth.

Comp. Tyers, Z., addressing the companions, said they were aware how highly the chapter was indebted to Comp. Dr. Smyth for his services as Z. for the past two years. During that period he had been the chief support of the chapter. He had done all in his power to maintain the efficiency of the working, and in every possible way he had been to the fore in furthering the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, and in promoting the harmony and good feeling amongst the companions by setting an example of self-sacrifice, self-abnegation, and urbanity to the humblest of them. Long might the Grand Architect of the Universe prosper his handiwork, and spare him to adorn the Craft he loved so well. He had great pleasure in asking their distinguished companion to accept of the accompanying testimonial of admiration and esteem from the chapter. This was a beautifully illuminated and framed address as follows:

"At a Regular Convocation of the Excelsior Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, No. 1042, held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 26th day of January, 1888, it was resolved unanimously, and with acclamation, that the members desire to record their grateful thanks to Companion the Reverend Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D. (1st Assistant Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, their most Excellent First Principal), for his able and zealous services during the two successive years in which he has occupied that position, dating from the formation of the chapter, and to express the gratification which they feel at having had as their first appointed Z. one so eminent in Masonic rank and attainments, and so capable in the performance of every Masonic duty devolving on him officially, or which he has at any time been called upon to undertake. (Signed) Thomas Tyers, H.; W. M. Tyers, J.; Wm. Flockton, S.E.; J. Basil Mays, S.N.; Ed. Crosby, P.S.; and Wm. Bingham, Past P.S."

With evident feelings of deep emotion Comp. Dr. Smyth thanked the companions for that unexpected indication of goodwill towards him. They had already conferred upon him the greatest honour which lay in the power of a chapter to bestow upon any companion by nominating him as their first Z., and subsequently electing him to that position for a second year. He could look back upon his 45 years of Masonic career and recall many dear and may be far distant scenes of earlier labour in the Craft, but memory could never conjure up reminiscences more charming and delightful than those associated with his two years presidency of the chapter. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their affectionate and fraternal support, and assured them that to the latest moment of his life he would cherish their testimonial as one of the greatest of his earthly treasures.

The exordium having been delivered by Comp. Craig, P.Z. 304, the business terminated, the companions adjourning to the banquet hall, where they were entertained by the M.E.Z., Comp. T. Tyers.

Comp. Dr. Smyth responded to the toast of "The Grand Chapter," and subsequently to that of "The Installing Principal," both of which had been enthusiastically received by the companions. In proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z. and the other Principals," he passed high encomiums upon the zeal and truly Masonic feeling their newly-installed first Principal and his colleagues had displayed, and drew a happy augury therefrom for the future.

The Principals having responded, several other toasts followed, and were duly honoured, when the evening's proceedings finally closed with mutual expressions of goodwill and sanguine anticipations of a prosperous future for the chapter.

#### WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Chapter (No. 1250).

—The seventh anniversary of this prosperous chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when the members mustered in strong force. There were also several visitors present from the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, including the M.E.Z., Comp. Skinner.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.P.G. Std. B., and P.Z. of 148 and 1250, proceeded to exalt Bro. Shackleton to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being performed to the entire satisfaction of all present; after which he undertook the duties of installing the three Principals, viz., Comps. W. H. J. Jenkins, M.E.Z.; W. Bolton, H.; and R. Heaton, J., in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies of the Order, which was done in his usual efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. W. Taylor, I.P.Z.; A. G. Webster, S.E.; J. S. Patten, S.N.; J. Baird, P.S.; P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., &c., Treas.; and T. Domville, Janitor. Afterwards, on behalf of the chapter, he presented the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Taylor, with a

very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his past services, which was acknowledged by the recipient in feeling and suitable terms. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. H. J. Jenkins.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, interspersed with various songs by several of the companions, which were rendered in a superior manner, the members afterwards separating in perfect harmony.

#### OLD ELVET.—Norman Chapter (No. 1334).

—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the Three Principals for the ensuing year. In the absence of Comp. W. H. Turner, Comp. Hillier assumed the First Principal's chair. Comp. Whitehead was installed in the Second Chair by Comp. William Coxon. Comp. Dr. L. Booth was installed in the Third Chair by Comp. R. Hudson. Amongst the companions present were Comps. R. Hudson, P.G. St. Br. England; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.J.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.J.; W. Grey, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; John Mitchinson, P.P.G.H.; S. Fenny, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Halfnight, and others. The following were appointed as the officers: Comps. James Chambers, S.N.; Geo. S. Shaw, S.E.; J. Willan, Treas.; Geo. Rutherford, P.S.; R. Hauxwell, First A.S.; Thomas Farthing, Second A.S.; and S. Grant, Janitor. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. M. Spiegel, 834, M.E.Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 558, H.; G. March, 733, J.; J. T. Mickelburg, Z. 834, Treas.; H. Deane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, P.S.; J. J. Cantle, 180, 1st A.S.; G. N. Watts, Z. 1196; W. C. Williams, P.S. 733; J. Smith, 2nd A.S. 890; S. Cochrane, 3; and W. E. Jameson, 176.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being candidate. Communications were read from Comps. Capt. A. Nicols and J. Davies regretting their inability to be present. A vote of thanks to Comp. March, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously passed for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the duties of 1st Principal for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

#### HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 137).

—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. John Barker, G.I. of W., W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. J. Gill, S.W.; J. W. Turner, J.W.; Fletcher, M.O.; Pike, S.O.; Horstall, P.M., as J.O.; Marshall, Treas.; Williamson, Sec.; Nicholson, S.D.; Shaw, I.G.; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. E. Smithies, P.M. 1231, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. J. T. Kaye and Smithies, being in attendance, were both advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also gave the lecture in explanation of the Degree. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. F. Carmon, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. John Page, I.P.M.; C. B. Ford, P.M., W.M. Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed Lodge (I.I.); John Wood, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Dodd, W.M. 124; J. T. Harrison, S.W.; Robt. Whitfield, J.W.; Wm. Brown, M.O.; R. Wilson, as S.O.; R. W. Clyne, J.O.; W. Richardson, Sec.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. A. Armstrong, J.D.; T. Short, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; and others. The ballot was taken respectively for Bros. R. C. Tate, 48, and A. Dodds, 48, and both candidates being in attendance were duly advanced as M.M.M. The ceremony was done impressively by the W.M. Other formal business having been finished, the proceedings terminated as usual.

#### SOUTH SHIELDS.—Wouldhave Lodge (No. 362).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall on the 28th ult. Bro. T. Coulson, P.J.G.O., W.M., presided, and was supported by Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. Y. Strachan, and the following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: Bros. Addison Potter, P.G.O., P.S.G.W.; John Strachan, Past G.D., P.P.J.G.O.; John Bell, P.G.T.; John Page, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Carmon, P.P.G. Stwd.; and M. H. Dodds, P.C.I. of W.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Davidson, was presented for installation by Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.O., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Jno. Wood, A.G.D. of C. Eng. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Coulson, I.P.M.; M. J. Wheatley, S.W.; J. Heppell, J.W.; C. F. Sutcliffe, M.O.; T. D. Marshall, S.O.; Ed. Brown, J.O.; J. H. Penny, Treas.; R. Purvis, Senior Reg. of Marks; J. Watt Henderson, Sec.; W. E. Moffett, S.D.; T. M. Hall, J.D.; G. W. Mitchell, I.G.; Thos. Southron and R. B. Weir, Stwds.; and T. Potter, Tyler. The lodge was subsequently closed.

The annual dinner was afterwards held in the banqueting room, provided by Mrs. Potter, and presided over by Bro. W. Davidson, W.M.

The ladies who have subscribed to present the Princess of Wales with a memento of her Silver Wedding will be invited to attend at Marlborough House to-morrow (Saturday), when the present, which consists of a magnificent tiara of diamonds, will be formally handed to her Royal Highness. On Monday next there will be a dance in honour of the event, and the invitations have already been issued by the Comptroller of the Prince's Household.

**Knights Templar.**

**DARLINGTON.**—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 21st ult. The preceptory was opened by the E.P., Sir Knight Sam. Wilson, and the minutes of the last preceptory were read by the Registrar, Sir Knight S. F. Bousfield, P.E.P., and confirmed. The Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, 33°, attended by the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight R. A. Luck, 30°, J.P., and the Prov. Grand Great Officers, and officers, together with the Prov. Grand Staffordshire and Warwickshire, Sir Knight C. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, Sir Knight C. Fendelow, 33°, were received under an arch of steel, and afterwards saluted. The Sub-Prior, Sir Knight R. A. Luck, afterwards took the chair, and in an able and impressive manner then took his brother, Comp. Richard Luck, M.A., as a Knight Templar. Sir Knight C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Knight Elect, was then presented by Sir Knight Sam. Wilson to Sir Knight T. M. Barron, P.E.P., who, in a painstaking manner, performed the ceremony of installing him on the throne of the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory. The E.P. then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights T. M. Barron, P.E.P., Prelate; W. Logan, Constable; Fred. Lovey, Marshal; R. A. Luck, 30°, Treas.; S. F. Bousfield, P.E.P., Registrar; E. Cowper, Sub-Marshal; W. Hodgson, Captain of Lines; T. Ness, 30°, Chamberlain; Richard Luck, M.A., Herald; and T. Prince, Equerry Without. Letters of congratulation, and regret of absence were read from the Rev. Provincial Prelate, Canon Tristram, D.D.; from Sir Knights T. B. Whytehead, of York; W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, the Vice Arch Chancellor; W. Tinkler, K.C.I.; Frederick Binckes, C. F. Matier, the E.P.; C. A. B. Bignold and Dr. Mills, of 69; and others. Congratulations were also given to the E.P. by the assembled sir knights, and two candidates for installation having been proposed, the preceptory was closed.

At the dinner, given by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, in the banqueting room, in addition to the officers of the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, the following, among others, were present: The Provincial Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; the Provincial Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire; Sir Knight T. J. Armstrong, E.P.; and several of the officers of No. 20; and Sir Knight W. H. Cowper, E.P. 101.

A most enjoyable and happy evening was spent. We may mention that the invitation dinner card sent out by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury was most neat and unique, and was the work of Sir Knight Bailey, of Darlington. It bore on the face of it a lion holding a shield, on which were emblazoned the Arms of the Knights Templar, impaled with those of the province, and bearing on a shield argent a copy of the pectoral cross found on the body of St. Cuthbert, while in the lowermost corner of the card was engraved a daisy, the badge of the Eminent Preceptor. The menu card was likewise neat and effective. It bore on the front the same design as on the invitation card, with above and below, between bold double red lines, the names of the preceptory and the E.P.; whilst on the back were the arms and badge of Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**PLYMOUTH.**—Huyshe Chapter (No. 38).—The annual convocation was held on the 28th ult. at the Huyshe Temple. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. E. Aitken-Davies, was installed. Ill. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, was the Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. T. S. Bayly, P.M.W.S.; F. B. Westlake, 30°; P. R. Clemens, T. Goodall, and C. Watson. The M.W.S. invested the following fratres as the officers: Bros. J. P. Rogers, I.P.M.W.S.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, High Prelate; T. S. Bayly, Treas.; F. B. Westlake, Recorder; J. T. Bond, 1st Gen.; D. Cross, 2nd Gen.; J. Griffin, G.M.; F. P. Regan, Raphael; W. Derry, Herald; W. F. Westcott, C.G.; C. F. Dunsterville, D.C.; W. S. Hearder, O.; and W. H. Phillips, Equerry. The Recorder submitted the financial report of the Audit Committee, which showed a large balance in favour of the chapter. Ill. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the chapter large-sized photographs of the nine members of the Supreme Council, 33°, set in a magnificent gilded frame, ornamented with the insignia and mottoes of the Order, and bearing the inscription—"Presented to Huyshe Chapter, S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M., No. 38, Plymouth, by the Illustrious Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.M.W.S. and High Prelate. February 28th, 1888."

In the evening the brethren held their annual banquet at the Masonic Club, Princess-square. The banquet, catered for by Bro. Symons, was pronounced not to have been excelled by any Masonic banquet in the memory of the brethren present.

The M.W.S. presided, supported by his officers. The toasts peculiar to the Order were given, and the M.W.S. said he felt sure the brethren could not separate without wishing success to the Freemasons' Club, under whose roof they were dining. He had the honour of presiding at the first Masonic lunch and the first Masonic dinner provided by the club, and could not but bear testimony to both proving eminent successes.

The toasts was warmly received, and Bro. Symons was personally congratulated.

A capital entertainment of vocal music and recitations was furnished by brethren between the toasts. Among the entertainers were Bros. Lemon, Jamieson, Hearder, C. Watson, Goodall, Donoghue, and P. B. Clemens.

**YORK.**—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, on Thursday, the 1st inst. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. E. and P. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S., presented E. and P. Bro. Wm. Brown, M.W.S. elect, to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G. I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the district, for installation, and the ceremony was performed with that illustrious brother's usual care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed the following brethren as his officers: E. and P. Bros. A. H. H. McGachen, H.P.; Donald Grant, 1st Gen.; W. Lawton, 2nd Gen.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S., Recorder and Treasurer; Dyson, G.M.; Millington, R.; G. Simpson, C. of G.; Bros. Pearson and Hall, Serving Brethren.

The M.W.S. proposed, and E. and P. Bro. Whytehead

seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, Inspector General of the district, for coming such a long distance to install him into the chair of his predecessors, and hoped that he might long be able to perform that office which he had so kindly undertaken for so many years. The vote was carried by acclamation.

Ill. Bro. Banister thanked the brethren for their great kindness, and would endeavour to come and look after them once in each year, but he could not promise them more. The greatest inducement for him to come would be when they had good and worthy candidates for their beautiful Christian Degree.

Business over, the chapter was closed. The brethren dined together at the Station Hotel, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and responded to.

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.**

**PREMIER CONCLAVE (No. 1).**—The March meeting of the above conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on Monday. Present: Sir Knights J. Mason, G.J. General, M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, Eusebius; T. C. Walls, P.S.; George Powell, P.S.; J. C. Marsh, P.S.; H. H. Shirley, P.S., Sec.; George Kenning, P.S.; T. Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.S.; Robinson, Harris, and others.

The minutes of the last conclave were read and confirmed. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner was unanimously elected M.P.S., and Sir Knight T. Cubitt, Treas., for the ensuing year. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a P.S. jewel be presented to Sir Knight J. Mason, in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The conclave was then closed.

The annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave was then held, a full report of which will appear in our next issue.

The sir knights dined together under the genial chairmanship of Sir Knight Mason.

The long list of toasts received full justice. Sir Knights Powell, Woodman, and Geo. Kenning responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and Sir Knights Lardner and Shirley for "The Grand Senate."

Sir Knight Mickley proposed "The Health of the M.P.S." in fluent terms.

The M.P.S., in reply, among other things, congratulated the conclave upon its happy and prosperous condition. It was fortunate in possessing members holding not only distinguished position in Masonry, but excellent exponents of most intricate rituals. In conclusion he said that he was exceedingly gratified in having held the position of M.P.S. in so good a conclave.

"The Past Sovereigns" followed, and was acknowledged by Sir Knight Mickley.

"The Treasurer and Recorder" came next in order, and was replied to by Sir Knights Cubitt and Shirley.

In proposing "The M.P.S. elect," the M.P.S. paid a high compliment to Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, pronouncing him to be one of the best all round workers in the Metropolis. He felt confident that under his control the conclave would flourish exceedingly.

Sir Knight Lardner having replied, the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Sir Knight C.F. Hogard, Grand Recorder, followed.

Sir Knight Hogard, in a speech of some length, paid a very flattering compliment to the Premier Conclave. He said that thanks to many of its members the Order had progressed greatly. He agreed with the Most Puissant Sovereign that the Premier Conclave had some excellent workers who appeared to be indefatigable in all works of Masonry. The Grand Conclave was under obligations to the conclave by their being able to banquet under its banner year after year. This was a great advantage because of the limited number of Sir Knights who elected to banquet at the annual gathering of the Grand Conclave. In conclusion he congratulated the Premier upon having elected that day so good a Mason to preside over them in the ensuing year as Sir Knight H. J. Lardner.

The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings which were throughout most enjoyable.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The regular meeting of the General Committee of this Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; Joyce Murray, George Motion, S. Richardson, the Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D.; C. H. Webb, Thos. Cull, Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; H. Homewood, W. A. Glass, George Corble, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G.D.; Edgar H. Bowyer, John C. Pitt, C. F. Hogard, George B. Abbott, Geo. Cooper, S.G.D.; A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; H. J. Tucker, W. J. Ferguson, A. H. Lilley, Geo. P. Gillard, B. P. Pears, Andrew R. Motion, John E. Sheffield, G. P. Britten, W. A. Scurreh, Colonel A. Ridgway, W. M. Stiles, W. H. Perryman, G.P., Thomas A. Motion, H. Carman, Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., F. B. Page, William Irvine, R. W. Galer, F. Ashton, J. W. Mash, Alfred J. Dixie, James C. Smith, A. LeGrand, C. Weedon, F. Hallows, S. J. Byng, James Motion, W. Maple, G. Hobbs, F. Adlard, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., John Young, J. W. H. Thompson, J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; John Larkin, Thos. Griffiths, E. J. Lewis, J. S. Cumberland, J. Pinder, S. Gamman, J. L. Dale, John G. Stevens, William H. Myers, F. H. Dale, Henry Venn, James Moon, B. Kaufmann, J. B. Glenn, A. M. Broadley, Rev. W. Whitley, John Mason, H. Massey, H. Dickey, W. Paas, George Mickley, M.B., J. Dorton, A. Williams, P.G.S. of Wks.; A. H. Scurreh, J. H. Wood, Albert Evan, J. M. Klencik, H. S. Goodall, W. H. Saunders, George J. McKay, R. Martin, E. M. Money, G. Gardner, Richard Eve, Grand Treas.; W. J. Mason, E. Dearing, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; F. Binckes (Secretary), P.G.S.B.; and others.

Bros. W. Roebuck and J. A. Farnfield having been severally proposed for Chairman, a show of hands was taken and declared to be in favour of the former, and Bro. Roebuck, after a scene of great turbulence, took his seat as president of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, after a futile objection to the wording of one

paragraph, and those of the House Committee read for information, two applications for grants towards outfit by ex-pupils were considered, and in the result one was entertained and the other deferred.

Bro. A. F. GODSON then rose and explained that though a member of the House Committee he had been prevented by indisposition and other circumstances from attending its later meetings, and had therefore taken no part in the proceedings which were about to become the subject of discussion. Under those circumstances, he appealed to the brethren who had given notice of their intention to bring forward certain motions bearing, directly or indirectly, on the case of the boy William Gideon Motion to let bygones be bygones, both for the boy's sake and the sake of the Institution, in whose welfare all present must take an interest.

But the kindly appeal was not listened to, and Bro. ANDREW MOTION, having declared his intention of withdrawing all but the second motion on the notice paper, moved "That an immediate enquiry be held by the Life Governors of this Institution respecting the wrong done to William Gideon Motion," a further clause which had been included in the original motion, but had nothing whatever to do with the proposition, being struck out by order of the Chair. Bro. Motion argued that his brother, W. G. Motion, was not guilty of the principal offences alleged against him, and that what he had done did not merit the punishment dealt out to him, and he urged the Committee to grant the enquiry prayed for.

Bro. JAMES MOTION seconded the proposition, and then ensued a most unseemly wrangle, during which it was very difficult for the successive speakers to make themselves heard. It was pointed out, however, that the insertion in the motion of the words "the wrong done" was tantamount to an admission that the act of the House Committee in punishing the boy was worthy of censure, and sundry suggestions were offered with a view to amending the language, but in the end the motion, as worded above, was put, and on a division being called for, was rejected by 58 votes to 38 votes.

The proceedings, which had been most disorderly throughout, shortly afterwards terminated.

The following is the result of the Cambridge Local Examinations in December last, so far as the candidates from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are concerned:

JUNIORS.	
HONOURS.	
Second Class.	
1 Tettenborn, A. J.	2 Wilson, G.
Third Class.	
3 Windross, J. B.	6 Crabb, J. W.
4 Blunt, A.	7 High, A. H.
5 Lewis, J. W.	8 Herring, J. A.
Satisfied the Examiners.	
9 Sykes, R. A.	11 Clerk, W. E.
10 Crow, C. J.	12 Platt, E. T.

Thirteen candidates sent up; twelve passed.  
Honours, eight. Satisfied Examiners, four.  
RICHARD MORRIS, M.A., LL.D.,  
Head Master.  
6th March, 1888.

With reference to the above list, it should be pointed out that the studies were seriously interfered with by the outbreak of scarlet fever, and also that the most advanced pupil—Templeman, J. P. G.—was withdrawn after his name had been sent in.

**THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB.**

During the present term five enjoyable matches have been played under Association Rules, and taking into consideration that Football has not been made a scientific game before, the following results seem satisfactory.

First eleven R.M.I.B. v. Clapham Olympians, played on the School ground, R.M.I.B. winning by three goals to one.

Second eleven R.M.I.B. v. Second eleven Bruce Castle School, Tottenham, played on the School ground, each side scoring two goals.

First eleven R.M.I.B. v. First eleven Bruce Castle. The Bruce Castle team is a very strong one, and had the advantage of playing on their own ground. They won the game by five goals to one.

First eleven R.M.I.B. v. Old Boys (February 25th). This was the most interesting match of the term, and was a source of great amusement to the onlookers. There had been a sharp frost during the previous night, and, as a consequence, the ground was in a slippery condition, so that when a member of either side came in contact with an opponent, a roll over was always looked for by the spectators. R.M.I.B. won by eight goals to nil.

The first eleven team is composed of six masters, Messrs. Armfield, Beanland, Oliver, Pritchard, Partington (captain), and five boys, Platt, Christensen, Wilson, High, and Nichols.

Second eleven team, all boys. Platt (captain), High, Christensen, Wilson, Nichols, March, Hare, Templeman, Lewis, Richardson, and Beaumont.

Second eleven Bruce Castle, v. Second eleven R.M.I.B. Played on the School ground on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Bruce Castle winning by three goals to one.

**THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190, AND THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.**

At the regular meeting of this young lodge on Tuesday last, it was proposed by the W.M. (Sir J. R. Somers Vine), seconded by Bro. THOMAS CATLING, S.W., and unanimously approved by the brethren present—"That the respectful and fraternal thanks of the members be conveyed to the M.W.G.M. for the signal honour shown by his Royal Highness to the Savage Club Lodge in entrusting to the care of the members for all time the Master's gavel used by her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute as the National Jubilee Memorial of her Majesty's reign."

It was resolved with acclamation—"That the members of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, duly appreciating the high privilege of being permitted to number the M.W. G.M. in their ranks, desire to offer their respectful, cordial, and fraternal felicitations to his Royal Highness and to the Princess of Wales upon the approaching celebration of their Silver Wedding day."

These resolutions were signed by Bros. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M.; John Maclean, I.P.M.; Thomas Catling, S.W.; W. E. Chapman, J.W.; Edward Terry, Treas.; Thomas Burnside, S.D.; W. J. Ebbetts, J.D.; Philip Soman, Sec.; W. J. Fisher, I.G.; Harry Nicholls, Org.; and about 50 other members. They were beautifully engrossed on vellum and bound in highly-gilt covers, and conveyed to the M.W.G.M. by the W.M., who was invited to the Levée.

During the evening the lodge business was very heavy, there being eight joining members balloted for, two initiates, and six brethren passed to the Second Degree, while several proposals for new members were received. Bro. J. Maclean performed the work in splendid style.

We might add that the Savage Club itself also sent an address couched in felicitous terms to their Royal Highnesses on the auspicious celebration of their Silver Wedding day.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday last, when the following Sub-Committees were appointed: Hall Committee—Bros. Clutton, West, De Lande Long, Scurrah, and Hunt. Dinner Committee—Bros. Roebuck, Spaul, Mather, Clipperton, and Edgar Bowyer. Wine Committee—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Hogard, Roberts, Kentish, and Dawson. Music Committee—Bros. Edward Terry, Belton, Gardner, Kenning and Knyvett. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Stewards are ex-officio members of all the above.

### THE RECENT ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

The following additions to lists have been received since last week:

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Lodge				
259 Bro. J. C. Parkinson	...	10	10	0
	(Raising his list to £42.)			
813 Bro. L. C. Haslip	...	5	5	0
	(Raising his list to £65 2s.)			
Chapter				
1604 Comp. James Gibson	...	5	5	0
	(Raising his list to £52 10s.)			
PROVINCES.				
BERKS AND BUCKS.				
945 Bro. John T. Morland	...	1	0	0
	(Raising his list to £63.)			
HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.				
Lodge				
487 Bro. J. M. Boughton	...	15	15	0
	(Raising his list to £31 10s.)			
2068 Bro. T. Tufnell	...	10	10	0
	(Raising his list to £31 10s.)			
KENT.				
709 F. Hughes Hallett	...	1	1	0
	(Raising his list to £67 4s.)			
MIDDLESEX.				
1237 Bro. William Binnie	...	10	10	0
	(Raising his list to £63.)			
SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION.)				
1578 Bro. Henry N. Davies	...	10	10	0

(Raising the amount announced from the province from £854 10s. to £865.)

These additions raised the grand total to £15,188 4s. 6d. N.B.—The list of Bro. C. Truscott, who was Steward for the Province of Cornwall, and against whose name was entered the sum of £10 10s., will be completed when that brother returns from abroad, and is expected to be more in keeping with the lists which have been raised at previous Stewardships for this and the other Institutions.

### ANNUAL BALL OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

The third annual ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 2nd inst., and proved a great success. Bro. Lawrance, W.M., and his brother Stewards, did their utmost to promote the enjoyment of the guests, and with good music, an excellent programme of dances, and a capital supper, furnished by Bro. Brill in his accustomed style, it is not surprising everything should have passed off well.

There were nearly 100 brethren and ladies present, amongst whom were the following, viz.: Bros. F. Lawrance, W.M.; J. Brown, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; Miss Gardner, Miss Hanks, Bro. F. Walden, J.D.; Mrs. Walden, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Mathews, Miss Mathews, Bro. J. T. Wood, Mrs. Wood and six friends, Bro. B. Kenyon, Stwd.; Mrs. Kenyon, L. Hollingsworth, Miss Paterhall, W. Clowes, Mrs. Clowes, Mr. Kemp, Miss King, E. H. Nuld, W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Shinner, Bro. J. Brill and party of 13, W. C. Dickey, Mrs. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Westfield, G. Sales, Mrs. and Miss Eales, W. Ritchie, Bro. T. Edwards, P.M., Mrs. Edwards, J. Ashby, F. Lee, P. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. Plumbe, Bro. and Mrs. Hudson, H. Falken, G. Irwin, W. Williams, Bro. Bird and party of five, C. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, W. Harmer, Miss Harmer, John Hoar, T. A. Holland, Bro. P. Pilditch, and others.

Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh and Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., arrived at Windsor Castle on Wednesday evening, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser gave a banquet at the Mansion House on Wednesday to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and a numerous and distinguished company of bankers and merchants of the City of London. Bros. Lord Cheylesmore, Sir B. Samuelson, M.P., Sir John Pender, M.P., Dr. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and T. Sutherland, M.P., being among the guests. The Lady Mayoress and many other ladies were also present.



At the Peckham Public Hall, Bro. G. H. Snazelle is delighting audiences with choice items selected from his varied and extensive repertoire of recitals, humorous and pathetic, songs and operatic selections, all illustrated by scenoscopic views of great beauty. The entertainer possesses the advantages of a good appearance, admirable voice, a fluent, pleasing, and distinct delivery; his humour is rich, never forced or extravagant, yet can he firmly rebuke and repress any attempt at rudeness on the part of any unruly member of his audience. One of the most comical stories Bro. Snazelle delivers relates to an awful experience with a whistler, a man who makes expressive whistling supply the sense commonly conveyed by words. Sometimes a temporary whistling mania infects the junior masculines present, many blowing off their surplus exhilaration in a babel of sibilant sound, but a few firm, not ill-tempered words from the warranted whistler speedily restores order. "How Bill Adams won the Battle of Waterloo" is a splendid specimen of the yarn of drollery as spun by Bro. Snazelle; the sublime contempt for an ignoramus who confesses the fame of Bill Adams is all unknown to him, as expressed by a bucolic worshipper of, and believer in, the rustic hero of Waterloo, is irresistibly funny—the narrative of "Me, and the Dook, and Sir Garnet Woolsey," what they did and what they did not, should suffice to warn away dyspepsia from the system of an afflicted listener. Effective in the comedy portion, and impressive in the serious vein, illustrated by the views manipulated by Professor Huddleston, and beautified by the brilliant pianoforte playing of Miss Marie Brooke, this unique entertainment may be pronounced worthy of unqualified support and distinct success.

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Mr. Willie Edouin has succeeded Miss Lydia Thompson in the management of the Strand Theatre, but we are afraid he will meet with even less success than did that popular lady if he cannot put before the public something more amusing than his inauguration piece—we cannot call it a play—"Katti." It is a pity the excellent talents of Mr. Edouin and Miss Alice Atherton should be so wasted as they now are. Were it not for them, even with the rest of their efficient company, "Katti" would be intolerable. Miss Atherton throws her whole energy into the title rôle, and Mr. Edouin is scarcely ever off the stage, but as "Katti" has not the nucleus of a clever or amusing play in it the brilliant artistes who are in the cast cannot make it draw. We are afraid it could not, like "Frankenstein" at the Gaiety, be re-written and worked up. Miss Atherton, as Katti, is a "help," who is believed to have come into a fortune, and whose master and mistress encourage their son to break off an engagement so as to marry the "help" and get her money. Of course, as usual, when the maid-of-all-work has been treated as one of the family, it turns out the fortune is not hers at all, but belongs to the young lady who was jilted, and who has now married some one else. The broken German, à la Hans Breitmann, of Miss Atherton is splendidly rendered, and this popular actress was received with rounds of applause on her re-appearance before the public after her long illness. Miss Susie Vaughan gives an excellent rendering of a middle-aged married lady, but she has no opportunity of even doing justice to herself. Miss Vaughan is such a clever actress in various lines of business that she ought never to be out of an engagement. We think her talents have never been properly appreciated, though we do not remember reading an uncomplimentary notice of her; rather the reverse, for the press have always been kind to her; but managers do not seem to have utilised Miss Susie Vaughan as frequently as they well might. She is always quite original. Perhaps she has been left out somewhat by the fact of her younger sister, Miss Kate Vaughan, being so well known. Bro. H. H. Morell gives in "Katti" an unique portrayal of a stupid swell. His dress and manner of speech stand out from the rest of the characters, yet we would not say he in any way overdoes his part. This is the first time we have seen Bro. Morell in a character giving him scope for originality. It may be interesting to note—for no other papers seem to be aware of the fact—that Bro. Morell is a son of Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, and, like his father, is a member of Drury Lane Lodge, of which he is an initiate. We suggested to Miss Lydia Thompson that she should go back to pure old fashioned burlesque. We offer the same advice to Mr. Edouin. On the same stage some 30 years ago Mr. Edouin made his name in the burlesque "Blue Beard," as the Heathen Chinee. His talented wife, Miss Atherton, is well suited to burlesque, and we believe there is room in London at the present time for a theatre devoted to real burlesque, as distinguished from extravaganzas and spectacular displays costing large sums of money to produce. We would like Mr. Edouin to make the experiment, for we cannot hold out any hopes of his making money out of "Katti."

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The book upon which the drama of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" is founded has had such a large sale, and been so much talked about, that it is little wonder the play at the Princess's should be a heavy draw. But the drama differs from Mr. Fergus Hume's book in one great matter. In the latter the mystery is withheld from the reader until the end. In the drama there is no mystery, for the audience know in the first act perfectly well who it is commits the murder, and therefore only witness the means the dramatist takes to track the villain and bring him to justice, and place the innocent in their right position. It would not do—from previous stage experience—to allow the plot to be followed on a false scent. No play has ever—we believe—succeeded where the audience have been deceived. They must be let into the secret all along. Nevertheless, Messrs. Fergus Hume and Arthur Law have put so many sensational effects into their piece that there is plenty to interest their patrons without a mystery. We are not prepared to say that the play is as good as the book, but it possesses all the elements of a strong drama, and may easily turn out a financial success. As in the book, the scene is laid in Melbourne, and we are at first introduced to Mark Frettlby. He is a

rich commercial man, and is supposed to be a widower with one child, a daughter, named Madge. A young Irishman, Brian Fitzgerald, is a great friend of theirs, and a frequent visitor at Frettlby's house. He falls in love with Madge, and she with him. But there appears upon the scene a man named Whyte, who has some hold over Frettlby. This consists in the fact that some twenty years before the play begins Frettlby married a woman who presently eloped with another man. Some time after, Frettlby reads that his wife is dead, but this turns out to be false, for she is living with Whyte, to whom she confides the fact of her marriage. These two proceed to Melbourne to levy blackmail on Frettlby. Whyte tells Frettlby that he holds the certificate of marriage, and offers to keep his tongue silent for the sum of £5000 and the hand of Madge in marriage. Frettlby falls into the trap and consents. Whyte has a so-called friend, one Moreland, who really hates him. Whilst in a hansom cab Moreland administers chloroform to Whyte, who is in a state of inebriation, and kills him. Moreland of course is not accused of the foul deed, but Fitzgerald is arrested for the crime, though in the end the latter is proved innocent and marries Madge, whilst Moreland is arrested, but manages to commit suicide. From the brief epitome it will be seen that there is plenty of ground work for a strong melodrama. Bro. Fernandez appears as Frettlby, and gives a good rendering to the part. Mr. W. L. Abingdon and Mr. Bassett Roe make capital villains, and Mr. J. H. Barnes is the handsome Irishman who makes love to Madge in true manly fashion. Miss Eva Southern is Madge, the young lady of his affections, a part she plays very nicely, though there is little scope for ingenuity. Miss Grace Hawthorne, the lessee of the theatre, comes out strongly as Sally Rawlins, a wail, who contributes to tracking the murderer to justice, and who gains freedom for the innocent. We think this is the best piece of acting we have yet seen of Miss Hawthorne's. Mrs. Frank Huntley gives a fearfully realistic picture of an old hag, such as are to be found in cellars and garrets in the lowest parts of great cities, who are very seldom in daylight, but who live from the sight of humanity, ruining themselves with gin drinking. We have not our playbills at hand, but we fancy Mrs. Huntley must have played a very similar character at this theatre a few years ago in one of Bro. Wilson Barrett's melodramas—was it in "The Silver King?" Miss Cicely Richards—not a slut of a servant this time—and Mr. Forbes Dawson contribute the comic element, which is very welcome amidst all the horrors, and are really very droll. We think "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," although no mystery at the Princess's, is the best piece produced there under Miss Hawthorne's management. It is sure to attract patrons for some time to come. But when are we to have the long-promised "Theodora?" Perhaps the idea of producing it is abandoned. We would like to know.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. A. J. SIMMONS.

About five o'clock on Friday morning, the 24th ultimo, Bro. A. J. Simmons, formerly of the Freemasons' Tavern, proprietor of the Sandown Hotel, died at the hotel, after a short illness. Bro. Simmons went to Sandown a few years ago as the successor to Bro. Walter Mew, and during the time he has lived in the town he has made many friends by his cordiality of spirit and the warm interest he had taken in matters promoted for the benefit of the town. He had not enjoyed good health long together since he has lived at Sandown. He died at the comparatively early age of 52 years. The body was conveyed from the Sandown Hotel, at mid-day, on Monday, to the railway station, en route for Norwood Cemetery, on an open catafalque, followed by many of the members of the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, the employes from the hotel, and several personal friends. The interment took place on Wednesday, 29th ult., at the Norwood Cemetery.

#### BRO. ALEXANDER HAY.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Bro. Alexander Hay, of Prince's-street, Edinburgh, which sad event took place on Thursday week, the 1st inst. The remains were interred on Monday afternoon in the Dean Cemetery. The attendance of the public at the funeral was large, and included a considerable number of Freemasons, in which Order Bro. Hay took a deep interest. The city lodges also showed their respect for the deceased by sending beautiful wreaths of flowers, in the midst of which the coffin, driven to the cemetery in an open car, lay almost hidden. It may be mentioned that Bro. Hay's connection with Freemasonry extended over a period of some forty years. Since the year 1856 he had been a member of the Grand Committee of the Order. He was a Past Master of the Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh, Past Grand Jeweller, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, and representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and was besides chairman of several important committees. He was one of the most influential members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and had few equals in his knowledge of the laws, usages, and ceremonials of the Craft and high-grade Masonry. He was widely known and appreciated by Craftsmen in all countries, and his death will be sincerely mourned. Since his retirement from business a few months ago, Bro. Hay had, in conjunction with others, been engaged in drawing up a constitution in connection with a comprehensive extension of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence—a scheme which might be said to have been the leading object of his Masonic life.

Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., is expected to leave England in the course of next month on a visit to Malta.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., attended and addressed a large political meeting at Ipswich on Wednesday, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., and Lord Elcho, M.P., being among the distinguished personages present.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough presided at a meeting in the Saloon of the Lyceum Theatre on the 2nd inst. of the subscribers to the Grand Theatre Relief Fund, when a report was presented showing the total amount received was £3134, of which £1809 had been distributed in relief. As regards the balance, it was resolved to invest it on a declaration of trust as a Metropolitan fund for the relief of sufferers by fires in places of public entertainment.



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

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall this day (Friday), at 5 p.m.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow arrived at Windsor Castle on Friday, the 2nd inst., and had the honour of dining with the Royal Family.

Bro. J. Savage, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. A full report will appear next week.

Friday, the 2nd inst., being the birthday of Madame Marie Roze, Bro. the Earl of Lathom presented her with a diamond tiara as a gift from the people of Liverpool in commemoration of the event.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnccliffe, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, and Bro. Sir F. Leighton dined with the Earl and Countess Stanhope at their residence in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last.

Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., visited Westminster School on St. David's Day (1st inst.), and asked for a late play, and likewise, in accordance with a very ancient usage, distributed the usual bounty among boys of Welsh parentage.

Bro. Howard H. Room, P.M. and Treasurer 2090, was installed W.M. of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, on Tuesday evening last. Bro. Room has served the lodge for the past five years in the capacity of Secretary.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, at the Education Office, on the 1st inst., received a deputation consisting of representatives of King's, University, and other Colleges, to inquire as to the intentions of the Government in reference to grants in aid of University Colleges.

The South-Eastern Railway Company have resolved to guarantee £1000, Messrs. Clowes and Son (Limited), £500, and Bros. Sheriffs Davies and Higgs each £250 towards the expenses of the British section of the Paris Exhibition, under the auspices of the Committee presided over by Bro. Lord Mayor de Keyser.

Bros. the Earl of Wharnccliffe, Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and others were among the visitors to the British Museum on Saturday afternoon last, when the new White Wing, in which are placed the glass and ceramic collections and the Chinese and Japanese drawings, was inspected.

Bro. James Salmon, C.C., P.G.R. Essex, and Bro. Thomas Woodrow, P.M. Epping Lodge, Secretary of the Parent Institution, went down to Norwich on Wednesday and assisted in establishing a branch of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society. Many brethren, surgeons, and local notabilities were present, and everything passed off successfully.

On the 25th ult., the FJ Company of the 21st Middlesex R.V. held their annual supper at the Falstaff Restaurant, Eastcheap, Bro. Capt. C. E. Winnell presided, and was supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Cuming, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, Major F. Foster, the Rev. J. H. Lose, M.A., Chaplain to the Regiment; Lieut. T. C. Walls, Quartermaster Baker, J. Kift, and others. The proceedings were most harmonious and successful.

The Albion Lodge, No. 9, gave a ball on Tuesday last at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., to about 100 guests, a dispensation being obtained for the brethren to appear in clothing. This is the first ball given by this old and well-known lodge within memory of the present brethren, and to Bro. Hamlyn, S.D., is due this much appreciated departure. At all events the ball was a great success, and it is quite probable that there will be one annually. The Cavalry band of the Honourable Artillery Company played a fine selection of dance music.

The consecration of the Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243, restricted to members of Rowing Clubs, will take place at the Cromwell Hall, Putney Bridge-road, Putney, S.W., on Monday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m. Bro. Eugene Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S., is the W.M. designate; Bro. J. C. Radford, P.M., and J. F. Savory, the Wardens designate. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, assisted by Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., as S.W.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; G. W. Weldon, G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G. Bro. Gordon Smith, W.M. 2041, is the Sec., (pro tem.), and Bro. Frank Richardson has been asked to accept the office of Treasurer.

Some very choice and artistic novelties in show cards suitable for distribution by manufacturers have lately been submitted to us by Bro. Harper, of the Kingsland Lodge. They are printed in best gold leaf, on various coloured enamelled boards with gold bevelled edges, and in some cases photographs are introduced, which add considerably to their attractiveness. We are pleased to see that some of the most important commercial houses both in England, Europe, and America, have adopted these cards as a means of advertising their goods, as they take up but little space, requiring no framing, and will not tarnish. Another novelty we notice is a patent trade card printed in gold, on ivory, which is washable, untearable, and unbreakable, with almanack and memorandum tablet at back. This, too, we consider a very good advertisement, suitable for distribution by all firms who do a high-class trade. As Bro. Harper employs no travellers or agents, we should advise our friends to apply early for samples. —The address is D. Harper, 22 and 23, Church-street, Islington, London, N.

Bro. Barclay will give a dramatic performance at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on the 14th inst., in aid of the West London Hospital.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton presided on Saturday last at the 57th anniversary meeting of the Royal United Service Institution.

Bro. Lord Stanley, of Preston, the new Governor-General of Canada, will be the guest of the members of the Imperial Federation League at their annual banquet at Willis's Rooms on the 21st inst.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., was an exhibitor and prize winner at the fourth annual show of the Hackney Horse Society and Hunters' Improvement Society, which has been held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, this week.

A lodge of instruction in connection with the Camden Lodge, No. 794, is held every Tuesday evening at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Burnt Ash, Lee. Bro. J. Andrews, 1986, has undertaken the duties of Preceptor.

Prince George of Wales disembarked at Plymouth from the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamer, Sutleg, on Tuesday morning, and travelled thence by the 8.35 a.m. train to London.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, as Governor-General of Canada, has appointed Captain Colville, of the Grenadier Guards, to be his military secretary, and Lieut. MacMahon and the Hon. E. Stanley, his son, of the same regiment, to be his aides-de-camp.

Bro. Lord Herschell has consented to act as Chairman of the Royal Commission to inquire into the allegations against the Metropolitan Board of Works, it having been decided that the Commission shall be of a judicial character.

The Emperor of Austria has bestowed the honorary colonelcy of the 12th Austrian Hussars on the Prince of Wales. The last British colonels of Austrian regiments were George IV. and the great Duke of Wellington.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., presided at a conference of the Executive Committee for the administration of the fund for the Unemployed in Paddington, held at the residence of Bro. John Aird, M.P., 14, Hyde Park-terrace, on Saturday evening last, when the report was adopted unanimously.

Comp. Brown will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, commencing at 5.30. The exaltation ceremony will be afterwards rehearsed at the regular hour, 6.30.

On Tuesday, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., introduced an influential deputation from the ports of the United Kingdom to the First Lord of the Treasury on the subject of the loss sustained by the ports owing to the Government claiming exemption from dues for goods and materials shipped for the purpose of railways in India.

Bro. T. C. Edmonds, W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and Scribe N. of the Metropolitan Chapter, was installed into the W.C.N. Chair, by Bro. Vincent, in the Prince of Wales Ark Mariners Lodge, on Monday, the 27th ult., when he elevated six brethren into this Degree.

Messrs. Coombe and Co., Messrs. Watney and Co., and Messrs. Whitbread and Co. have each given 50 guineas, and the City of London Brewery Company, 30 guineas to the Islington Jubilee Fund in aid of the Great Northern Central Hospital. The fund now amounts to over £5000.

Bro. the Earl of March has issued an address to his constituents of the South-West or Chichester Division of Sussex, announcing the resignation of his seat, as he is unable to give that attention to his Parliamentary duties which they have a right to expect. Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, a younger brother of the Earl, will offer himself as a candidate for the vacancy in the House of Commons thus caused.

Bro. J. Clifton Thompson asks us to correct a statement contained in the report of the last meeting of the Sun, Square, and Compass Lodge, No. 119, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 18th, in reference to the deputation from the Sun and Sector Lodge. Bro. Thompson states that no deputation was either authorised or sent by that lodge, and that such deputation was, to say the least of it, unconstitutional.

The year 1880 closed with a more serious event in the world of literature, the death (on the 22nd of December) of George Eliot, whose novels were ever a perennial source of pure enjoyment to the Queen. George Eliot was, at her death, the first of living novelists, and the womanhood of England in the Victorian period produced no genius that in culture, strength, tenderness, spiritual insight, and humour, could be compared with hers. The sombre fatalism of the Greek tragedians overshadows her "Mill on the Floss." The humour of Shakespeare ripples through the taproom scenes in "Silas Marner." In "Romola," were it not overweighed with psychological analysis, she would have defeated Scott in the glowing field of historical romance, and did defeat the author of "Esmond" in an arena in which he was supposed to be peerless among his contemporaries. In "Adam Bede," which has probably been read more widely than any other story of our time by the English-speaking race, she revealed all the grace, sweetness, delicacy of feeling, nobility of intellect, and purity of heart, that formed her fascinating and sympathetic personality.—From "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria" for March.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they ally in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—ADVT.

Bro. A. M. Broadley gave a dinner on Wednesday evening at Brown's Hotel, Dover-street, to the following gentlemen and brethren: Gen. Sir E. Hamley, M.P., Lord Cardross, Earl of Coventry, Mr. Edward Lawson, Mr. Sutherland Sutton, Mr. Wemyss Reid, Sir F. Young, K.C.M.G., Lord Truro, Mr. Henry Marks, Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., Bros. G. Taubman (Speaker of the House of Keys), Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., Albert Levy, J. C. Parkinson, Rev. Prebendary Rogers, Edmund Yates, Earl of Durham, Earl De la Warr, Earl of Coventry, Earl of Onslow, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Blundell Maple, M.P., John Aird, M.P., Major Arthur Griffiths, Whitley, Augustus Harris, G. A. Sala, Sir R. Temple, G.C.S.I., M.P., Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Sir G. T. Goldie, K.C.M.G., Dr. Robson Roose, and Col. Curzon. A very choice menu was provided at this well-known house, and after dinner an entertainment, conducted by Bro. A. J. Caldicott, took place, at which several well-known artists assisted, including Bros. W. Terriss, C. Bertram, Lonnien, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Victor Stevens, and Messrs. Otto Fischer, Herbert Deffy, Alec Marsh, Joseph Tapley, and Mr. Charles Coburn.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.W. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening.

Bro. Lord Herschell has kindly consented to preside at the festival dinner, which will be held at the Hotel Métropole, on the 19th June next, in aid of the funds of the North London, or University College, Hospital.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting at Marlborough House on Wednesday of the Governors of Wellington College, Bros. Viscount Wolsley and Lord Stanley of Preston being among those present on the occasion.

Bros. the Earl of Cavan and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers were among those present at the second Parliamentary full dress dinner given by the Speaker at the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Bro. H. M. Barker, M.B., W.M. 1869, presided at the annual meeting of the Sandown Lodge of Odd Fellows on Wednesday, the 29th ult.

Bro. P. Blashki, 120, Bourke-street, East Melbourne, has been appointed agent for the "Freemason and Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for Melbourne and District.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff left Victoria Station on Tuesday evening for Constantinople, en route for Teheran, where he will represent her Majesty at the Court of the Shah of Persia.

Bro. Lord Henniker presided at a meeting at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on the 2nd inst., of the Railway Rates Committee, Bro. the Earl of Jersey being among those present.

The Goldsmiths' Company have given £50, the Clothworkers' Company, £21, the Merchant Taylors' Company, £10 10s., and the Grocers' Company, £20, to the Kent Penitentiary at Stone, near Dartford.

A petition has been sent in for a new lodge, to be called The Chough, in connection with the successful musical society of that name, the founders being all members of the Committee.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 19th April.

Bro. Earl and the Countess Granville and family returned to Walmer Castle from London on Tuesday, his lordship's eldest son, Lord Levison, still suffering serious inconvenience from the half-crown which he swallowed, and which has not yet been removed.

We must all sympathise most deeply with Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., who has just lost his eldest daughter. The deceased had been a great invalid for years, but a loss is none the less poignantly felt because its occurrence may have been regarded as inevitable, and the Grand Secretary so interests himself in all that concerns Freemasonry, that we feel sure all are only too ready to rejoice with him in his joys and grieve with him in his sorrows.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Rose Lodge of Instruction at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 29th inst., commencing at 7 p.m. First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Currey; 2nd, Bro. Davis; 3rd, Bro. Dunn; 4th, Bro. Grummant, P.M.; 5th, Bro. Channon; 6th, Bro. Hilton, P.M.; and 7th, Bro. Murché, P.M. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Eckersall; 2nd, Bro. Stone; 3rd, Bro. Briant; 4th, Bro. Elgar; and 5th, Bro. Kettle White. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. H. Martin; 2nd, Bro. R. J. Vincent, P.M.; and 3rd, Bro. Loader, P.M. Bro. Rose, P.M., and Bro. Hilton, P.M., will occupy the W.M.'s and S.W.'s chairs respectively.

Bros. Charles Du Val and Frederick Carter left England on the 24th ult., by the Union steamship Moor, for the Cape on their tour round the world. Bro. Charles Du Val intends visiting and performing in the principal towns, mining camps, &c., of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, India, Japan, &c., and will probably take the United States and Canada on the way home. Before leaving they were entertained at a farewell dinner at the Holborn Restaurant by their friends, Bro. the Hon. T. M. Waller, U.S. Consul-General, occupying the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Wellcome, Burnside, J. Langton, J. D. Langton, Gordon Smith, and others. Mr. David Anderson proposed "The Health of Bro. C. Du Val," who responded in an interesting and humorous speech. "The Health of Bro. F. Carter" was proposed by Bro. Gordon Smith, Bro. Carter causing much laughter in his reply. Before separating a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. D. Langton, Secretary and organiser of the gathering. Among those who journeyed down from town to see them off from Southampton and wish them God speed and a safe return to their native shore were Bros. J. D. Langton, C. E. Fenner, and Gordon Smith. We are glad to hear that the Moor has passed Lisbon, all well.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, March 17, 1888.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 „ 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 „ 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
 „ 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 „ 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.  
 „ 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 „ 2029, King Solomon, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
 Chap. 1423, Era, The Albany, Twickenham.  
 „ 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30  
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

## MONDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 „ 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.  
 „ 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
 „ 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.  
 „ 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road.  
 „ 1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 „ 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew.  
 „ 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.  
 Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 „ 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 104, Macdonald, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.  
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 „ 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 „ 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
 „ 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 „ 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 „ 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 „ 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 „ 1348, Ebury, 68, Regent-street.  
 „ 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 „ 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 „ 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-street.  
 „ 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
 „ 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal Drury Lane.  
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.  
 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon,  
 at 7.45.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.

- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newing-  
 ton Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8,  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,  
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke  
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.

- General Committee Benevolent Institution at 4.  
 Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich  
 „ 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
 „ 147, Justice, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 „ 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-road.  
 „ 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 „ 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.  
 „ 1348, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 „ 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq.  
 „ 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1694, Imperial, Pier Hotel, Oakley-st., Chelsea.  
 „ 1718, Centurian, Inns of Court Hotel.  
 „ 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood  
 „ 2183, Royal Hampton Court, Mitre Hotel, Hampton  
 Court.  
 Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.  
 „ 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.  
 „ 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
 Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, at 8.  
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Vic-  
 toria Park, at 8.  
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.  
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,  
 Poplar, 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.  
 „ 53, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 „ 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 „ 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 „ 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.  
 „ 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 „ 1287, Great Norwood, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.  
 „ 1327, King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.  
 „ 1365, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street.  
 „ 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 „ 1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.  
 „ 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 „ 1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Pk.  
 Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith.  
 „ 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles,  
 Camberwell.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's  
 Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-  
 well, at 9.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite  
 Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.

- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.  
 Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,  
 City, E.C., at 7.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.  
 road, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon  
 Railway Station), at 7.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8,  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.  
 The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.  
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Northampton House, St. Paul's  
 rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-  
 rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 16.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 „ 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 „ 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.  
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern.  
 „ 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.  
 „ 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., 6.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent  
 Garden, W.C., at 8.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W., 8  
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 7.  
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., S.W.,  
 7.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-  
 sq., Paddington, at 8.  
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

## SATURDAY, MARCH 17.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 „ 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 „ 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 „ 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.  
 „ 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd.  
 „ 2147, Crays Valley, The Institute, St. Mary Cray.  
 Chap. 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

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