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Supreme Grand Chapter. THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will take place on Wednesday next, when the business to be transacted will be of the usual character. So we gather, at least, from the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, from which it appears that warrants for three new chapters—two in the provinces at home, and one in the district of New South Wales—have been granted, and that two chapters have petitioned Grand Chapter for charters authorising them to wear the Centenary jewel. It is further recorded that Comp. GREY, President of the General Committee, has been appointed to the Trusteeship rendered vacant by the death of the late Comp. CREATON. But, as will be seen from the business paper as published elsewhere, the meeting is not likely to be either a prolonged or an exciting one.

The Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. THE 20th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, D.G. Mark Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. There was an excellent Board of Stewards to support his lordship, and, though the total of the Returns, as announced by Bro. C. F. MATIER, the able and energetic Secretary of the Fund, fell short by nearly £400 of the total announced last year, it was large enough to show that this Festival has firmly established itself in the good opinion of our Mark brethren, and that, subject to such fluctuations in the Returns as are natural, it will continue to receive, as it has done during the last three or four years, the generous support of the members of the Mark Degree. We congratulate the noble Chairman, his Stewards, and Bro. C. F. MATIER on the success of their combined exertions to strengthen the resources of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The School Quarterly Courts. We again remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Tavern to-day (Friday), when business of more than usual importance will be submitted for consideration, the chief being the proposal for the appointment of a Special Committee of Inquiry into the discipline and management of the School. The Quarterly Court of the Girls' School will be held to-morrow (Saturday); but the most important item on the agenda paper is a resolution by Bro. J. S. EASTES for the acceptance of £1050, being the sum raised by the brethren of Kent in order to secure to that province the right of Perpetual Presentation in the case of one girl. At both meetings the lists of candidates and the vacancies at the October Elections will be declared.

American Honours for English Masons. At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. PARVIN, in his model Report, recommended that certain "distinguished brethren abroad and at home be elected honorary members of that Grand Lodge, with the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, in appreciation of their efforts on our behalf, or contributions to the library, or to whom the world at large is greatly indebted and whose labours have shed an undying glory upon the Craft." Of the seven Craftsmen selected by our veteran Grand Secretary, we are pleased to note that three hail from England and one from Scotland, who are thus referred to in order as follows: 1. "William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, the Masonic Antiquarian and writer, author of 'The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry,' and numerous other works of great celebrity." 2. "Robert Freke Gould, London, author of 'The History of Freemasonry,' the most valuable work of the kind ever published, because, based upon historical data, it dispels the silly myths that have so long misled the non-studious of the Fraternity." 3. "John Lane, Torquay, author of 'The Masonic Records 1717-1886,' an inestimable work, as we have found in the tracing of the origin and history of the old lodges and Grand Lodges of America." 4. "David Murray Lyon, of Edinburgh, Scotland, author of 'Freemasonry in Scotland,' treating quite largely of the history of much that possesses great interest to the Masonic student."

5. "Dr. J. G. Findel, Leipzig; 6, James F. Matthews, St. John, New Brunswick; and 7, William B. Allison, Duberque, Iowa." The Grand Lodge endorsed the suggestion of Bro. PARVIN, and elected the seven brethren to the honour and dignity stated. We congratulate those brethren, particularly Bros. HUGHAN, GOULD, LANE, and LYON, on such a special compliment being paid them by so distinguished a Grand Lodge, and, what is more, feel assured that they all deserve the unique honour thus conferred upon them.

Bro. H. Price, first P.G.M. Massachusetts. LAST month the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, attended by his Grand Officers, visited the new Cemetery, Townsend, Massachusetts, for the purpose of dedicating the newly-erected monument to the memory of Bro. HENRY PRICE, who received his deputation as Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts from Bro. Viscount MONTAGUE, Grand Master of England, in 1733, and to whom, therefore, the Fraternity in that State are indebted for the services he rendered in establishing it on a firm basis. It is right and proper that the memory of the "Founder of Duly Constituted Masonry" in Massachusetts should have been thus honoured. Bro. PRICE undoubtedly performed his duties well, so far as the records of his day throw any light upon the manner in which he fulfilled them, nor shall we concern ourselves very critically as to the respective merits of the rival claims of Boston and Philadelphia to being what our American friends describe as the "Mother City" of American Freemasonry. It is right, however, that we should point out that a prior deputation had been granted by the Grand Master the Duke of NORFOLK to Bro. DANIEL COXE, as Prov. Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, in 1730, and that during the last few years Bro. CLIFFORD MCCALLA has discovered evidence of a lodge of Freemasons having been in working order in Philadelphia in 1731. Therefore, though PRICE may have taken a more active part in Masonry than COXE, we cannot ignore the latter's deputation and the evidence recently obtained by Bro. MCCALLA as to the existence of the lodge in Philadelphia. In short, while we warmly unite with our Massachusetts brethren in evincing our respect for the memory of PRICE as the "Founder of Duly Constituted Masonry" in Massachusetts, we cannot accept their description of him as the "Founder of Duly Constituted Masonry" in America as being beyond question.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A large number of Masons connected with lodges in Surrey attended the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The arrangements for the entertainment of the Prov. G. Lodge were in the hands of the Wallington Lodge, and, mainly owing to the indefatigable energies of Bro. W. Pile, were all that could be desired. In the regrettable absence, through indisposition, of R.W. Bro. Gen. Studholme J. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, the chair was taken by Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Amongst the large number of brethren present were—

Bros. E. Crutchloe, Fountain Meen, P.M. 1920; J. Bond, 889; Geo. Moss, 1851; J. J. Wright, 1981; A. E. Taylor, P.P.G.S. of W.; Jno. O'Connell, S.D. 1851; C. J. Pettitt, 889; T. C. Walls, Prov. G. Warden Middx., 1503; H. Wilson, P.M. 1204, P.P.J.G.W. Worcester; Jno. Jennings, 2146; Thos. Johnson, 2146; R. E. Catterson, 1981; G. A. Sprules, P.M. 416; C. S. Dumas, J.W. 410; R. Killick, W.M. 1362; C. Mason Smith, W.M. 416; W. Lucas, 1638; C. Hogg, S.W. 1872; T. G. A. Burns, I.P.M. 370; E. H. Gale Crowdy, 2020; H. T. Challacombe, J.D. 1149; J. B. Tomkinson, 2146; W. Chapman, I.P.M. 889; J. Andrews, 1892; G. W. Filmer, W.M. 1892; G. Moorman, W.M. 1638; J. K. R. Cama, S.W. 777, Org. 2246; W. Vincent, W.M. 52; H. E. Turner, P.M. 1149, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Sumner, 1638; W. Drewett, W.M. 889; C. Gardner, 889; C. C. Gibbs, P.M. 1872, P.P. S.G.D.; W. H. Sharp, 889; N. Goodchild, Treas. 2246; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246; C. Sheppard, Sec. 2246; T. Clark, J.D. 2246; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O.; G. Ralling, 51; J. T. Geen, P.P.G.S.B.; H. E. Vickers, D.C. 1556; F. Page, Jno. Knight, P.M. 1046; A. Tite, J. Latham, 463; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. D. Aslett, 1892; E. Iron, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; A. F. Asher, P.G.P.; W. J. Kemp, P.P.G.P.; D'Arcy Blackburn, P.S.G.D.; W. P. Morrison, P.P.G.R.; W. Lane, P.P.G.S.B.; John Drewett, P.A.G.P.; Thomas Long, P.P.G.D.C.; A. C. Greenwood, Prov. G. Stwd.; N. E. Turner, P.G.S.B.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G.O.; George Yaxley, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; N. Souley, P.P.G.R.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Pitt, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Mason, J.W. 2246; G. Davis, P.M. 167; Belton, P.P.G.W.; R. Poore, P.M.; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.S.G.D.; W. W. Lee, 1897; T. H. Ranson, P.M. 1790; J. W. Cunningham, 463; Alfred Bishop, P.M. 1892; D. R. Wise, S.W. 452; Frederick Hullett, S.W. 1981; T. Long, P.P.G.D.C.; Percy Hine, 1892; F. T. Ridpath, I.P.M. 2096; J. W. Bastone, P.M. 1861; Joseph Pollard, J.W. 1826; Edward Nathan, S.W. 1982; A. H. Salter, 1892; John Hughes, S.W. 2222; David Hughes, P.M. 901; Daniel Hughes, P.M. 901; R. Williams, 2146; E. J. Madeley, J.D. 2120; Z. King, P.S.G.W.; H. Burgess, P.P.G.S.; Ralph Nevill, P.M. 1395; H. G. Bailey, W.M. 1920; James Packham, 3; J. Nixon Horsfield, 2146; Robt. G. H. Goffin, 1372; A. Lamb, W.M. 410; W. Macmillan, 2146; C. H. Adkins, 2146; Geo. Frasier, 2146; John Drewitt, P.P.A.G.P.; J. Rewcastle, Org. 1892; W. E. Fenn, I.G. 1556; John Collins, P.M. 1861; W. Harwood, 1892; Jas. Burrell, 2146; A. Wilson, W.M. 2146; S. Hewett, J.W. 2146; Douglas W. D. Young, 2146; Geo. Gilbey, 2146; R. Sebastian Hart, P.P.S.G.D.; Francis P. Hill, S.W. 2146; Reginald Piper, W.M. 1872; J. Wagg, 1395; C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826; Thos. Daysh, 1564; W. S. Brunden, 2101; W. J. Kemp, P.A.G.P.; G. Macrow, 1714; C. K. Heather, 416; C. Anderson, P.M. 1046; P. Colbron, P.M. 355; F. J. Woodin, W.M. 1861; H. E. Stenning, 2095; J. Ashburner, 2095; G. J. Eady, M.D., P.M. 2095; G. H. Chapman, W.M. 1556; John Chumley, P.M. 1556; J. J. Slade, W.M. 1347; B. J. Smith, 1892; J. H. King, 1872; G. E.

Todd, 2146; W. L. Poundall, 253; W. Dix, 2120; W. R. Crowe, P.M. 190; V. A. Ferguson, 1893; M. Dodge, 2101; W. T. Pitchers, 2101; Thos. M. Head, 2146; W. W. Wakeford, I.G. 2146; A. Gibbs, 2101; M. H. Christie, 860; E. A. Chichester, 1149; W. E. Williams, P.M. 162; Francis Carter, I.P.M. 1892; H. T. J. Dumas, P.M. 410; J. Leot, 2146; J. W. Manley, 1892; H. C. Horndle, W.M. 1826; H. A. Howe, 1362; C. J. L. Kipsley, P.M. 1981; Geo. White, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Lane, 1326; H. J. Strong, M.D., P.G.W.; C. H. Woodward, P.P.J.G.W.; and A. C. Greenwood, Sec. 410.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was formally opened and the roll of lodges called, when it was found that all were represented. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which the Secretary of the Greenwood Memorial Fund announced a total receipt of 100 guineas, the final meeting to arrange the distribution of which would be duly notified to subscribers. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee, showing a balance of £174 17s. 10d., was received and adopted. The following amounts, recommended by the Committee, were unanimously voted by the Prov. G. Lodge: 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Aged Widows' Fund); 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Male Fund); and 10 guineas to the Rector of Carshalton for the Church Restoration Fund.

Bro. George Price was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the 33rd time.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his sincere regret—which he was sure was shared by all present—that the position he occupied was not filled by the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. General Brownrigg had found it impossible to be present to carry out the duties which he had fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the province for so many years. It needed no words from him to elicit the sincere sympathy of the brethren. He had, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master, to make one or two observations with regard to Masonry in Surrey. He was asked to express General Brownrigg's approbation of the good Masonic work done by the lodges in the last 12 months. That opinion he could confirm, for he had had some considerable experience of the working of the lodges, and could say that, with one or two exceptions, they were entitled to the praise of the Prov. Grand Master. There was not only good work in the ritual, but a good Masonic spirit was in existence, and the Masonic Institutions were well supported. They had only to look at the returns of the recent Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to see that the province contributed the respectable amount of over £1100 to that Festival. That was highly gratifying to the Prov. Grand Master, who had been so kindly supported whenever he had presided at the Festivals. He was also desired to express approval at the way in which brethren occupying distinguished positions in the province had accepted the office of Prov. Grand Steward. The Prov. Grand Master referred to the subject last year, and the six Stewards that he appointed that evening were either W.M.'s or P.M.'s of lodges. In some provinces no purple was given unless the brother had passed through the office of P.G. Steward. As they were aware, there were a large number of lodges in the province, and, therefore, it became impossible to reward merit in all cases, and brethren had to be appointed to smaller offices than they would otherwise receive, although it did not necessarily follow that on a future occasion they would not receive a higher office. It was a matter of great difficulty to pick out those for office, especially in a province like theirs, where so many were deserving of promotion. There was one other matter to which he wished to refer in that Prov. Grand Lodge. There appeared to be a misapprehension in the province to the effect that it was in the power of a W.M. to give a fiat to initiate candidates not proposed in open lodge. That was quite unconstitutional, as the W.M. merely gave an intimation to the Secretary that he might place the candidates' names on the summons. It was a privilege given to the W.M., to be exercised only on very exceptional occasions. It was most material to the welfare of the province that the election for candidates should be carried out strictly in every particular. He was quite sure it was a misapprehension, and simply required mentioning on his part to be corrected. The returns from lodges had been fairly sent in, and he would ask those Secretaries who had not done so to send in full returns not only of the names of members, but their addresses, calling, and Masonic rank. They were trying to perfect the registers in Surrey, which it was impossible to complete if this was not done. Everything was in such good order in the province, that he had to congratulate them on the state of affairs.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced his re-appointment by the Prov. Grand Master, invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M. 2246, P.G. Treas.	... Prov. S.G.W.
„ Hugh M. Hobbs, P.P.G.D. 2096, P.M.	... Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, 1892	... } Prov. G. Chaps.
„ Rev. E. Chichester, 1049	... }
„ George Price, P.M. 463	... Prov. G. Treas.
„ C. Greenwood, P.M. 410, P.P.G. Reg.	... Prov. G. Sec.
„ John Knight, 1046	... Prov. G. Reg.
„ Dr. Eady, 2095	... Prov. S.G.D.
„ C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826	... Prov. S.G.D.
„ C. Anderson, P.M. 1046	... Prov. J.G.D.
„ J. Chumley, P.M. 1556	... Prov. J.G.D.
„ Ralph Nevill, W.M. 1395	... Prov. G.S. of W.
„ A. Bishop, 1892	... Prov. G.D.C.
„ R. E. H. Goffin, 1395	... Prov. D.G.D.C.
„ H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1929, P.P.G. Org.	... Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ F. W. Filmer, W.M. 1892	... Prov. G.S.B.
„ J. J. Slade, 1437	... Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ W. Chapman, P.M. 889	... Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Fountain Meen, 1920	... Prov. G. Org.
„ A. C. Greenwood, Sec. 410	... Prov. A.G. Sec.
„ G. Moorman, W.M. 1638	... Prov. G. Purst.
„ H. A. Gibbs, 2101	... Prov. A.G. Purst.
„ W. Drewett, W.M. 889	... }
„ J. Hill, P.M. 2146	... }
„ G. H. Sprules, P.M. 416	... }
„ J. J. Ridpath, P.M. 2096	... } Prov. G. Stwds.
„ R. Piper, W.M. 1872	... }
„ G. Moss, P.M. 1857	... }
„ R. Potter	... Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. Geo. Price, Dumas, Woodman, Dr. Strong, and H. E. Francis were appointed the Finance and Audit Committee.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER announced the publication of a Calendar for Surrey by Bro. Frances, which he trusted would be supported by the province.

On the motion of Bro. C. BELTON, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the Wallington Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the parish church, where a special service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. Rev. Lord VICTOR SEYMOUR, Prov. Grand Chap. An offertory on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund realised over £8.

The majority of the brethren subsequently dined at the Public Hall, where an admirable repast was well served by Bro. Verdon, of the Greyhound Hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the DEPUTY PROV. G.M. alluded to the masterly manner in which the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. performed their respective duties, and which gave satisfaction to every member of the Craft. The Grand Officers had at heart not only the working of the ritual of Masonry, but the traditions of the Masonic Institutions. That was borne out by the list of those present at the Festivals of the Institutions, and also at the meetings of the various lodges in the Craft. He hoped the day would be far distant when those who received the confidence of the Craft would not be worthy of their position. He would couple the name of one well-known to the Craft at large, and particularly to the province, who had been that day appointed Prov. G.S.W., Bro D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., returned hearty thanks for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast. As those who attended Grand Lodge knew, the two great pillars of the Craft—Lords Carnarvon and Lathom—were received with acclamation whenever they made their appearance, proving they had gained the confidence of the brethren. Bro. West, who proposed the toast, was a P.G. Officer, and one of those who endeavoured to promote the prestige of their time-honoured Institutions, which made no distinction between colour and creed. It afforded him great pleasure to be with them, and to reply to the toast. He was a Grand Officer, representative of the Craft, and held his gift of office from the Craft. That gift had placed him in a proud position, for which he should always be grateful. He had to thank Bro. Belton for introducing him to their province, and proposing him as a joining member of Lodge No. 777, when he was but a lay member of the Order. He was afterwards nominated for the G. Treasurership, and it had come to his knowledge that amongst his supporters the Province of Surrey were in the foremost rank. He tendered hearty thanks for their support in his election, for they had made no distinction between race and creed. They had proved that not only Englishmen, but any brother was eligible for the high office who brought the tongue of good report. Their confidence would not be misplaced by him, for he would use his best endeavours to promote the interests of their Society in general, and Surrey in particular.

"The Prov. G.M., General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.," was next given by Bro. WEST, who said it was the first time for many years that their respected and beloved Prov. G.M. had not occupied the position which he had been called upon to fulfil. In proposing the toast he claimed their sympathy and support. He asked their support to enable him to carry out the difficult duties which had been so ably performed by one whose absence they sincerely regretted.

Bro. BELTON, P.P.G.W., next gave "The Deputy Prov. G.M." He said they all deplored the absence of their Prov. G.M., but he was sure they would agree with him that in his absence they could not have a more efficient representative than Bro. Fredk. West. He had had the honour of knowing that brother for many years, and had noticed the great interest taken by him in Masonry in every Degree. They must all have appreciated the kindness shown by Bro. West since he had presided over them under the Prov. G.M. Their Deputy Prov. G.M. had visited many lodges during the past year. He therefore hoped the brethren would receive the toast with enthusiasm and affection.

Bro. FREDERICK WEST, Dep. Prov. G.M., said he was obliged to Bro. Belton and the brethren generally for the manner in which his health had been given and received. He appreciated not only their reception that day, but the reception he always met with in every lodge in the province which he had visited. It encouraged him in the somewhat arduous duties associated with the position of Dep. Prov. G.M. in a province which had no less than 35 lodges. It was that cordiality with which he was always received, and that readiness on the part of the members of the province to overlook his shortcomings, that encouraged him in the performance of his duties. He had visited a great many lodges in the province during the past year—about 25—and they would therefore understand him when he said he knew something of what was going on in Masonic work in Surrey. He had no hesitation in comparing the Province of Surrey with any other province in England. He had received letters of regret from many brethren who were unable to attend, including Bro. Philbrick, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Essex, and Grand Registrar, who wrote expressing good wishes from the Province of Essex. He was struck with the remarks of the Chaplain, who, although a young Mason, had grasped the principles of Masonry which they all tried to support. It was, as that brother had said, a universal Brotherhood practising universal Charity, not merely in giving sums of money, but in every action and in everything they did. He hoped the lodges in the province would be particular in the selection of candidates for initiation. There were many Masters and brethren who thoroughly understood the working of the ritual and the business of the lodge, and who were thoroughly in earnest in maintaining the traditions of the Craft; but he was afraid that in a generous spirit they were not looking to maintain and support those traditions in the future. Masonry was not a benefit Society, and he could say with every confidence that no brother was justified in joining the Order who joined with an idea that it was a good speculation. It was necessary for W.M.'s of lodges not only to perform their duties but at the same time to exercise a discrimination without fear in seeing that every brother admitted was a fit and proper candidate. He sincerely hoped the officers would support him in carrying out those lines. He thanked them once more for so kindly receiving his name, and could only say he trusted he was and should be deserving of the kind reception he had received that day as long as he remained their Dep. Prov. G.M.

"The Prov. G. Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER. The former, he remarked, had been associated with the province for over 30 years, and the name of the latter had also been associated with it for an equally lengthy period.

Bro. GEORGE PRICE, Prov. G. Treasurer, said he was elected by the brethren more than 30 years ago, and the confidence reposed in him then, he was proud to say, had been continued year by year up to the present moment. It was always a pleasure to him to attend their annual gathering, for he looked forward to it. It enabled him to render an account of his

stewardships, and enjoy the companionship of many esteemed friends. This year there was an alloy, which was the absence of their beloved Prov. G.M. With regard to his colleague, Bro. Greenwood, the Prov. G. Sec., he performed his duties most ably, for his work as Prov. G. Sec. was no small matter.

Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec., in reply, said it was customary for the Prov. G. Sec. to make a few remarks in reference to the progress of Masonry in the province. He had already told them, both in the Prov. G. Lodge and Chapter, how brotherly love and unity were pre-eminent, and that was a matter for sincere congratulation. The number of brethren now on the new register of the province was about 898. The lodges had increased by three during the past year, which was also a matter for sincere congratulation. What they required were strong lodges, and not a number of lodges, which were apt to decay for lack of support. That had been the sentiment of the Prov. G.M. and officers who had the interest of the province at heart. There was a matter which he wished to touch upon, and that was the date at which the returns should come forward. They had not only to study the convenience of the Secretaries, but he was sure, from the kindness they had always shown him, that they also desired to study the convenience of their Prov. G. Sec. His work had considerably increased with the number of lodges during the past year, and, as the Dep. Prov. G.M. had told them, he required some assistance. He had had working with him one of his brothers who had taken a great interest in Freemasonry, and he therefore thought the Prov. G.M. could not do better than appoint him as Asst. Prov. G. Sec. He had to thank the brethren, and particularly Bro. Pile, for their kind courtesy and assistance in the proceedings of that day. They had all been struck with the excellent arrangements made and attention shown by the entertaining lodge, and for the consideration paid to their creature comforts. He again tendered his sincere thanks for the proposition and reception of the toast.

Bro. HUGH M. HOBBS, Prov. J.G.W., in response to the toast of "The Prov. G. Officers," said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the Dep. Prov. G.M. for so kindly mentioning his name. It was to him a matter of sincere congratulation that he had been unexpectedly made a Prov. G. Warden. He was quite sure that the words of their Dep. Prov. G.M. would not be lost on them, and that they would carry on their duties in a better manner for having heard them.

Bro. Rev. Lord VICTOR SEYMOUR, Prov. G. Chap., also returned thanks, and, in reference to their Church Restoration Fund, trusted the day would not be very far distant when the Prov. G. Lodge would be invited to open the new portion of their building. It was a gigantic task, requiring £10,000, but he was glad to say that the majority of the Committee were Masons.

"The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Wallington Lodge, and members of the Mozart Chapter," was next given, and appropriately acknowledged by Bros. Filmer, Walls, and Pile.

"The Visitors," "Masonic Charities," and "Masonic Press" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE PHILBRICK LODGE, No. 2255.

The consecration of this lodge took place at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Monday, the 23rd inst. The objects for which it was started, as the name implies, are to perpetuate the name of the distinguished Dep. Prov. G.M. of the Province, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., and to carry on the work of Masonry. There can be no doubt but that under Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., the W.M. designate, it will worthily carry out the ideas of its formation.

The ceremony was performed by Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Thos. J. Humphreys, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; G. H. Finch, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., as D.C.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; Alfred J. Dixie, I.P.M. 453, as I.G.

Founders: Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., W.M. designate; Chas. Salter, S.W. designate; Michl. Chas. Meaby, J.W. designate; R. W. Board, H. W. Clarke, A. R. Chamberlayne, and J. M. Broad.

Visitors: Jas. E. Terry, W.M. elect 1964; J. F. Rumball, J.W. 1623; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. Cook, 1366; Selwyn Davies, Org. 917; W. Priece, 28; H. Davie, 1685; G. W. Justin, P.M. 86; W. C. Hall, P.M. 382; A. J. Hanson, 382; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Prov. Grand Master having taken the chair, and appointed his officers (pro tem.), the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn was then sung, after which

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said it was his pleasing duty to say a few words as to the purpose for which they had met. It afforded him great pleasure to add another lodge to the long list of the province. He understood that that new lodge had been well started, and it could not certainly have a better situation than at the borders of that beautiful forest. He congratulated the province on having a lodge bearing the name of one who was so much beloved, esteemed, and respected by the brethren. It would have been a curious thing if, during Bro. Philbrick's time of office, some action had not been taken of this nature to acknowledge his labours and the excellences of his administration. He was convinced that Bro. Philbrick appreciated the honour done him, and the brethren assembled were only too pleased to honour him by calling the lodge after his name. He had often said that, although it was a great pleasure to him to see lodges increase, it was always his wish that they should not interfere with one another, and, from all he heard, that lodge was likely to be well supported. He again expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present, and said he would proceed with the ceremony by asking the Chaplain to favour them with the benefit of prayer.

The founders having expressed their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the following oration on the nature and principles of Masonry was given by Bro. Rev. T. COCHRANE, P.G. Chaplain, and heartily appreciated by all present.

It is customary in this country, on the occasion of the consecration of a lodge, for what is termed an oration to be delivered by a Chaplain, and at very short notice I have been requested to undertake that duty. It is no affectation when I say that in the presence of so many distinguished Masons, men of far greater learning in Masonic as in other walks of life than I can pretend to, I approach my task with great diffidence. From my Masonic paper I observe that it is but one week ago, and in this same room, that that very worthy and distinguished brother, the Grand Secretary, gave you as an oration a disquisition on the meaning of the lodge as used in Masonic phraseology, and I regret that, through not hearing of the consecration of the Warner Lodge until I saw it recorded as an accomplished fact in the *Freemason* of last Saturday, I could not be

present. In the short oration which I shall now have the privilege of delivering to you, I shall confine myself to speaking of some of the distinctive marks by which the Freemason, if he correctly understands the principles of the Order, should be recognised among men. By common consent we, as Freemasons, should ever bear in mind that the most important part of our duties are those of religion—religion which recognises the power of Divine mercy and love, which believes in a future state, which inculcates humility and holiness, which seeks to subjugate evil passions, and prompts us by Divine aid to seek for eternal life. But we know that religion is often characterised by dissension and animosity. The history of the Church to which most of us belong has been too often signalised in bygone times by bigotry and intolerance, while the system of Freemasonry has been so widespread and comprehensive that it has embraced men of every sect, since the religion of Freemasonry is founded on the dual principle of love to God and love to men, which the great author of the Faith which I profess declared to be the sum and substance of the Decalogue. Next to religion I apprehend that most men would say that political duties are the most important. With politics in their baser sense—the strife of party, the contention of faction, the intrigues of cliques—we, as Freemasons, have nothing whatever to do. Although as freemen exercising our opinions in a free State, we have the right to form our own opinions, and to act upon them, political discussion is not only prohibited, but I venture to say is unknown in any lodge under the English Constitution. And however high political animosity might be, I venture to say that amongst English Freemasons it has never disturbed a Masonic friendship or injured our Masonic ritual. But in the higher sense Masonry is intensely political. Everyone who comes amongst us is taught to be a peaceable subject in the country in which he may reside, to pay due attention to the laws of the State in which he may happen to live, and, above all, to remember the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land; and, as inspired writings tell us that to serve God and honour the king is the whole duty of man, then we may assert that Freemasonry is very synonymous with the Apostolic injunction. This is a commercial country. Nearly everyone lives by trade. All of us are affected by its progress or by its depression, and there is no one who is not proud of that good feeling and that reputation which accompanies the name of the British merchant in every part of the world. But, I would ask, what better principles could there be to act upon than those which told every Mason that he should so act that he could always meet on the level and part on the square? Our private duties are not forgotten. We are reminded in the most solemn way that it is possible to imagine of that natural equality and mutual dependence which ushered us into this mortal life; we are taught to walk humbly before God, not turning to the right hand or to the left, and that all our movements ought to be guided by prudence, chastened by temperance, supported by fortitude, and guided by justice. We, as Freemasons, if we are true to our principles, have a noble mission to perform. We should seek to rescue from heathen domination, from the laws of tyranny and sin, a small part of the heritage which God gave to men. It is our duty, not by force of arms or wordy strife, but by the more persuasive eloquence of precept and example, to win back that world of love and happiness which our first parents forfeited, and by obedience to the Divine law recall that glorious time foretold by the Hebrew seer and sung by the Latin poet, that day of universal happiness when the songs of the angels of Bethlehem—"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will towards men"—shall be echoed from every heart, and when the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people may be not only believed in but practically and implicitly obeyed.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the lodge duly dedicated and constituted.

The Prov. Grand Master then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Philbrick, D.P.G.M., who installed Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., the W.M. designate into the chair.

The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Chas. Salter, S.W.; M. C. Meaby, J.W.; R. W. Board, Sec.; H. W. Clarke, S.D.; A. R. Chamberlayne, J.D.; R. M. Broad, I.G.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. PHILBRICK, the Installing Officer, then delivered the addresses in his customary effective manner.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said his first duty was, in the name of the founders, to express their grateful thanks to the Prov. Grand Master and the other distinguished brethren present, for attending and consecrating the lodge. He asked all those who assisted in the ceremony to accept from him a most cordial vote of thanks, and also to honour the lodge by accepting the honorary membership.

The SENIOR WARDEN seconded those remarks, which the members cordially endorsed.

Bro. Lord BROOKE, on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, returned thanks.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had next to ask the Prov. Grand Master to accept a copy of the founders' jewel as a memento of the occasion. It would ill become them if they did not also acknowledge the honour conferred upon them by Bro. Philbrick in allowing them to use his name, and he therefore asked that brother to also accept a founders' jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning).

The PROV. GRAND MASTER and DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly acknowledged the kind gifts.

The founders were elected a Committee to frame the by-laws, and the W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

A bible, square, and compasses were presented by the W.M., and the lodge was then duly closed.

After a recherché repast, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the customary heartiness.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," remarking that the Grand Officers had rendered good suit and service to the Craft, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. T. Cochrane.

Bro. Rev. T. COCHRANE, P.G. Chap., in reply, said he could assure them that he felt very small to return thanks for such a toast as that of the Grand Officers. The Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. were thoroughly conversant with their duties, and on many occasions, and particularly recently, the brethren had reaped the benefit of their judgment and advice. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers, he thought they were not altogether appointed to Grand Office for what they had done, but it was also their duty to do all they could in the provinces, or wherever they might be called upon. They were most ready and proud to do all they could for Freemasonry. He thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had alluded to the duties they had performed that evening, and he hoped it would not be the last occasion on which he should visit the lodge.

"The Prov. G.M., Lord Brooke" was then proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said they were indebted to Lord Brooke for his kindness in attending to perform the consecration. He hoped that the lodge would be worthy of its accoucheur, and assured the Prov. G.M. that they should be pleased to welcome him amongst them on any future occasion, and should be proud to show him they were a working and not an ornamental lodge.

Bro. Lord BROOKE, Prov. G.M., thanked the W.M. for the heartiness with which he had proposed and the brethren had received his health. He confessed that he had some difficulty in returning thanks in appropriate terms, and in placing any novel aspect in the few words he should address to them. The W.M. had alluded to him as the accoucheur of this charming child. If he might carry out the simile, he would say that he had assisted at the birth of a considerable number of children since the time he first obtained his diploma. In that interesting ceremony he had been assisted

by his Deputy. They all knew the interest which attached to the birth of any child. The expectant father watches outside, and the mystic words were uttered, "Boy or girl?" He sincerely trusted they might be told that this lodge was appropriate, both boy and girl. He hoped it would be manly in every act, and yet have the winning attributes necessary to succeed in enticing many within its folds. He had much pleasure in attending that evening, and hoped the lodge would be a valuable addition in the province over which he presided. He sincerely trusted that the members would hold the highest principles ever before their eyes—the highest principles of Charity, good fellowship, and good brotherhood. He hoped—as their W.M. had said—that he should always be allowed, not only by right, but also as a privilege, to attend the meetings of their lodge. The kindness with which he had always been supported by the province had been again extended to him that evening. He thanked them again for the proposition and reception of the toast, and congratulated them upon their lodge, which he wished every success. He wished to propose a toast which he knew would be very heartily received—it was "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. J. Terry was so well known that it was needless for him to dilate upon his merits. The breast of that brother was covered with emblems showing the manner in which he had worked in Masonry for many years. The founders could not have a better man as their first W.M. than the brother who was sitting on his left, and whose health he begged to propose.

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., W.M., said he rose to thank the Prov. Grand Master for the handsome manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their hearty response to it. He could assure the Prov. Grand Master that his words would have a deep impression on him, and that he would endeavour, as the first W.M., so to conduct the duties of the lodge as to cultivate those attributes he wished to see. He wished to bind together the different brethren who had assisted in the formation of the lodge, so that they might work as one united family. Knowing his officers so well, he was convinced he should be well supported by them. He trusted the future of the lodge would be such that the godfather would not look upon his godchild with anything but the highest amount of respect, and that it would prove a sturdy stripling, the name of which the worthy brother who brought it into the world would be proud to hear mentioned. He would do his best to promote Masonry in the province, and especially in the Philbrick Lodge.

The W. MASTER then submitted "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.," after whom the lodge was named. When he had the pleasure of mentioning to that distinguished brother the earnest desire of many brethren that the name of Philbrick should be perpetuated in the Province of Essex, a county where his name, and particularly as the Recorder of Colchester, was held with respect, he said he had refused on many occasions, but did not think he could refuse that request, on the distinct understanding that they would uphold the name, and would not allow it to reflect upon him. They had a great trust, and it was with pleasure that he proposed the health of the brother who had honoured them with his name and by installing their first W.M. In Bro. Philbrick they had the Lord High Chancellor of the Order, who would be down upon them if they trespassed any rule or forgot themselves in any way. It would be their duty to keep within the landmarks of the Order, so that when the lodge was mentioned Bro. Philbrick would feel proud of the child born after his name. Long might Bro. Philbrick continue to be connected with the province in some capacity or other, and the members of the lodge have the privilege of welcoming him whenever he came amongst them!

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., D.P.G.M., said, as well might be imagined, he rose with feelings somewhat different and somewhat more acute than those he had previously experienced at the consecration of a lodge in the province. He felt he was amongst those who bore the name he also bore, and felt, as it were, in one's own family. At the consecration of every lodge in the province started since he had had the honour of serving under Lord Brooke, he had always felt that any effort he could make and any service he could render was his duty in the interests of Masonry in Essex. He had always taken, and trusted would always take, the deepest interest in Masonry in their province. On that occasion, when the W.M. did him the honour of expressing the kind wishes of the founders, he felt that to an old friend—he would not go back into ancient history to say how long that friendship had existed, for he had known, and to know was to respect, Bro. Terry for many years in various relationships, and since he had taken an active part in Masonry had honoured him for his conduct and his character—and when he came and represented the wish of the founders, he felt that he could not refuse. It had, however, always been his idea, and still was his idea, that in a prominent body like Masonry, where they had to hand down the great principles of that great Institution, he rather felt that the fleeting name of one who was connected with it was not so preferable as one more permanent. The W.M. put it to him in terms he could not refuse, and he yielded. He did not yield too readily, because he felt it was rather too great a compliment, and he considered whether it was one he ought to take advantage of. He then wished to say how pleased and glad he was to see the lodge started and consecrated. He knew the W.M. was one of those who, when they put their hands to the plough, do not turn back, and he would be supported by those who would make it a success and an example to the province. It was but a week ago that they were associated in the same room for a similar purpose. The Philbrick Lodge was the 28th in the province, and the 10th since he had had the honour to be associated with it. They had increased the number of lodges 50 per cent. They had not increased in a similar number those who ranked as brethren in the province, but they had the greatest guarantee that their lodges were working bees in the hive. Drones they did not want. The working bee was the insect that attracted attention and respect, making for itself an honourable career, and carrying out the intention for which it was created. He trusted that that lodge would be a working lodge in the great hive of Freemasonry, and as long as it was presided over by an active Mason like their W.M., so long would it set a good example, and be able to do that which every lodge could not do—viz., carry out its work in a way reflecting credit on those who founded it. He was sure of one thing, and that might, perhaps, be a coincidence, but coincidences were what they met with in everyday life. One of the wisest men that the history of the nation could produce—Lord Bacon, whose words were replete with the ripest wisdom ever penned in the English language—spoke of coincidences, and the lessons wise men could draw from them. They knew how significant was the number seven, which was considered to signify perfection. If they looked at the number of the lodge (2255) they would find two 5's and two 2's, making twice 7, and the lodge should therefore be twice perfection. He trusted none would ever have cause to regret the foundation of that lodge, and he hoped that those who succeeded the W.M.

in the chair would be true and faithful followers of the starters of this new enterprise. He sincerely trusted that the motto of the lodge, "Vestigia nulla retrorsum," would be observed, and that no footsteps backward should be made, but onward be their motto. He heartily thanked the W.M. for the kindness with which he had proposed the toast—in words with which he did not deserve; but one thing he would venture to say, and that was, he hoped most sincerely, and should most heartily endeavour, to deserve and fulfil those kind wishes expressed concerning him.

Bro. DIXIE, I.P.M. Chigwell Lodge, in reply for "The Visitors," returned sincere thanks for the manner in which they had been received. He assured the founders, on behalf of the members of the Chigwell Lodge, that they welcomed any new lodge in the province, for they knew that they would not suffer. Any assistance that the members of his lodge could render to the Philbrick Lodge they would be pleased and happy to perform.

Bros. H. SADLER, Grand Tyler, PRICE, and TERRY also replied. "The Officers" having been given, and responded to by the S.W., the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and successful inaugural meeting.

CONSECRATION OF ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 2263, AT SHEFFIELD.

Saturday, the 21st inst., was a notable day in Masonic circles, it being the occasion of the consecration of a new lodge. Ten years have elapsed since a similar event occurred in Sheffield. The new lodge is numbered 2263, and its title is "St. Leonard." There are now five lodges in Sheffield—Britannia, Royal Brunswick, Wentworth, Ivanhoe, and St. Leonard, the latter having sprung out of the Wentworth. A sixth, to be called "The Hallamshire," arising out of the Britannia, is expected to be consecrated later in the year.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, assisted by the following Present and Past Grand Officers: Bros. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., Past G.D., as S.W.; W. H. Brittain, J.P., Past G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, Past G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, Past G.D., as D.C.; and J. M. P. Montague, Past G.D., as I.G. There were over 100 Freemasons present, including 44 Past Masters. Among others from a distance were Bros. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. of Bengal; Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; O. L. M. Latrielle, P.M. and Sec. 1260; Armstrong, P.M.; Powers, P.M.; Sutton, W.M.; and Bowler, J.W. 325.

The brethren assembled in the ante-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, and walked in procession to the lodge-room, where the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past G. Deacon of England, opened Prov. G. Lodge, and asked the Consecrating Officer to take the chair and appoint his Wardens (pro tem.)

After the opening hymn, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and gave directions for the ceremony. The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order, and the petition and warrant were duly read.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. H. T. E. Holmes, P.M. 1239; Thos. H. Vernon, 1239; Verdon G. S. Deardon, 1239; William Edward Marples, 139; G. H. Dunnill, 1239; Walter C. Fox, I.G. 1260; William Brown, 1289; J. Grayson Lowood, 296 and 1239; H. A. Brook, 1239; and Joseph Abson, 139.

The brethren having signified their approval, in Masonic form, of the officers named in the petition and warrant,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER called upon the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, to deliver the oration.

Bro. TEW expressed the pleasure the brethren felt in receiving that day the G. Secretary and other officers of such high rank from the Grand Lodge of England, who had graciously consented to perform the solemn ceremony. West Yorkshire took that opportunity of acknowledging the compliment, and of offering their fraternal regards to such distinguished visitors to Sheffield. Their presence gave special significance and interest to the new lodge; and he trusted they would carry away to London the conviction that a most orderly and harmonious body of Masons congregated in their Masonic Hall, and most devoted to the Masonic watchwords, "Religion and Charity," "Loyalty and Patriotism," and convey to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the certainty that the warrant he had been graciously pleased to grant, being No. 2263 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, would be transmitted to the Worshipful Masters in the chair of that lodge pure and unsullied, as had been the warrants of the existing four lodges in Sheffield, from the year A.D. 1765 to this, the 51st year of her Majesty's reign. In proof of the prosperity of the Craft and the attachment of the members to the principles of the Order, he mentioned that the four lodges in Sheffield numbered 304 brethren and 66 Past Masters, to December 31st, 1887. The contributions of the Sheffield lodges to the Masonic Charities amounted to the splendid sum of £4580. At the Girls' Centenary Festival, held last month in London, of the £50,500 subscribed, West Yorkshire Province gave £2600; and in their excellent Bro. W. H. Brittain, who especially represented the Prov. Grand Master on that occasion, the M.W. the Grand Master would feel that he had not a more loyal province to the throne, to this country, and to himself than this generous Province of West Yorkshire. Passing on, Bro. Tew said the Lodge of St. Leonard, as well as Ivanhoe, cherished in the names traces and reminiscences of Saxon, Norman, and mediæval times. The Lodge of Britannia perpetuated the nationality of England and the Empire; "Royal Brunswick" the reigning dynasty; "Wentworth" the nobility of this neighbourhood; and "Ivanhoe" local traditions; and this last lodge, "St. Leonard," the patron saint of captives and of Charity in Sheffield. He gave an interesting account of St. Leonard's life and work in the relief and rescue of prisoners captives, and slaves; touched upon the historic association of Sheffield with the Lovetots, the Furnivals, and the Talbots; King Henry, the fallen Cardinal Wolsey, and the hapless Queen Mary. He pointed out that one part of Sheffield was to this day known as "Spital," or "Hospital hill," from the fact that on that eminence, in the reign of Henry the First, or Stephen, was erected by the De Lovetots, then Lords of Hallam, a hospital for lepers, probably the first ever built in Sheffield, and was dedicated, as were also the churches at Wortley and Thrybergh, to St. Leonard, the patron saint of captives. He had confidence in this lodge that it would in practical deeds of benevolence, mercy, and Charity, prove a worthy rival of the good old parent lodges of the "County and Town of Sheffield." He had, therefore, the greatest satisfaction in asking Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and officers of the Grand Lodge of England to consecrate St. Leonard's Lodge that day.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed by the Grand Secretary and his assistants, according to the ancient rites and customs of the Craft. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke discharged the onerous duty with great dignity, and the service, which occupied over two hours, was profoundly impressive. The Consecrating Officer having duly constituted the lodge, an anthem was sung, and the Chaplain pronounced the Benediction.

Bro. H. T. E. Holmes was subsequently installed as the first W.M. of the lodge, and took the chair, his officers being Bros. Thomas H. Vernon, S.W.; V. G. S. Deardon, J.W.; J. Grayson Lowood, Treas.; W. E. Marples, Sec.; G. H. Dunnill, S.D.; Walter C. Fox, J.D.; H. A. Brook, I.G.; William Brown, D. of C.; Joseph Abson, Steward; and Bro. C. Burch was appointed Tyler.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. H. Lemare, F.C.O., and Bro. H. A. Brook, I.G.

At the banquet which followed there was a full attendance. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Holmes, presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. Vernon, S.W., and Dearden, J.W.

The loyal toasts were given from the chair.

The toast of "The R.W. Bro. Tew, Past G.D., P.G.M.; Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. TEW, and there were loud calls for Dr. Bartolome.

On the proposition of Bro. TEW, three cheers were given for the "Father of Freemasonry in Sheffield," Bro. Bartolome having been 52 years a Freemason.

Bro. Dr. BARTOLOME, who was well received, gave some interesting Masonic reminiscences. He became a Mason in 1836 with the late Lord Dalhousie, then Lord Ramsay. He was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the centenary in 1836, and had in his possession a jewel given him which constituted him a Steward for life. When he came to Sheffield he naturally inquired for the Masonic lodge, and was directed to the "Spread Eagle," in Fargate. There he found seven workmen, with clay pipes a yard long, and pots of beer on the table. Having accumulated a lot of money they, by a system of black-balling, reduced the membership to eleven; when they passed a resolution to divide the money. Freemasonry had then come to a deadlock. When these seven workmen saw him (the Doctor) they thought they had got hold of a big fish. They asked him to be W.M., and he ultimately consented on condition that they should go to a different building, and they came to the Music Hall, in Surrey-street, where they had a room under the orchestra. Of that room he (the Doctor) was the tenant for 16 years. He was Master for three years, the third by dispensation. By the advice of the Secretary he got possession of the warrant of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, then in pawn for £14. Some Masonic friends clubbed 14 guineas for that purpose, and by the advice of the Grand Lodge that warrant lay in his drawer for about 18 years. It was kept "in terrorem," so that when any applications came from Sheffield, Grand Lodge was able to say there could be no necessity for another warrant, so long as the Royal Brunswick was in his drawer. The lodge met once a year for the purpose of electing officers, and they all pledged themselves not to elect any man unless he were a Past Master of the Britannia Lodge. He never held office as "W.M." of the Brunswick, preferring to serve in another capacity as Treasurer, which he had done for 40 years, and for which they had presented him with a handsome gold jewel. He felt that he could say with Othello, "I have done the State some service, and they know it."

Bro. TEW proposed "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Past G.D., Grand Secretary, and his Assistants."

The GRAND SECRETARY, who had a thoroughly Masonic reception, said they must not imagine because they did not see the Prince of Wales often amongst them in Grand Lodge, that he took only a slight interest in the Order. That was not the case. It had always been a matter of wonder to him that the Prince of Wales with his innumerable engagements could give so much of his time to his Masonic work. When in town he (the gallant Colonel) was constantly sent for to Marlborough House. Some point had cropped up, and the Prince went carefully into the details, mastering them thoroughly. There was no point of any magnitude in which he did not exhibit the greatest interest, which extended to everything connected with the Order. He also bore testimony to the work done by Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. In all great institutions the real work was unseen; and he could assure them they could congratulate themselves upon having such leaders at the helm of their Order. Amongst the large number of provinces he had to deal with, there was none to surpass the noble Province of West Yorkshire in the perfect unanimity and the true Masonic feeling evinced by all its members, and by the magnificent way in which they supported the great Masonic Charities of which they were all so proud.

The GRAND SECRETARY then gave "The Worshipful Master," in laudatory terms; and Bro. HOLMES appropriately replied.

Bro. DUST, P.M. 681, and Bro. ISAAC EYRE, W.M. 1239, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and "The Sister Lodges" of the province respectively.

Bro. H. E. Lemare officiated as musical director, and Bros. T. E. Barker, A. E. Drury, and H. A. Brook, I.G., contributed to the enjoyment. The banquet was provided by the House Steward, Bro. Turner, and Mrs. Turner, who maintained their excellent reputation.

Early in the day the officers of the Grand Lodge visited the Cyclops Works, afterwards taking luncheon with Bro. J. Grayson Lowood, at Five Oaks.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 1st prox.:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April to the 17th July, 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows;

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£735	2	11	By Purchase of			
" Unappropriated	£502	10	3	" £502 10 3			
" Account...	200	13	7	" 2½ per cent.			
" Subsequent Receipts	387	17	6	" Consols at			
				" 99½ ...	£499	7	5
				" Commission	12	7	
					£500	0	0
				" Disbursements during the			
				" Quarter ...	308	10	7
				" Balance	313	19	7
				" Unappropriated			
				" Account ...	201	3	10
	£1323	14	0		£1323	14	0

Which Balances are in the Bank of England (Western Branch).

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

1st. From Comps. George Frederick Bevis, as Z.; Thomas Tufnell, as H.; John Lind, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, Portsmouth, to be called the Portsmouth Temperance Chapter, and to meet at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

2nd. From Comps. John Hands Paine, as Z.; Thomas Lambert, as H.; Walter Smith, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 1795, Albury, New South Wales, to be called the Combermere Chapter, and to meet at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kiewa-street, Albury, New South Wales.

3rd. From Comps. Horatio T. Griffiths, as Z.; Thomas Robert Oakley, as H.; Frederick Atkinson Powell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, Monmouth, to be called the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth, Monmouthshire.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received memorials from the companions of the undermentioned chapters praying for charters authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, date of charter 14th March, 1788.

The Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, date of charter 11th August, 1769.

These memorials being in form, and the respective chapters having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be granted.

The Committee have further to report that the vacancy as Trustee of the Fund of Grand Chapter, occasioned by the lamented death of the late Comp. Col. John Creaton, President of the Committee of General Purposes, has been filled up by the appointment of Comp. Robert Grey, the present President of the Committee.

The Committee have also to report that a memorial has been received from the petitioners for the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, London—a charter for which was granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 2nd May last, but which chapter has not been consecrated—praying that, in consequence of the departure of the Z. designate to resume his duties on the West Coast of Africa, the Principals named in the charter may be changed as follows, viz., Comps. Lennox Browne to be Z.; Ernest Luxmoore Marshall to be H.; and Emile Behnke to be J.

The Committee under the circumstances recommend that sanction for such alteration be given.

The Committee have also received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Harmony Chapter, No. 156, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple, to the new Masonic Buildings, No. 1, Princes-square, Plymouth.

The Committee, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

16th July, 1888.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Comp. F. West, Prov. G.H., presided, in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Comp. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., G. Supt., and was supported by a representative assembly of companions in the province. Amongst those present were—

Bros. Frederick R. West, P.A.G.S., Prov. G.H.; C. H. Woodward, Prov. G.J.; H. J. Strong, P.Z. 452; S. P. Catterton, 452; J. Rhods, 452, P.P.G. Org.; H. M. Hobbs, P.Z. 2094, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Lamoert, P.Z. 1556, P.P.G.R.; A. Saxelby, 463, P.P.G.R.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; R. T. Elsam, J. S. Fraser, P.Z. 214; H. C. Vickers, J. 1556, P.P.G. Org.; George Price, Prov. G. Treas.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.P.G.J.; A. H. Jeffery, P.Z. 452, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. W. Rogers, 452, P.G.R.; W. P. Morrison, Dorking, Chap.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D.C.; C. A. Smith, G.P.S. 114; W. W. Morgan, B. Hicklin, P.Z. 1149; W. Chapman, S.W. 89; D'Arcy J. Blackmore, J. 370; Theodore G. A. Burns, P.S. 370; E. H. Gale Crowdy, 370; Hugh Dumas, S.N. 410; J. K. R. Cama, 1503; T. Clark, H. 1524; M. Christian, M.E.Z. 860; G. S. Horsnail, 2096; W. H. Hawes, P.S. 463; Frederick Cambridge, P.S. 2096, Prov. G. Org.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, 1728; T. C. Wals, M.E.Z. 1929; J. W. Baldwin, 7; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.S.B.; H. E. Turner, 1149; C. J. Pettit, 889; R. E. Catterton, 548; A. E. Taylor, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Parker, 1851; W. Tarn, P.S. 889; G. Moorman, J. 889; H. Cox, 463; G. Yaxley, P.Z. 463; Francis Carter, P.S. 7; H. C. Leigh Bennett, P.P.G.J.; H. Burgess, S.E. 1556; H. G. Thompson, P.P.A.G.S.; A. W. Wells, P.Z. 1556, P.P.A.G.S.; M. E. Levey, S.N. 2096; J. O'Connell, A.S. 1851; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the roll of chapters in the province called and responded to by the companions present.

The report of the Finance and Audit Committee, showing a credit balance of over £14, was received, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Comp. George Price was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Comp. WEST having announced his re-appointment by the Grand Superintendent as Prov. G.H., the following officers, appointed by the Grand Superintendent, were invested:

Comp. Hugh M. Hobbs	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George Price	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Greenwood (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Pile	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Saxby (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" D. A. Blackburn	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" Horatio H. Shirley	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" J. S. Fraser	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" P. Hicklin	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. M. Collins	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Youldon	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Chapman	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Cambridge (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Potter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The SECRETARY of the Greenwood Memorial Fund announced that the total sum subscribed amounted to 100 guineas, and the meeting to arrange distribution of same would be duly announced to subscribers.

The PROV. G.H. presiding, said it was usual to make a few observations with regard to Masonry in the province; but, as the remarks he should have to make at a latter period in the Provincial Grand Lodge equally applied to the chapter, he would not detain them long. He would simply say that the Grand Superintendent was desirous of seeing Royal Arch Masonry in Surrey a little more flourishing. That was not peculiar to Surrey, for there was no doubt a great deal of energy given to the Craft. If, however, there was any superfluous energy in the province, the Grand Superintendent hoped it would be expended in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the companions of the Mozart Chapter for their assistance in providing for the entertainment of the Prov. Grand Chapter, the excellent arrangements made having conducted to the comfort of all present.

Comp. WALLS, M.E.Z. 1929, having returned thanks, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 20th Anniversary Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund established by the brethren of the Mark Degree, who are members of Grand Mark Lodge of England, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Chairmanship of the Marquis of Hertford, M.W. Deputy Grand Master. His lordship, who was accompanied by the Marchioness of Hertford, was supported by the Earl of Euston, Lord Saltoun, the Rev. Canon Portal, Baron De Ferrieres, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Rev. Lloyd, Col. Saunders, and others.

Altogether some 150 ladies and brethren sat down. During dinner, which was admirably supplied and was very tasty, a selection of instrumental music was played under the direction of Bro. Lott, Mus. Doc., and at the conclusion of the dinner every lady was presented with a bottle of scent, and every gentleman with a box of Dragoumis cigarettes, the gift of the Alexandria Cigarette Company. Grace was sung by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith, who afterwards assisted Bro. Lott in the performance of a choice concert. The toasts were proposed in regular order.

The CHAIRMAN first proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and next "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M.M."

The CHAIRMAN then asked the brethren and ladies to drink the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Past Grand Masters," and said he would couple with this toast the name of one whom all Mark Masons must be glad to see present—Canon Portal.

Canon PORTAL, who was received with loud applause, in returning thanks, said that, owing to the peculiar circumstance that the Grand Masters of the Mark Degree in England only held office for three years, they had a triennial rejuvenescence, if he might so express it, on their throne, and every three years there was a fresh outburst of zeal and vigour and of interest in the Degree. The consequence was that the Grand Masters had among them all erected a structure, of which none of them, he thought, need be ashamed. (Cheers.) At any rate, five of the Past Grand Masters had presided from time to time at festivals similar to this, and he was quite sure that as time rolled on those who ascended the Grand Master's throne would, as the Grand Masters in the past, give their utmost exertions towards the interest of this important Degree. (Cheers.)

Baron DE FERRIERES proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said every Degree in Freemasonry depended very much upon the efficiency and zeal of those who commanded. He was sure that the Mark Degree appreciated highly the zeal which all the Grand Officers showed. All those present must have agreed with the words of Canon Portal—that they had built up a Degree of which none of them were ashamed. They were all very proud of the Mark Degree. Whenever they saw a man enter the Mark Degree they might be sure he was a good Mason, for he did not stop there; he wished to enter every Degree, and to find out the depths of the secrets of Freemasonry. The name he was going to mention in connection with this toast reminded him of one who was an instance in point. He had to couple with the toast the name of Lord Euston, who, they all knew, was every inch a Mason, and entered all the Degrees. He had entered the Royal Order of Scotland, and was determined to go on. Like Alexander of old, who regretted that there were no more worlds to conquer, Lord Euston, he supposed, would by-and-bye regret there were no more Degrees for him to join. (Applause.)

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said he was sure that all brethren who had attained to Grand Office felt that they were getting on, and the more they got on the more they wanted to get on. He thought that anyone who went into Masonry approached it first from curiosity. When they found, after going through their first three Degrees, it was a good, Charitable, brotherly, Institution, they liked it and loved it for the good it did. After that they tried to get on for the sake of doing good in the cause, and nobody liked to stop at the bottom of the ladder if he could help it. Nobody would be worth calling a really good Mason if he did, because every one was ambitious, and the man who was not was one who sat down and let things go just as they might, and did not throw his heart into the work he took up. All the brethren present took an interest in Masonry. For himself, he might say he was a very keen Mason. When he looked round the hall he saw a number of Grand Officers, Present and Past, many of them from his own province. The Chairman's Province of Warwickshire was well represented, and they could not say the Provincial Grand Masters were not backed up most heartily and cordially in the good work they were trying to perform.

Canon PORTAL, P.G.M., next said the toast he had the honour of proposing was one which well deserved all the attention the company might be kindly pleased to give it. Lord Euston said just now that any Mason who was worth talking of as a Mason always endeavoured to arrive at the top of the ladder. The brother whose health he was going to propose had not by any means arrived at those heights on the ladder of the Mark Degree to which he hoped to live to see him attain. But he had at any rate arrived at the top of their ladder to-night, because he had been good enough to take the chair at that Festival. (Applause.) He (Canon Portal) had the pleasure, years ago now, to preside at the first of these Festivals that was ever held, and as everything must have a beginning, and he had the honour of presiding at that beginning, he found upon looking at the list that they had five Stewards and collected £97. They were very pleased with themselves on that occasion. He would not tell them how many Stewards they had that night, or how large the collection was, because if he did he should encroach on the speech of their very worthy Chairman; but he would say that if envy was a Masonic virtue, or a Masonic vice, he should envy his lordship the brilliant assembly he saw around him; but as he could not envy him—being a good Mason—he contented himself with congratulating his lordship most heartily on that most distinguished gathering, and if the noble lord had a claim to their most hearty thanks for having come among them in the genial way in which he had to preside over the meeting, they owed him double thanks when they remembered it was owing to his coming that they were honoured and graced with the presence of Lady Hertford as well. (Loud cheers.) He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy G.M., and Chairman of the evening."

The Marquis of HERTFORD, in response to the toast, which was most cordially drunk, said he would start by observing that he cordially agreed with the words that fell from Lord Euston first, and then from Canon Portal, that a good Mason should not be content to stop at where he was, but should always be trying to get to the top of the tree. He cordially reciprocated those sentiments, and could assure the company that he had every intention

to go on and learn as much of Masonry as he possibly could. (Cheers.) Might he be allowed to say that he trusted his past record had shown he was keen about Masonry, and took the very greatest interest in his work. It had given him great pleasure to have the honour of presiding that evening, and the brethren would now allow him to pass on and propose what he might call the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." (Applause.) His Lordship continuing, said: Ladies and Brethren—I do not think that it is a very difficult task for any one to come here to-night and propose that toast. I have only to look round and see the large number who have attended, and when I think of the large numbers all over the country represented by those here, all of whom are doing their best to work for the Mark Benevolent Fund, I feel that prosperity is already assured. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Canon Portal has told you of the small beginning compared with what we are now. That was made in the year 1869, when there were only five Stewards and a sum of £97 2s. 8d. was collected. This Mark Benevolent Fund cannot pretend to compete with the three great Masonic Charities of which you all know, but at the same time, to begin with, Mark Masonry is in its infancy compared with Craft Masonry, and we are not nearly so numerous as they are, and I think I may say not nearly so numerous as we intend to be. (Applause.) Well, we cannot attempt to get together these large sums—I think that such a sum as was got together only the other day for the Girls' Masonic School certainly has never been equalled, and it does not do to prophesy, but I should say it will be long before it is ever surpassed—I think it was £50,500. Well we cannot attempt to compete on such a scale as that; but we do claim for this Mark Benevolent Fund that it is doing a vast amount of good with the limited funds at its disposal. (Hear, hear and cheers.) Perhaps I might say for the benefit of the ladies, who are not so well acquainted with the objects of this Fund, that it is divided into three parts; one third part is given to the relief of the most urgent cases of necessity; another third is given for the Educational Fund, and the other third is given for an Annuity. We are at the present time I believe assisting 26 children from the Educational Fund at a cost of something over £400 a year, which I believe represents a trifle over £15 a head. We have not large sums like Craft Masonry, but we endeavour to assist the education of those children in as practical a way as we can. Some of you may remember what I said on the last occasion I had the pleasure of meeting the Mark Grand Lodge and talking of this Benevolent Fund. I said I think we are doing it in a very practical way—we assist the parents to pay for the education of their children, but at the same time we do not take away the authority of the parent—(applause)—we do not relieve the parents from the responsibility they have for educating their own children, but we endeavour to assist them to do so to the best of our power. Now, Mark Masonry I believe and hope is progressing every day—(hear, hear)—and we are glad to see it; but you must remember that the more Mark Masonry progresses the more likelihood there is of this Fund being called upon to educate the children of the poorer Mark Masons and the more large is the demand on the Annuity Fund likely to be. Therefore I would ask you to recollect that when you see we are only educating 26 children now and that we have only four old Mark Masons on our books for the Annuity Fund, that is simply because this Fund has not been started many years, and the demands on it are likely to increase every year. Consequently I hope that no one will relax his efforts to keep up this good Charity in every way he possibly can. Canon Portal told you of a small beginning. Well that is only 19 years ago, and this Fund has gone on steadily increasing year by year till last year there were no less than 157 Stewards and no less a sum than £2207 4s. 9d. collected. (Hear, hear.) You will hear presently from our worthy Secretary, Bro. Matier, who works very hard—(hear, hear, and cheers)—who does such excellent work for this good Charity—you will hear from him the sum collected to-night; but I am glad to tell you that there are 163 Stewards, the largest number ever yet seen at one of these Festivals. (Applause.) I have alluded to the large sum collected for the Girls' Charity. That alone, I think, would be quite enough to make those who are working to-night feel pretty well certain that there would have been a good deal of difficulty in drawing money out of Masonic pockets. That large sum of £50,500 came out of Masonic pockets, and it was a pretty good haul. Therefore, nobody need be surprised to hear to-night that a less sum than last year—if such should be the case—is forthcoming. But I look upon the number of Stewards, 163, as most satisfactory, because it shows that a larger number of Mark Masons all over the country are taking an interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and I feel certain that the numbers having now got up to such a pitch will never decrease, but the Mark Benevolent Fund will always be represented in this room, or wherever else it may be held, by Stewards from all parts of the country. I thank you for the way you have received the toast of my health, and I ask you to drink with me with extreme heartiness "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." I couple with the toast the name and health of Bro. Matier, whom I will now ask to make the announcement of the Stewards' lists. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk enthusiastically.

Bro. MATIER, Secretary of the Fund, said he could not unfold to the company a budget the same as was unfolded by Bro. Hedges on the occasion of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He could not say this had been the largest amount ever subscribed; but he had to congratulate the meeting and the Marquis of Hertford on his being the Chairman when there was one of the largest amounts ever subscribed. As his lordship had already told them, there were many reasons why the amount which he had to announce to-night was not larger. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which every Mason was most justifiably proud, had obtained a great and unqualified success on its Centenary, and he only hoped that when the Centenary of the Mark Benevolent Fund took place—he supposed none of those present now would be present then—(laughter)—the Secretary of the day would be able to make the same announcement, Bro. Hedges made, that it was the greatest and most splendid success ever produced in Freemasonry.

Bro. MATIER then announced the following lists:

STEWARDS' LISTS.

GENERAL BOARD.			Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. (see p. 5. d.)		
Bro. Frank Richardson	£	s. d.	Worcestershire	...	
" Geo. Cooper (see East Anglia) ...	5	5 0	" Thos. Cubitt (see No. 1)	...	
" Robert Berridge ...	5	5 0	" R. Loveland Loveland (see Hants and I. of W.) ...	...
" Alfred Williams ...	15	15 0	" Rev. Hayman Cummings (see Kent) ...	...
" John E. Dawson (see Herts) ...	...	...	LONDON.	...	
" C. H. Driver ...	15	15 0	Lodge	...	
" James Moon ...	...	...	Grand Master's Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun	...	31 10 0

Lodge	£	s.	d.	Lodge	£	s.	d.
Grand Stewards Bro. George Powell ...	10	10	0	St. John's { Bro. G. Galloway ...	13	2	6
Old Kent (T.I.) Bro. J. E. Anderson ...	17	17	0	" E.G. Harwood ...	5	5	0
1 Bro. George Kenning ...	5	5	0	" W. Forrest... ..	5	5	0
1 " Thomas Cohu... ..	20	10	0	" John Kenyon ...	15	15	0
1 " Thomas Cubitt ...	20	10	0	Lebanon, Bro. R. Young ...	31	10	0
8 " Henry Von Joel ...	5	5	0	32 Bro. William Jaffery ...	10	10	0
363 " Robert Grey ...	5	5	0	34 " J. M. Sinclair... ..	20	0	0
UNATTACHED.				146 " Capt. C. H. Garnett... ..	20	0	0
Bro. B. R. Bryant ...	12	12	0	156 " J. W. Edwards ...	10	10	0
" Jabez Church ...	5	5	0	156 " — Wilson ...	5	5	0
" F. R. W. Hedges ...	5	5	0	LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTON- SHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLANDSHIRE.			
" Samuel Kelly ...	5	5	0	Bro. A. Woodiwiss ...	5	5	0
" W. Maple... ..	5	5	0	Bro. Geo. Fletcher ...	5	5	0
" Frederic Graves ...	10	10	0	Bro. Percy Wallis ...	5	5	0
" C. F. Matier ...	15	15	0	The Province			
" C. S. Lane... ..	5	5	0	Bro. W. J. Freer ...	21	0	0
" Col. A. W. O. Saunders	10	10	0	Lodge			
" Dr. W. H. Kempster ...	10	10	0	302 Bro. H. C. Okeover ...	31	12	6
" Henry Massey ...	3	3	0	353 " G. M. Bond ...	5	15	6
" Geo. Lambert ...	5	5	0	LINCOLNSHIRE.			
" John Ramsey ...	5	5	0	The Province			
" Alfred Madell ...	5	5	0	Bro. Jack Sutcliffe ...			
" James Willing ...	5	5	0	Lodge			
" Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Ran- dolph ...	10	10	0	117 Bro. H. E. Cousins ...	10	10	0
" J. T. Briggs ...	5	5	0	MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.			
THE PROVINCES.				The Province			
BERKS AND OXON.				Bro. L. G. G. Robbins ...	29	18	6
27 Bro. M. H. C. Palmer ...	10	15	0	Lodge			
225 " Geo. Saxby ...	20	0	0	3 Bro. G. H. Wilkinson, jun. ...	24	3	0
235 " Henry Crane ...	25	0	6	5 " C. Y. Holdgate ...	20	10	0
247 " H. O. Crane ...	25	0	6	5 " E. M. Lott ...	19	19	0
247 " Capt. G. P. Airey ...	25	0	6	7 " P. A. Scratchley ...	10	10	0
BRISTOL.				104 " M. Mildred ...	13	13	0
The Province				114 " J. Cates Collier ...	26	5	0
Bro. Pierrepont Harris ...	55	12	6	114 " J. K. R. Cama ...	22	1	0
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.				144 " Philip Sailard... ..	14	14	0
The Province				181 " W. Fisher ...	5	5	0
Bro. Rev. F. W. Harnett ...				223 " H. J. Lardner... ..	10	10	0
CHESHIRE.				224 " Ralph Clutton ...	13	13	0
Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer- Stanhope ...				234 " S. P. Catterson ...	13	3	0
" E. Friend ...				239 " S. B. Wilson ...	11	11	0
" Hon. A. de Tatton Eger- ton ...				251 " F. R. Hales ...	5	5	0
CORNWALL.				284 " J. D. Birkin ...	12	0	0
The Province				315 " J. Larkin ...	34	13	0
Bro. Charles Truscott ...				315 " J. H. Lane ...	5	5	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMOR- LAND.				331 " W. Woodward ...	8	8	0
The Province				350 " George Graveley ...	61	8	6
Bro. Jas. Gardiner ...	20	0	0	355 " W. A. Scurrah ...	10	10	0
DEVONSHIRE.				361 " Rt. Hon. Earl Euston ...			
Bro. H. M. Imbert-Terry ...	5	5	0	385 " Harry Tipper ...			
The Province				NORTHUMBRIA AND DURHAM.			
Bro. Henry Stocker ...	50	0	0	The Province			
Lodge				Bro. John Strachan ...	54	0	0
319 Bro. John Lane ...	10	10	0	Lodge			
DORSETSHIRE.				250 Bro. R. A. Luck ...	10	10	0
The Province				NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.			
Bro. Sir R. N. Howard ...	10	10	0	The Province			
EAST ANGLIA.				Bro. J. W. Woodall ...	11	6	0
Bro. H. P. Hay ...	5	5	0	" Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett }			
The Province				Lodge			
Bro. J. P. Lewin ...	21	0	0	York Bro. Rev. W. Valentine	7	7	0
Lodge				NORTH WALES.			
112 Bro. J. R. Green ...	30	0	0	The Province			
334 " E. H. Jennings ...	15	15	0	Bro. Sir Love Jones-Parry, Bt.	5	5	0
377 " Geo. Cooper ...	5	5	0	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HERE- FORDSHIRE.				The Province			
The Province				Bro. E. C. Patchitt ...	5	5	0
Bro. Baron de Ferrières ...	10	10	0	" Rev. F. Vernon Bussell ...			
Lodge				SOMERSET.			
10 Bro. Geo. Norman... ..	5	5	0	The Province			
218 " John Naysmith ...	5	5	0	Bro. R. B. Cater ...	16	16	0
218 " Edwin Lea ...	10	10	0	Lodge			
340 " W. C. Heane... ..	5	5	0	177 Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd ...	15	15	0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				STAFFORDSHIRE.			
The Province				The Province			
Bro. R. Loveland Loveland ...	22	11	0	Bro. Rev. W. Randall, D.D. ...	2	2	0
Lodge				Lodge			
17 Bro. Gordon Miller ...	10	10	0	318 Bro. A. F. Warrillow ...			
54 " Henry Stone ...	15	15	0	SUSSEX.			
62 " J. R. Hooper-Rastrick	10	10	0	Bro. C. W. Hudson ...	5	5	0
125 " Chas. Waters ...	10	10	0	The Province			
320 " Rev. J. N. Palmer ...	10	10	0	Bro. H. W. G. Abell ...	12	15	0
349 " Col. A. G. Yeatman- Biggs ...	8	8	0	Lodge			
ISLE OF MAN.				75 Bro. Joseph Belcher ...	30	0	0
Craft Lodge				WARWICKSHIRE.			
323 Bro. G. C. Heron ...				Bro. The Most Hon. The Marquess of Hert- ford ...	26	5	0
HERTFORDSHIRE.				" J. Collingwood Onions ...	5	5	0
Bro. John E. Dawson ...	2	2	0	" G. R. Arter ...	10	10	0
The Province				" Edward Mallard ...	10	10	0
Bro. Felix S. Knyvett ...	10	10	0	" Henry Fisher ...	10	10	0
Lodge				The Province			
241 Bro. C. E. Keyser ...	15	15	0	Bro. T. H. Smith ...	31	10	0
354 " F. T. Bennett ...	10	10	0	Lodge			
354 " A. R. Carter ...	5	5	0	Howe Bro. Chas Fendelow ...	5	5	0
366 " J. R. Cocks ...	6	0	0	115 Bro. W. Hillman ...	5	5	0
367 " Jas. Terry ...	5	5	0	174 " G. W. Hardy ...	5	5	0
KENT.				" F. H. McCalmont ...	26	5	0
Bro. Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst ...	10	10	0	WEST YORKSHIRE.			
Bro. Horatio Ward ...	11	11	0	The Province			
Bro. Jas. Smith Eastes ...	10	10	0	Bro. C. L. Mason ...	5	5	0
Bro. F. Hughes-Hallett ...	5	5	0	Lodge			
Lodge				Old York Bro. A. F. FitzPatric			
129 " George Page ...	12	12	0	53 Bro. F. Cleaves ...	16	10	6
226 " E. Palmer ...	24	0	0	58 " H. S. Holdsworth ...	5	5	0
255 " Rev. T. Robinson ...	21	0	0	111 " George Hill ...			
294 " Albert Escott ...	10	10	0	WORCESTERSHIRE.			
309 " Rev. H. Cummings ...	6	6	0	The Province			
322 " Walter Harper ...	3	12	0	Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. ...	5	5	0
390 " R. J. Emmerson ...	15	15	0	Lodge			
LANCASHIRE.				59 Bro. W. B. Williamson ...	11	11	0
Bro. A. H. Jefferies ...	5	5	0	ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.			
Bro. W. J. Thompson ...	5	5	0	Lodge			
The Province				2 Bro. C. F. Matier (see Unattached).			
Bro. J. E. Lees ...	15	15	0	14 " Horatio Ward (see Kent).			

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.			
Grand Council	£	s.	d.
Bro. Charles Belton ...	8	5	0
Matier (T.I.) Bro. W. J. Cun- liffe ...	5	5	0
Lodge			
16 Bro. Augustus Harris ...			

SCOTLAND.			
Lodge	£	s.	d.
2 Bro. C. H. McKay... ..	5	5	0
Bro. Col. Patrick Stirling ...	10	10	0
IRELAND.			
Lodge			
Bro. J. H. Goddard ...	2	2	0

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Berks and Oxon ...	55	15	6	Lincolnshire ...	10	10	0
Bristol ...	55	12	6	Middlesex & Surrey ...	373	5	0
Buckinghamshire ...				Northumberland & Durham...	64	10	0
Cheshire ...				North and East Yorkshire ...	18	13	0
Cornwall ...				North Wales ...	5	5	0
Cumberland and Westmorland	20	0	0	Nottinghamshire ...	5	5	0
Devonshire ...	65	15	0	Somersetshire ...	32	11	0
Dorsetshire ...	10	10	0	Staffordshire ...	2	2	0
East Anglia ...	77	5	0	Sussex ...	48	0	0
Gloucestershire&Herefordshire	36	15	0	Warwickshire ...	136	10	0
Hampshire & the Isle of Wight	78	4	0	West Yorkshire ...	27	0	6
Isle of Man ...				Worcestershire ...	16	16	0
Hertfordshire ...	55	7	0	Royal & Select Masters ...			
Kent ...	131	1	0	Allied Masonic Degrees ...	13	10	0
Lancashire ...	143	7	0	Scotland ...	15	15	0
Leicestershire, Derbyshire,&c.	74	3	0	Ireland ...	2	2	0

LONDON—35 STEWARDS	£	243	2	0
PROVINCES—128 STEWARDS	£	1575	10	0

GRAND TOTAL ... £1818 12 0

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said he felt highly honoured by being asked to propose the next toast, which was that of the health of those brethren who deserved exceedingly well of this assembly. He was about to ask the ladies and brethren present to drink the health of those energetic Masons who had served on the Board of Stewards that day, and who had so excellently and energetically contributed to the success of the evening. Bro. Matier had looked somewhat downhearted about his list not being so large that night as it was last year. But when they considered the circumstances, he thought the Board of Stewards were to be congratulated exceedingly upon the success which they had achieved. They had had a somewhat uphill game to play, and he thought they had played it most successfully. They had brought up a very handsome amount to this excellent Charity, and they who were accustomed to the working of these things knew what an immense amount of labour was involved in getting up these amounts for the various Masonic Charities; they knew the hours of the night a Steward had to devote to the completion of such excellent work, and he, therefore, thought they should be acting very improperly that night if they parted without recognising the merits of these meritorious brethren in getting this exceedingly large sum, and coming before the Festival with such a list in their hands. He would couple with the toast the name of a well-known and highly esteemed brother, Charles Driver, the President of the Board of Stewards, who, with great energy and ability, had devoted himself to the work, who had performed very hard work, and should have his name associated with the toast.

Bro. CHARLES DRIVER, in reply, said every one was impressed that night with the kind feeling which had prompted all the speeches. The Stewards had been this year not so fortunate as they were last year with the lists they brought up; but it was not for want of hard work on their part. They all admitted that circumstances over which they had no control had given to one great Charity this year large success, and probably that strongly affected not only this meeting, but other meetings of a kindred nature; but when they knew how the Stewards were assisted by other Stewards—Bros. Williams, Very, and Church, all members of the General Board—and other distinguished past Mark Masters, it was not at all to be wondered at that they had this year a success, and he considered a very great success indeed—that they had this year, under all the disadvantages he had mentioned, succeeded in getting the second largest amount collected in any one year. The work the Stewards had done had been a work of pleasure, and was one they had all interested themselves in, and they might be depended on on all future occasions for doing the utmost in their power to advance the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He trusted that next year when they would start on equal ground with the other Charities, they would show a larger amount than they had shown this year. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment paid the Stewards. He hoped they felt those brethren had done the best they possibly could do for the Fund, and they intended to do so as long as they were M.M.M.'s.

Lord SALTOUN said he was very much taken aback at being asked to propose the next toast, but nevertheless he felt it was a very great honour conferred on him, which they would all confess when he told them that the toast was that of "The Ladies," who had so kindly graced the meeting (cheers), and who, he was perfectly certain, when after this they knew what the Charity was with which they were at that moment connected, would on future occasions use their utmost endeavours to forward its interests, and do all in their power to make next year and following years the subscriptions even larger than they were that night. It was very difficult to speak for the ladies, but speaking for themselves (the Masons), he was perfectly certain that the ladies attending a meeting of this sort added to its pleasure, to its beauty, and to its success. (Cheers.) He hoped the ladies would accept a humble apology from himself for not being a more capable exponents of their value.

Bro. RANDALL responded.

The Marquis of HERTFORD proposed "The Visitors." Masons were always hospitable, and therefore liked to see visitors at their gatherings. He hoped the visitors that night would go away impressed with the merits of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and would do what they could to help it in the future.

Sir LIONEL DAYRELL replied. In uttering words of thanks, which came from his heart, he felt he was expressing the feelings of the rest of the guests. They thanked the brethren most heartily for having invited them to be present at their festive board, and for their excellent entertainment, and they congratulated their hosts on the munificent sum collected. The visitors would go away thoroughly impressed with what they had seen and heard, and he would further say that the pleasure that had been afforded them would not be the pleasure only of that night, for they would carry away with them most pleasant recollections, recollections that would be stored in the future in their memories. (Applause.)

The company then adjourned to the drawing-room, where a concert—in which Miss Freeman, daughter of our well-known Bro. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex, made her first appearance before a London audience—was kept up for some time, after which they separated.

RESULT OF THE FESTIVAL.

Those who judge by figures only will imagine that because there is a somewhat considerable falling off in the total of the Returns as announced, there must be a diminution in the popularity of the Mark Benevolent Festival. For ourselves, we take the results of the last four meetings that have been held in support of this Fund as furnishing the best possible evidence that it has firmly established itself as the great Charitable event of the year in connection with Mark Masonry, and that, though there will be increases and decreases to record in successive annual totals, the brethren have made up their minds to give it their regular and generous support, so that the Fund may be able to meet not only the present limited demands on its resources, but also such heavier demands as with the annually increasing strength of Mark Masonry may be expected in future years. At the Festival in 1887, the Returns amounted to £2207, and we must not lose sight of the fact that it was the year of the Queen's Jubilee. On Wednesday, the Returns as announced were £1818, without the Jubilee impetus, and, as regards its pecuniary result, the Festival of Wednesday will take the second place on the list of Mark Benevolent Festival Anniversaries, so that if last year's triumph has not been repeated, all former results, with the exception of last year's, have been surpassed. However, those who watch these annual celebrations will have noticed this already, and, without further preface, therefore, we shall enter on our usual brief sketch, or analysis, of the Returns, so that our readers may see still more clearly the force of the remarks we have just made.

Towards this result London, which was represented by 35 Stewards, sent up £243 2s., the highest list being that of Bro. Lord Saltoun, P.G.W., W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, who returned £31 10s., while the St. Mark's Lodge, which had three Stewards, made up a total of £25 15s. Bro. J. E. Anderson's list amounted to £17 17s., and those of Bro. A. Williams and Bro. C. H. Driver's, of the General Board, to £15 15s. each. The three sub-divisions of the London portion of the Returns were as follow, namely, Lodges—£90 17s.; General Board—£42; Unattached—£110 5s., making together as we have said £243 2s.

The Provincial Stewards were 128 in number, and the aggregate of their lists £1575 10s. BERKS and OXON had five representatives, four of whose lists amounted to £55 15s. 6d., the joint list of Bros. H. D. Crane and Capt. Airey, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, Oxford, being £25 0s. 6d., and the separate list of Bro. H. Creed, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, £20. BRISTOL, by the medium of Bro. Pierrepont Harris, Prov. G. Sec., made an excellent show, the total of his list being £55 12s. 6d., while the representative of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE had the misfortune to fall ill at a critical time, so that we can say nothing as to the result of his efforts. CHESHIRE had two Stewards, Bros. E. Friend and the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, whose Returns have not yet been made, and the representative of CORNWALL, Bro. Charles Truscott, has been similarly forgetful. CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND, whose representative was Bro. Jas. Gardiner, has £20 to its credit. DEVONSHIRE had three Stewards, the Provincial representative being Bro. Stocker, who compiled the very handsome total of £50, the Returns from the three brethren reaching £65 15s. Bro. Sir R. N. Howard did duty for DORSETSHIRE and gave in a list of £10 10s. EAST ANGLIA, though not so successful as it was last year, figures very satisfactorily, Bro. J. P. Lewin for the Province handing in a list of £21, and Bro. J. R. Green who did duty for the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, £30, the general total being £77 5s.; while GLOUCESTERSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE, which had the same number of Stewards as East Anglia—namely five—returned £36 15s. HAMPSHIRE and the ISLE OF WIGHT appears to be as conspicuous a contributor to this Mark Festival as to those of the general Institutions, and as liberal as it is conspicuous. Its Stewards on Wednesday were seven in number, the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, returning as representative of the Province £22 11s., while the other lists, amounting together to £55 13s., raised the general total to £78 4s., or about twice what it raised by the medium of four Stewards in 1887. The ISLE OF MAN had a representative in Bro. Heron, whose list, however, does not seem to have made its appearance yet, and HERTFORDSHIRE is not far short of last year's total, the seven brethren who did duty on Wednesday, raising amongst them £55 7s., Bro. C. E. Keyser, of the Watford Lodge, No. 241, heading the array with £15 15s., while Bros. F. S. Knyvett, Prov. G. Sec., and F. T. Bennett representing the Province, and No. 354 respectively, each returned £10 10s., Lodge No. 354, with two Stewards figuring, however, for £15 15s.

Last year, when Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M., occupied the chair, KENT sent up no less than 25 Stewards, and their efforts proved so successful, that the sum entered for the Province was £500. On Wednesday seven out of its 17 lodges were represented, and their lists, with that of the four Unattached brethren—of whom Earl Amherst was one—made up the excellent total of £131 1s., Bro. Palmer, W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, heading the array with £24, and the Prov. G.M.M., Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, following with £21. LANCASHIRE, which is one of the strongholds of the Mark Degree, contributed £143 7s., the number of Stewards being 13, and the highest amount, that of Bro. Reginald Young's list, which was £31 10s., Bro. Capt. Garnett, of No. 146, raising £20, and Bro. Lees, for the Province, and Bro. John Kenyon, of St. John's (T.I.) Lodge, each £15 15s. This latter lodge, however, had four Stewards, who amongst them returned £39 7s. 6d. LEICESTERSHIRE and the counties conjoined with it as a Province under Bro. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M.M., had five Stewards, and contributed £74 3s., Bro. H. C. Okeover's list of £31 12s. 6d. being the most conspicuous item, while LINCOLNSHIRE, with two Stewards, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M., being one of them, sent up £10 10s., Bro. Sutcliffe's Return being still outstanding.

The strongest of the Mark Provinces is that of MIDDLESEX and SURREY, which has a muster roll of 31 lodges. Of these 19 sent up Stewards, while Bro. L. G. G. Robbins did duty for the Province and to very excellent purpose, his list reaching £29 18s. 6d. But the chief honours were secured by Bro. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W. and W.M. elect of the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, as well as W.M. of No. 245, whose total is £61 8s. 6d. Bro. W. Woodward, of the Davison Lodge, No. 331, figures with £34 13s. to his credit, and Bro. J. K. R. Cama, one of two Stewards for the Percy Lodge, No. 114, with £26 5s., the £13 13s. of his brother Steward—Bro. J. C. Collier, raising the total for the lodge to £39 18s. Bro. G. H. Wilkinson, jun., of the Keystone Lodge, No. 3, returns £24 3s., Bro. Philip Saillard, W.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, £22 1s., and Bros. Holdgate and E. M. Lott between them £20 10s. The whole number of Stewards for Middlesex and Surrey was 23, and the sum total of their lists £373 5s.

NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM, two Stewards, raised £64 10s., the list of Bro. J. Strachan for the Province being £54. NORTH and EAST YORKSHIRE—three Stewards—raised £18 13s.; and NORTH WALES—one Steward—£5 5s.; but NOTTINGHAMSHIRE—two Stewards has made only

one Return at present; SOMERSETSHIRE, which also had two Stewards, returns £32 11s.; and STAFFORDSHIRE—two Stewards—£2 2s., one list being yet to come. SUSSEX—three Stewards—figures for £48, the principal item being the £30 of Bro. Joseph Belcher representing the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75. WARWICKSHIRE, of which the noble Chairman is Prov. G. Master, played its part excellently well, considering it musters only four Lodges, of which three were directly represented, while Bro. T. H. Smith, the Dep. P.G.M., took the Province generally under his wing, and six other brethren, including the Chairman were Unattached. The total for Warwickshire was £136 10s., the highest lists being those of the Marquess of Hertford and Bro. McCalmont, for £26 5s. each, and the next that of his Deputy, Bro. Smith—who raised £21.

WEST YORKSHIRE, with five Stewards, compiled £27 0s. 6d., two Returns being still due. WORCESTERSHIRE, two Stewards, £16 16s. The ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS had two Stewards, but their Returns appear elsewhere, and the ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES, with three brethren to represent them, gave £13 10s. Two Stewards from SCOTLAND and one from IRELAND complete the list, and if the general total is not as high as it was last year, we may be sure it is due to no weakness in the noble Chairman's advocacy, no lack of energy on the part of the Board of Stewards, or to no oversight on the part of Bro. C. F. MATIER, who has put forth his energy as loyally as ever, if not with the same result. However, the falling off is only what we must be prepared to expect from time to time. Next year we hope to see the fluctuation in the direction of excess.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Grand Lodge of this province was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge of M.M.M., No. 151, when, in the absence of the R.W. P.G. Master, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, Deputy P.G. Master, presided, supported by the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, and a large number of members from the various lodges of the province.

Previous to opening Prov. Grand Lodge, which was fixed for 3.15 p.m., the Whitwell Lodge was opened at 1.30 p.m. by Bro. J. Abbott, P.P.G. Swd. Br., W.M., and a candidate balloted for and advanced. The ceremony was worked by the Prov. G. Officers, the Deputy Prov. G. Master having expressed a desire to see the ceremony of advancement gone through by the Prov. G. Officers of the year, which proved highly satisfactory. The D.P.G.M., with his officers, then retired for a short time, and at the hour stated upon the agenda were reported and re-admitted, and opened Provincial Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at Workington were read and confirmed. Bro. JAS. GARDINER, P.G. Treas., read a statement of accounts, which, after voting 35 guineas to two Benevolent Institutions and other general expenses, showed a balance to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge of £29 4s.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. NICHOLSON, the accounts were passed as read.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then said the time had again arrived when the province had to recommend the R.W.P.G.M. to the M.W.G.M. for a further period of three years, and it gave him much pleasure to move that the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., be again the Grand Master of the Province.

Bro. P. DE E. COLLIN supported the recommendation, and it was carried.

Bro. Col. SEWELL moved, and Bro. MANDLE seconded, that Bro. Jas. Gardiner be Prov. Grand Treasurer, which received a unanimous vote.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 282, Prov. S.G.W.; J. Dickinson, P.M. 151, Prov. J.G.W.; Bryce Craig, P.M. 216, Prov. G.M.O.; J. Eden, P.M. 282, Prov. S.G.O.; J. Abbott, W.M. 151, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. J. Anderson, Chap. 213, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, Prov. G. Treas.; E. B. Penrice, P.M. 151, Prov. G.R. of M.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. J. J. Lace, W.M. 216, Prov. S.G.D.; T. Brakenridge, W.M. 213, Prov. J.G.D.; J. H. Braithwaite, W.M. 195, Prov. G.I. of W.; J. Black, W.M. 229, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Carlyle, 282, Prov. A.G. D. of C.; Sergeant-Major Locker, 60, Prov. G.S.B.; John Jenkinson, S.W. 282, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Smith, Org. 151, Prov. G. Org.; J. Kendall, S.W. 151, Prov. G.I.G.; Quartermaster Wright, 60, W. D. P. Field, J.W. 213, Dr. J. F. Muir, 213, and T. Atkinson, J.W. 229, Prov. G. Stwds.; and John Gordon, Tyler 216, Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151; T. Atkinson, P.M. 213; and B. Craig, P.M. 216.

As per notice of motion upon the agenda, Bro. P. DE E. COLLIN, P.M. 151, moved—"That, as Bro. Gardiner was going up as a Steward to the Grand Mark Festival, five guineas be voted him from the province."

Bro. T. ATKINSON, P.M., suggested that not less than 10 guineas be placed upon Bro. Gardiner's list, which was unanimously agreed to.

The D.P.G.M. then moved, and the P.G. SECRETARY seconded, the motion—"That a similar amount be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which was carried.

Bro. B. CRAIG, P.M. 216, P.G.M.O., then moved as a recommendation to the R.W.P.G.M., for the next annual Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, to be held under the banner of the Henry Lodge, 216, Frizington, Bro. J. W. ROBINSON, P.M. 151, P.P.J.G.O., supported the recommendation, and it was unanimously carried.

The D.P.G. MASTER then briefly referred to the progress Mark Masonry was making in the province, and said that a brother, when the time came, had always been found to be ready to represent the province as a Steward. This year they had Bro. Gardiner; last year Bro. Ryrie carried with him a list perhaps the largest for the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge that had ever gone from Cumberland and Westmorland; and he had no doubt when the time came round again a volunteer would turn up.

Letters of apology, and conveying "Hearty good wishes" from brethren from a distance, were read from Bros. Geo. J. McKay, P.M., 195, P.S.G.D. Eng.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.G.O. Eng.; G. Taylor, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Dr. Lace, W.M. 216, P.J.G.D.; J. Mills, P.A.G.D.C.; H. D. Cook, P.G. Org.; J. O. Scott, P.G.I. of W. Colorado; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, presided over by the D.P.G.M., supported by his newly invested officers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**THE LATE BRO. G. P. BROCKBANK,
P.M. 221, P.G. Std. Br., AND THE LATE
BRO. Wm. SIDDORN, W.M. 221.**

On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., an emergency meeting of St. John's Lodge, 221, Bolton, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, in memory of the late Bro. George Parker Brockbank, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire, and Bro. W. Siddorn, W.M. The occasion was one completely unique in the annals of local Freemasonry, but the position of Bro. Brockbank in the Grand Lodge of England, and the eminent services which both brethren had rendered to the Masonic Craft, had been such as to merit the holding of this special lodge, and the brethren of the whole of the five lodges in Bolton, as well as the members of the Lodge of Fortitude, 64, Manchester (of which lodge Bro. Brockbank was W.M. elect at the time of his death), had been specially invited to attend.

Bro. James Walker, I.P.M., acting W.M. 221, presided, being supported by Bro. R. Cuerden, S.W., and Bro. Wm. Forrest, J.W. The other members of Lodge 221 present were Bros. Jno. Rutter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Morris, P.M.; Chas. Howarth, Sec.; E. Halliwell, J.D.; W. H. Brown, Steward; T. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; L. Hochschild, D. W. Stevenson, E. Bolton, T. S. Atkinson, W. H. Bridge, R. Marginson, H. Critchley, J. Sutcliffe; and amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. L. Hine, 64, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Walker, 32, P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, 1723, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. E. Bigoe Bagot, 62, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Nicholl, 317, P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. P. Leresche, 64, P.P.G.R.; N. Nicholson, 1723, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Newton, 37, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec.; John Morris, 146, P.P.G.S. of Works; A. H. Jefferis, 1161, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Duxbury, 1773, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Cooper, 146, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Alcock, 348, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John M. Bentley, 37, P.P.G. Org.; E. W. Irving, 2156, Prov. G. Steward; J. D. Murray, 1335, P.P.G.D.C. West Lanc.; W. H. Lomax, W.M.; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; Johnson Mills, P.M.; T. Murphy, T. Barnes, F. W. Brockbank, J. N. Thompson, F. W. Broadbent, Geo. Crowther, M. Robinson, and H. L. Hinnell, of 37; J. T. Voce, W.M.; W. Downs, S.W.; Hy. Ainsworth, P.M.; Jas. Dooley, H. Broughton, R. Johnson, J.D.; J. Binns, Org.; F. M. Millner, I.G.; S. Smithies, E. Eaton, W. Long, H. C. Atkinson, W. Varley, W. Harrison, H. Walker, J. Hilton, T. Hamer, and W. Bromley, of 146; R. Jones, W.M.; J. Eckersley, S.W.; J. Mantell, J.D.; T. H. Heyes, I.G.; E. Gregory, N. Yates, H. Smith, R. Williamson, W. Greenwood, and E. Parkinson, of 348; A. Cosgrave, P.M.; T. B. Tong, P.M.; J. Miles, Org.; J. Collins, J. Ashton, A. Taylor, J. Orrell, W. Altham, T. Magee, G. H. Whittaker, T. Morris, and J. Ratcliffe, of 1723; and J. W. Almond, P.M. 1773.

After the lodge was opened, a march was played on the organ by Bro. Miles, Org. 1723, during which the Prov. Grand Officers entered and took their places on the dais. This was followed by the singing of the "Old Hundred" hymn, and prayer was offered up by Bro. Rev. A. E. BIGOE BAGOT, Prov. G. Chap. Grand Honours were then given by Bro. JOHNSON MILLS, P.M., D. of C. 37.

The chant, "Man that is born of a woman," was rendered by the choir, after which an impressive and eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. E. Bigoe Bagot, LL.B., rector of Beswick, Manchester, Chaplain 62, P.G. Chap. of East Lancs, and P.P.G. Chap. of Cheshire: After speaking of the sudden death of Bro. Brockbank, and the solemn warning of the brevity of life which was forced upon our thoughts—a truth which we all believe, and all forget—he said that among the many aspects and varied hues in which Masonry exhibited itself, there were three he would briefly refer to, the universality of Masonry, its unity, and its largeheartedness. Our deceased brother exhibited these characteristics in a very singular manner, and his noble Masonic career did much to cement and promote these principles. Freemasonry addressed itself to the universal wants, to the great rudimentary universally diffused characteristics of human nature. The great poet of the Lakes said: "We have all one human heart," and the Craft appealed to the common humanity which belonged to all, and to the wants and sorrows and inward consciousness which were the heritage of man, as man; Bro. Brockbank, by his widespread experience, his undeviating loyalty to Masonry, his indefatigable exertions, and his advancement of the interests of the Order, played no small part in the increase and strength of the lodges in the province. There was again the unity of Masonry, and this spirit was largely promoted by the kindly heart, the courteous manner, and the genial brotherly spirit of our departed friend. In Masonry we meet together in that kindly spirit which does not require the compromise of one sincere conviction, nor sanction the intrusion of one uncharitable thought. We do not set up a tabernacle for sect or party, but we seek to unite various grades and sections, diverse elements of conflicting society, in one reasonable and harmonious whole, and on one broad and comprehensive basis. Thirdly, there was the largeheartedness of Masonry. The need of this was evident when we observed the hurtful influence of the power of selfishness in the world around. Self was made the centre, round which other men, like satellites, revolve. Masonry exhibited beautiful contrasts by the bestowment of largeness of heart—all that was contracted and unworthy was sought to be replaced by all that was noble and sympathising—and brother was taught to grasp the hand of brother in fraternal recognition. We mourned over the thought that he who had shown this character so truly, whose generous and untiring zeal for the Charities of Masonry were so widely known, would no longer lead the van, and call us by the trumpet-tongued and persuasive eloquence of his self-sacrificing life to greater energy and heartier work for those Charities which are the key-note and index of the system. "Heaven does with us as we with torches do—not light them for themselves: for if our virtues did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike as if we had them not—Spirits are not finely touched but to fine issues." It has been well said that "God buries His workmen, but He carries on His work." The example of all true servants of His encourages and keeps those who still are in the fore part of the battle. They being dead, yet speak. And we may go a step further—we often lose the true comfort, the fortifying and the cheering thought which lies somewhere in every sorrow, for such as have the secret—the gentler spirit, the tenderer conscience, the more loving and loving the life, the stronger is the argument

from its very defeat and discomfiture here, for its immortality in a state of which sight and sense give no demonstration. We must believe that our brother's life cannot be ended, but must still be growing and expanding, learning and loving somewhere out of the sight of earth. We were living in an age of transition and, in many respects, of surprise. Amid its manifold activities for good and evil it was difficult to trace the progress, which, in spite of many discouragements, is ever going on. But that progress is not the less real because we cannot see it, because our eyes are dimmed by the films of sense, or blinded by the tears of sorrow. We have continually to mourn over the afflictive occurrences that are happening around us. Affliction and disappointment, bereavement and trial, come like grim spectres, haunting every avenue, and constantly flitting across the path of life. In our earthly lodges we are called upon every year to suffer strange experiences, which bewilder us and make us sad; mourning over new made graves of wise or kind ones snatched from the midst of us—"Ere yet, to mortal thought, their life's great work is done." But up above is a Grand Lodge, where the eternal Grand Master sits assured of an accomplished purpose. There is found rest purchased by the toil of earth; peace sealed by its wars; wealth purchased by its poverty; rapture in the stead of its sorrow; the joining of hands and hearts long unclasped from each other's welcomes, in the eternal re-union of the skies.

"O the sobbing of the winds of autumn;
O the sunset streak of stormy gold;
O the poor heart, thinking in the churchyard,
Night is coming and the grave is cold.
O the rest for ever, and the rapture;
O the hand that wipes the tears away;
O the golden homes beyond the sunset;
O the God that watches o'er the clay."

A special poem "In memoriam G.P.B." (the words of which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 9th ult.), by Bro. R. Gowanlock, 1723, the music specially composed by Bro. J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., was then sung.

Bro. JOHN MORRIS, P.M., D. of C. 146, gave the Grand Honours, and this was followed by the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," to the tune "Dundee."

At the conclusion of which Bro. W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317, P.P.G. Treas., delivered an oration, relating more particularly to Bro. Brockbank's connection with the higher Degrees of Freemasonry, in all of which as well as the Craft he ever took the deepest interest. He also referred to Bro. Brockbank's active association with Masonic Charities and to his zeal and indefatigable exertions on their behalf, and also his unwearied labours in connection with the Charity Committee of East Lancashire and the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution. In all his spheres of labour he had left behind him a void which would not be easy to fill and an example worthy of being followed by his brethren.

The choir then sang the anthem, "Cast thy burden," from "Elijah," and grand honours were given by Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M., D. of C., 221. The Hymn, "Lead, kindly Light," to Dr. Dyke's well-known air, "Lux Benigna," was then sung, and a quartette, Gaul's "Silent land," was then rendered. Grand honours were given by Bro. John Alcock, P.M., Sec. 348.

At the call of the Presiding Master, Bro. J. M. RUTTER, P.M. 221, P. Prov. G. Reg., delivered the following oration: In rising this evening to say a few words to you with reference to the memory of our late departed brethren (I refer to Bro. Brockbank and Bro. Siddorn), I cannot but feel that there are many who could more ably have addressed you on this occasion than myself, but at the same time I feel that the profound respect which I entertain for the memory of both of our departed brethren is my excuse in venturing to say a few words this evening. Since my entry into this lodge (now 20 years ago), the hand of death has been very busy, and has especially made sad havoc in the ranks of the Past Masters of the lodge, and now we have been sorely smitten by the removal from our midst of two whom I may properly call the oldest and youngest Master—for Bro. Brockbank was not only our tried and trusted friend, but also our Senior Past Master, and Bro. Siddorn was the actual W.M. of the lodge. I have, myself, been personally intimate with Bro. Brockbank all my life, and always esteemed him as a true friend, and I can look back with pleasure to many acts of kindness at his hands, and to many hours of social pleasure spent in his company. As a husband and a father, he was loving, kindly, and considerate, and was always filled with solicitude for the comfort and happiness of those nearest and dearest to him. As a man of business he was always found to be honest, punctual, and straightforward, and I am justified in saying that in his death the Municipality of Bolton have sustained a great loss, and the services of a most hardworking and valuable official. But it was as a member and leader in the Masonic Craft that we chiefly have learned to love and admire Bro. Brockbank. It is not for me to recapitulate his brilliant Masonic career. Suffice it to say that he was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. John's Lodge, now No. 221, on the 17th January, 1846 (the lodge in which I myself first saw the light of Masonry, and of which many of us are so justly proud.) In 1849, he was Worshipful Master of the same lodge. He subsequently joined the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, in this town, and served the office of W.M. of that lodge in 1883, and was Secretary at the time of his death. He was the founder and first W.M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, in the year 1877, at which time it gave me great pleasure to act as the first Secretary of the lodge in his year of office as W.M., and it was with great solicitude that he always watched over the interests of that lodge and with pardonable pride, that he always spoke of the great success of that, the youngest, lodge in the town, and which so appropriately bears the name of "St. George." He also joined the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 64, Manchester, and served the office of Secretary therein several years, and was W.M. elect at the time of his death. As we all know, Bro. Brockbank served many offices in various Degrees connected with Freemasonry, and in 1885 he filled the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England, a position which had been fully earned by his long and active services, and made the brethren of this district proud to have a brother of such great distinction amongst them. Most of us well remember the occasion of the complimentary dinner given to him in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 24th July, 1885, when Col. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, presided, and a presentation was made, for which

£200 had been subscribed, and out of this sum £125 was given, at Bro. Brockbank's wish, to the Masonic Charities. And it is in connection with these Charities that Bro. Brockbank most particularly distinguished himself, and it is his great interest and activity in relation to these Charities that constitutes the jewel that is most resplendent in his Masonic career. He had not only qualified as a Vice-President of each of the Charitable Institutions of our Order, but had served as a Steward at no less than 25 of their Annual Festivals, at the last of which, however (the Girls' Centenary Festival), he was not present, inasmuch as it was the will of the Great Architect of the Universe that he should be called away from this sublunary abode, and, as we all reverently hope and trust, to join in the celebration of a grander Festival in the Grand Lodge above. In Bro. Brockbank's death our Order has received a great shock; but we who knew him more particularly in this district have great cause for grief. He was a friend to every brother, ever ready to assist and teach him, even from his entry into the lodge and onward to higher rank; and now that he is gone from among us, we all feel how sound and true were all his admonitions and precepts. He was exceedingly kind and sympathetic to any brother in distress or trouble. His last letter was one written by him to a well-known London brother, condoling with him on the death of his only son, and was received by that brother a few hours after Bro. Brockbank's death. This is a melancholy occasion, but, at the same time, it is a pleasurable one when we have the belief in our minds that the brother who has been taken so suddenly and so unexpectedly had led such a life of active usefulness, in which Charity was the predominating feature. Bro. Brockbank has left a great void, and it will be very difficult for any one to follow him in his mission of usefulness. His is a noble example, and, although we may not be able to do as he did, we are able to strive to the best of our ability, circumstances, and power during the short space of life allotted to each of us, to do as much good in the world as possible, striving to leave our fellow-men happier and better than we found them.

"Sad, silent, and dark be the tears that we shed,
As the night dew that falls on the grass o'er his head;
But the night dew that falls, though in silence it weeps,
Shall brighten with verdure the grave where he sleeps;
And the tear that we shed, though in secret it rolls,
Shall long keep his memory green in our souls."

—Moore.

By the decease of Bro. Siddorn, who was the actual W.M. of Lodge 221 for the current year, we feel that we have lost one who if he had been spared had no doubt a bright and useful Masonic career before him. He was initiated in the lodge in the year 1880, and has since, with credit to himself and honour to the Fraternity, duly filled the various offices in the lodge leading up to that of Worshipful Master. In him we always found a painstaking and assiduous officer; he was of a most genial disposition, and always beaming with good nature, and the grasp of his hand made one feel that in him there was a true friend and a real Masonic brother. I well remember his installation to the chair of K.S., which took place in January last; how happy he seemed, and how full of hope for the future; but, alas, death is no respecter either of age or youth, and the young as well as the old are gathered to his garner. The old veteran and the young Master have both gone, and "death, the grand leveller of all human greatness, has reduced them both to the same state." Finally, let us endeavour to imitate all the good virtues of our departed brethren, and by so doing we shall be discharging our duty in the sight of the Great Architect of the Universe, and when we are called upon to appear before the great white throne we can leave behind us, like the departed brethren whose loss we all mourn, "A grateful, refreshing, and pleasant memory."

"Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past which she cannot destroy,
Which come in the night-time of sorrow and care,
And bring back the features that joy used to wear;
Long, long be my heart with such memories filled!
Like the vase in which roses have long been distilled:
You may break, you may shatter, the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

"May they rest in peace!" —Moore.

At the conclusion of Bro. Rutter's touching oration, Gounod's sacred song, "Glory to Thee," was impressively rendered by Bro. Binns. Grand Honours were given by Bro. N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723, and Barnby's chant "Lord now lettest" was sung.

Bro. J. H. P. LERESCHE, P.M. 64, P.P.G. Reg., by special request, as one of the oldest members of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, addressed a few words to the brethren, and at the outset congratulated the Bolton brethren upon having so successfully, in every manner, carried out the arrangements for the mournful yet beautiful ceremony or service which had been so reverently and respectfully gone through that evening. He took that opportunity of assuring them that their sorrow occasioned by Bro. Brockbank's death was equally shared in by every member of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, of which lodge Bro. Brockbank had been an honoured and respected member for upwards of 15 years. That lodge, as they would be aware, was entirely composed of brethren who had attained to the dignity of office in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge, and therefore naturally the position of Worshipful Master in that lodge was one which might be said to be "a blue riband one." Bro. Brockbank had been unanimously elected to that office, and had he been spared what he might almost call a few hours longer, would have been regularly installed into the chair of K.S. Instead of that, however, the Great Architect of the Universe in His inscrutable Providence had thought fit to remove our dear brother from among us, and it became their melancholy duty on the day fixed for his installation to adopt a letter of condolence to his bereaved widow and family.

A closing march was rendered by Bro. Miles on the organ, and the lodge was then closed.

It may be observed that the musical arrangements were most admirably conducted by Bro. J. Bentley, Mus. Doc., P.P.G. Org.; the choir being composed of Bros. Collins, Almond, Williamson, Johnson, Whittaker, Harrison, and Binns. Bro. John Miles presiding at the organ. Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.P.S.G.D., acted as D. of C., and it may be added that all the brethren concerned most assiduously and efficiently carried out their parts, and the proceedings which throughout were characterised by the utmost reverence will long be remembered in Bolton.

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By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron, on behalf
of the House Committee—"That a gratuity of £25
be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Gover-
ness, on her retirement from the School, for the
purpose of being married."

By Bro. J. S. EASTES, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Kent—"That
this Court accept the sum of One Thousand Guineas
from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the
Centenary of the Institution, for the purchase of a
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Grand Master of Kent for the time being, or other
duly authorised person, in accordance with an agree-
ment similar to those providing for presentations
from West Yorkshire to this Institution."

By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, V.-Pres.—"That the following
addition be made to Law LV. after the word liveli-
hood in the sixth line, viz.:—"In any of which cases
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Original Correspondence.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1888.

INTERESTING MASONIC NOTICES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to express through your columns my indebtedness and thanks to Bro. Capt. G. Williams-Freeman, Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068 (Cairo), and to Bro. A. J. H. Large, J.W. and Treasurer of the same lodge, conjointly, for the interesting Masonic notices of the District Grand Lodge of Egypt, and the consecration of the Bulwer Chapter. Bro. Large also kindly sends me a summons from an Arab lodge, "The Hayat Masr," which but for the seal stamped thereon does not look very much connected with the Craft. This peculiar sheet makes an excellent puzzle. I am much obliged to the other brethren at home and abroad who have contributed to my collection and would say my album is by no means full. Will any brother with an odd copy direct it to me, care of the Editor of the *Freemason*?—Yours truly and fraternally,
COLLECTOR.



CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLASGOW, 1888.

This neat and most useful publication, issued by Bro. George Kenning, of West Howard-street, Glasgow, is well known to the fratres of that province, though a stranger to most else, notwithstanding its very large circulation. Many thousands are circulated by the several lodges, and other Masonic bodies of that great city; the cloth binding and the list of officers with special diary (or first page) being altered to suit the circumstances of each particular lodge, chapter, &c., that order a number for their members. Lists are inserted of the officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland, as also of the provincial bodies, then follow the "Masonic meetings to be held in the Glasgow Province for 1888," of 33 lodges and those for nine Royal Arch Chapters. After which are given particulars of 34 lodges and six chapters which assemble in the vicinity. Also addresses of the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges and chapters.

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, January, 1888. Nashville, Tennessee: The Brandon Printing Company.

In these records are contained a full account of the proceedings of the 74th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, held in Nashville, on the 25th, 26th, and 27th January, 1888, under the presidency of Bro. Caswell A. Goodloe, G.M., who was well supported by his Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of private lodges. The address of the Grand Master, which was delivered on the opening day, was shorter than such addresses usually are, but we are not inclined to find fault with it on that account. It appears to deal clearly, and concisely, and sufficiently with the principal events of the year to which it refers. Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll having been elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, the proceedings of the first day closed with a Grand Lodge of Sorrow in honour of the late Bro. John S. Dashiell, Past Grand Master. On the second day other Grand Officers were elected, and the Committee on Jurisprudence delivered their report, the chief matter in which related to non-affiliated brethren and their relations to the lodges near to their respective homes. On the last day other reports were presented including that of the Committee on Accounts, from which it appears that the receipts for the year, including balance from previous account amounted to nearly 16,489

dollars, and the expenditure to 11,051 dollars and upwards, the balance remaining in hand at the close of the account being in excess of 5437 dollars. The principal Grand Officers for the year are Bros. H. H. Ingersoll, M.W.G.M.; John T. Williamson, Deputy G.M.; Benjamin F. Haller, S.G.W.; William S. Smith, J.G.W.; W. H. Morrow, G. Treas.; and John Frizzell, G. Sec.; with Bro. W. A. Clendinning as Asst. G. Sec. From the table of returns it appears there are 386 chartered lodges and one under dispensation in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and that the total number of subscribing members is 14,092. There is appended a report of the Lodge of Sorrow in memory of the late Bro. John S. Dashiell, Past G. Master, already referred to, from which it appears that our late brother who died on the 8th June, 1887, was in the 80th year of his age and had been a Mason for upwards of 50 years, having been initiated on the 16th November, 1833, and that he had been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee from 1840 to 1852 when he was elected S.G.W., and was Grand Master in 1854 and in 1855; that he was Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of Tennessee 1840 to 1852, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Council in 1850 and 1851, besides having filled other important offices. In addition the volume contains the "Constitution of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee" and its edicts as well as a very ample report from the Committee on Correspondence, in which is much readable matter.



Craft Masonry.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., on Thursday, the 19th inst. There were present Bros. C. J. Free, W.M.; J. Stroud, S.W.; G. H. Clark, J.W.; C. Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; W. Hayward, S.D.; S. Toye, J.D.; E. Hill, I.G.; C. Schmidt, Steward; H. W. Sherwin, Org.; B. Picking, P.M.; C. Patrick, P.M.; W. J. Barnes, T. Taylor, M. Doerr, A. J. Millington, A. K. Turberville, A. Christel, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. H. Dove, 45; R. Ede, 1471; C. Kramm, 879; C. Trotter, 1238; E. J. Farries, 1365; T. Tyrell, 1743; E. Laury, 1883; and A. R. Lemaire, 2161, New South Wales.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. C. R. T. Reifenstein was balloted for, which proved unanimous, and that gentlemen, together with Mr. Robert Everett (previously balloted for), being in attendance, were initiated in a very able manner by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year proved unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. John Stroud. Bro. C. Gieseke was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. I. Bowler elected Tyler. The Auditors having been appointed, a P.M.'s jewel was very cordially voted to Bro. Free for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned for refreshment, which was served under the personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Glover, in a very excellent manner, and gave every satisfaction.

The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Patrick proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and observed that the Upton Lodge never had a W.M. who had the interests of the lodge more at heart than Bro. Free. He had worked hard for the benefit of the lodge in years gone by, and was doing his best to promote the interests of the lodge at the present time. He had given every satisfaction as W.M., in which the brethren could bear him out; and he was glad there were signs of coming prosperity for the Upton Lodge in the future. He concluded by congratulating Bro. Free on the happy termination of his year of office.

The toast was most heartily received, and

Bro. Free, in reply, in thanking Bro. Patrick for the very flattering manner he had spoken of him, as also the brethren for the very kind way they had received it, said he was glad to see signs of improvement in the affairs of the lodge, and hoped prosperity would soon attend the lodge. He was very proud to hold the position of W.W., and was grateful to the P.M.'s and officers of the lodge for the great assistance he had received at their hands during his year of office, without which he felt sure he could not have discharged his duties as he had, and he assured them that he also in his turn would render the future W.M.'s any assistance that lay in his power. By the kind co-operation of the officers the lodge was conducted in a very harmonious spirit, and he hoped it would be many a long year before that harmony would be disturbed, for he felt confident while that harmony continued the future success of the lodge would be ensured.

The toast of "The Initiates" next followed, and the W.M. congratulated them on their initiation, and hoped in time—as he felt assured they would—that they would appreciate the true principles of Freemasonry, and become in time shining lights amongst them.

Bro. Everett thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said he was proud of being a Freemason, and would do his best to uphold the dignity of his membership in the Craft.

Bro. Reifenstein also thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said he would try and make himself a worthy member of Upton Lodge.

"The Visitors" was next proposed and honoured, and the W.M. paid a deserving compliment to each brother, and particularly to their N.S.W. brother, Bro. Lemaire, to whom he was pleased to give a most hearty welcome. He had come a long long journey to obtain the best London medical advice for his failing sight, and he sincerely hoped, and it was the earnest wish of every member present, that he would soon reap the benefit of the valuable assistance of such an eminent oculist as Dr. Couper, who, they were given to understand, was attending him.

The visitors, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kindly welcome they always gave visitors, also for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

Bro. Lemaire, in replying, begged to assure the W.M. and brethren that he was very proud of the honour done him that evening, that being the first lodge he had visited in England since leaving his native land, and he would take with him on his return a vivid recollection of the kind, cor-

dial, and truly fraternal manner he had been received in the Upton Lodge, he being a perfect stranger amongst them, and also thanked them for their kindly sympathy in his affliction, and hoped, with God's blessing, soon to regain his partial loss of sight, under the very able care of Dr. Couper.

"The W.M. elect" was next honoured, and the toast was cordially received. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Stroud on his recovery from the effects of his late accident, by which his ankle was unfortunately broken, and assured him he had the heartiest sympathy of every member of the lodge, who were pleased to see him in the lodge again, and receive the honour he so much deserved.

In replying, Bro. Stroud thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner his health had been received, and assured them he felt the dignity of the office conferred upon him, and trusted his endeavours to discharge the duties of the chair would meet with the approbation of the brethren. He also thanked them very much for their kind sympathy upon the accident which lately befel him. He would use his earnest endeavours to maintain the harmony of the lodge as his predecessors had done, and trusted he might be spared to go out of the chair with the same credit as Bro. Free, the present W.M., for he knew if the same support was awarded him by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge as had been given the present W.M., his year of office would be both an honourable and a happy one.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given, which included the Treasurer and Secretary, and was cordially received, as it always has been, as was also the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. taking the opportunity of thanking each officer for his support during his tenure of office.

Bro. G. H. Clark, J.W., responded in a very effective speech, after which the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

The enjoyment of the evening was very much enhanced by the excellent manner Bro. Sherwin, Organist, performed as instrumentalist and vocalist, both powers being exercised in a very able manner, as also the very kind assistance of Bros. Free, Patrick, Stroud, and Clark.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; J. B. Cumming, P.M., Treas., acting as I.P.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; J. Skinner, acting as J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; H. W. Schartau, acting as S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; H. Wilkie-Jones, I.G.; Robt. Potter, Tyler; A. Barnard, P. D. Rees, F. Jackson, and E. Rönassen. Visitors: Bros. D. C. Woolcott, W.M. 59, New York Dist., U.S.A.; and C. A. Iiter, S.D. 2246.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Report of the Audit Committee was confirmed. It showed that the lodge had entertained during its first Session 293 visitors, amongst them many distinguished American Masons. A ballot having been taken for Mr. E. A. Rönassen, and proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Alfred Barnard was raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving in a clear manner the traditional history. The death of the beloved wife of the worthy I.P.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, having been communicated to the brethren, who expressed great sorrow at the sad news, the W.M. proposed the following resolution: "Whereas, God, in his supreme wisdom, has bereft our Bro. Brackstone Baker of his beloved wife, it is therefore resolved by the Anglo-American Lodge, that each member deeply sympathises with Bro. Baker in the loss of an affectionate companion, who was his ever faithful friend, who rejoiced in his joy and sympathised in his sorrow, and the united prayer of this lodge is that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant him peace and comfort, and strength to cheerfully perform the remaining duties of life allotted to him." Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, in seconding the vote of condolence, said he should always remember with pleasure the kindness shown towards him by the esteemed wife of their I.P.M., and he deeply sympathised with Bro. Brackstone Baker in the loss of an affectionate and devoted wife. Carried unanimously. A cablegram was received during lodge meeting from Bro. Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, "Heartly good wishes from American brethren," also letter of thanks for the illuminated vote of thanks for the American Master's jewel which was presented to the Anglo-American Lodge by Bro. Charles E. Meyer and the American visiting brethren last year, and another letter introducing to the lodge the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. Henry S. Getz, who, unfortunately could not attend this meeting. A reply to Bro. Charles E. Meyer's cablegram was sent—"Anglo-American Lodge sends thanks and best wishes." Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bro. George Lambert, P.M.; Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bros. Consul-General Waller, Theodore H. Tilton, J.W.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; Edward Jackman, and many others. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the third Tuesday in September.

STONEHOUSE.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 189).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at St. George's Hall, to instal Bro. Frank R. Thomas, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Ward, Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., Chap., P.P.G.C., P.J.G.W., and A. S. Hendy, P.M. and Sec., the latter of whom eloquently rendered the charges. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of the following: Bros. T. S. Bayley, P.M., P.P.G.T.; C. Croydon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. White, P.M.; R. Pikes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. H. Header, P.M. 105, P.G.O.; Major M. Tracy, P.M., 2238, P.S.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Sec.; S. Jew, P.M., 2258, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. H. Macey, P.M. 1847; J. Leonard, W.M. 202; C. G. Whitell, W.M. 2025; W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847; and J. Gidley, P.M. 2025. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Ward, I.P.M.; J. B. Moulder, S.W.; Surgeon S. T. O'Grady, R.N., J.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M., P.P.G.C., P.J.G.W., Chap.; T. S. Bayley, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; A. S. Hendy, P.M., Sec.; Dr. J. Harrison, S.D.; George Stawell, J.D.; Stirling Graves, I.G.; Chas. F. Dunster-ville, P.M., D.C.; George Dunsterville, A.D.C.; G.

Chambers Geach and G. J. Mills, R.N., Stwds.; and J. Gidley, P.M., Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon was elected representative at Committee of Petitions. The brethren afterwards selected Bro. Hendry as Charity Steward. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and two joining members were elected.

In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. Routly's, Farley Hotel, an excellent and well-served banquet being supplied. In addition to those already named there were present Bros. E. H. Littleton, P.M. 230; W. H. Kennedy, I.P.M. 1205; H. Whitfield, 1099; D. C. Herbert, 230; T. Taylor, 223; H. Vodden, 39; J. Sullivan, 2025; and J. Collins.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Herbert, who was in good voice, sang with much acceptance "The Diver," "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," and "Drinking." Bro. Header won much commendation both as accompanist and vocalist, his rendering of "Yes, let me like a soldier fall," being warmly encored. The comic element was supplied by Bros. Leonard and Kennedy, whose efforts to amuse were most successful. Bro. G. Hawken, P.M. 189, contributed a capital reading, and Bros. Croydon, Major Tracy, and Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon also assisted in a very pleasing programme.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The extraordinary advances Masonry has made in the Woolwich district during the last 10 years, and is still making, was fully exemplified by the great gathering of the brethren at the installation meeting of the above lodge on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when Bro. Jas. M. Miller, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. The meeting place was the Masonic Hall, William-street, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. J. Naylor. Bro. H. J. Roberts having been passed, and Bros. Stapley, Cavey, Bond, and Benstead raised, Bro. Miller was presented to Bro. Warren, P.M., Sec., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which portion of the ceremony that brother carried out admirably. The new W. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Naylor, I.P.M.; Walter Webber, S.W.; S. E. Southgate, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; J. McCollough, S.D.; J. D. Taylor, J.D.; W. Lawson, I.G.; W. J. Bidgood, Org.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; H. Tufnell, A.D.C.; T. Ovenden, P.M., and G. Nichols, Stewards. Bro. Naylor, I.P.M., then gave the addresses, and finished the ceremony.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned, by special boat and train, to the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, to banquet.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. F. Dawson, P.M.; G. Crawford, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; Lieut. W. Ward, C. Schwer, F. Marfleet, A. Webb, A. Sanderson, G. Mitchell, P. Auld, A. Fenn, W. Bennett, H. Smith, J. Bull, H. Palmer, W. Long, S. Smith, G. Porter, J. Marchant, H. King, W. Flory, F. Forest, S. Brooks, J. Carty, H. G. Cox, J. A. Martin, T. Mason, E. Phillips, C. Ketley, W. West, and T. West, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.S.G.D.; E. Palmer, P.M.; W. D. Keeble, W.M.; W. G. Lloyd, J.W.; G. Campbell, R. Rabson, W. Sanders, J.D.; D. K. Summers, and R. Turrell, of 913; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Moulds, P.M.; J. Seager, J.W.; H. Swinherd, Quartermaster Ranken, and P. Mulroy, of 1536; Capt. W. Richey, P.M. 51; J. Savage, W.M.; C. Wood, S.W.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; and W. Turvey, of 1472; Lieut. W. Tailby, W.M.; H. Grice, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; C. Davis, P.M.; B. J. Hancock, G. Chambers, and T. James, of 13; J. Gardner, W.M. 2120; A. Pringle, 92; J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; G. Mitchell, P.M.; G. Cashfield, and G. Letton, of 615; T. West, P.M. 1815; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; J. Murray and T. C. Lawson, of 1759; L. H. Nichols, 1714; A. Hely, 858; J. B. Lowry, 1331; W. Long, sen., 1076; J. Newell, 1658; T. Balchin, J. Kent, and F. Bunker, of 2030; S. Chiversee, 187; G. Hansell, 1305; and others.

The banquet, which was very nicely served, having been discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said the W.M. had placed the gavel in his hand for a special purpose. It had been there many times before, but never did he remember using it more worthily or with more pleasure than upon that occasion. It was to propose their W.M.'s health, and he knew, and they knew, that their choice of one to rule over them could not have fallen upon a better man or a better Mason, or one who was more worthy of that choice. He trusted they would support their W.M.—in fact, he felt sure they would—even more than they had him (Bro. Naylor), and make his year of office a memorable and prosperous one in the annals of the lodge. He asked them to stand up as one man and drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

The Worshipful Master, who was loudly cheered, said he rose to respond to a toast that he had never had the honour to respond to before. That perhaps had its difficulties and also its disadvantages, but the I.P.M. had put the toast in such glowing terms, and it had been received so kindly and enthusiastically by the brethren, that words failed altogether to sufficiently thank him and them for it. He had been elected to a very important office, the responsibilities of which were not unknown to him, but he trusted that he should in every way fulfil their expectations, and if the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health and strength they might depend upon it that he would fulfil them to the letter. He cordially and heartily thanked them for the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he was supported that day by a very influential body of Past Masters, a fact that made him exceedingly proud. They had Bro. Dawson, one of the oldest Past Masters and Masons of the lodge, whose name for excellent working was a household word in the district. Also Bro. Crawford, who was a tower of strength in his day. He had also Bros. Richey, Wilkins, Hobson, Roberts, Ovenden, and Butt, their excellent Treasurer, and Warren, their indefatigable Secretary, of whom it was impossible to speak too highly; Bros. Sweeting, Sanderson, and last, but not least, their I.P.M., Bro. Naylor. He felt it impossible to enumerate the good work done by those good Masons for the benefit of the lodge; they all knew better than he could tell them, but not only did they do good work in the lodge, but in the lodge of instruction. He would not take their time up longer, but would ask them to drink the toast with a hearty good fire.

Bro. Dawson said he was very pleased to see that the mantle of Master had fallen upon Bro. Miller, and also upon such good men in the past as Bros. Butt, Hobson, Warren, and others. The W.M. had referred very kindly, he must say, to the time when he and Bro. Crawford did good work in the lodge. Well, there was one good thing in Masonry, as one fell out of it another took his place, and it was the same in every well organised society. He thanked them heartily for their kind reception of the toast, and trusted the name of "Nelson" and the Nelson Lodge would never die.

Bro. Butt hoped the lodge would go on and prosper for many years to come. He was very pleased that Bros. Dawson and Crawford were present, as he felt sure it would give them encouragement to go on and do even better in the future than they had in the past.

Bro. Warren spoke highly of the abilities of the W.M., and was also pleased to see such old Past Masters present as Bros. Dawson and Crawford. He hoped they would attend the lodge often. He thanked the W.M. for placing him again in the office of Secretary. He strongly advocated the claims of the Nelson Lodge of Instruction to the attention of the brethren, and heartily thanked them for the reception of the toast.

Bro. Wilkins having briefly responded,

Bro. Hobson thanked the brethren for the support given him in his Stewardship for the Boys, which had enabled him, with the hearty co-operation of the Pattison Chapter, to take up the handsome sum of over £90.

Bro. Naylor was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which he feelingly and eloquently returned thanks.

Bro. Keeble, in responding for "The Visitors," said it was scarcely a fortnight since he was installed in the chair of K.S.; his feelings were then very different to what they were that day, as now he had nothing to do but enjoy himself, and also enjoy the excellent banquet and excellent music, and above all the good fellowship that existed among them, for if they could not find good fellowship among Masons, where could they expect to find it? He hoped that would be a good and successful year of office for the "Miller and his men," and that they would come to the new temple at Plumstead, and visit their brethren of the Pattison Lodge, where he could assure them they would receive a hearty welcome.

Bro. Tailby thanked the brethren for the cordial reception given him, and was proud to see such a lodge, and to know that it sprung from the bosom of that grand old lodge the Union Waterloo, over which he had the honour to preside. He scarcely considered himself a visitor, because he had so many friends in the lodge, and heartily wished it every prosperity.

Bro. Savage felt that he could endorse every word that had fallen from the lips of the previous speaker, and felt it a great pleasure, and even honour, to be present on such an auspicious occasion.

Bros. Weston, Cantle, and others also responded.

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Installing Officers," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the brethren took train and arrived safe home at Woolwich after a most enjoyable outing.

A string band, under the direction of Bro. Walker, played selections during dinner, and a very interesting programme was got through in excellent style.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 20th instant, in the Masonic Hall, King-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Walter Bailey, W.M., in the presence of and assisted by Bros. F. H. Hare, S.W.; W. H. Wilson, as J.W.; J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., as I.P.M.; F. J. Crowther, Sec.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as S.D.; T. W. Sproule, J.D.; J. Hilton, I.G.; W. Beaumont and Jos. Milner, Stewards; M. Deadman, Org.; W. Booth, Tyler; James Barker, P.M.; W. H. Wilkinson, and T. R. Maddison.

After the minutes of the regular lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Maddison was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The working tools and traditional history were given by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshment, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The first monthly meeting for the year of office of the new W.M. was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S. G.W., P.M., as Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; T. W. Avis, as J.D.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., D.C.; W. C. Tilt, as I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; R. Hughes, I.P.M.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. W. Hotham, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Chance was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and a successful ballot was taken for Mr. C. J. Honeysett and Lieut. John Hall, of H.M. West Riding Regiment, who, being both present within hail, were then respectively initiated into the mysteries of the 1st Degree. The whole of the ceremonies of the evening were very correctly and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Jordan, who is to be congratulated on the great success of this, his first meeting, the whole of the work having been performed without the slightest defect of any kind. The same remark applies also to the officers, who individually carried out their duties in a most gratifying manner. The transaction of some lodge matters brought the business to an end, and the lodge was then closed.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. J. Barrow, P.M.; R. Wolfenden, P.M.; J. Ellershaw, P.M.; W. King, P.M.; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; J. Heald, W.M. 281; John Atkinson, P.M.; and others.

Bro. D. Shaw, W.M., opened the lodge, after which he vacated the chair, and it was occupied by Bro. Oglethorpe, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. P. Dutton, P.J.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bros. Barrow and Wolfenden, and subsequently inducted

to the chair by Bro. Oglethorpe, the ceremony being performed in a very efficient as well as impressive manner, and who, in some portions of the rite, had the assistance of Bro. J. Ellershaw, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows, and who were severally conducted to their respective chairs by the Installing Officer, namely: Bros. D. Shaw, I.P.M.; R. Mortimer, S.W.; G. A. Morge, J.W.; J. Barrow, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Abbot, Sec.; J. Ellershaw, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.M., Org.; W. Linaker, S.D.; A. L. Price, J.D.; R. Threlfall, I.G.; J. L. Barrow and E. Smalley, Stwds.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and B. Hamer, Assist. Tyler. During the evening Bro. Oglethorpe, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. Shaw a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition of his services during the past year, and which it was unanimously agreed at the previous meeting should be awarded to him. Bro. Oglethorpe, in felicitous terms, referred to the satisfactory manner in which their late W.M. had carried out the duties pertaining to his high office, and he hoped would long be spared to wear the jewel. Bro. Shaw briefly acknowledged the gift. The jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and contained in a neat case, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. David Shaw, from the members of the Duke of Lancaster lodge, No. 1353, as a mark of esteem. June 25th, 1888." A most cordial and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Oglethorpe for his services as Installing Officer, on the motion of Bro. King, seconded by Bro. Barrow—each of whom bore flattering testimony to Bro. Oglethorpe's zeal in the cause of Masonry—and with whom Bro. Ellershaw's name was also associated. Bro. Oglethorpe, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his gratification at knowing his services were appreciated by the brethren, and referred to his connection with the lodge, and the interest he had always taken in its well-being and prosperity since he became a member of the Craft. His services were at the disposal of the lodge in all matters affecting its welfare. Other routine business was transacted, after which the lodge was closed.

The installation banquet was held on the 25th instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Ingleton, to which place a number of the brethren, accompanied by their wives, were conveyed in wagnettes from Lancaster, the drive being through some delightful sylvan scenery. The "out" was much enjoyed by all present.

HAMPTON COURT.—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. John Read, P.P.G. Org., P.M. and W.M.; W. R. Palmer, I.P.M.; Major Geary, as S.W.; C. J. Oxford, as J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; S. Hague, M.D., S.D.; F. A. Granville, I.G.; E. Caron, Stwd.; Postans, Gillham, Manlove, Saunders, Norrington, and Smart.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Norrington and Smart were regularly raised. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a letter was read from Bro. Cama, P.M., P.G. Treas., regretting his inability to attend the meeting, owing to pressure of engagements in town.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, served, as usual, in Bro. Sadler's satisfactory manner, and done ample justice to by the brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after a pleasant, agreeable, and satisfactory meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 20th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; J. Davis, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. J. F. Williams, S.D.; G. E. Higginson, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Ford, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; and F. Craggs.

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 and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Higginson, having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Davis was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—A meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, S.W., on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Warren, W.M.; Griggs, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Thomson, Sec.; Varrell, S.D.; Harrison, J.D.; Bull, I.G.; Hobbs, Leach, Stevens, Ingram, and Janes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hobbs. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stevens personating the candidate, after which Bro. Stevens answered the questions for passing. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Warren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Stevens answered the questions for raising. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Hobbs, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the dues were collected. Bro. Leach, 1748, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Griggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Griggs returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," 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 12th inst. Present: Bros. A. Proudfoot, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; G. S. Russell, S.D.; G. F. Swan, J.D.; E. Morrison, I.G.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. H. Watts, G. Wilson, R. Kirk, and R. J. Harnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley said it afforded him great pleasure to accept the position of Preceptor to the lodge, to which he had been unanimously elected, and with the kind assistance of the brethren he would endeavour to do all in his power to fulfil the duties of Preceptor to their satisfaction, and, he hoped, for the prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then invested Bro. Brindley with the P.M.'s collar, and as Preceptor, saying he did so with a great deal of pleasure. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. H. Watts worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. J. Harnell having

offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley 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, the W.M. proposed that a cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, be tendered to Bro. W. Brindley for accepting the Preceptorship of the lodge—seconded by Bro. E. Morrison, and carried unanimously. Bro. W. Brindley made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was held at the above address on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; R. Kirk, S.D.; S. Lichtenfeld, J.D.; C. B. Shemmonds, I.G.; W. Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. D. F. Rymer, C. A. Burgess, S. C. Fort, E. C. Mulvey, J. Rowe, G. Wood, W. Hancock, C. E. Stafford, C. Lambert, W. Culverhouse, and R. J. Harnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st, Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 2nd, and Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. S. Lichtenfeld, 1017, G. C. Stafford, 903, G. Wood, 1681, and T. Goldfinch, 1604. On rising for the second time, Bro. Brindley proposed that Bro. G. H. Reynolds be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas. and S.W.; G. Swann, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B., acting Sec.; P. J. Davies, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; H. G. Danby, I.G.; S. W. Keene, W.M. 865; J. Sims, P.M. 834; J. Davies, H. Cotton, W. H. Dresden, G. E. Wilton, J. B. Cory, Marsh, and R. Wiles.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cotton offering himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cotton as candidate. The Preceptor very ably gave the Lecture on the tracing board. Bros. J. Davies and G. Read, P.M., worked the Sections of this Lecture. The W.M. rose the usual number of times, and Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; Vandyke, S.W.; Higginson, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; L. Cox, S.D.; W. Dresden, J.D.; Woodard, I.G.; Jennings, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Bridger, Cross, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was to be rehearsed. Bro. Child, P.M., having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The 1st and 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was also worked in the same manner. Bro. Vandyke was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Hobbs, W.M.; Holland, S.W.; Statfield, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Piper, S.D.; Molony, J.D.; Rymer, I.G.; Coleman, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Lewis, Pullen, and Evans.

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. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Holland was unanimously elected W.M. for the 3rd prox. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Boyce, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Winny, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Ayling, Lingley, Salter, Cook, Russell, Taylor, Cowland, Poole, West, Grover, Jones, Sandals, Heathcote, Noble, and Hill.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Jones having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Jones as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Sandals as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Boyce for his excellent work in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Boyce thanked the members for the truly Masonic manner in which he had been received, and expressed the heartfelt pleasure he had enjoyed, particularly the working of the Section. Bro. Hudson was elected W.M. for the second Monday in August, next Monday being Preceptor's night and the following Monday Bank Holiday. Bro. Hudson 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.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. G. Elliott, M.E.Z.; C. Stevens, H. M.E.Z. elect; E. H. Thieilay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., 1st A.S.; W. Fisher, 2nd A.S.; Peat, D.C.; Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; J. Faulkner P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of the Rev. Bro. Sturdee, P.M., but he was not in attendance. Comp. Walls then installed Comp. Charles Stevens as First Principal. The installations of Comps. W. H. Matthews, H. elect, and W. Lee, J. elect, were postponed till the next meeting. The following investments then took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; Higgins, S.N.; Köhler, P.S.; W. Fisher, 1st A.S.; Peat, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Comps. Matthews and Lee. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

GREAT STANMORE.—Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this improving chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 11th inst., and although well attended was deprived of several distinguished visitors through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex having been held at Stanmore on the previous Saturday—it was, however, a very successful meeting. The chapter was duly opened, Comp. J. Tickle, P.Z., occupying the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. E. B. Haynes, H.; and Comp. W. A. Rogers, J. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed; the report of the Audit Committee read by Comp. Keyser, P.Z., Treas., was also approved and adopted. Three brethren were announced on the summons as candidates for exaltation but being unable to attend the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with. Comp. Haynes, who had previously been installed in another chapter, was appropriately placed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Tickle, and the full ceremony of installing Comps. Rogers and Blatchford as H. and J. respectively was impressively rendered by Comp. F. Brown, who has maintained a very firm allegiance to this chapter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers, viz.: Comps. C. E. Keyser, P.Z., Treas.; C. Veal, P.Z., S.E.; B. Hosegood, S.N.; D. R. Soames, P.S.; J. Best, 1st A.S.; W. R. Shutt, 2nd A.S.; J. S. Fraser, P.Z., Stwd.; and J. Middleton, Janitor. The following companions were also present: Comps. T. J. Maidwell, P.Z.; C. H. Webb, P.Z.; C. B. Todd, D. H. Jacobs, P.Z.; E. C. Kilsby, W. Wilson, and J. L. Holmes. Visitors: Comps. M. Slaughter, J. 404, and A. W. Wells, Z. 975, 1556. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. J. Tickle with the handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning,) voted at the last meeting, which was suitably acknowledged. After the usual enquiries and "Hearty good wishes" from other chapters the meeting was closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet, where the usual toasts were ably given by the M.E.Z., and duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening was spent, fully maintaining the credit of the chapter both for working and hospitality.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, M.W.S.; E. Bro. G. Berkeley, Prelate; Ill. Bros. G. Graveley, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, Treas.; E. Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S.; Recorder; W. B. Kidder, G.M.; Ill. Bros. H. J. Lardner, Raphael; Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, C. of G.; W. Roebuck, 31, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; Charles Belton, Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; E. Bros. L. Steele, M. Maple, G. H. Grimwood, Hawkins, W. W. Codd, W. W. Hayworth, N. Prower, M.A., Hale-Hilton, and others. Bros. Honey, P.M.W.S. 69, and B. R. Bryant were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Fisher, P.M., and, it proving to be unanimous, he was most ably perfected by the M.W.S. E. Bro. Berkeley having been presented, he was impressively installed as M.W.S. for the year ensuing by Ill. Bro. Lieut. Gardiner, who received a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The following investments then took place: Ill. Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, Prelate; G. Graveley, 1st Gen.; E. Bro. W. B. Kidder, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. W. Paas, Treas.; E. Bro. T. C. Walls, Recorder; Ill. Bros. H. J. Lardner, G.M.; Capt. Stohwasser, Raphael; E. Bros. Pigache, C. of G.; Capt. Bassano, D.C.; Grimwood, Herald; Ill. Bros. Lott, Mus. Doc., Org.; Capt. Williamson, A.D.C.; and Austin, Equerry. A P.M.W.S.'s jewel having been presented to Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, apologies for non-attendance were received from Ill. Bros. F. Binckes, Anderson, Dr. Lott, and E. Bros. Pigache, Pears, Thompson, F. W. Driver, M.A., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, to dine. The usual toasts followed.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.

The quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on the 12th inst., when there were present M.W. Fra. Dr. W. R. Woodman, M.D., IX^o, S.M.; R.W. Fra. T. C. Walls, VIII^o, M. of the T.; R.W. Fras. John Collinson, Hon. VIII^o, D.M.T.; Robt. Roy, Hon. VIII^o, P.M.I.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Hon. IX^o, Sec. and 1st Ancient; S. L. Macgregor Mathers, VIII^o, 3rd Ancient; W. Fras. Dr. T. W. Coffin, 5th Ancient; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Cond. of Novices; W. G. Lemon, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Org.; Nelson Prower, Guardian; Fra. George Gregory, and Fra. John Gilbert, Acolyte.

The M.C. was duly formed, and the Chain of Union was rendered complete. The minutes of the annual convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from 20 Frates, and letters from R.W. Frates Irwin and Whythead, and from all three of the candidates whose names appeared for the first time.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the name of a brother who had on several occasions failed to attend be removed from the list of candidates.

The SECRETARY notified the receipt of a P.O.O. for 10s. from Littlehampton, by post, the same being enclosed in an unsigned letter; the same thing occurred also two years ago, and no one had ever claimed the ownership of the remittance.

The SECRETARY GENERAL—then rose and said—M.W. Supreme Magus, M. of the T., and Frates: Our Frater Macbean has posted to me his lecture, with a request that, in his unavoidable absence, another Frater should read it to the members of the Metropolitan College. I regret that our summonses for this convocation were printed before I received this lecture, for I find the title should be, a criticism of Waite's "Real History of the Rosicrucians," and of his "Digest of the Works of Levi," with views of the Ancient Rosicrucians. I may say that Waite is not a Rosicrucian, nor even a Freemason, and that he is the individual who last year apologised, on my demand, for

reprinting in his book our original by-laws without permission. This breach of law and etiquette was strongly resented by the Northern College, in which Frater Macbean was admitted a Zelator.

The lecture was read by R.W. Frater MATHERS. A criticism of Waite's "Real (?) History of the Rosicrucians," Waite's "Mysteries of Magic—a Digest of the works of Eliphaz Levi, with views of the Ancient Rosicrucians," who said: "In the first place, I propose to show, from his own boastful admissions, that Waite is totally unfit adequately to fulfil his self-imposed task—and after a brief review of his two productions, I will give you, in a few words, a succinct resumé of my views on the subject. Last year I first made Waite's acquaintance as an author, through his "*Digest of the Works of Eliphaz Levi*." This celebrated Occultist and Kabbalist, had published several works well-known to all mystical students, but, as they had never appeared in English, our venturesome friend determined to collate these writings into one volume. I have read over some of the Abbé Constant's (Eliphaz Levi) efforts several times, and may therefore fairly claim a slight knowledge of his teachings, and a certain measure of ability to compare his intentions with the translation and condensation of Waite, which may be briefly described as *Hash*. Waite has certainly shown up some discrepancies in the different volumes; but the sympathetic reader knows quite well that these arise from Levi's attempt to sit on two stools—on the one hand his desire to impart "hidden wisdom," and on the other hand the fear of his ecclesiastical superiors before his eyes. In the course of his work on the Rosicrucians, we find it blazoned forth that the author is solely actuated by a desire for historical accuracy, and that the great critical acumen (of which he is so proud) is employed with the one object of dispelling false notions of the Fraternity; which means, in plain English, that he desires to annihilate our claims to antiquity, and throughout his book he holds a brief for this side of the question. Now, the very faculties on possession of which he plumes himself are those which render it quite impossible for him to perform the task he has elected to attempt, alike in the case of Eliphaz Levi and the Fraternity. We find that he is an adept in phrase-slipping, and goes gaily out of his way to have an extra fling at poor Hargrave Jennings, of whom he speaks with unstinted dispraise. Personally I have but scant respect for Jennings' work, "The Rosicrucians," which is certainly a mass of ill-digested information, with a considerable leavening of error; but all the same it gives rise to a feeling of contempt in our minds when we find an equally misinformed author casting mud at one in like evil case with himself. By the way, our Secretary General, Frater Wynn Westcott, quite recently brought Waite very sharply and successfully to book for an unauthorised use of some of our official documents. If, as an old writer puts it, "who drives fat oxen should himself be fat," it is abundantly clear that only an initiate can fairly represent the claims of the Rosicrucians. In dealing with these profound subjects an author, to be successful, must have sympathy with, and experience of, the question under consideration, and the reader of Waite's History will speedily find that what I lay down as a desideratum is conspicuous by its absence. This writer requires a very different training before he is able to cope with such problems as that now under review. Let us now glance at the "Fama Fraternitatis," which, if read as it stands, without discernment, must appear a very unreliable document. Our learned experts, however, assert that it possesses a solid substratum of truth; they hold that it is a more or less accurate history of events that took place about 1380; but there is a divergence of opinion as to how it came to the front in 1615. Possibly some initiate, or a discovered scrap of old mystical literature, may have furnished the skeleton, afterwards clothed by ignorant hands. Stripped of its enfoldings, we may reasonably concede that it treats of a certain person who was a master of esoteric knowledge, and that during the succeeding two-and-a-half centuries many traditions became associated with the story of his life. It requires no stretch of imagination to believe that an illuminated brother *did* exist about that time, for we read of many notable philosophers who devoted their energies in this direction; for instance, Raymond Lully, 1234-1314; Paracelsus, 1493-1541; Johann Reuchlin, 1455-1522; Cornelius Agrippa, 1486-1535; Van Helmont, 1577-1644; and Fludd, 1594-1637. Even if the name Christian Rosenkreutz were fictitious, it does not affect the argument; this designation "C.R." may have been given on very insufficient grounds, but it plainly conveys high mystical teaching both to the Christian and the Eastern student. We should also bear in mind that there is much symbolism in these subjects, and that allegory is not the exclusive attribute of the Third Degree of Craft Masonry. We turn next to the "*Confessio*," which is a very washy production, and standing alone would be sufficient to put our case out of Court. It has the appearance of being an attempt on the part of some ill-informed men to graft their own peculiar Lutheran tenets on a mystic stock, probably in the hope and expectation that in this way their views might meet with more general attention and acceptance, in an age when every one was running after wonder-working and miracles, than if put forth in their bold natural form. We know that, at this period, charlatanism was rampant, and in all directions pseudo-professors were busy transferring to their own pockets the wealth of their dupes, in exchange for worthless recipes that, when put to the test, would neither transmute metals nor perform any useful or beneficent purpose whatever. We must speak in very different terms of the *Chemical Marriage*. However opinions may vary as to its value, we are forced to admit that the teaching and sentiments contained therein are very beautiful and instructive. The alchemical student can there find ample scope for reflection. In those days, at any rate, Rosicrucianism and Alchemy went hand in hand. By this latter word we do not necessarily imply that the making of gold is meant, for this was rather esteemed a chemical labour on a lower plane than the spiritual advancement and regeneration (or TRUE philosopher's stone) that the Highest Initiates aimed at, and mainly concerned themselves with working out. Waite has done good service in exposing the barefaced wholesale plagiarisms of Heydon; but even here his "keen insight" has not enabled him to discover the most flagrant case of all. I allude to the "Rosicrucian Island," which is taken word by word from the "New Atlantis." Heydon did not even refer to the original Latin version by Francis Bacon "the wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind." Pope), but slavishly followed Gorge's English edition, published in 1629. A comparison of the two narratives will prove this from the use of certain phrases. A copy of

this work is one of Cassell's National Library. Heydon desired the world to believe that he was a Frater; but from these remarks you may judge how much, or little, reliance is to be placed on any statements made on his authority. Some of the cognoscenti are of opinion that Heydon was really a Zelator; but that his unbridled writings and bold assumptions, together with his arrogance of knowledge, barred his advancement to the higher grades. I am not at all clear on this point, however; but he seems to have practised Geomancy successfully. We have all, seemingly, implanted in us, whether near the surface or deep down in our nature, a leaning to the marvellous; and this, carried out to a reasonable issue, brings us in touch with mystic researches. From the earliest ages we find traces of the Magi, who were the custodians of esoteric and hermetic knowledge, and students of occult lore. In various countries and different times these Illuminati have been addressed by many titles, but it matters not whether you term them Masters, Wise Men, or Rosicrucians. The "hidden wisdom" has filtered down to us from the night of time, and, though many know it not, is still with us. The teachings of these great philosophers, when placed on record, have always been couched in mystic symbols or veiled in language that is beyond the comprehension of the un-enlightened, and it is apparent that this precaution was of paramount necessity, for it would have caused untold mischiefs if such great powers as were undoubtedly possessed by certain of the adepts had been committed to the hands of untrained men. This custom has been invariable, as you can readily discover for yourselves by referring to the Hermetic writings, the Kabbala, &c., &c. That some of these Magi were able to work great wonders is amply evidenced by the Biblical version of the contest between Moses and the Egyptian priests, and such of us as have been in the East hardly need to be reminded of the astounding feats that are still common in those far distant lands. As most intelligent persons are well aware, many of these performances are entirely independent of any appliances such as the Western conjurers require for the execution of their tricks, and some of them, such as that known as the "Mango tree," without the aid of any accomplice. Such exhibitions as these, however, are a very low and degraded phase of occult power, and I only allude to them in support of my contention that there are available forces not generally known. The High Initiate of the Eastern Mysteries practically never shows off his potency, and most emphatically *never* for money. Such a proceeding would at once plainly imply an exercise of the "Black Art." Briefly stated, the Wise Man "*seeks to know all and remain himself unknown*." In words that you all should be familiar with, for they stand prominently forth in your Fellow Craft Ritual, these students strive to discover "*the hidden mysteries of nature and science*." I trust you will pardon my noting here that, as far as any practical instruction or result is concerned, these words of high import might as well be eliminated from your service, for they never receive worthy explanation in your Craft lodges: very possibly they are retained for their imposing appearance, though the spirit of the words has fled hence. What I have said (just previous to this slight digression) is meant to enforce my idea that, at the dates we are considering more especially, Real Rosicrucians *did* exist, though it is open to question how far they interested themselves in the movement upon which Waite endeavours to shed light. Freely admitting the great difficulty of our subject, I incline on the whole to the belief that the Illuminati *did* take any very active part in the publication of the so-called Rosicrucian documents; though these certainly contain some of our faith and doctrine. I have already shown—1st, That plain teaching could not have emanated from our Masters; 2ndly, That their usual custom was to keep themselves concealed from the view of the "*Oi polloi*;" and my 3rd reason is that (so far as we are aware) the Wise Men never *were* *Secretarian*; certainly they would not demean themselves by the endeavour to bolster up the "*Lutheran cause and damn the Papal Hierarchy*." The whole consensus of our accumulated experience of these mystics goes to prove that they held only the esoteric religion common to all the initiated. While in name disciples of the Prophet, it is an assured fact that the Sufis are really Zoroastrians; and that though to suit the exigencies of their surroundings the Magi might seem outwardly to be Orthodox Buddhists, Christians, or Moslems, it is quite clear to those who can read between the lines that, as in the case of the Isiac cult, they were sufficiently instructed to look behind the shadow that attracted and received the veneration of the non-illuminated worshippers. The ancient sacred mysteries invariably inculcated the dogma of the *Divine Unity*, besides enforcing a consideration of the laws which govern the material and spiritual world. In short, like our own Fraternity, their *subject was Man—their object his Advancement*. The Oriental teaching has always exerted great influence on the minds of all who come in contact with it; and it evokes perceptions that are only latent in the Occidental thinker. As an illustration of this result, if we turn to the Templars, we find that, though banded together for a high and holy Christian enterprise, they, undoubtedly, imbibed no inconsiderable modicum of esoteric knowledge during their long sojourn in Syria; and in connection therewith we may notice their favourite emblem, the White Horse. I trust a humble Frater may be pardoned for venturing to express a hope that *all* our members, not forgetting the Frateres who occupy the highest offices in our Order, may devote a due measure of attention to the supremely suggestive phrases which constantly occur in the very beautiful ritual used when receiving candidates into the 1st Degree—*e.g.*, "the powers and properties of numbers;" "the primary secrets of nature and truth;" "the mysteries of the Kabbalists;" "Hermetic Science and Theosophy;" &c., &c. If these terms are to be anything more to us than very much of the teaching of the Three Symbolical Degrees is to the average Craft Mason, then in our various grades the Masters must teach, and no doubt those in lower positions will be ready to avail themselves of the instruction afforded to them. Speaking for myself, I have had, and still have, very great enjoyment and profit in the study of these and similar subjects, and my great regret is that so little time is at my command for the pursuit of knowledge on the lines of the "*Secret Wisdom*" of the ages. Recollecting that we are all necessarily Freemasons, it seems not out of place to close these discursive remarks with a quotation from D'Israeli's comments on Fludd, which Bro. Robert Freke Gould, who has shown himself to be a remarkably accurate, clear-headed thinker, has seen fit to record in the pages of that "Mag-

num opus" which has stamped him "facile princeps," *The Historian of Free Masonry*. He says in his extract from the "Curiosities of Literature"—"We may smile at jargon in which we have not been initiated, at whimsical combinations we do not fancy, at analogies where we lose all semblance, and at fables which we know to be nothing more; but we may credit that *these terms of the learned Fludd conceal many profound and original views and many truths not yet patent*."

The M. of the T. called upon the fratres to enter upon a discussion upon the lecture, previous to putting a cordial vote of thanks to Fra. Macbean.

R.W. Frater Dr. WILLIAM ROBERT WOODMAN, M.D., the Supreme Magus, in opening the discussion, hailed with pleasure the receipt of a lecture from a frater in the sister kingdom, and whom he knew personally as an earnest occult student. The "Fama Fraternitatis" was a most valuable and erudite work, and was, no doubt, a veracious history. The "Confessio" referred to a later date, and possessed marked Lutheran characteristics and was a departure from pure Rosicrucian theosophy. The old Rosicrucians were pure and ancient deists, recognising one God in nature, and would never enter into personal religious quarrels and damn the Pope, any more than Luther, or *vice versa*. Many of the ancient religions, with an exoteric multiplicity of deities, were unitarian in their esotericism; they caught the "*oi polloi*" with the glare of a host of consecrated attributes. Frater Macbean's taunt of F.C.'s who do not study the hidden mysteries of nature and science does not touch the true modern Rosicrucian students, of which the college has notable examples. The remarks which Waite has added to Levi's words, in his English version, are rubbish added to golden truths. He called on the fratres to study the "Chemical Wedding," which, read between the lines, contained curious and mystical lore. He proposed a vote of thanks to Frater Macbean.

R.W. Frater JOHN COLLINSON, D.M.T., seconding the vote, said he earnestly desired that the lecture should be printed in their archives, and that every encouragement should be offered to students of the Rosicrucian mysteries. The age which produced C.R. and his fratres, as narrated in the "Fama," produced a crowd of other men of great eminence, who were all tintured by occult learning—note Loyola, Luther himself, and Cornelius Agrippa.

W. Frater Rev. T. W. LEMON said he should like the author to supply further information as to the reference to the "White Horse," and its connection with the Templars and Syrian mystics. (This was promised.)

R.W. Frater S. L. MACGREGOR MATHERS said he greeted the lecture as the only criticism of the works of Waite which had been written by a modern Rosicrucian. Mrs. Sinnett, the Theosophist, had written the only one he had before seen which had any value. He agreed with Macbean that Hargrave Jennings had run wild with Phallism. Christian Rosenkreutz is a covered and a mystic name, and a symbolic title only. John Heydon, mentioned by Macbean, was a curious mixture of wisdom and folly. Much of his books is matter copied from Christopher Cattian, Agrippa, and others. The special and peculiar aptitudes for magic shown by Eastern adepts are obtained by training the will until it becomes a motive power of immense energy.

R.W. Frater Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT said that at the revival of Rosicrucianism by M.W. Fra. Little the law that every frater should be known by his motto as a mystic name was in direct recognition of the fact that Christian Rosenkreutz was such a mystic name. He pointed out that the "Fama," written about 1614, was a history of what happened in 1380, while the "Confessio," although always associated with it and printed with it, is really a statement of the views of persons living in 1610 or thereabouts, who were, no doubt, Lutherans, and must, therefore, have differed widely from men who lived in 1380, and who could have had no connection with Luther, who flourished about 1520.

Other fratres having spoken, the vote was accorded by acclamation, and the Secretary was instructed to print the lecture and the discussion in the annual report in full.

There being no further business, the M.C. was dissolved and the Chain of Union rendered imperfect.

Master Masons desirous of becoming Rosicrucians should apply, by letter, to Dr. Wynn Westcott, 396, Camden-road, N., Secretary-General.

Royal Order of Scotland.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of this ancient Order for Yorkshire have just held their annual convocation, by invitation of the Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. William Valentine, M.A., at his residence, Whitley, Vicarage, near York. The weather was fine, and most of the members drove out from York in the morning, enjoying the fragrant air and the pretty sylvan landscapes seen during the nine miles distance. Arriving at the Vicarage gates, near which the Royal Standard was floating from a lofty flagstaff, the visitors received a characteristically Yorkshire welcome from their genial host, and after a brief interval were ushered into the drawing room, which had been prepared as a lodge room, much of the rare old oak furniture having been utilised, whilst the specially technical articles had been sent out from York in advance.

Here the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the following officers: Bros. Rev. W. Valentine, Prov. G. Master; T. B. Whytehead, Dep. P.G.M.; Capt. D. Grant, P.J.G.W.; G. Simpson, Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Brown, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. B. Atkinson, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. C. Pickersgill, Prov. G. Marischal; W. B. Dyson, Prov. G. Examiner; and others. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, of Darlington, having been accepted, was admitted and made a member of the Order, after which the chapter was closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge opened, and Bro. Wilkes was made a Knight of the R.C.S. The Treasurer's balance sheet was submitted and accepted, and the Prov. G. Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Capt. D. Grant, P.G.S.W.; W. H. B. Atkinson, P.J.G.W.; W. Brown, P.G. Sec.; H. C. Pickersgill, P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. Dyson, P.G. Marischal; H. E. Cousans, P.G. Examiner; J. M. Meek, Dep. P.G. Marischal; Col. Monks, P.G. Guard; and A. M. Fletcher, P.G.I.G. Bro. Geo. Simpson was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer. A warm vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. G.M. for his great hospitality, and the lodge was closed.

The visitors then adjourned to the dining-room, where an ample repast awaited them, and where they were joined by Mrs. Valentine, the Misses Valentine, and Mr. John Valentine, and after the removal of the cloth two or three of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received.

The remainder of the day was taken up by a visit to the church, which has been beautifully restored during Bro. Valentine's incumbency, and by Masonic gossip and cigars on the lawn, and, as the shades of evening drew near, the happy guests took leave of their hospitable host and his family, some en-route for the railway station, and others for York by road, to catch their trains for York, Durham, Pontefract, and other places.

PICNIC OF THE LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317, MANCHESTER.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., the members of this lodge had their annual summer outing, selecting Chester as their destination. The weather throughout the week had been anything but pleasant, and it was feared Pluvius would thrust his unwelcome presence upon the company, but fortunately, the fears proved groundless, and a very enjoyable day was spent. The company, numbering 35, assembled at the Central Station, Manchester, at 9.15, and soon afterwards took their seats in a very comfortable saloon carriage, provided by Bro. Bell, the courteous station master, and departed for Chester at 9.33. The picturesque old town was reached at 11.10, and the party made their way to the Golden Lion, where a very substantial lunch awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. At 12.30 the company went on board a steam launch, specially provided, and had a very pleasant sail up the ancient and famous river Dee, on both sides of which is some truly beautiful scenery. It had been arranged to visit Eaton Hall, which is usually done by picnic parties by permission of his Grace the Duke of Westminster, but in consequence of the recent death of one of the Duke's sons (Lord Robert Grosvenor), the hall was closed to visitors. As it was, however, the company walked through the grounds, and after finishing their walk sat down near the Iron Bridge, and regaled themselves with strawberries, &c., which had been thoughtfully provided by the genial and zealous W.M., Bro. W. B. Akerman. After thus refreshing themselves, they returned to Chester, and proceeded to the Golden Lion, where a capital dinner was served. During dinner, "The Health of the Ladies" was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., Bro. Akerman, and responded to on behalf of the fair sex by Bro. Charles Daber, J.D. The toast of "The Stewards" was proposed by Bro. H. Walmsley, P.M., and responded to by Bro. James Wilson, P.M. Last, but not least, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. John Bladon, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Akerman in appropriate terms. The company shortly afterwards wended their homeward way, reaching Manchester at nine o'clock, having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable day.

Amongst the company were the following: Bro. W. B. Akerman, W.M., Mrs. Akerman, and Mrs. John Clark; Bro. J. Robinson, S.W., and Mrs. Robinson; Bro. E. C. Chesworth, J.W., and Mrs. Chesworth; Bro. V. M. Vuitchoff, S.D.; Bro. Charles Daber, J.D.; Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Whittle; Bro. W. Garside, Steward, and Mrs. Garside; Bro. J. and Mrs. Marsden; Bro. and Mrs. Macalister; Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., and Mrs. Dawson; Bro. John Garside, I.P.M., and Mrs. Atkinson; Bro. J. Smethurst, P.M.; Bro. J. W. Edwards, P.M.; Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., Miss Wilson, and Mrs. Eddoes; Bro. H. Walmsley, Mrs. and Miss Walmsley; Bro. S. and Mrs. Hamer; Bros. C. J. Roscoe, T. Sumner, and G. Jackson. Great satisfaction was expressed by all present at the excellent luncheon and dinner provided by Mr. Watkins, of the Golden Lion, Chester.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONCLAVE, No. 6.

There was a numerous attendance of the brethren of this Order on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when a new conclave, to be designated the Anglo-American Conclave, No. 6, was consecrated, the ceremony being very beautifully performed by R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R., and R.W. Bro. W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., G.R., who were ably assisted by the following distinguished brethren: M.W. Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; R.W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.R.; J. Lewis-Thomas, D.R.O.; W. G. Lemon, L.L.B., G.I.; and W. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, G.S.; also the following members, who had been already inducted at M.W. Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie's house, viz.: Bros. George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; A. Clark, W. Hancock, H. W. Jones, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, J. B. Cumming, A. G. Wulff, J. Skinner, C. Corby, F. Jackson, and C. A. Burgess.

At the request of the G.S.R., the conclave was opened by R.W. Bro. W. J. Spratling, and the ballot proving unanimous for the following brethren, all being M.Ms., they presented themselves for induction: Bros. C. Lambert, 198; F. Kedge, 2191; J. Rowe, 2191; C. A. Burgess, 2191; P. D. Rees, 2191; J. Woodward, 2191; W. Dickeson, 179; F. W. Frigout, 171; Dr. R. L. Verley, 63; H. Daniell, 2191; J. W. Langlois, 63; G. Reynolds, 2191; and J. Skinner, 2191. The ballot was also unanimous in favour of the following brethren, who attended as visitors, and were inducted, being desirous of receiving the Degree in order that they might be able to assist in forming a conclave in Brighton, viz.: Bros. J. C. Bucknell, 1797; and A. F. Lamotte, 791. The consecration being over, R.W. Bro. T. H. Tilton was installed as S.R. of the conclave, and appointed his officers as follows: W. Bros. G. Lambert, 33; P.G.S.B., C.; A. Clark, G.; J. B. Cumming, T.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, D.C.; J. Skinner, Stwd.; F. Kedge, S.V.D.; C. Corby, V.D.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, V.D.; C. Lambert, V.D.; F. Jackson, Gd.; and R. Potter, S. On the motion of the S.R., which was duly seconded, it was resolved "That the best thanks of this conclave be, and are hereby, tendered to M.W. Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; R.W. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.R.; J. Lewis-Thomas, D.R.O.; W. G. Lemon,

L.L.B., G.T.; W. J. Spratling, and W. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, consecrating officers; that they be made honorary members of the Conclave; and that they be presented with the jewel of the Conclave." R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke expressed to the brethren his thanks and those of the consecrating officers for the honour conferred upon them, and wished the conclave every success. A Committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up by-laws for the conclave. Several brethren were proposed for induction at the next meeting. Nearly all the brethren (with the exception of the consecrating officers) who had been and were inducted, are founders of the conclave. There are twenty-four members of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, among the founders. Among the visitors were W. Bros. P. J. Dunbar, G.T. No. 5 Conclave; Richard Eve, Alfred Meadows Conclave; Lennox Browne, A. Sansom, G.C.; and others.

The conclave having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Prince's Room, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. B. Bertini, the manager.

At the banquet table the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in proposing the S.R.'s health, said that Bro. Theodore H. Tilton was well known amongst them as a most indefatigable Mason, hailing from America, and he wished the Anglo-American Conclave, No. 6, every success, and alluded in pleasing terms to the success which had attended the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191. He also said it was only just over a year since the Anglo-American Lodge had been formed, and which he consecrated, and should always remember the consecration with pleasure. Now they had formed a conclave, which had the appearance of being another success, and he hoped the conclave would be well supported by the members of the lodges.

MASONIC LECTURE AT SUNDERLAND.

A most interesting lecture was given on the 17th inst., in the lodge-room of the St. John Lodge, No. 80, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, and P.S.G.W. of Egypt, the well-known Masonic historian, on "Sketches of British Freemasonry: a Retrospect of Five Centuries."

The Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., D.P.G.M., occupied the chair, and in introducing the lecturer expressed the great pleasure it gave him to introduce so learned a brother to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. A link with the past was one of the most valuable heritages a nation could possess; and in the Order of Freemasonry they retained the connecting link with the best aspirations and deeds of mankind in the past ages. No one was better able to trace the early history of our Order than Bro. Hughan; and he was sure the knowledge gained would be interesting and profitable.

Bro. HUGHAN then proceeded with his lecture. He first dealt with the use and abuse of the legends of the Craft, and then went on to describe the old charges of British Freemasons, which were illustrated. He also gave a very interesting résumé of the customs of the Fraternity from the 14th century, and explained why the "secrets" had to be concealed and never revealed. He referred to the derivation of the Scottish versions of the "old charges" from South Britain, and gave several instances of noblemen and gentlemen joining the "mystic tie" a couple of centuries ago. He then dealt with the origin of the Premier Grand Lodge in 1717, and of the "Three Degrees," and next described the formation of the "Grand Lodge of all England," at York, in 1725. He also dealt with the rise of additional Degrees, especially of the Royal Arch and the constitution of the schismatic Grand Lodge in 1751. In conclusion, he traced the formation of the third Grand Lodge in London, under York auspices, in 1779, of the decadence of "York Masonry," of the inauguration, in 1813, of the United Grand Lodge of England, and the progress of the Order in England since.

At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the lecturer and the chairman.

The lecture was in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, and was attended by representatives from all parts of the provinces.



On the 31st instant the Daly Company leave the Gaiety Theatre to commence a short provincial tour prior to their return to the States. We, therefore, recommend our readers not to let the company leave without having seen the Daly version of "The Taming of the Shrew." Excellent business has been done in the more expensive parts of the house since the production of the Shakesperian comedy. We regret that the management is unable to give us a repetition of the other popular pieces such as "A Night Off," "Nancy and Co.," &c., but we sincerely hope it may not be very long before this clever company of artists are induced to re-visit our shores where they have on all three occasions received such a hearty welcome.

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Bro. Lionel Brough has taken advantage of Bro. Toole's absence, and produced, at the little house in King William-street, a play called "The Paper Chase," which was recently produced at a matinee at the Strand. The author—Mr. C. Thomas—is to be congratulated on his work—we believe his first attempt at play writing. We are reminded a little of "The Scrap of Paper," for the foundation of the plot, as in the latter play, the whole interest centres in the changing from hand to hand of a certain compromising letter. In "The Paper Chase," a recipe for Indian curry is the motive power—a somewhat weak one, but, wherefrom a capital farcical comedy is made the result. A pleasant love story, and some matrimonial jealousies, added to the hunt of the curry recipe, make the ingredients of a most diverting comedy. As the theatre is only held by Bro. Brough for three weeks from now, the place ought to be filled every night. Nowhere will a more laughable piece be seen. Bro. Brough has a part which fits him like a glove. He never overdoes it. His dress make-up and gait add to the effect of a most artistic per-

formance, which is very humorous, but exceedingly natural. His daughter, Miss Margaret Brough, makes her debut on the London stage, in a small part, and promises well. That excellent actor, Mr. E. D. Ward, is included in the cast, as are also Mr. E. W. Garden, Miss Kate Phillips, and Miss Helen Leyton. The piece is preceded by the ever popular "Good for nothing Nan," in which Bro. Brough is seen in one of his best characters, and ably supported by Miss Leyton. We advise anyone who means to see "The Paper Chase," to be in time for the curtain raiser.

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We did not see Mrs. Coffin's play "Run Wild" until it had been played for a fortnight at the Strand, and we are sure that it must have been vastly improved in construction and acting since the date of its first appearance. There are in it all the elements of a most interesting play. Its two faults is that it is a mixture of a farcical comedy and a strongly pathetic play, and that the interest is shifted during the acts from one character to another. We doubt whether any one supposed Mr. Edouin capable of appearing with such success in an emotional part, having for so long seen him in burlesque and other funny characters. "Run Wild" teaches a lesson to undutiful sons and snobs. The plot and subsequent working out of the piece would take up more room in our columns than we can spare, and we will conclude by saying there are many excellent lines in it, sometimes it is very laughable, and another time extremely pathetic, that move even men to tears. It is one of the plays to see again and derive benefit and pleasure from. Mr. Edouin is ably assisted by his wife, Miss Atherton, as a tom-boy young lady; Miss Susie Vaughan, an always pleasing actress, Mr. B. Webster, who makes a lot out of a rather poor part, Mr. C. Fawcett, as a fine manly and amusing young fellow, and Mr. Chevalier, as an amusing and not overdrawn kind of butler. We trust Mr. Edouin will find his new play a big draw. In every sense of the word "Run Wild" is a capital piece, and ought to be re-noticed by the critics. It is preceded by a pretty little farce called "Cycling," the characters being sustained most efficiently by Miss Atherton, and Messrs. Fawcett and Cheesman.

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The Empire, which is actively managed by Bro. Harry Hitchins, also presents an attractive programme, in the way chiefly of two beautiful ballets, arranged by Bro. Augustus Harris, and assisted by Mme. Katti Lanner, than which we have never seen anything more gorgeously mounted and pleasing to the eye in the way of colour, grouping, dresses, and dancing. Of the many songs, perhaps the most popular—as it is encored again and again—is the parody on Mr. Haydn Coffin's song, "Queen of my heart," entitled "I'm waiting for him to-night." It is very funny, and free from all vulgarity. The Empire Palace has been altered since its opening and re-decorated, and altogether greatly improved. We hear the receipts have reached a fabulous sum, therefore with judicious management the shareholders ought to come off well. The weather seems to make no difference to this popular place of amusement.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow presided at the centenary festival, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, of the Philanthropic Society's Farm School, Redhill, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Higgs being among the guests.

THRIFT ON THRIFTY LINES. — Latter-day experiences have considerably modified the belief that "the wise men came from the East." Indeed the old world has, since at least the beginning of the present century, been so favoured with trans-Atlantic novelties that now a days it is customary to assume, without enquiry, that a new thing, whatever the thing may be, is of American origin. And according to the latest apostles of Thrift, who have visited our shores, this is so in the case of life assurance as in most other matters. Little more than a twelve month ago the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York—a life office based upon new and particularly attractive lines—having carried on business in the States for upwards of seven years, each year with largely increasing prosperity, determined to push its operations yet farther afield. Forthwith, a small band of resolute representatives departed for Europe, establishing themselves first in London, then in Liverpool, and next proceeding to the Continent, where branch offices were opened in Paris and elsewhere. The results following upon the publicity thus given to the principles and practice of the new "Common-sense" life insurance have been of an eminently gratifying character; and on Thursday last a banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant to celebrate, with appropriate rejoicing, the successful close of the first year of the Association's labours in this country. The occasion was also made to serve the second purpose of welcoming the President of the Association, Bro. E. B. Harper, one of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, who is now on a visit to the European offices of the Association, and who is one of the Committee appointed by Grand Master Laurence to investigate the workings of the Royal Masonic Schools. Under these peculiarly inspiring circumstances, there was naturally a great outpouring of eloquence, and the guests of the Association enjoyed the happy privilege of listening to more than one exposition of the advantages offered by the Mutual Reserve, delivered in the best of style of American oratory—a style that is as charming as it is novel. Among the more noteworthy speakers were Bro. Hayward, of the Fitzroy Lodge, the indefatigable manager of the London office of the Association; Bro. Iyng, the chief of the Continental business; Bro. T. H. Tilton, Bro. Bloss, one of the vice-presidents of the Association; Mr. E. D. Jones, superintendent of agents; Sir W. Guyer Hunter, M.D., M.P., chief medical officer of the Association; Mr. T. Fry, M.P.; Col. Griffin, and others. From their speeches it was to be gathered that the distinguishing and novel feature of the Mutual Reserve, is that it charges its members what is rightly called a "natural" premium, instead of the exorbitant amount demanded by the old English life offices, which only goes to build up the reserve funds far in excess of any possible requirements, as is shown by the fact that divisions of profits are made from time to time. Under the system so successfully carried on by the Mutual Reserve, and which may best be described as "life assurance at cost price," the advantages of this inestimably valuable form of thrift are brought within the reach of the most modest means. It is in this fact that lies the paramount claim of the Mutual Reserve to public notice.



The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, this (Friday) afternoon, at 4 p.m., when, among other business, there will be submitted by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., on behalf of the House Committee, a resolution for the appointment of a Special Committee to consist of the Grand Registrar and other brethren being Life-Governors of the Institution, to be nominated by him for inquiring into the discipline and management of the School.

At the quarterly meeting of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Cumberland and Westmorland, on the 18th inst., at Maryport, Sir Knight John Mills was elected M.P.S.; Sir Knight T. Atkinson, Viceroy; and Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, P.S., Recorder.

It is announced that the members of the Longford Lodge, No. 76 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, have determined on erecting a Masonic Hall in Longford as a memorial of the late Bro. Col. King-Harman, Prov. G. Master of Meath.

The Grocer's Company have voted a grant of £100 towards the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to present a silver Jubilee Medal to Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Grand Organist 1880-2, organist and composer of her Majesty's Chapel Royal.

Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, who has held the office of Chemist to the War Department since its formation in 1854, has been relieved of his routine duties and appointed President of a Special Committee on Explosives.

Bro. Augustus Harris's season of Italian Opera at Covent Garden came to an end on Saturday last with a performance of "Les Huguenots," which was eminently satisfactory, and the large audience expressed their thanks to the manager for the excellent provision he had made throughout the season for the entertainment of the public in a most enthusiastic manner, their cheers being again and again repeated when Bro. Harris announced that the theatre would be again opened for Italian Opera next year.

There were 31 commanderies represented at the 34th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Indiana which was held in Indianapolis on the 24th and 25th April last, under the presidency of Sir Knight George W. F. Kirk, G.C. There is a total membership in the jurisdiction of 2617, and there is a very considerable balance on the right side of the account in favour of the G. Commandery. Sir Knight Reuben Peden was elected and installed G. Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, is the Grand Recorder.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Monday.

An open-air dramatic performance was given on Saturday evening last in the grounds of Bro. Sir S. Waterlow's residence on Highgate Hill, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital, the attendance being both numerous and fashionable.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained the members of the British section of the Council of the Paris Exhibition of 1889 at dinner at the Mansion House on Saturday evening last, when there were present among others, the French Ambassador, and Bros. Sir Frederick Abel, Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., G. A. Sala, and A. M. Broadley.

Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, and Lady Ermytrude Malet arrived at Queenborough from Berlin on Saturday evening last and proceeded to London by the boat train.

The camp at Wimbledon was virtually closed on Saturday last, when the prizes to the successful competitors at the 29th annual meeting of the National Rifle Association were distributed by the Princess of Wales, who was accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the three young Princesses. The chief prize winners, and especially Private Fulton, 13th Middlesex, and Lance-Corporal Noakes, 1st Bucks, who won the Queen's Prize and the Silver Medal respectively, were loudly cheered. When the ceremony was over, the Royal party attended Bro. Lord Wantage's "At Home" in the Pavilion.

Such a vast number of various champagnes, both new and old, are at present in the market, that it must greatly puzzle ordinary consumers to remember one-half of them, or to make a selection. Many must, we think, be destined to oblivion, but there are some, the names of which are comparatively unfamiliar, that will run the old well-known brands very close, if they do not surpass them, among these are Messrs. J. Hofèle Elwall and Co.'s Cuvée Réserve, 1880, of which we hear an excellent account. It was used at a recent Masonic festival, and reported to have been much appreciated.

THE VICTORIA STEAMBOAT ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable excursion to Clacton took place on Friday, the 20th inst. The Directors of the above association having invited a number of the representatives of the press and other gentlemen to be present at the re-opening of the long-distance traffic between London, Ipswich, Clacton, Harwich, &c. The Company have a fleet of 38 vessels, all in thorough working order, and the result of the first four months of working has been eminently satisfactory. The receipts from the service between London Bridge and Greenwich especially having been very large. The Glen Rosa and the Alexandra, two fine large steamers of great speed, will be wholly devoted to the long-distance traffic, and two new boats are in course of construction for the river traffic between London Bridge and Chelsea. It has always been a source of wonder to us that no service of boats has ever been placed on the Thames at all worthy of that grand waterway. The stuffy, cramped, miserable craft familiar to Londoners for so many years past have been a disgrace to the river, and we feel persuaded that the enterprise of the new Company will be well rewarded if they persevere on the same lines on which they have started.

The International Geological Congress will meet in Burlington Gardens from the 17th to the 22nd September next, the opening meeting being held on the 17th September, at 8 p.m.

"A Tour in Old Flanders," in which are described some of the less well-known Flemish cities, is included in the new issue of the Great Eastern Railway Company's illustrated "Tourist Guide to the Continent."

The visit of Bro. the Lord Mayor of London to Termonde, his native place in Belgium, is fixed for the 20th August. His lordship will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bros. Sheriff Higgs and Sheriff Major Davies.

The Vestry Clerk of Islington informed the Vestry at its meeting on Friday, the 20th inst., that he had been desired by the Prince of Wales to express to the inhabitants of Islington his entire satisfaction at the manner in which the Princess, his daughters, and himself had been received on the occasion of their recent visit to open the Great Northern Central Hospital.

Bros. Lord Ashbourne, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Sir Edward Clarke, H.M.'s Solicitor-General, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Sir John Gorst, M.P., the Earl of Onslow, W. H. Long, M.P., and Sir W. Marriott, O.C., M.P., have accepted the invitation of Bro. the Lord Mayor to be present at the Ministerial banquet at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 8th August.

A return of the approximate expenditure for buildings, furniture, and fittings, and in some cases for the purchase of sites, in connection with the existing establishments of Science and Art has recently been published. From this it appears that there has been expended between 1859 and 1888, £288,055 on Burlington House, £1,366,259 on the British Museum, £760,771 on the National History Museum, £394,599 on the National Gallery, £2236 on the National Portrait Gallery, £8326 on Marlborough House, £526,000 on South Kensington, £10,455 on Bethnal Green Museum, £62,312 on the Geological Museum and College of Chemistry, £56,734 on the Royal Gardens at Kew, £18,113 on the Royal Botanic Gardens and Arboretum, and £1200 on the Royal Institution.

Thursday, the 19th inst., was the 66th anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, sister of the Duke of Cambridge and the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and her Royal Highness received congratulations from the Prince and Princess of Wales, their daughters, and other members of the Royal Family. In the evening the Duke of Cambridge gave a dinner party at Gloucester House in honour of the event.

At the meeting of the Court of Common Council of London, on the 19th inst., a letter was read from Count Seckendorff conveying the grateful thanks of the Empress Frederick for the sympathy exhibited by the Corporation on the death of her husband, the late Emperor Frederick.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, and the Benchers gave a reception in their great hall, library, and chambers on the 19th inst., when a large number of scientific and artistic objects were exhibited.

Bro. Lord and Lady Brabourne entertained a number of guests at dinner at their residence, Queen Anne's Gate, on the 19th inst., among them being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Milltown and Bro. the Hon. E. Knatchbull Hugessen.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress visited Redhill on the 19th inst., when his lordship distributed the prizes awarded to the pupils at the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society's Schools during the past year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, left Marlborough House for the Isle of Wight on Wednesday afternoon, and during their sojourn there will live on board the Royal Yacht Osborne.

Bros. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., and Sir Chas. Dalrymple, Bart., are among the members appointed a Select Committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the facilities which exist for the creation of small holdings in land in Great Britain.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie and Lord and Lady Robartes are among the fashionable folk at present staying at the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, visited the Royal Naval Female School, St. Margaret's House, Twickenham, on Tuesday, and distributed the prizes to the successful candidates at the recent Oxford and Cambridge Preceptor's Examinations.

The Directors of Perry and Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, out of profits, an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the first six months of this year, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the Preference shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

H.R.H. Prince Christian presided, on Tuesday, at the fifth annual meeting of the Royal College of Music. The report of the Council showed that there were 59 scholars and 170 paying students. It also stated that Mr. Sampson Fox had offered £30,000 to erect a new collegiate building on a site fixed by her Majesty's Commissioners of 1851, and that the said Commissioners had granted a site at the South Kensington Estate, Prince's Gate. A resolution of thanks to Mr. Fox was unanimously voted, and the retiring nine members of the Council having been re-elected, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Vicissitudes of climate, exposure, and hardships tell heavily on soldiers and sailors, sowing the seeds of disease, which may ultimately break up the constitution. Naturally careless of their health, a word in season may avert many evils, and may cause them to resort to timely measures without any difficulty or publicity. Holloway's effectual remedies are so suitable and are so easily adapted for the varied complaints to which our soldiers and sailors are liable that a supply should always be obtained before proceeding abroad. It may with confidence be stated that many a valuable life might have been saved or confirmed cripple prevented from begging in the streets, if Holloway's remedies had been used in time.—ADVT.

We received the following cablegram on Thursday last, but too late for our issue of last week—"Grand Lodge Canada, elected to-day, R. T. Walkem, Grand Master, and J. Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, unanimously." We congratulate the Grand Master on the honour conferred upon him, and Bro. Ross Robertson on his well-earned promotion.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight will hold its annual meeting at Ringwood, on the 14th August, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

In our report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex we omitted to state that Comp. H. Lovegrove resigned the Treasurership, which he had held for two years, hence the election of Comp. Sopet.

We are asked to state that on and after the 27th inst. the meetings of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will be held at the Builder's Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury.

Bro. Thos. J. Russell, of the York Lodge, No. 236, whom we referred to last week, as W.M. for the lodge, is only a M.M., and had so signed himself, but his writing is not the most legible in the world, and hence our mistake.

Many rumours have been current of late to the effect that the Emperor William II. of Germany is no friend to Freemasonry, but according to a letter recently published by the Grand Duke of Hesse, his Imperial Majesty is about to present his portrait to a number of Masons' lodges in the Grand Duchy and elsewhere.

Signor G. Focardi, the sculptor of "You Dirty Boy," has just created a bust of John R. Whitley, Esq., the Director-General of the Italian Exhibition. It is a most speaking likeness, and is now on view in the vestibule of the main building, having been cast in plaster of Paris. The artist used nearly a ton of clay in making his model. Signor Focardi's other pieces on view in the Italian Exhibition include "Happy Age," "You Rag-a-muffin," "Daddy's Clothes," "Sweet Rest," and "Allegro." In the present Exhibition there are upwards of 500 different pieces of sculpture.

Bro. George Samuel Elliott, P.M. 749, 1275, 1423, 1623, M.E.Z. 1275, P.Z. 749, 1423, 1623, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Islington Board of Guardians, upon the recent visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to Holloway, at the opening of the Great Northern Hospital, entertained, at his own expense, 49 old ladies, inmates of the Islington Workhouse, who were brought down in open wagonettes to Bro. Elliott's business establishment, opposite the Angel, Islington. They were seated four at each window, dressed in scarlet cloaks and white caps. Upon the arrival of their Royal Highnesses they received a hearty greeting by the waving of white handkerchiefs from the hands of these poor old ladies, many of whom had seen better days. We may add that Bro. Elliott, in his usual large-hearted spirit, did not forget the creature comforts. A generous lunch was provided, followed, of course, with the usual ice creams and champagne. A large bannerette was displayed, on which was inscribed—"In aid of charity we thank you for coming."

We are constantly hearing of new inventions, but seldom of one which is likely to prove so useful and economical as the "Wanzer Portable Cooker," which "bakes, roasts, fries, stews, and steams, at the cost of less than half-a-farthing per hour." The heat is furnished by a paraffin oil lamp, which is non-explosive, and can be used also for illuminating purposes, and the invention is as simple and ingenious as it is useful. Practical men value it highly, and we dare say the general public will be quick to recognise the merits of a cooker, which, as one of the speakers at the luncheon, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, pointed out has "cooked 157 lbs. of meat at a total cost of 3½d." Our readers will see from our advertisement columns, that a company is being formed, under the auspices of the well-known Wanzer Sewing Machine Co., to acquire the patents of the Wanzer Lamp, and the Wanzer Cooking Stove, and that there is every prospect of a large and profitable business being done.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.—In accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West-end offices, viz., 193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29, Charing Cross, 26, Regent-street, 5, Arthur-street, East London Bridge, 82, Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44, Crutched Friars, 67, Gresham-street, and 4, Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and passengers can obtain tickets at any hour for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 4th, the company will run in duplicate the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12.0 moon and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 9.0 a.m. and 5.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Thursday, August 2nd, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday, August 4th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System. Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the stations on the Metropolitan, District and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley, and other riverside resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap through tickets are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.