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Lady Lechmere AN event, which we believe to be unique in the annals of and the Prov. G. Lodge meetings, occurred at the annual gathering of the brethren of Worcestershire at Moseley on Wednesday, the 12th instant. Previous to the opening of the Prov. G. Lodge, Lady LECHMERE, wife of R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of the province, accompanied by several other ladies, was introduced into the lodge room by Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Dep. P.G.M., and, in a speech of short duration, but expressing the utmost respect for the principles of Freemasonry and their faithful observance by the brethren, formally presented two beautifully-embroidered standards, which her ladyship had previously announced her intention of offering, and requesting their acceptance by the Prov. G. Lodge in token of her admiration of the brotherhood and the "noble, Charitable work" it carried on, "without distinction of creed or nationality." The PROV. G. MASTER, in a speech which was very much to the purpose, accepted the beautiful gift in the spirit in which it had been offered, and endeavoured, to the best of his ability, to express his thanks and those of his brother Masons of Worcestershire to her ladyship for so eloquent, and at the same time so handsome, a tribute of her respect for Freemasonry, and he begged her ladyship to believe that her kindness would nerve them to attempt greater things in the same field of labour than they had been hitherto able to accomplish. The incident then terminated. Lady LECHMERE and her fair friends retired from the lodge, and the brethren at once set about dispatching the business for which they were gathered together. We have said that we believe this event is unique in the history of Prov. G. Lodge meetings, but whether it be so or not, it will certainly have the effect of encouraging our Worcestershire brethren to redouble their efforts to raise Freemasonry still higher in public estimation. The praise of men is worth striving for, but the unstinted praise of women, who are by nature sympathetic with all that is good and noble, is a guerdon more difficult to win and therefore more precious to keep and hand on undimmed to future generations. We congratulate our Worcester friends on the honour paid to them and the principles of Freemasonry generally, nor can we doubt that, after this public expression of Lady LECHMERE'S admiration for the Craft and its work, they will feel more encouraged than ever to continue in the course they have pursued for many years past, with so much credit to themselves and so much advantage to the Society of Masons.

A Further Compliment to Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.F. THERE are few men who take a more active interest in the work of Freemasonry than the distinguished brother who presides over the Board of General Purposes. He has attempted many things in his time, and won fame in every rôle he has essayed. He had the lion's share of the work in superintending the necessary arrangements for the great Masonic gatherings in the Royal Albert Hall in 1875 and 1887. Since the resignation of Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, he has been President of the Board entrusted with the maintenance of discipline and good order and to secure the scrupulous observance of the Book of Constitutions. For years he has been conspicuous at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement as our ablest expositor of the ritual of the Craft, and there are few, if any, that equal him in the knowledge he possesses of all the ins and outs of private lodge duty. Since the constitution of Lodge La France, No. 2060, which is intended for brethren of French nationality, and does all its work in the French language, he has surprised his English brethren by his intimate acquaintance with the French language and the facility with which he speaks it; and the assistance he has rendered this lodge from the very outset of its career has secured to him the esteem and respect of all its members. This, indeed, was clearly shown at the recent meeting of the lodge on Monday, the 17th instant, when Bro. ST. CLAIR, Worshipful Master, in the name and on behalf of the lodge, rose in his chair and presented our worthy brother with the lodge jewel, having on it the inscription:—"Presented to the V.W. Bro. T. FENN, P.B.G.F., by the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge La France, in acknowledgment of the eminent services he has rendered that lodge since its foundation. 17th September, 1888."

We dare say Bro. FENN will prize this jewel as not the least among the many distinctions conferred upon him. He has well-deserved the compliment and kindly feeling of which it is the outward and visible symbol, and we congratulate both him who has received it and the lodge which has thus felicitously appreciated his worth.

The late Earl of THE news of the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. the Right Mar and Kellie, Hon. the Earl of MAR and KELLIE, Immediate Past Grand M.W. Past G.M. Scotland. Master Mason of Scotland, will be received generally throughout the Craft in the United Kingdom with regret; but especially by his Scottish brethren, over whom he had presided with so much honour to himself and so advantageously to Freemasonry for some few years; and the feeling will be all the stronger seeing that his lordship had not completed his 49th year, and in the course of nature, therefore, it might have been expected that his services would have been available for many years to come. However, it has been decreed otherwise, and the brethren can do no more than show their respect for his memory by treasuring up his good deeds and endeavouring, as far as possible, to walk in his footsteps. As Grand Master of Scotland, his lordship diligently pursued the policy so successfully adopted by his predecessors, the Earl of ROSSLYN and Sir R. M. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., and, as a result, the renewed prosperity of the Grand Lodge became still more assured, the brethren exhibiting their sense of his services by presenting to the Countess of MAR and KELLIE a bust of their respected Grand Master. As will be seen from the brief sketch of his career, which appears elsewhere, our deceased brother had been similarly active and energetic in his efforts to promote the welfare of other branches of Freemasonry, so that his death will be felt throughout every part of Scottish Freemasonry. It only remains for us to tender our sincere sympathy with the family of his lordship, as well as with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the grievous loss they have thus recently, and so unexpectedly, sustained.

A Proposed Grand Lodge of Victoria. THERE are grounds for believing that at no very distant date an independent Grand Lodge of Victoria will be established, and that the tie which has heretofore bound the lodges of this prosperous Australian Colony to the Grand Lodges of the old country will be severed. The prospect that such an event would occur has been in the mind of every Mason for some time past, ever since, indeed, the lodges under the several constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland determined on having the same Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., for their District or Provincial chief. And as a similar step is in contemplation, if it has not already been determined upon, by the brethren of New South Wales, we shall very shortly have established the Masonic independence of three of our great Australian Colonies, each of whom will have its own Grand Lodge, just as Canada has had for the last 30 years and Quebec, Nova Scotia, and other provinces of the Dominion for periods of lesser duration. Moreover the new Grand Lodges will start under extremely favourable circumstances, Victoria, with over 100 English lodges, some dozen Scotch lodges, and about 15 Irish lodges, while New South Wales has about 80 English, about 45 Scotch, and a dozen Irish lodges. To these must be added the lodges constituted by the hitherto unrecognised Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria, so that once these colonies are constituted as separate and independent Masonic organisations, they will possess each of them an ample roll of private lodges, many of them with Royal Arch Chapters attached. Seeing, too, that the lodges are well set up, in good working order, and with a strong force of members, there is little doubt the new bodies will have before them a tolerably assured career of prosperity. As for the mother Grand Lodges under whose jurisdictions the great majority of their lodges have been constituted, we may rest satisfied the new daughter Grand Lodges will have their sympathy and good wishes, and that their independence will be fully and freely recognised with the very reasonable proviso that any lodges which may desire to remain under the old order of things, shall be at liberty to do so. In South Australia, which already stands alone, and has fared most prosperously, this proviso appears to have been unnecessary, as the movement, we believe, was ultimately, if not quite at the outset, universal in favour of independence, and from what we hear the movement will be similar both in New South Wales and Victoria. It may be as well, however, after what has lately been done by the Grand Chapter of Canada, if the mother Grand Lodges limit their recognition of the new bodies to their respective colonies, so that we may not hereafter find the Grand Lodge or Chapter of one or other of them warranting lodges or chapters in other British Colonies now in the jurisdiction of the old country. Let them be as free as possible within their own territories, but let it be understood clearly from the first that the establishment by them of lodges and chapters in the colonies now administered by us Masonically, will be an

invasion of our rights and privileges as they are *now*, while the proposed Grand Lodges do not as yet exist. Such a proviso will prevent such difficulties as have arisen with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and greatly tend, therefore, to the future well-being of Masonry in the British Empire.

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THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at Grand Lodge of the Grand Opera House, Toronto, in July, appears to have been attended with more than the usual éclat and to have attracted greater notice than usual among the public. The attendance too was very large, quite 500 brethren being present when the Grand Lodge was opened and the proceedings commenced. Before this was done, however, the Grand Master, Bro. HENRY ROBERTSON, and the officers of Grand Lodge, gave audience to a deputation from the City Council, composed of the Mayor and several of the Aldermen, who were anxious to extend a hearty welcome to the brethren on the occasion of their visit and express their respect and that of their fellow citizens at large for the society of which they formed part. Bro. Mayor CLARKE, who was the first to address the GRAND MASTER and brethren, described in exceedingly eloquent terms the high estimation in which, in Toronto and throughout the Dominion, the Craft of Freemasonry was held, and the admiration which was felt for its principles of loyalty and Charity, as well as for the faithful manner in which they were carried out. Similar sentiments were uttered by Alderman KING DODDS, Chairman of the Reception Committee, who, though not a Freemason himself, was deeply imbued with respect for its principles. The speeches over, and the Deputation having retired, the G. Lodge was opened, an early but unusual incident in the proceedings being the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. HENRY ROBERTSON, M.W.G. Master, in which the brethren of Toronto expressed their thanks to that brother for his eminent services to the Craft, and gave him a most cordial welcome to their city. These are pleasing episodes introduced into an annual gathering met together for the dispatch of business, and will no doubt have been appreciated as such by our Canadian brethren, for this among other reasons of moment, namely, that such manifestations of public favour must have the effect of strengthening the feeling of the outer world for Freemasonry, and must therefore be of infinite value to it in the carrying out of its principles. We trust that a similar welcome will be forthcoming when the Grand Lodge of Canada holds its annual communications in future.

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WE are not sufficiently conversant with the funeral customs of our American brethren to be in a position to describe accurately "a rousing funeral." It may be a function of more than the usual solemnity, or attended with heavy cost, or possibly it may be in the nature of an Irish wake, with lashings of whiskey, and the brethren present at the scene may be furnished with sprigs of shillelagh instead of sprigs of acacia. Be it what it may, it must be something out of the ordinary course of funerals, or the one of which we have just been reading would not have been made the subject of comment by one United States Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and attracted the attention of the Grand Recorder of another in his report on Foreign Correspondence. It seems that the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Michigan died suddenly at Painesville, Ohio, and the Grand Commander at once telegraphed to Ohio with instructions to consult the reasonable wishes of the family and report the necessary expense to him. The Ohio sir knights, however, were equal to the occasion. They "ignored the family, gave Sir KELLY"—the G. Captain General who had died so suddenly—"a rousing funeral," and sent a bill for \$332.97 to Michigan Grand Commandery to pay." As is the custom with American Masonic authorities when dealing with ticklish questions, the bill was referred to a Committee, which recommended that it should be paid, but, at the same time, it protested that the Ohio sir knights would have had no cause to complain if the demand on the treasury of the Grand Commandery of Michigan had not been honoured. We think the Committee were quite right in the recommendation they submitted, and Sir Knight KELLY, the suddenness of whose death is greatly deplored, may now rest in peace. His Templar brethren of Ohio have honoured him with "a rousing funeral," a Committee of his native Grand Commandery of Michigan have sat upon the bill of costs, and the Grand Commandery itself has ordered it to be paid. So at least we gather from the Report on Foreign Correspondence appended to the Records of the G. Commandery of Pennsylvania for the past year.

A CURIOUS BOOK.

Before us lies a miniature "Almanack Des Francs-Massons Pour L'Année, 1769," issued in the preceding year. Its size is 32mo, 48 pp., and concludes with the words "A Amsterdam chez Jean Schreuder." The frontispiece is a most suggestive and artistic plate representing silence—a female with her fore finger resting on her lips, and holding a roll in her left hand; tools and figures being on the pedestal, at the back of which is a column.

After the Calendar portion the Masonic particulars begin with England, "Très-illustre & Très-Respectable Frere Henry Somerset Duc De Beaufort, La Grande Maîtrise Nationale." A few of the chief lodges are then enumerated, such as the Antiquity, Friendship, St. Albans, Old King's Arms: and others meeting in London (but long ago extinct). One of these—erased in 1775—"La Loge l'Immortalité de l'Ordre, qui s'assemble dans l'hôtel du Crown & Anchor, rue du Strand." We should like to know more

about it, as a medal was struck in its honour, now exceedingly rare. A lodge warranted in 1749, and meeting in 1768 at the "Sun" (p. 56, Lane's "Masonic Records") is described as "L'Ancienne Loge du Soleil." It never appears to have had a name, however. Two lodges are noted at Cambridge and at Bristol, but only one at Bath, and that the least prominent. One at Birmingham, three at Norwich, and one at Portsmouth, so the list is more curious than valuable. The names of a few Prov. Grand Masters are also given.

For Scotland, the roll of the Grand Officers is duly detailed, 11 lodges described for Edinburgh, and one each for Aberdeen, Brechin, Dumfries, and two for Glasgow, one of the latter being "l'Arche Royale." The Earl of Cavan appears as the G.M. of Ireland, though evidently but little was known of that country Masonically. Page 22 is a mystery, if the Calendar was published in 1768. Quite a number of lodges are noted under France, seven being held in Paris, and not a few are entered for Germany, &c.

With Bro. Lane's work in hand, those under Asia are easily traced, and so those in Africa. Under *Amerique*, we read, "La R. G. L. d'Angleterre a établi le R. F. Jérémie Gridley, Grand Maître Provincial pour toutes les parties de l'Amerique qui n'ont point de Provincial particulier." Prov. G. Masters are inserted for Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, &c. Under Maryland appears "à Joppa, comté de Baltimore, les Freres maçons; 346, Joppa, was chartered in 1765. One or more lodges are noted under most countries, and, evidently the editor intended to furnish the leading facts relating to the Craft, for his brethren, and for the period he certainly did exceedingly well in such a small compass.

SCOTTISH MASONRY.

An enthusiastic and popular brother, William Black, P.M., has just sent me a copy of the History of the Old Falkirk Lodge, formerly No. 14, now No. 16 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dedicated to St. John. As this tastefully got up little volume may be quite unknown to most of your readers, I cull a few items that may interest the rapidly increasing guild of Masonic students. The cover bears the arms of the lodge, prominent in the quarterings being the Scottish claymore, with two supporters who appear to be bellicose journeymen brandishing war clubs, above is the Latin sentence "*Tangite unum, Tangite omnes*," while below in the vernacular is "*Better middlewi' the deil than the bairns o' Falkirk*," which is quite in keeping with the style of their heraldry.

Although the warrant has never come to light it is believed this lodge was originally chartered by "Mother Kilwinning" at an early date. Whenever that may have been we do not know, but it was in working order in 1736, having in that year assisted in the establishment of Grand Lodge.

The oldest minute extant bears date 8th October, 1739, and is signed by James Logan, D.M.

The unfortunate Earl of Kilmarnock, afterwards executed for complicity in the Stuart cause, was elected Master on St. John's day, December, 1740, shortly after the initiation of Sir Archd. Primrose, of Dunipace, who shared a similar fate. We here find a minute that the funds or "stock should be laid out in *meal*," in order that the brethren might provide themselves with this staple article of diet at "*cost price*." On account of the Jacobite rising, and the connection therewith of some of their prominent members, the lodge was dormant for about four years, but very soon after tranquillity was restored, we find that sons of the late Earl were appointed to the chairs of the Master and both Wardens, thus testifying to the warm attachment that was felt for Kilmarnock. William Boyd, the Junior Warden, was only admitted a member a year after his election to office, so that doubtless he was made somewhere else.

In common with many other Scotch lodges, Falkirk suffered from the reception of candidates on *credit*, so that in 1756 they resolved in future—save for special reasons—no applicant should be admitted till after payment of the fees, which appear to have been 10s., with 2s. 6d. for Grand Lodge registration and 1s. to the Tyler. No Apprentices could be advanced to F.C. in less than six months, nor again to M.M. without a similar interval, and only then on being certified by two examiners, offering a sharp contrast to more recent experiences in Scotland.

A few years later, in order to free the lodge from debt, it was enacted, *inter alia*, that punch was to be sold at a profit of five pence per bottle, and every brother who did not consume half a bottle was to pay a fine of six pence. The scheme subsequently fell through, but it is very unlikely that teetotalism was the cause of it. At the St. John's Festival in 1762 a very interesting communication was read from the Grand Master, which, for the reasons set forth, ordained that every body under his jurisdiction should enrol as an honorary member Bro. Don Antonio de Pizarro, Governor of Ter-ragena, in Spain. A Scotch Mason, Bro. Dickson, having been shipwrecked on the Spanish coast, was, with his crew, seized and imprisoned, but, on satisfying the worthy Governor that he was a Mason, was kindly treated, and the whole of his party safely conducted to Gibraltar, the commandant of which was so pleased, that he immediately returned 16 of Don Antonio's countrymen whom he had in durance. These facts having been intimated to Grand Lodge, resulted in our chivalric brother being made free of all Scotch lodges.

At the beginning of this century mention is made of 70 lodges of "*instruction*," but these seem to have been merely for rehearsal of the ceremonies. A few years later we find this venerable lodge sinking deeper and deeper into debt, until at last the members had to part with their house property, and in 1838 they had to borrow six pounds from their Treasurer, on the security of the jewels and clothing, in order to settle a pressing claim. From this date there was profound silence till 1864, when a vigorous move was made, and under the energetic management of well-qualified brethren an era of unexampled prosperity has been experienced, and now, meeting in their own handsome rooms, the old lodge of Falkirk St. John, seems, with a good record for the last 24 years, likely to maintain its position as one of the best country lodges in the North. * So mote it be.

EDW. MACBEAN, 2076 (E.C.)

* As new interest has been evoked by Bro. A. Mackenzie's "History of No. 2, Edinburgh," I may mention that a large and beautifully executed autotype of Robert Burns' installation as Poet Laureate of Lodge No. 2, Canongate Kilwinning, has been published by Bro. R. S. Brown, 25, Queensferry-street, Edinburgh, who is one of the ablest Masons in "Modern Athens."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, under the banner of the youngest lodge of the province, the Masefield, No. 2034.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., presided, supported by his D.P.G.M., Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., and a numerous attendance of brethren, which included, as visitors, Bros. Col. Foster Gough, acting Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Treas. Staffordshire; and others.

Before Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, a ceremony took place which is probably unique in the annals of P.G. Lodges, namely, the reception in the lodge-room of Lady Lechmere, accompanied by many other ladies, and the presentation by her ladyship of two standards for the use of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Lady LECHMERE, preceded by two Prov. Grand Stewards, and followed by the Prov. Grand Standard Bearers bearing the presentation standards, was introduced by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and in an eloquent speech, frequently pointed by the plaudits of the brethren, said:—

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Gentlemen,—I have come here to-day by your invitation, that I might have the honour of presenting you personally with these standards, which I have had great pleasure in providing for the use of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire. I know that I am permitted a high and unusual privilege in being allowed to enter the walls of a Freemasons' lodge, and I can assure you that this privilege will not be abused by myself or by these ladies who have so kindly accompanied me here to-day. We respect the secrets of your Craft, preserved by you for good and honourable purposes, we admire your ancient Constitution, and we venerate your great brotherhood spread over the whole world, and are ever ready to aid and encourage you in your noble charitable work, carried on as it is without distinction of creed or nationality. Permit me then to present you with these standards, and to express a hope that they may long adorn the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, and grace your ceremonies, knowing as I well do that they will never be unfurled save in the cause of all that is good and noble.

Lady Lechmere then handed the Standards to the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who replied as follows: Lady Lechmere,—On behalf of myself and the brethren of the province, I beg to offer you my own and their very sincere thanks for this very handsome and appropriate gift. We do indeed most gratefully accept these richly embroidered standards, which we shall value not only for their intrinsic beauty, but for the pleasing associations which will ever be connected with them. We feel that you have already done us sufficient honour by your offer to present them, but that honour has been indeed greatly increased by your personal presence here to-day. It is perfectly true that it is a very exceptional circumstance for ladies to be introduced into a Masonic lodge in which Masons have been, or are about to be at work, and I had not ventured to suggest what might be regarded as an innovation. But the suggestion is really due to no less important authorities than the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), King at Arms, who, when they were informed of your intention, at once suggested that an opportunity might be afforded on this occasion for the presentation of these standards by yourself. Greatly as we appreciate the beauty of your gift, we value still more the spirit which has dictated it, and above all the expressions in which you have conveyed to us your interest in, and appreciation of, the principles of Masonry. Brethren, I trust and believe that the honour which has been done to us this day will not be lost upon us. Whilst the brilliancy of these beautiful standards will enliven our ceremonial, the encouragement which has been given us will, I feel sure, stimulate us to further efforts to render Masonry in Worcestershire still more worthy of our great Fraternity, based as it is upon the solid foundations of religion, of loyalty to the Sovereign, and of brotherly love and Charity to our fellow men. Turning to the W.M. of the Masefield Lodge, Bro. Wm. Thomas, the Prov. G.M. said he and many of the brethren present would no doubt remember the circumstances of his laying the foundation-stone of St. Agnes Church, Moseley, with Masonic honours. That ceremony preceded and perhaps had some connection with the foundation of the lodge under whose banner they had met that day. He had in mind a brother who took a very leading part indeed in both those functions, and who since then had been called to the Grand Lodge above. He alluded to Bro. Chas. Williams, P.P.S.G.W. On the occasion of laying the foundation-stone Mrs. Williams had presented him with a very handsome trowel. He, as Prov. Grand Master, had treasured it very much, but he thought it could not be in better hands than those of a lodge which had for its chief founder so eminent and good a Mason as Bro. Chas. Williams. Mrs. Williams had given her full approval to this act, and therefore he asked the acceptance of the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, to the gift then made.

Bro. W. THOMAS, W.M., accepted the gift on behalf of the lodge, and expressed the pleasure the brethren would have in regarding it as a souvenir of a day fraught with so much honour to the lodge, and as a lasting remembrance of a brother who was so much beloved by the members and respected by the whole Craft as Bro. C. Williams. He could assure the Prov. Grand Master that that trowel would have a place of honour in the Masefield Lodge.

Lady Lechmere and the ladies accompanying her then left the lodge-room amid the plaudits of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Halesowen, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, read the reply to the address from Provincial Grand Lodge congratulating her Majesty the Queen on the 50th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

After the muster roll of lodges had been called, apologies for absence were read from Bros. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Lord Hertford, G. S. Tudor, P.P.G.M. Staffordshire; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap.; Hon. G. Allsopp, M.P.; F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Girls' School; and brethren of the province, including Bros. Masefield, P.D.P. G.M., and A. H. Royds, P.P.G.M., whose customary kindly message to the brethren, which occurred this year on the date of his 77th birthday, was heartily and sympathetically received by the brethren.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed a balance on General Purposes account of £10 7s. 3d., and on Benevolent account of £147 12s. 10d.

Bro. A. Green, P.P.G.D., was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Reports on the state of Masonry in the province, the Library and Museum Committee, the Benevolent Committee, and the Charity Committee followed, the latter embodying the fact that the province had subscribed this year to the Central Charities £846 3s.—£94 10s. to the Benevolent Institution, £693 18s. to the Girls' School, and £57 15s. to the Boys' School; that the province had three widow annuitants, four occupants of the Girls' School, and three of the Boys' School, and that a large number of votes stood to the credit of the province.

After alluding in words of deep regret to the loss the province had sustained in the death of two of its Past Wardens—Bros. J. R. Buck and Walter Holland—the R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. W. Waldron, 573	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Foley, 564	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Knight Law, B.A., 573	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. J. Down, 252	...	...	...
" F. G. Russell, 1204	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Green, 498	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Geo. Taylor, 374 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Meredith, 377	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" P. Gallimore, 2034	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. B. Rowe, 280	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Mossop, 1874	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Fisher, 498	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Lay, 560	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Stevenson, 252	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. J. Sarjant, 529	...	...	...
" H. M. Jackson, 573	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Wood, 564	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Price, 573	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" S. Mason, 2034	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. E. Hallam, 2034	...	...	...
" Alfred Green, 2034	...	...	...
" T. H. Daniel, 2034	...	...	...
" J. P. Sharp, 2034	...	...	...
" A. W. Auster, 2034	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Smith, 280	...	...	...
" F. W. Knott, 280	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. GODSON, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. WALDRON, P.S.G.W., a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Lady Lechmere for the handsome presentation she had made that day to Prov. Grand Lodge, and also for the kind words with which she had conveyed her good feelings to the brethren and to the Craft.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER appointed to hold his next Prov. Grand Lodge at Stourport, under the banner of the Vernon Lodge, No. 560.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and a procession formed to Moseley parish church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. KNIGHT LAW, B.A., from Job xxviii., 28 v.: "Behold the fear of the Lord that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

The collection, which amounted to £15 15s., was divided between the Moseley and Balsall Heath Parish Schools.

The procession returned to the Institute, and P.G. Lodge was resumed. Votes of thanks were passed to the P.G. Chaplain for his admirable sermon, to the vicar, Rev. W. Colmore, for the use of his church, and to the choir for their valuable aid.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet in the concert hall of the Institute, under the presidency of Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M.

Space at command will not afford us opportunity to chronicle here the admirable speeches with which the toasts were given. General heartiness and enjoyment characterised the whole proceedings of the day, and the brethren separated at their close with every satisfaction at taking part and appreciation of the officers and brethren of the Masefield Lodge for their kind attention and hospitality. We had almost omitted to mention that the four Lewises who carried the volume of the Sacred Law in the procession to the church were Robert C. Thomas, Francis L. Underhill, Charles F. Jennings, and Fredk. W. Stevens, and they were, in accordance with an old custom in the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, each presented with a copy of the "Great Light in Masonry," bearing a suitable inscription.

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To Correspondents.

J. R. RILEY.—We are sorry our esteemed correspondent takes exception to the tone of Bro. Lane's communication to our "Notes and Queries" column last week. We have again carefully gone through it, and feel bound to say that we find nothing to take exception to, and we feel sure on reconsideration Bro. Riley will agree with us.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"La Chaine d'Union," "South African Freemason," "The Tyler," "South Australian Freemason," "Die Bauhutte," "La Concordia," "Australasian Keystone," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Proceedings of District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand," "The Keystone," and "Freemasons' Repository."



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I cannot agree with Bro. Ohren to omit the word "present" in rule No. 210, as this word makes it clear that the case is to be decided by the brethren present at that particular meeting, and not by all the members of the lodge, unless they are then there.

As Bro. Ohren seems to think, and perhaps rightly so, that my introducing the word "shall," viz., "who shall vote," may be construed to mean that all must vote, I am quite willing to withdraw the word "shall," and that the sentence should read—"by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present WHO VOTE."

In reply to "Lex Scripta," I do not know of any authority under the Book of Constitutions giving the Master power to call upon the brethren to either vote or leave the lodge. If it were proposed to add such a rule to our laws, I should be much inclined to oppose such an addition.

Each member of a lodge has a vote on every question put from the chair, and he is free to use it or not as he likes. What I do most strongly protest against is that brethren who do not vote when a motion of exclusion is before a lodge should be counted as voting in opposition to the exclusion, and thus upset the decision of the majority of those who do vote. It is contrary to common sense and to our procedure in all other cases. If a brother objects to the proposed exclusions, vote against it. I know that this is the opinion of a large number of the brethren. "Lex Scripta's" argument that the non-voters may by a stretch of imagination be supposed to give a verdict of "not proven," is totally beside the mark, as there is not anything of the kind that I am aware of in the Book of Constitutions, and, further, when a Scotch jury brings in a verdict of "Not Proven" (which verdict every jury in criminal cases ought to have the option of returning), it is done by the jury voting for it, and not by the jury members refusing to vote, as "Lex Scripta" implies.—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. F. H. WOODWARD,

P.G. Swd. Br., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex.

September 18th.



HISTORY AND BY-LAWS LODGE FORTITUDE,
No. 64, MANCHESTER (Bolton, 1888).

This interesting compilation was made by the lamented Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Sec., P.G. Std. Br. of England, &c., who was the W.M. elect of the lodge for 1888-9. Apparently this "labour of love" was the last of the many of the kind he did for the Craft, as the proof sheets were received from the printers by our friend, but not revised by him. Bro. Brockbank had intended the brochure for presentation to the members of No. 64, on his installation as W.M. in June last, the "150th year of its uninterrupted continuance as a lodge," but as Bro. J. H. P. Leresche, P.M. 64, &c., says in his too brief introduction "It pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to prevent the accomplishment of the wishes of the Fortitude Lodge, as well as his own, by removing—as we reverently trust, to the Grand Lodge above—the W.M. elect within almost a few hours of our meeting [for installation] last month [June, 1888]. With the kind help of Bro. James Newton, P.P.G.D., Prov. Assist. G. Sec., some trifling additions and corrections have been made." No one valued the services of Bro. Newton on behalf of his province, more than his coadjutor, Bro. Brockbank, so that the revision fell into good hands. First as to the by-laws. The Secretary informed the members at the meeting held 11th June, 1886, that they had "undergone a complete revision by the Grand Secretary of England, and they had been altered so as to place them in accord with the Book of Constitutions of the Order." The former rules were issued in 1863, and save as respects one or two unusual clauses are continued to this day, with trifling alterations. One omitted, provided for only Past Masters and Present or Past Grand or Provincial Grand Officers being eligible for the chair, and another was to a similar effect as respects joining members. Possibly this feature will be preserved by the members virtually, though not now retained in the by-laws, as one of the rules is continued, which refers to the fee for initiation, fixed at *seventy-five guineas*. This is almost prohibitive, and so far as candidates are concerned, effectually confines the membership to the limits so long respected by the brethren. Another rule was to the effect that "a brother who has not been a member of the lodge one month cannot speak or vote on any question," which was clearly contrary to the Book of Constitutions and is not in the new rules. Membership and all its privileges cannot thus be deferred, for even on the night of initiation or joining, the right of voting or speaking can be exercised by such members as freely as in a month's time, or at a later period. The historical portion may be said to be introduced by Bro. J. H. P. Leresche, who in a neat *envoi* alludes most appreciatively to Bro. Brockbank's labours. He states that a "microscopical examination made by me to-day accounts for an apparent discrepancy between Bro. Lane's book ["Masonic Records 1717-1886"] and our warrant. At the date of the latter (1772) the number assigned to the Fortitude by Bro. Lane was 83, and it did not become 63 (as appears on the face of the warrant) till the year 1792. The original figure on the parchment would appear to have been erased by some one

and the figure 6 substituted on the erasure—a proceeding, Bro. Newton informs me, by no means without precedent in his researches." A copy of the warrant follows the introduction, in which we are sorry to note the erroneous "63" is reproduced. Bro. Hughan also gave a copy of the charter in the *Freemason* for January 14th, 1888, but the two transcripts are not in exact agreement. He also noted that No. 63 should be 83, of A.D. 1772. The lodge was formed in January, 1739, by the Prov. Grand Master's authority, at Salford, but did not get on the roll of the Grand Lodge until 1744 as 1656, for particulars of which see Bro. Lane's great work. It then took the place of a former lodge of January, 1739, erased in 1744, bearing that number. The several places of meeting are duly detailed, many being supplied from Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," the minutes being lost prior to 1846, which is a great misfortune, but the lack of such books has been compensated for in part by Bro. Newton, who is preparing an official history of the province, having placed the best materials at his disposal in Bro. Brockbank's hands for his historical sketch. Beyond question, the lodge of late years is one of the most distinguished on English roll, thus to a great extent making up for the obscurity of its early career, and it is to be hoped that the mantle of the lamented Secretary will fall on some equally zealous brother, who will as devotedly attend to the duties as the lamented Bro. G. P. Brockbank.



797] LISTS OF FRENCH LODGES.

In response to the request of Bro. G. L. Shackles, I submit a list of French lodges from the "Almanack des Francs-Massons, pour l'Année, 1899," published at Amsterdam, by Jean Schreuder, in 1768.

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- Baucaire—la Concorde.
- Bergerae—la Fidélité.
- Besançon—la parfaite égalité.
- Blois—St. Charles.

- Bordeaux—{ l'Angloise.
la Française.
l'Amitié Allemande.

- Brest—{ la véritable Union.
l'heureuse rencontre.
la Constante.

- Caen—{ l'Union Fraternelle.
la constante Amitié.
l'ardente Maçonnerie.
les cœurs sans Fard.

- Carcassonne—la parfaite Amitié.
- Charleville—les Freres discrets.
- Compiègne—St. Germain.
- Dieppe—St. Louis.
- Dyon—la parfaite amitié.
- Dunkerque—la Concorde Fraternelle.
- Havre—la Sagesse.
- La Rochelle—la Sincérité.
- Lille—l'Union indissoluble.
- Lodève—les parfaits hospitaliers.
- Lyon—{ la Sagesse.
les amis choisis.

- Marseille—St. Jean d'Ecosse.
- Metz—St. Etienne.

- Montpellier—{ l'ancienne de Burnabel.
la réunion des Elus.

- Nancy—St. Joseph.
- Nantes—la parfaite.
- Nismes—{ l'Emulation.
l'humanité.

- Orleans—l'Union Royale.

- Paris—{ St. Thomas.
des Arts.
d'Aumont.
l'Union.
la Paix.
la Vérité.
Luxembourg.

- Perigueux—la Beauté.
- Rheims—la triple Union.
- Rouen—{ l'Amenité.
la Fidélité.

- Strasbourg—{ St. Louis d'Alsace.
la Candeur.
la Constance.
la Noblesse.

- Tarascon—la Fidélité.
- Toulon—{ la parfaite harmonie.
les Amis constants.

- Toulouse—{ la parfaite Union.
la Sagesse.

- Versailles—St. Jaques."

JNO. LANE.

[We refer to this work in another column.—ED. F.M.]

798] MASTERS' LODGES.

I am very pleased to note so many interesting communications in reply to my query (No. 790) on the above subject. Bro. Lane (792) is quite correct in considering the minute of a Masters' Lodge of A.D. 1773, quoted by me, as very unusual. That is why the fact was duly published by me. So far, it is the only one of the kind that has been traced, or, at all events, made public. The references by Bro. Alex. Howell (793) to some of the old minutes of the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth, are curious, and new to me, as respects the application of the qualification "Particular" to certain of the meetings. It would appear as if our word "emergency" was used in precisely the same manner. The "Masters' Lodge" he refers to as having been fixed for 6th February, 1788, in my opinion, fell through, the one held on that day being of the ordinary

kind. Bro. Riley (794) thinks it likely that the old records of the "Probita" Lodge, Halifax, contains similar instances to those cited of the "Apollo," and, as Bro. Crossley is now preparing the history of that old lodge, we may expect light to be thrown on the subject in a very little while, as he is a most careful student. Bro. Lane has already alluded to other portions of the communication from Bro. Riley, so I need not now say more, save that I consider the old "Apollo" Lodge, at York, and the "Phoenix" Lodge, at Hull, two separate and distinct lodges. Although only Master Masons may have been members of the lodge when formed at Hull, I do not see that is any reason why candidates should take the first two Degrees in a *Masters' Lodge*. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre (796) furnishes three instances of the first two Degrees being given in a "M.M. Lodge." This, however, was under the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, but what we know as "*Masters' Lodges*" were under the "Moderns." Until quite recently we considered that "*Masters' Lodges*" were exclusively for working the *Third Degree*. They were started with that object undoubtedly. I quite believe with Bro. Le Feuvre as to the warrant of No. 151.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

BARNATO LODGE (No. 2265).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, High-bury Station, on Monday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M. 205, W.M. There was a good attendance of members, including Bros. M. de Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 1261, Sec.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M.; T. Honey, S.D.; E. Acworth, J.D.; J. Manger, D.C.; M. Bash, I.G.; H. Lane, Org.; S. B. Joel and I. B. Joel, Stwds.; R. Berridge, J.G.D.; H. I. Barnato, J. A. Rosenthal, A. Goldstone, I. H. Gluckstein, A. Levy, C. Vandyk, S. Fox, E. Jacks, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Coxon, D.C. 1471; W. Wright, Org. 1897; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; M. J. Green, 1987; M. E. Goldstein, 917; John Da Silva, 205; A. Brodrick, 1747; I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; A. Combes, S.W. 820; Hyam Abrahams, H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; R. Brodrick, 766; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, Brs. H. I. Barnato and I. A. Rosenthal were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Messrs. John Jonas, Saml. Fox, and Elias Jacobs initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being rendered by the W.M. in a very impressive and solemn manner. Several letters of regret for non-attendance were announced, and propositions, including one initiate and five joining members, were received.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured in a hearty manner.

In responding for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Berridge, P.G.D., said that as the hour was late, he would not detain the brethren long in returning thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and for the cordial reception it had met with. He tendered sincere thanks for the entertainment they had received, and for the privilege they had enjoyed of witnessing the admirable working in the lodge. He congratulated Bro. Barnato in naming a lodge which would be second to none in the annals of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. Wks., also replied. He said it was the first time he had had the honour of visiting the lodge, and he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Hogard for his invitation. He was unfortunately unable to be present at the consecration, and the reports he had heard of that event made him regret it the more. He was glad to be there that evening, and looked upon it as a white stone, marking a great epoch in Masonry as far as he was concerned. The admirable working of the W.M. had afforded him great pleasure. He was quite certain that with such a W.M., I.P.M., and officers, coupled with the name of one who was such a great success in himself, the lodge would be one of the most successful.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B., acting I.P.M., said it afforded him great pleasure to again propose "The Health of the W.M.," because he knew it required no words of his to enhance its value. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Jos. Da Silva, was a well tried and well skilled Mason. They had that evening had the testimony of the Grand Officers present as to the way in which he had performed the work, and they could themselves judge of the manner in which he had presided at the banquet table. Bro. Da Silva was one who, some 10 years ago, passed the chair in a lodge of which he himself was a P.M.—the Lodge of Israel—and he then gave proofs of the proficiency they looked for in a W.M., who had to guide and guard the honour of a lodge. The Barnato Lodge started but three months ago under circumstances which had already made their mark in Freemasonry, not only here, but also in that distant colony from which they had derived so much support. The Colony of Kimberley, with the district surrounding it, had been one of the most successful of any founded of late years. That that lodge should have sprung into existence was not a surprise; perhaps the surprise was that it was not started long before. The success which had attended it during its short career was an earnest that the lodge had taken a hold on the affections, not only of its members, but also of those brethren who had heard of it, and of the brother from whose name they indirectly derived their title. They had in their W.M. a brother who would look to the honour and reputation of the lodge, and who would keep it in that high and proud position to which, without speaking egotistically, he could say it had attained. They numbered within three months of the consecration 40 members. They had not sought to increase the numbers, but they had been urged and almost implored by brethren wishing to join. The working was not a surprise, for they knew the W.M., and he was sure there was no prouder day in Bro. Da Silva's life than when he was installed as the first W.M. of the Barnato Lodge. There

were many other subjects to which he might allude, but he would simply ask the brethren to heartily drink to the health of the W.M.

Bro. J. Da Silva, W.M., returned thanks for the kindly proposition and hearty reception of the toast. He took it that when they drank to the health of the W.M., they drank at the same time to the success of the lodge. The I.P.M. had kindly pointed out the success of the lodge in the space of three months, but if they had existed 4 or 40 years, they could not have made greater progress. One of the principal objects for which they were founded was to reunite under the Grand Lodge of England the brethren returning from South Africa, and he was sure they had succeeded in a most wonderful way in alluring to their lodge those who returned from that distant part. Of the three initiates one was from Cape Colony and another from the Transvaal. They had proposed as joining members brethren who were prominent citizens of that colony, men who, when they returned, would leave their mark as pioneers of that great colony which had so astonished the whole world. It was to gather together those brave pioneers that they had assembled, and from the manner in which they had succeeded in the past, he hoped and trusted they would long continue to be a beacon to which the people coming from South Africa would look when returning to England. He begged to thank the brethren again for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He was about to propose a toast on which the prosperity of the lodge entirely depended—"The Initiates." They had that night initiated into Freemasonry several eminent gentlemen who had been pioneers in the great work of the South African Colonies. There was also a young beginner who would, he was sure, attain the highest honours in Freemasonry. It was with candidates like these that Freemasonry would flourish and the lodges prosper. If they continued to have such initiates, they would not fail in making their lodge the great pillar of Freemasonry they hoped it would become.

Bros. Jonas, Fox, and Jacobs having replied in appropriate terms,

The W.M. gave "The Visitors." He said they always welcomed visitors, and were proud to see brethren from other lodges coming to witness the working. He would couple with toast the name of an esteemed brother—his father in Freemasonry—Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M., who initiated him. There was present among the visitors Bro. John Da Silva, his father, whom he initiated, and who was therefore his son in Masonry. He should also include Bros. Coxon, Hyam Abrahams, from Kimberley, and Broderick.

Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, after returning thanks, said that as the brethren had been told, he initiated their W.M., and they could therefore imagine the gratification it afforded him to see Bro. Da Silva at the head of such a lodge, surrounded by such a fine display of grandsons. The way in which the W.M. had performed his duties was such that no other lodge would bear comparison. He had rendered the ceremonies of initiation and raising in his usual excellent manner that evening. Bro. Da Silva, W.M., after his initiation, followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, and was able to carry on the duties in the Lodge of Israel as he had in the lodge that evening. The members of the Barnato Lodge knew they could not have had a brother who would have done them more honour and more credit than their present W.M. It had afforded him more pleasure than he could express to be present that evening, and hoped to be allowed the honour of visiting them again on a future occasion.

Bros. Hyam Abrahams, Coxon, and Broderick also replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that the members of the lodge had not yet had an opportunity of showing how much they appreciated the toast, but the opportunity would come soon, when they would be able to respond more cordially than on the present occasion. He was sure it would be received with enthusiasm, and that when the proper time came they would show their cordiality by their deeds. There was amongst them that evening a highly distinguished brother in the Craft—Bro. Jas. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—whom he had reserved to reply to this toast. That brother would rely upon the members of the lodge to support him in their deeds in carrying on the work of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, said the observations of the W.M. were very kind, and would no doubt produce good fruit in the future. The past year had been an eventful one for the Masonic Charities, the largest sum ever announced in one evening—£50,600—being realised for the Girls' School. The Boys' Festival followed with but a very small amount—£9000. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution took place first, and realised over £15,000. They would find the total sum raised during the year for the three Institutions to be between £73,000 and £74,000—no inconsiderable sum to be realised by an association like theirs, where they did not go outside their doors to collect the money. He had heard one visitor in response that evening say that the lodge had taken the name of a brother who had been the means of raising a great deal. He had no doubt that in the future a great deal would be raised by any Steward representing the lodge. In February next the Festival of the Old People would take place. For the election there were about 130 or 140 candidates, and at present but four vacancies. They would require a large sum not only to keep up the payments, but also, if possible, to increase the number of annuitants. He was sure it had only to be made known in that lodge, and a sum would be realised that would assist them materially. The annuities were conferred merely for the fact that the recipients were Freemasons and down in the world. Whenever this lodge felt inclined to send up a Steward, he was certain it would make its mark on the list of the Charities, as it had already on the annals of Masonry. He trusted that when February came, amongst the number of Stewards would be one from that far famed lodge. He thanked them for the honour done him that evening, and hoped and trusted the lodge would continue to prosper, and that the M.W.G.M. would never be ashamed when he heard the name mentioned, but that it would be said that it had done good in its generation, and especially in helping those who could not help themselves.

Other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable and successful gathering.

Bro. W. Wright presided in his accustomed brilliant manner at the pianoforte, and was assisted by Bros. Lane, W. Combes, Honey, H. J. Phillips, and S. B. Joel, in the harmony during the evening.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—At the regular lodge held on Friday, the 14th inst., there were present Bros. W. Porter, W.M.; R. Dayson, S.W.; Dr. Bruce, J.P., A. Gooderidge, S.D.; J. Leech, J.D.; A. H. Peacock, I.G.; E. J. Foster, I.P.M.; Bray, P.M., Treas.; Everatt, P.M.; Gardiner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Robinson, Tyler; and many others, besides several visiting brethren.

After lodge had been closed, a banquet was held, at which the W.M., in very feeling terms, presented Bro. Robert Dayson, S.W., with a testimonial on the occasion of his recent marriage. The presentation consisted of a very handsome marble timepiece bearing a suitable inscription, and also side bronzes of a very elaborate character, besides a spirit stand of novel and elegant design.

Bro. Dayson, in the course of an eloquent reply, thanked the brethren for the very handsome way in which they had been pleased to signalise his marriage. The testimonial would be valued by his wife and himself, not merely on account of its intrinsic value, or of the very great taste shown in its selection, but as a memento of many very pleasurable associations.

Several speeches were made during the evening, including one by Bro. E. T. Clark, P.P.G.R. West Yorks, in which reference was made to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Dayson in many ways, but especially from a musical point of view, not merely to the Lodge Aire and Calder, but also to the Province of West Yorkshire.

During the evening, amongst the toasts received with great cordiality, was that of "Success to the new Lodge of St. Nicholas, at Thorne," to which Bro. J. Constable, Sec., replied in an able speech.

The proceedings were rendered additionally pleasant by the songs given by Bro. Charles Blagboro (who was in splendid form), Bros. E. Gooderidge, P.M., J. Leech, J. Robinson, and many others. Bro. G. Winttingham Cutts acted as Organist.

Bro. Dayson was initiated into Freemasonry in the Aire and Calder Lodge on the same evening as Bro. Raven, now W.M. of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough. The latter presided over the meeting of the lodge held last week, at which Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Raincliffe was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.

HEATON NORRIS.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the George Hotel. Present: Bros. James Cookson, P.G. Steward, W.M.; R. Bassnett Preston, S.W.; J. McKim, J.W.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. A. Vaughan, S.D.; T. Knott, J.D.; Henry Smith, I.G.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.M., P.P.G.C.; E. J. Lingard, P.M., P.G. Steward; C. Crush, T. W. Markland, A. Keymer, and H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John MacMahon, P.M. 44; A. Lawley, J.W. 1140; John Scott, P.M. 322; H. Crossley, 104; T. W. Stanley, and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Steward.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George William Cookson (son of the W.M.) and Arthur Wellesley Henry, both of whom were elected, and afterwards initiated by the W.M. The S.W., Bro. R. B. Preston, delivered the address, and the J.W., Bro. J. McKim, presented the working tools. Bro. W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G. Reg., delivered a lecture explanatory of the first tracing board. The whole of the work was smoothly done, and reflected great credit on all concerned.

After some discussion respecting the proposed alteration of the Provincial Grand Lodge by-laws, a Committee was appointed to consider same, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

At the social board, after the usual preliminary toasts, that of "The Initiates" was proposed and responded to; also "The Visitors," "The W.M.," and "The Officers," a pleasant evening being spent.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., 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.; Rev. E. R. Currie, D.O., P.P.G.C., P.M., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. A. Raper, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; J. W. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; T. W. Avis, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, J. Hall, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M. 40; and Dr. F. W. Cock.

This being an emergency meeting, the W.M., immediately after the opening of the lodge, explained that it had been convened for the purpose of raising Bro. Lieut. John Holl, who was to leave for India in a few days, and that ceremony was at once proceeded with, being performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Jordan.

There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" enthusiastically received with expressions of fraternal good wishes for a prosperous voyage and a safe return to his native land.

SCARBOROUGH.—Denison Lodge (No. 1248).—On Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the regular meeting of this lodge, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Viscount Raincliffe was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. T. Raven, Bro. Ascough, P.M., and Bro. Fisher, P.M., P.G.D.C.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren repaired to the Grand Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. De Leidi.

The W.M. was supported by Bros. Earl Londesborough, P.M., P.G.W.; Lord Raincliffe, the Mayor of Scarborough (Bro. Leasowe Walker), Capt. H. Darley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Dr. Ivor Murray, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Barlowe, W.M. 566; Harland, W.M. 643; and about 60 brethren, amongst whom were several visitors.

Pritchard's band was in attendance during the dinner, and performed a pleasing and varied selection of music, which was highly appreciated.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Prust, W.M.; T. Morgan, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; T. H. Wills, J.W.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., and Chap.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; J. McKellar, S.D.; S. Wills, D.C.; W. Hersey and John Taylor, Stwds.; T. Brooks, Org.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; E. J. Pratt, R. Pickard, W. H. Rowland, G. West, W. Winget, C. Hill, J. Risdon, G. Guy, and J. Hardiman. The visitors were Bros. J. Burt, 328; F. Crowe, Org. 2189; R. L. Mugford, W.M. 328; A. Kendrick, W.M. 248; G. S. Bridgman, W.M. 1358; J. Grant, P.M. 328; H. W. Beer, Stwd. 328; J. Janes, J.W. 248; and J. Salter, P.M., D.C. 328.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the acting Secretary, Bro. J. Taylor, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed and signed. The chair was then occupied by Bro. John Lane, the Installing Master, who installed the W.M. elect in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being conducted in that impressive and perfect manner for which that brother is noted. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. T. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Chap.; J. Dodge, P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; F. S. Hex, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; W. Hersey, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; W. Winget and G. West, Stwds.; S. Wills, I.G.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. A handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. T. Prust, as a token of the brethren's appreciation of his successful conduct of all the lodge affairs during his year of office; although suffering from ill health he was always at his post, and he trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. might long spare him to wear it. Bro. A. T. Blamey was also presented with the clothing of a Prov. J.G.D., Bro. J. Dodge making both presentations on behalf of the lodge in a happy speech, reviewing the abilities of the recipients. Bros. Prust and Blamey suitably replied. The excellent Treasurer, Bro. J. Dodge, presented his balance sheet, which was of a highly satisfactory character, and unanimously passed; the lodge in every respect being in an active and flourishing condition. Bro. John Lane was re-elected a representative on the Committee of Petitions.

This concluding the business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel for the annual banquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were given by the W.M. with musical honours.

"The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The Prov. G.M., the D.P. G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," were also given by the W.M.

The latter toast was responded to by Bro. A. T. Blamey, Prov. J.G.D., in felicitous language.

The toast of the evening—"The Newly-installed W.M."—was given by Bro. J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., who pointed out that the W.M. had that evening been for the second time placed in the chair by the unanimous wish of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master suitably replied, saying that, as an advocate of temperance, his principles would not admit of his placing wines on the table. He therefore handed a cheque for five guineas to the Charity Steward; and, with this as a text,

Bro. John Lane, the Charity Steward, proposed the next toast—"Success to the Masonic Charities"—in an able and eloquent speech. He earnestly pleaded the cause of the Masonic Charities, supplying an array of statistics and facts, which materially assisted to induce the brethren to add to the five guineas.

The other toasts—"The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's—brought a pleasant, social evening to a close.

Some capital songs and solos were admirably rendered by the brethren and visitors during the evening, the musical portions of the proceedings being ably conducted by the Organist, Bro. T. Brooks.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road. Bro. R. Gooding, I.P.M., was in the chair, Bro. Lieut. T. Cooper, W.M., being unable to attend.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting passed. The ballot was then taken for Staff-Sergt. Robert Inkerman Spence, Royal Artillery, and Sergt. Wm. Henry Manning, Ordinance Store Corps, and, proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bros. Thomas Rogers and Rovedina were passed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren having partaken of a handsomely served dinner, re-assembled round the social board, and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and spent an hour or two in harmony.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Kenneday, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Natal; Col. Vansittart, O.S.C.; W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Maule, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); A. Murdock, S.W.; W. Seager, J.W.; J. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; T. Couper, S.D.; J. Whiteheart, Stwd.; H. Syer, P.M. 13; J. Gould, P.M. 1685; T. Goodrich, 490 (S.C.); T. Cox, 730; J. Corbey, 1331; C. Banstead, 700; W. H. Keeble, 13; F. Marfleet, 700; G. Porter, 700; and others.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, W.M.; Wm. Brown, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Geo. Simpson, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; W. Lackenby, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; G. Lamb, S.D.; W. Storey, J.D.; P. Pearson and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; A. Bellerby, S. Findale, F. H. Vaughan, J. L. Spetch, J. M. Procter, S. J. Scott, J. E. Wilkinson, J. W. Dow, W. G. Penty, J. Horner, J. Smith, G. G. Pook, W. A. Pike, and W. S. Child, Org.

Visitors: Bros. J. Booth, 1991; J. Thomson, 333; and W. H. B. Atkinson, 910.

The business consisted of a passing and a raising, the W.M. performing the former and the I.P.M. the latter ceremony. Bros. W. Brown and F. W. Halliwell were appointed Auditors, a candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren met at supper, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

PORTISHEAD.—Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—The beautiful ceremony of installing the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, S.W., in the chair of K.S., was performed by the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, on Saturday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Rooms connected with the Royal Hotel, and in the presence of a large number of Masons. The following were the officers appointed by the W.M.: Bros. W. K. Thomas, I.P.M. and Organist; W. Glasspole, S.W.; W. R. Shapland, J.W.; E. Davey, S.D.; G. Daltry, J.D.; W. Rich. P.M., D.C.; J. Green, Asst. D.C.; W. Ramsden and Billing, Stwds.; W. Minns, P.M., Sec.; J. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; J. Carey, I.G.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. L. Thomas, P.M.; George Dando, P.M.; F. G. Dimery, P.M.; W. R. Maby; H. M. Appleton, P.M. 1381; Dr. L. A. Weatherly, P.M. P.G.S.B.; John Roberts, J. Sheppard, E. M. Harvey, J. Gay, G. Morgan, C. Morgan, Chas. Hazell, A. J. Tonkin, 1011; N. C. Hetherington, 68; T. Webley, 68; J. Stoate, 610, P.G.T. Bristol; T. Carrington, 1586; W. H. Cowlin, W.M. 326; H. Gough, P.M. 326; T. W. Stone, P.M. 326; G. T. Peckett, J.D. 326; E. Harris, J.W. 326; H. Fielding, 326; T. H. Norris, W.M. 291; E. F. Wade, P.M. Sec. 291, P.P.J.G.W.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.G.P. Bristol; J. Gard, P.M. 68, P.P.J.G.W. Bristol; A. T. Bennett, H. M. Ormsby, P.M. 950, P.S.G.D. West Lancs.; T. P. Parnall, 1199; A. J. Garwood, 1366; and W. B. Biggs, P.M. 1388, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol.

After the ceremony, upwards of 45 brethren sat down to a banquet, prepared by Mrs. Boulter in her usual excellent style, at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the W.M.

The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs by Dr. L. A. Weatherly and others, and violin solos by Bro. Carrington.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Whibley, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; West, P.M.; J. Bedford Williams, Wright, Wilson, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were very well answered by Bro. Wilson. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, S.W.; E. M. Bessell, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. T. Redfern, S.D.; V. Shaw, J.D.; J. W. Mantelaw, I.G.; S. B. Nightingale, W. T. Dillon, J. De Sola Pinto, and J. Tapping. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Hill and E. Wehrle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Pinto candidate. Bro. W. T. Dillon was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Dillon candidate. The lodge was closed down, and Bros. Hill and Wehrle were elected joining members, and they suitably responded. Bro. Stratton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Yates, W.M.; Kilsby, acting I.P.M.; J. G. Cobb, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Ritchie, and Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie candidate. Bro. Stevenson having offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, was duly questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stevenson candidate. Bro. Cobb was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; A. J. Turner, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); H. Cotton, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; Cory, Betts, and C. Woods.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Betts offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Betts being candidate. Bro. J. Sims gave an explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Jennings, S.D.; Gilbert, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; L. Cox, Head, West, Sansom, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cox having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The 1st and 4th Sections were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. J. Sims, P.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bro. A. Cavers. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. J. W. Morley, W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; A. Saunders, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; and W. Hunt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cochrane being candidate. Bro. Hunt having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Hunt acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. P. Skar was elected W.M. for Monday, the 1st prox. Bro. A. Saunders was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday next, the 24th inst., full particulars of which will be found in another column. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. on that occasion.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; C. Hopkins, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Davis, acting Preceptor; E. Aslete, S.D.; and F. Craggs, I.G.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Aslete offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Aslete candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. C. Hopkins was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Molony, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Coleman, P.M., acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Badderley, J.D.; Ray, I.G.; Mann, Shaw, Hayler, Lewis, Hill, and Grogan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shaw being the candidate. Bro. Mann, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Hill, 1446, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Esling, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Russell, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Coe, Folkard, Cowland, Winny, Stokes, and Heathcote.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Winny having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising impressively rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Esling, with Bro. Winny as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Poole, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Poole returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when there were present, with others, Bros. T. Prust, J. Dodge, J. Lane, F. J. Crossman, S. Wills, W. Hersey, V. Lauzel, J. Pratt, J. Taylor, Secretary; J. E. Newton, Tyler; G. West, W. H. Snell, and W. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. West, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and then closed down, some instructive and interesting remarks being made by Bro. John Lane on the method of closing from Second to Third Degree. Bro. Lane was also requested to give a mode of testing a strange brother, previous to his being admitted to a lodge, which he kindly did, to the profit of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

STANMORE CHAPTER (No. 1549).—This chapter, which connects the members of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, and the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, completed its ninth season very prosperously on the 12th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, under the able guidance of the following companions, viz.: Comps. E. Bentley Haynes, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Rogers, H.; R. H. Blatchford, J.; C. Veal, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Webb, P.Z., as P.S.; J. Best, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. R. Shutt, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. S. Fraser, P.Z., Steward; T. J. Maidwell, P.Z.; F. Brown, P.Z. 538, as S.N.; J. Middleton, Janitor; W. Wilson, C. B. Todd, A. Murtrie, and W. Fraser. Visitors: Comps. G. W. Ensar, 65; and J. Pilson, late 1549.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting, held on July 11th, were read and confirmed. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of the following three candidates for the Abercorn Lodge, viz.: Bros. H. B. Weatherall, E. B. Weatherall, and G. Sturman, they were all exalted to the Supreme Degree in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on every officer, and impressed each candidate with the utmost reverence for such a beautiful ceremony.

The chapter was then closed, and all the companions adjourned to a most enjoyable dinner, which was fully appreciated.

The M.E.Z. very happily gave the customary toasts, which were in each case ably responded to, the Exaltees being loud in their praises and satisfaction. Several companions contributed to the harmony of the evening by song and recitation.

The companions adjourned until the second Wednesday in May, emergencies excepted, one of which will probably be held early in the New Year.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z., H. and Preceptor; Brian, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; R. J. Vincent, P.S.; Addington, H. 1275; V. T. Murché, R. Davis, and C. Woods.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington, H. 1275, personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., H. and Preceptor, was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. Comp. Hilton returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing more presenting itself for the good of R.A. Masonry, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

DARTFORD.—Temple Lodge (No. 322).—The installation of Bro. Willoughby Weiss, P.G. Stwd. Kent, took place at the Wilmington Masonic Hall on Monday, the 17th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Kent. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Call-Weddeil, M.D., P.P.G.M.O. Kent, I.P.M.; W. Tomlinson, M.A., S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Fletcher Beach, M.D., M.O.; Potter, S.O.; Harper, J.O.; Rev. E. C. Britton, M.A., Chap.; Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M. Kent, Treas.; E. W. White, M.D., Sec.; and others.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Prov. Grand Master of Kent; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; F. Henri Weiss, and others.

British Columbia.

CONSECRATION OF THE SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, No. 13, AT LANSDOWNE.

Three years ago there was not a Masonic lodge in the vast extent of country of which Kamloops is the centre. Now there are three. The new lodge consecrated on the 25th July, at Lansdowne, called the Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 13, illustrates the progressive nature of the ancient and honourable Institution. Making its way slowly but surely into the interior of the country, the influence of its principles of morality and brotherly love must help in improving the tone of society in general. To the Rev. D. H. Horlock, the late incumbent of Kamloops, must be given the honour of having promoted the formation of Kamloops Lodge, of which he was first W.M. Under his fostering wing the Mountain Lodge, Donald, was started. A more enthusiastic Mason could not be found than Bro. Horlock, and his work in Kamloops was well carried on by Bro. Dr. Clarke, who was the second W.M. of the lodge. On Bro. Horlock removing to England, his place was taken by Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, who is following in his predecessor's steps, the consecration of Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 13, being the result of his efforts in the cause of Freemasonry.

To a visitor to the little town of Lansdowne it would be a matter of surprise to find a building pointed out as the Masonic Hall. Yet there, sure enough, is a well arranged and very perfectly fitted up lodge room, not very large it is true, but of sufficient room for the impressive celebration of the various ceremonies. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed among brethren in the district when it was found that a dispensation to open a lodge had been granted by the Grand Master. One brother, Bro. T. Hamill, made and presented the pedestals, working tools, and ornaments, all executed in a most workmanlike manner. Another brother gave the checkered pavement, another the volume of the Sacred Law, so that the furnishing of the lodge was done without cost from pure love of the Craft.

The day for the consecration and installation being fixed, the wives and sisters of the brethren began, some days previously, the preparation of a banquet with which to refresh the weary labourers after the toils of the day were ended, and it was determined that such a banquet, or cold collation, should be provided as had never before been laid on a table in Lansdowne. Right worthily did they carry out their intentions, for at 9 o'clock, after a heavy day's work, the brethren, on adjourning to the Town Hall (for Lansdowne can boast of a town hall as well as a Masonic temple), saw such a display of the rich viands of the district as would tempt an anchorite.

The chair was taken by Bro. Canon W. H. Hooper, the newly-installed W.M. of the lodge. On his right sat Bro. Dr. Clarke, P.M., and on his left Bro. Dr. Garrow, who has just settled in the district.

After ample justice had been done to the banquet, and grace had been said, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said that Freemasons never lost sight of the allegiance they owed to the Sovereign of their native land, and that wherever dispersed over the world their hearts turned to the country from whence they or their fathers derived their birth. Loyalty had always been a characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and he felt assured it would ever continue so. The toast was enthusiastically received.

The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." The CHAIRMAN said that although Masonry shed a lustre upon all who were its votaries, no matter how high their position might be, still it could not be denied that the patronage of men in high social positions was of incalculable advantage to the Craft. The higher the status of the rulers of the Craft the greater the influence of the Order. The toast was drunk with honours.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge B.C.," the CHAIRMAN said he had lately met the M.W.G.M. and Officers at the communication of the Grand Lodge just held at Westminster, and he had much pleasure in testifying to the interest taken by them in the extension of Freemasonry, and the efforts they were making to advance the interest of the Craft. He was glad to tell them that the confidence of the brethren in the Grand Master was exemplified by his unanimous re-election for the present year. Many of the other Grand Officers were also re-elected. That was a course he was strongly in favour of, as it secured the services of brethren who had experience in the work of the respective offices. A hearty response was given to the toast.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to propose was one he felt sure would be received and drunk very heartily. It was that of "Bro. Clarke, P.M., the Installing Officer." No one who had listened to the admirable way in which Bro. Clarke conducted the important ceremony of installing the W.M. and officers of Spallumcheen Lodge could fail of being deeply impressed with his manner, and the perfect manner in which he went through the long ceremony. Bro. Clarke was the best Mason he had met in British Columbia, and he was always ready even at considerable inconvenience to give his valuable help on all occasions when called on. The toast was enthusiastically received, and drunk with musical honours.

Bro. CLARKE, P.M., thanked the P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which his name had been received. He always felt it not only a duty but a great pleasure to do all that lay in his power for the good of Freemasonry. He had been for many years a member of the Craft, and had devoted much time to the study of the Constitution and principles of the Order. He rejoiced to see Freemasonry making such progress in the district, and he would always be ready to help the Spallumcheen Lodge should it be in need of assistance. He again thanked them for the honour they had done him.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Initiate," which was responded to by Bro. R. S. HANNA, who had been initiated after the installation, at the request of the W.M. Kamloops Lodge.

"The Health of the Visitors" was given by Bro. G. H. RASHDAL, S.W., and was replied to by Bro. Dr. GARROW, who said he was about to make their district his home, and he hoped that as soon as his arrangements were completed to offer himself as a candidate for affiliation.

Bro. CLARKE, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Officers of Spallumcheen Lodge." From what he had seen that evening of the work that the newly-installed officers had done, in the initiation and other ceremonies, he felt assured that the future of the lodge would be brilliant and successful. They had secured a W.M. of great experience, and with a little more drilling the officers acting under him would be perfect in their work. He looked forward to seeing Spallumcheen Lodge equal to any lodge on the register of B. C.

The W.M., in returning thanks for himself and his officers, said he was as surprised as pleased at the way the newly appointed officers had occupied their chairs for the first time that evening. There had been no hitch in any of the work undertaken, and if they only went on as they had begun, they would attain to the summit of his ambition, and that was to make their lodge a model for the correctness of its ritual and the perfection of its working. He considered Bro. Clarke's opinion a very valuable one, as his experience had been so wide and his working so good. He thanked Bro. Dr. Clarke for proposing their health, and for the words of encouragement he had spoken, and assured him, on his own behalf and that of his brother officers, that they would endeavour to retain the character that had already been given to the new lodge.

"The Health of the Ladies" was then proposed and enthusiastically received, and special thanks accorded there for their hospitality and kindness.

"God save the Queen" was then sung, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Queensland.

MASONIC BALL AT IPSWICH, BRISBANE.

The fifth annual ball under the auspices of the three local Masonic lodges was held on Friday, July 27th, in the hall of the School of Arts, at Ipswich, Brisbane. The gay demonstration initiated by the brethren of the mystic tie is unquestionably one of the two events that Ipswichians make most of. One is the Queensland Pastoral and Agricultural Society's exhibition, and the other is—well, the heading to this brief sketch tells what it is. Ipswich ladies really lay themselves out in friendly rivalry on this occasion, and, though they do not court admiration, they are graceful patronesses of all who bow at their shrine. They dress well, fashionably, and even elaborately, and no one can look at them and their beautiful attire without awarding at least silent approval of their toilets. This year, as usual, the affair was managed by a joint Committee of members of the three lodges, of which Bro. A. J. Stephenson was Chairman; Bro. John Nicholls, Treasurer; and Bro. G. Vowles and J. B. Sumner, Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively.

The decorations were not so extensive as they were in 1887, but they were equally effective, and in undeniably good taste. There was not a profusion of flowers, but, thanks to the energy of Bro. Whitehouse, there was an abundance of foliage, and that was tastefully arranged round the walls, and was alternately relieved by Masonic emblems and flags, the latter being kindly lent by the Western Star Lodge (G.U.O.O.F.). On each side of the stage were the letters "G." and "A." and above the centre depended a flag bearing the initial letters "I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.I.U.," which signify "In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe," a crown, &c., and the appropriate word "Welcome." Credit for the decorations is especially due to Bro. J. C. N. Wilson (who was chairman of the sub-committee), Bros. G. Bradshaw, James Ferguson, jun., W. Henson, Thomas Harrison, J. White, J. H. Curnow, J. Hucker, C. E. Simpson, J. J. Pettford, J. Nicholls, J. B. Sumner, N. Duncan, and S. Ash. They worked hard, and their labour spoke for them with no uncertain sound.

It is needless to say that Bro. Whitehouse was the caterer, and it is also unnecessary to say that his contribution to the night's enjoyment was irreproachable, both in quality and arrangement. Half-past eight had chimed from the clock tower ere the ladies and their attendant lords began to make their appearance, but shortly after that time a steady stream of visitors flowed into the hall, where, long before, everything had been prepared for their reception. Naturally there was a crowd of sightseers—mostly of the gentler sex—lining each side of the approaches to the building, and every now and then a subdued murmur of admiration was heard as some unusually handsome costume flitted through the vestibule, and was lost to sight inside the ball-room.

Shortly after nine o'clock the formation of the processional arch of wands under the supervision of the Marshals, Bros. P. Brown, P. L. Cardew, and A. J. Stephenson, betokened the approach of some dignity, and presently, to the strains of the orchestra, Bro. T. O. Unmack, M.L.A., P.G.M., was escorted round the hall, and finally to the platform, where he was duly received and seated. Besides this brother, the same ceremony was performed at the reception of Bros. G. Bradshaw, P.S.G.W.; J. Macartney, P.G.D.; W. Henson, P.G.D.; and J. H. Curnow, P.G.S., who, with Bro. Unmack, represented the Irish District Grand Lodge; Bros. P. Brown, D.D.G.M.; W. H. Johns, and Jas. Ferguson, jun., representing the Scotch District Grand Lodge; Bro. A. J. Stephenson, P.D.S.G.W.; P. L. Cardew, P.P.G.D.

of C.; and H. E. Wyman, D.G.S., representing the English District Grand Lodge.

After these distinguished officials had been made welcome with all the pomp and pride of ye ancient Masonic rites, the D.C.'s, Bros. Cardew and Browne, and B. Welsby, gave the signal, and the poetry of motion began, fashioned to excellent music furnished by a first-class orchestra (under the conductorship of Mr. J. J. Wells), who were stationed on a foliage-shrouded dais to the right of the entrance. Hour after hour flew away, chased by flying feet, and speeded by merry speech and dashes of sparkling wit.

At last the hour of parting came, all too reluctantly the dancers took their leave of the decorated building, and finally separated under a cloudless sky, and in the keen bracing temperature of a Queensland winter morn.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Todd, and W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's department; and the other brethren present were Bros. Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; F. R. Spaul, D. D. Mercer, Henry Garrod, W. H. Perryman, J. B. Grieve, A. C. Woodward, Charles Dairy, G. P. Britten, W. Hopekirk, T. Cull, George Read, R. J. Taylor, C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; N. Tracy, H. Cawte, E. West, A. E. Gladwell, H. Massey, W. C. Williams, E. Gooch Johnson, G. R. Langley, H. Hooper, Henry Nuding, John Finch, G. Bolton, E. F. Bamber, C. J. Coombs, Henry Deane, A. T. Twyman, C. H. Webb, G. L. Moore, Wyndham Hart, N. Brown, and James A. Clarkson.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the M.W. Grand Master at the August meeting to the amount of £305. There were 28 cases on the new list coming through lodges in the London district, and lodges at Portsmouth, Grimsby, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Liverpool, Sandport, Exeter, Stoke-on-Trent, Shoreham, Colchester, Handsworth, Loughborough, Chacewater, Leeds, Bristol, Nottingham, Malta, Ipswich, Stockport, East Stonehouse, and Abingdon.

Two of these were deferred, being incomplete, the remainder were relieved with a total sum of £740. This was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and three of £50 each; four recommendations also to the Grand Master of £40 each, and three of £30 each; and ten grants of £20 each, three of £10, and two of £5 each.

PROPOSED UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

We learn from the Australasian *Keystone* that a meeting of the General Committee appointed to take into consideration the advisability of establishing an independent Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street East, Melbourne, on the 26th July last. Bro. John James, Past District S.G.W. (E.C.), occupied the chair, and there were present about 50 members, including Bro. A. Ellis, Prov. G. Sec. (I.C.), the Hon. Treas., and Bro. E. Edwards, jun., Past D.G.S.B. (S.C.), the Hon. Sec.

The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed the 6th June had met on the 11th of the same month, had adopted a circular letter to be addressed to the W.M. of every lodge, with a schedule attached, to be returned to the Hon. Secretary showing the results of the voting; that this circular letter had been accompanied by another in which the proceedings hitherto taken were fully described, and containing voting papers to be signed by those members who were unable to attend their lodge when the subject was under consideration; and that copies of the proceedings in Freemasons' Hall on the 31st May, as reported in the Australasian *Keystone*, had in addition been sent to the country lodges. The report of the Committee on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. S. A. CANTOR, Past District G.W., was received and adopted.

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. ELLIS, Prov. G. Sec. (I.C.), seconded by Bro. J. S. BULTERS, P.M., "That an Executive Committee, consisting of 20 W. and P. Masters, with the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary as ex-officio members, be appointed, with power to take the necessary steps to carry out the objects originally contemplated, viz., to form a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, also to report to a subsequent meeting of the General Committee the nature of the steps they have taken, and to make such recommendations on the general subject as they may deem proper."

The following were elected by ballot to serve on the Executive Committee, namely: Bros. W. J. Runting, T. Smith, W. T. C. Kelly, C. H. Bayley, W. Henry, S. Trythall, J. A. Cantor, R. O. Thompson, S. Franklin, W. F. Lamony, J. McKinney, J. Robertson, W. Gane, T. H. Lempriere, W. B. Edwards, J. S. Bulters, C. S. Mason, H. Bannister, G. F. Martin, and W. Davis.

It appears from the reports so far as they had been received to date showed that nearly 1300 had voted for the scheme of a separate Grand Lodge, and only 29 against it, and of these latter many appeared to have misunderstood the movement.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Last week, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Milltown arrived at Russborough House, their seat in the county of Wicklow. Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute have recently visited their newly-purchased estate, Falkland House, Fifeshire.

A largely-attended meeting was held at Birmingham, on the 14th instant, under the presidency of the Mayor, when the invitation of the National Rifle Association to select Cannock Chase for their future meetings was heartily endorsed. It was stated in the course of the proceedings that Bro. General Lord Wolseley would shortly visit the town for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the local Volunteers.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

The annual autumn banquet of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. R. Willard, presided, and among those present were Bros. W. Botting, I.P.M.; T. P. Harker, J.W.; W. Nell, P.M., acting S.D.; H. Ledger, J.D.; W. Smith, P.M.; H. Davey, P.M.; S. H. Soper, P.M.; J. H. Smith, W. A. Field, G. Clements, W. Bennett, W. F. Booth, H. Tuff, F. Clements, and J. Stonehouse; with the following visitors, viz.: Bros. W. B. Isworth, J.W. 1636; F. W. Hollands, Stwd. 1636; F. Guy, Stwd. 1636; R. Nicholson, 315; W. R. Wood, jun., P.M. 1636; G. Cole, P.M. and Org. 1636; and W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Org., 1636.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," having been proposed by the W.M., Bro. R. WILLARD,

The toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was given by Bro. H. DAVEY.

Bro. S. H. SOPER proposed "The R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex," and, referring to the splendid gathering in the dome, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed his Royal brother as Prov. Grand Master, expressed the hope that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would soon return from India and visit the Sussex Province.

The toast of "Bro. Gerard Ford, D. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was given by Bro. H. LEDGER, and acknowledged by Bros. W. SMITH and H. DAVEY.

Bro. W. BOTTING, I.P.M., then submitted the toast of "The W.M.," and paid a high compliment to Bro. R. Willard for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. The W.M., he said, had introduced five initiates and two joining members, and had given the greatest satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. R. WILLARD, who was cordially received on rising to respond, expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding over the lodge, and bore testimony to the admirable assistance he had received from his officers.

Bro. W. R. WOOD responded for "The Visitors;" and Bros. J. STONEHOUSE and H. TUFF for "The Initiates and Joining Members;" and Bro. T. P. HARKER for "The Officers." Toasts were given from the chair.

The Tyler's toast, submitted by Bro. H. H. HUGHES, completed the list.

During the evening some pleasing songs were sung by Bros. S. H. Soper, W. F. Booth, F. Clements, R. Nicholson, R. Willard, and G. Cole; the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. T. FENN, PRES. B.G.P., BY LODGE LA FRANCE, No. 2060.

This lodge, which now numbers 50 members, which is about its desired limit, held a very interesting meeting on Monday, the 17th inst. The W.M., Ernest St. Clair, performed the ceremonies of raising and passing in his usual perfect and impressive form. He was assisted in the performance of the ceremonies on that occasion by Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., who had kindly undertaken the duties of S.D., and who also gave the explanation of the second tracing board. The next business was the election of a new W.M. The universal wish had pointed to Bro. J. Bué, P.P.G.W. Oxford, for that post, but at the last minute his heart failed him on account of his age and the distance, and he reluctantly sent his excuses, whereupon Bro. St. Clair was unanimously re-elected W.M. for next year. Bro. H. Bué was elected Treasurer, *vice* Bro. Leon Clerc, to be S.W.

The usual vote for the lodge jewel having been passed, Bro. ST. CLAIR, W.M., rose, and said he had a very agreeable duty to perform, he had been requested by the brethren of the Lodge La France to express their deep gratitude to Bros. Fenn and F. Richardson for the great interest and the great assistance they had always shown and given to the Lodge La France. Unfortunately Bro. F. Richardson was not there. As to Bro. Fenn, they had all been witnesses of his constant attendance there, of the great share he had taken in their ceremonies, specially since he installed him in the chair of K.S. in that lodge. That night again he was fulfilling the duties of S.D. with that perfection which his great practice had given him, and the magnificent way in which he gave them the explanation of the Second Tracing Board in their own language must have caused the envy of all of them. It was as a token of their gratitude that he had been requested to hand him the jewel of that lodge, which bears at the back the following inscription: "Presented to the V.W. Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., by the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge La France, in acknowledgment of the eminent services he has rendered this lodge since its foundation. 17th September, 1888." Bro. St. Clair hoped he would find, among his numerous jewels, a place for that one.

Bro. Fenn, in reply, said it would be difficult for him to express, even in English, how thankful he was for that mark of their esteem, but that it was impossible for him to express himself adequately in French; he deeply appreciated the compliment that had been paid him and he would not mix that jewel with the others, but provide or find for it a special place on his breast.

Bro. St. Clair, unaware until quite recently of his proposed re-election, then presented the lodge with a very handsome album as a souvenir of his year of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshments. Among the visitors present were Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.

The Winter Session of the Charterhouse Science and Art School and Literary Institute will commence on Monday, the 1st October, under the presidency of the Rev. Henry Swan, M.A. During the 1st Session upwards of 1000 students attended the classes, of whom nearly three-fourths presented themselves for examination, and were in the great majority of cases successful, many obtaining honour certificates from the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

The Masonic Hall, of which the foundation-stone was laid by Bro. Captain Von Brandis, Special Sanddrost, last year, was formally dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry on Wednesday, the 1st August, the ceremony being very imposing and of necessity attracting a good deal of attention. The scheme for erecting the Hall was originated by the R.W.M., officers, and members of the Golden Thistle Lodge, No. 744 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who were assisted by the Fraternity generally in the task of raising the necessary funds. The result is a structure which, even as it stands, is a credit to the brethren, though it is intended that by and bye the building shall include a banqueting-hall, ante-rooms, a caretaker's lodge, and offices, the whole being enclosed by a brick wall and iron railing. The Hall itself is 50 feet long by 25 feet wide, and 18 feet high; the walls are broken at intervals by pilasters, and painted a light grey colour; and the ceiling is sky blue bespangled with golden stars. The light for the present is supplied from three small lights placed together high up in the walls, but in due course it will be lighted from a cupola; at night three handsome five-light chandeliers are used. There are two ante-rooms, one on each side of the entrance lobby, and the fittings and appointments and upholstery work do credit to the several local establishments which have provided them.

The officers and members of the Golden Thistle Lodge and the visiting brethren assembled, to the number of about 100, at 10.15, Bro. J. Kincaid P.M. Star of the Rand, presiding in the absence of Bro. Hart, R.W.M. of the Golden Thistle. There were also present Bros. D. P. Ross, S.W.; Mudge, J.W.; Fraser, Treasurer; Dowling, Secretary; Goad, S.D.; Holzshimer, J.D.; E. Hancock, D.C.; C. Cowen, as Chaplain; De Villiers, P.M., Lewis, P.M., and Goodwin, P.M., as Cup Bearers; and Cummings Organist; together with the following members of the local lodges, namely: Bros. B. Klein, J. J. Morgan, E. Rothschild, C. Sellick, E. C. Garisch, C. W. Deecker, P. H. De Villiers, Robertson, E. Pistorius, R. T. Middleton, W. S. Rens, S. Lazarus, E. W. Sprawson, C. Shaw, J. H. Ball, Wm. Stark, Thos. Moulden, A. Z. Thomas, Jos. Hugh, S. T. Bain, F. J. Avis, E. T. Heather, Alfred Barnett, Thos. Begbie, B. Danziger, Abner Cohen, Alfred Schneider, H. Levi, Albert Levy, W. Jeffreys, J. Nugent, B. W. Hall, B. Rens, D. R. McLachlan, J. Van Schoon, D. H. Doure, W. Dunbar, R. H. McLaglen, R. Jorgenson, I. Gundelfinger, J. L. Ginsberg, Lennox Canning, C. Serrurier, T. Symons, W. B. Mardon, L. Tolle-mache, E. Hancock, D. Smith, Murgotroyd, Josiah Angove, W. Hyam, A. R. Perks, W. M. Gradwell, L. Heimann, D. Finestone, B. Lapin, F. Donovan, L. B. Newman, A. King; and, as visitors, Bros. J. T. Lewis, Celtic; D. Lipinski, Southern Cross; J. Goodman, Frere Lodge; B. Hammerschlag, Buffalo; J. Findlay, Goede Trow; A. Stenson, Star of the Border; J. Kincaid, Star of the Rand; W. Pearson, St. Andrew's; B. Alexander, Worcester Lodge; G. H. Langmead, Cosmopolitan; W. Brown, Celtic; W. Stoyle, British Kaffrarian; H. H. Dougherty, Panmure; J. Wellbeloved, Celtic; T. W. Goodwin, Buffalo; B. Alexander, Montefiore; J. Gibson, St. Andrew's; M. Myers, Land of Israel; A. H. Reid, Good Will; A. Sessil, Royal Alfred; J. B. Smith, Umzimkulu; J. De Meiltan, Flaming Star; Henry Head, Buffalo; J. W. Irder, Southern Cross; W. A. Phillips, St. John's; J. Freundlich, Carnarvon.

Lodge having been opened, a procession was formed and headed by the Johannesburg band, which, considering the brief period it has been in existence, played very creditably, marched to St. Mary's Hall, where Divine service, conducted by the Rev. J. T. Darragh, was held, a goodly number of the general public being in attendance. Prayers over, the rev. brother preached the following most admirable sermon on the text—"I wish you good luck in the name of the Lord:"

Gentlemen, friends of the Mystic Craft,—We welcome you heartily before the altar of God on this day of your great solemnity, in token of the ancient alliance and amity which have existed from of old between your Society and the Church, and which have prompted you to-day to offer your thanksgivings here before you proceed to the celebration of your own mystic rites. We could have wished to receive you with more of fitting pomp and circumstance on so great an occasion, but you well know it is the opportunity, not the will, which is wanting. Together with our welcome we offer you our heartiest felicitations on the completion of that work on which you set your hands so steadily. Our welcome and felicitations are not from the lips, but from the heart, and are formed upon high appreciation of certain distinguishing features of Masonry, of which it will be sufficient to mention one or two. First, let me mention the high value you place upon your being bonded together in a society for the accomplishment of your works of good fellowship and beneficence. I look upon this as your protest against the withering individualism which has been the curse of modern English life. What you protest against is founded upon a great truth indeed, but one which has become so exaggerated as to be almost an untruth. It is unquestionably a great truth that each man is individually responsible for himself before Almighty God; but taken apart from its correlated truths, becomes the source of much evil. God did not make man a solitary unit and place him in a desert to work out his little life alone. He gave him social instincts, and placed him in community with fellows, so that his individuality is limited and conditioned by his duties to others, and his life is no longer an affair between himself and God alone. Then, again, who does not know of the public spirit which distinguishes Masons all the world over? Nothing strikes one more forcibly in colonial life than the absence of this spirit, and your Society is worthy in the colonies of it. Home parentage should be foremost to set the example of work for the common weal. Who hears in the colonies of a man founding a hospital or library of his own munificence for the good of the community in general? Or of any other such act of public spirit as one constantly reads of in the papers at home? Masons are noted for their great Schools and other Charitable Institutions, and let us hope that neither the will nor the means will fail them in the colonies to emulate the spirit of their home brethren. Another feature of Masonry for which I have a hearty appreciation is your reverence for antiquity.

We men and women of the nineteenth century are usually so puffed up with a sense of the strides in material prosperity made in our generation that we sometimes forget the lesson of wisdom bequeathed to us by the past, and despise the old ways and the old people. Your Society being, I believe, the oldest existing "human" Society, and cherishing a rooted affection for its ancient traditions, is a standing protest against this contempt of antiquity. I need not go further than to instance your loving preservation of your venerable ceremonial, vestments, and symbolism—symbolism which bears witness to the inner harmony between the soul of things and ideas, and between the material creation and intellectual abstractions. Neither you nor I are likely in our appreciation of symbolism to exaggerate its importance. It is much like the value of good-breeding in social intercourse. What charm, what colour, what elevation of tone a well-bred man imparts to the social amenities of life! Still we are not likely to put mere surface polish in place of real goodness of heart. But all the same polishing brings out the grain of the wood. That flavour, tone, propriety, and dignity which good manners give to society, duly ordered ceremonial adds to public assemblies. Your ritual usage is a witness to this, though you are not likely to mistake its value and put it above more solid and substantial qualities. Heartily, therefore, gentlemen, I welcome you and felicitate you upon the completion of your temple, hoping that the example set by you in these respects may be taken to heart by other bodies in the town. I "wish you good luck in the name of the Lord."

The procession was then re-formed, and returned to the Hall, which was then solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry, the acting Chaplain offering up a prayer, and then in the course of the proceedings delivering a long and eloquent address on the principles of Masonry, and in which he briefly reviewed its history, introducing much that is of doubtful value, and describing the events which have marked its course, more particularly in South Africa, and as to the accuracy of which there can be no question.

The lodge having been raised to the Third Degree, the brethren marched thrice in procession round the hall, the grand honours being given in the intervals and at the close of the last round, and the ceremony, which was carried out from beginning to end most carefully and efficiently, having been brought to a close, telegrams of congratulation from brethren at a distance were read, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, and a painted photograph of Bro. Hart, R.W.M. Golden Thistle, having been presented to the lodge by Bro. L. Canning, on behalf of Bro. D. H. Davies, the proceedings terminated, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.



For one week, commencing to-night (Friday), Miss Edith Woodworth is going to give by request seven performances of "Frou Frou," with the same cast as at the matinée a few weeks since, including Mr. Wm. Farren, Mr. Elwood, Mr. Fred. Terry, and Bro. Gilbert Farquhar, Misses Marie de Grey, H. Lindley, and Margaret Terry, and Little Minnie Terry. As the play is not often seen in London, an opportunity is here given for making one's self acquainted with it. Miss Woodworth had it performed for her Buttercup and Daisy Fund, which she instituted two years ago, to give children of the very poor a few days' holiday in the country. A considerable sum was realised on that occasion. Miss Woodworth also promoted the Christmas dinner to the children, which Bro. Toole and others have supplemented by gifts and their presence. Mr. W. H. Griffiths leaves the Globe Theatre next week, and goes to the Shaftesbury Theatre—of which Miss Wallis is the lessee—soon to be opened. Mr. Griffiths will officiate as acting manager. His large experience in that capacity well qualifies him to superintend and guide the fortunes of this new and large theatre.

Not to be outdone by any rivals the Alhambra has put on a new pastoral ballet entitled "Ideala," the invention of M. Casati, the music by M. Jacobi, the popular conductor, and scenery by Mr. Ryan. The ballet "Antiope" is still in the programme earlier in the evening, and is a picture of beautiful colour and grouping. The variety business is not quite up to the usual mark. We think the directors might strengthen that part of the entertainment. Lieutenant Cole and his comical figures are a great loss to the patrons of the Alhambra.

Mr. Willie Edouin changed his programme on Saturday and put in the evening bill Mr. Mark Melford's farcical comedy, "Kleptomania," which was ushered in with many tokens of success. A lady in high life is afflicted with the propensity to "annex" what does not belong to her, specially articles of jewellery which cost her husband a large sum per annum in compensating the owners. The family do not allow the lady to know of the disease from which she suffers, but to cure her they derive a means of engaging another Kleptomania as companion. The lady's daughter affects having inherited the complaint, and when charged with appropriating a ring, the mother is shocked. Though the plot of the piece deals with a human infirmity, much fun, and of a harmless nature, is made out of it. By this time a few risky lines have been, we hope, excised, and the players will know their parts better. Mr. Edouin seemed often at a loss to know what to say next, but possibly his hesitation was the way which he wished to depict the character of the Rev. Dr. Smalley, Professor at Cambridge, who is engaged to the young lady. When the learned man finds out that the thief of a valuable ring given by his aunt to him, and which he was going to present to his fiancée, is her own mother, he breaks off the engagement, having charged his laundress with the theft and locked her up. Mr. Edouin has one of the best parts he ever played. He does not exaggerate it; he is well supported by Miss S. Vaughan and Mr. Chevalier, but we cannot say much for Miss Bryer or Mr. Fawcett's Doctor Walton. The burlesque "Aladdin" follows, and brings to many the memory of old days at the same theatre—the Strand—when Miss Marie Wilton, now Mrs. Bancroft, and Clarke played in it, and

made the little theatre echo with laughter. Mr. Chevalier has been entrusted with writing up to date the late Bro. Byron's extravaganza. Some popular songs and puns are introduced, the burden of the piece falling upon Mr. and Mrs. Edouin (Miss Atherton) and Mr. Halliwell. Mr. Edouin elicited roars of laughter when he was seen coming from the roof hanging to an umbrella—a good take off on Professor Baldwin's parachute. The farcical comedy and extravaganza ought to draw for some good many nights.

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Mr. D'Oyley Carte announces the last nights of "The Mikado," which is, perhaps, the prettiest of all Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. It may be that "The Mikado" will not be seen again, or at any rate for many years, it behoves, therefore, the lovers of true music to make their way to the Savoy betimes. "The Mikado" ranks so high amongst the musical jokes of Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert, that it is not surprising to learn that the present revival has been greeted with the warmest of welcomes, although it is only about a year since it was before the public. Mr. Rutland Barrington, who will be much missed when the opera is withdrawn, is full of stolid humour as Pooh Bah, who is so proud of his birth and can trace his descent to a primeval protoplasm, yet is always willing to be "insulted" with bribes to give advice in his capacity as Lord Chancellor, Keeper of the Privy Purse, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Attorney-General, Auditor of Public Accounts, Prime Minister, and Leader of the Opposition, which persons are all to be squared. Mr. Grossmith is as funny as ever in his finished study of the Lord High Executioner. His little dances and pantomimic sketches are particularly well received. Mr. J. G. Robertson, though not such a good actor, is a much more correct singer than Mr. Lely, and makes the character of Nankipoo very efficient. Bro. Richard Temple and Miss Rosina Brandram are perfection in their singing. They are never flat or sharp. Miss Jessie Bond, we are glad to say, has recovered from her serious indisposition, and again appears as one of the three little maids from school, the others being Miss Ulmar and Miss Sybil Grey. It needs only to be added that "The Mikado" is mounted in a most brilliant manner, worthy of the Savoy Theatre. It will be with the greatest regret that this splendid opera will soon be no more. We trust that the next production—now being rehearsed—will add yet further to the fame of the composer and writer and to Mr. D'Oyley Carte's management.

The Craft Abroad.

A pleasing event occurred at the monthly meeting of the Athole and Melville Lodge, No. 455 (S.C.), on Thursday evening, July 26th, at Brisbane, Queensland. The R.W. Master, Bro. G. J. Skiller, requested the R.W. the acting District Grand Master, Bro. John G. W. Barnes, to present to W. Bro. Charles W. Thurlby, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, a testimonial in the shape of a gold Waltham hunting watch and chain, the former inscribed—"Presented to W. Bro. Charles Watkin Thurlby, P.M., as a token of esteem and regard, by the Athole and Melville Masonic Lodge, No. 455 (S.C.), Brisbane, Queensland, July, 1888." Bro. Thurlby was much overcome by this unexpected event, and said that words failed him to express his thanks for such a handsome testimonial; but he assured the brethren that he would treasure the token of esteem and regard thus shown him by the brethren of the Athole and Melville Lodge, and that he would look back on that day as one of the bright days of his life.

GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Considering the short period of time this Grand Lodge has been in existence, the progress it has made is wonderful. It appears from the latest statistical report, that there are 4088 subscribing members on the roll, being an increase of nearly 500 on the previous year. The receipts for 1887-8 amounted to 4821 dollars, the disbursements to 3747 dollars, and the General Fund to 8911 dollars. This is amazing, as we have said, considering that the Grand Lodge was only established in 1873. At the 14th Annual Communication, held at Deadwood on the 12th and 13th June last, under the presidency of Bro. Hy. M. Wheeler, M.W.G.M., there were as many as 79 lodges represented, and a full attendance of Grand Officers, both Present and Past. The G.M. in his address travelled over a good deal of ground, a large portion of his remarks being directed to a consideration of the character of "legitimate Masonry" and the "status of a non-affiliate." A full report on Correspondence, extending over 186 pages, was presented, and will no doubt prove interesting reading. The new Grand Officers for the year were elected and installed, the present Grand Master being M.W. Bro. John O. A. Braden, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles T. McCoy.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The 9th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in Concord on the 16th May, 1888. Bro. William R. Burleigh, M.W.G.M., presided, and was well supported by his Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives of lodges. The Grand Master delivered the usual address, in which he carefully reviewed the events of the past year, commenting on the principal events that had occurred, and stating, among other things, that 72 out of the 76 lodges had been visited. It was decided to celebrate the Centenary of the Grand Lodge in May, 1889. The financial reports look well, the receipts and disbursements for the past year having amounted to 2630 dollars and 2523 dollars respectively, and the General Fund to 5885 dollars. The report on Correspondence was very lengthy. The Grand Officers for the year were elected and installed, Bro. George W. Currier, M.D., being the new M.W.G.M., and Bro. George P. Cleaves continuing in his office as Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, N. Z.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 10th July last. Bro. H. Thompson, Dist. G. Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Deamer, Dist. Dep. G.M.; S. Derbridge, acting Dist. S.G.W.; Wm. Lyttelton, D.J.G.W.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; F. J. Smith, Dist. G. Registrar; W. R. Mitchell, Dist. G. Secretary; and the other G. Officers, and representatives of lodges. The proceedings included the consideration of the Report of

the Standing Committee of the Dist. G. Lodge By-laws, and the conferring the Jubilee honours in accordance with the terms of the circular issued by Grand Lodge. The brethren chosen for the purpose were Bro. C. L. Maclean, who was appointed Past Dist. S.G.W.; Bro. C. S. Fraser, Past Dist. J.G. Warden; and Bro. Henry W. Felton, Past Dist. S.G. Deacon. Bro. Felton being present, was invested, and Bro. Halbert, to whom the Dist. G. Master had referred in most complimentary terms, expressing regret that, being already a Past Dist. S.G. Warden, he had no honours to confer, returned thanks for the Dist. G.M.'s handsome speech. The Treasurer's report was satisfactory.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF TEXAS.

The Grand Commandery of Texas held its annual convocation at El Paso on 18th and 19th April last, Sir Knight John O. Johnston, supported by his Grand Officers, being in the chair, and 15 out of 22 commanderies being represented. Sir Knights J. D. Adams, Past G. Commander of Arkansas and representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., and H. B. Stoddard, J.G. Warden of the Grand Encampment, were introduced as visitors, and received with the usual honours. The Grand Commander delivered his usual address, reviewing the events of the past year, and speaking hopefully as regards the future. The sum of 500 dollars was voted for charitable purposes. The statistics show a total of 22 commanderies, with 1098 subscribing members. The finances look in a prosperous condition. Sir Knight Charles Davis is Grand Commander for the current year, and Sir Knight R. Brewster remains G. Recorder.

THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC HOME.

The friends and supporters of this Institution had an interesting and successful meeting at the Home on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the principal object of the gathering being the presentation to the Charity of the portraits of the late Bros. Fred. S. Boas and Edward Masson, Managers of the Charity, who had taken so deep an interest in its establishment and success. The portrait of the former, which was in oils, was presented by Bro. E. H. Shearer, P.M. 435, who paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the deceased brother, while, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. Thatcher, Chairman of the Committee of the Grand Mark Lodge, No. 214, Philadelphia, to procure the portrait of Bro. E. Masson, the presentation of the latter's portrait was made by Bro. W. S. Dilks, who was W.M. of the lodge at the time Bro. Masson made the motion in lodge, which led to the establishment of the Home. Bro. Louis Wagner, President of the Board of Managers, received the pictures on behalf of the Home and made an able and appropriate speech. Other speeches followed, and altogether, according to the *Keystone*, to whom we are indebted for these particulars, the occasion passed off most satisfactorily.

HONOUR TO A PENNSYLVANIAN VETERAN.

It is with very great pleasure we make mention of a testimonial, now in course of preparation, to be placed by Lodge No. 51 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert streets, Philadelphia, by permission of the Temple Committee, as a memento of the love and esteem of the brethren of Lodge No. 51 for Past Grand Master Bro. John Thomson. The testimonial is a life-size oil painting of Bro. Thomson, to be completed and placed in the Temple for the meeting of the lodge on October 27th next. The artist is Mrs. Jessie S. Wilson, daughter-in-law of Bro. William M. Wilson, a member of Lodge No. 51. The position is, standing firmly on the right foot, with the left resting lightly on the floor, the left knee slightly inclined forward, the left arm resting on a desk, the right arm in front of body, and eyeglasses in the right hand. The dress is a black suit, with frock coat buttoned up.

The frame in which the portrait is to be placed is being made by James S. Earle and Sons, 316, Chestnut-street. It is of ash, 12 inches broad, plain and massive, with a gilt moulding on the face of it in the shape of a cable.

Bro. John Thomson, Past G.M. of Pennsylvania, now in the 90th year of his age, is, perhaps, the oldest Mason in Philadelphia, and probably in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. By all who ever knew him he was, and is, respected, honoured, and loved. No doubt, to his many Masonic friends, a brief record of his Masonic history would be interesting. Bro. Thomson was brought to Masonic light in Lodge No. 51, in April, 1827; Crafted in May, and raised in June, served as W.M. of Lodge No. 51 in 1833, as Secretary in 1859, and as Treasurer from 1864 to 1869 inclusive. Served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from 1841 to 1852, inclusive; as Junior Grand Warden, 1856 and 1857, Senior Grand Warden, 1858, Deputy Grand Master, 1859 and 1860, and Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1861 and 1862; served as Grand Secretary from 1867 to 1880 inclusive. As to when he received the Mark Master's Degree we are unable to find any record. He received the M.E.M. Degree in Columbia R.A. Chapter, No. 91, in September, 1836, exalted November, 1836, and had the Royal Master's Degree conferred on him in Chapter 91, February 16th, 1842. Was High Priest in 1838, and served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand H.R.A. Chapter from 1843 to 1859 inclusive. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand H.R.A. Chapter held February 19th, 1866, M.E.G.H.P. Comp. Samuel C. Perkins announced the death of Comp. Wm. H. Adams, and appointed Comp. John Thomson M.E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. He was elected, and served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter from 1867 to 1880 inclusive. Bro. Thomson has filled all of the elective offices in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.—*Keystone*.

Obituary.

THE LATE EARL OF MAR AND KELLIE, PAST G. MASTER MASON OF SCOTLAND.

We regret to announce the death on Sunday last of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, M.W. Past G. Master Mason of Scotland. His lordship had been somewhat out of health for some months past, but there were no grounds for anticipating his death, which occurred quite suddenly at Alloa House, Clackmannanshire, on Sunday, the 16th

instant, as already stated. His lordship, who was born in December, 1839, being in the 49th year of his age. Our late brother took his first step in Freemasonry while at Brasenose College, Oxford, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1860. He was Depute G. Master to Bro. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and succeeded that brother as Grand Master in 1881. He was also Prov. G. Master of Stirlingshire, and representative of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands at his Grand Lodge; Past First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, G. Superintendent of Stirlingshire, and Representative of the G. Chapter of Tennessee at the G. Chapter of Scotland; J.G. Guardian and G. Sword Bearer of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Lieut. G. Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was also one of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, while his services had been publicly recognised by the presentation to the Countess of Mar and Kellie of a bust of his lordship, who was highly gratified by the kindness and appreciation which had prompted the gift. According to Debrett, his lordship was born the 17th December, 1839, and succeeded, on the death of his father, to the Earldom of Kellie and the Barony of Erskine, in 1872, and in 1875 he succeeded in establishing his claim to be the 11th Earl of Mar of 1565 creation. He married in 1863 Mary Anne, daughter of William Forbes, Esq., by whom he had issue three sons and five daughters, the eldest son, Walter John Francis, Lord Erskine, who now becomes Earl of Mar and Kellie, having been born the 29th August, 1865.

BRO. DR. THOMAS LLOYD EVANS.

The remains of Bro. Dr. Thomas Lloyd Evans, of Glanraffon, Amlwch, were on Wednesday, the 12th inst., consigned to their last resting place in Amlwch Cemetery. The deceased brother was a P.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge P.P.G. Steward, M.O. of the St. Eilian Lodge. The cortege started from Glanraffon shortly after two o'clock in the following order: Members of the St. Eleth Lodge and visiting brethren; hearse and bearers; mourners, consisting of the two youthful daughters, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law of the deceased; friends and acquaintances, four abreast. The coffin was of polished oak. As a tribute to the memory of the deceased, beautiful wreaths and floral crosses were sent by the Hon. Lady Neave, of Llysdules; Miss Williams, Llanwenllwyfo Rectory; Miss Owen, ditto; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Berry, Brynyfuchus; Mr. and Mrs. T. Fanning Evans, Mona Lodge; Miss Owen, Penrhosllwyg; Mr. and Mrs. Hobday; Mr. and Miss Williams, London House; Mr. William Fanning, solicitor; Miss Roberts, Derri; and by relatives from Warwick. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Jervis, W.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge; J. J. Sherlock, S.D.; C. E. Penny, J.D.; L. Hughes, J.W.; W. Jones, Treas.; W. Thomas, Sec.; J. Matthews, P.M.; Rev. H. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.C.; W. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Hughes, T. Fanning Evans, T. Jones, M. Benyon, 667; O. R. Williams, 100; Rev. Hugh Thomas, 1849, P.P.G.C.; J. Hughes, R. Bridson, 724; W. H. Evans, 606; and J. Gibbings. The friends and acquaintances following the cortege included Messrs. T. Berry, T. P. Williamson, R. Jones, W. Fanning, J.W. Paynter, O. Roberts, W. Hughes, H. Jones, D. Edwards, Rev. E. Matthew, O. E. Jones, N. O. Jones, Dr. Jones, D. M'Lean, W. Jones, Daniel Jones, T. Harrington, and others. The service in the church was impressively read by the Rev. H. Lloyd, and a favourite Welsh hymn, "O Dduw, rho i'm dy hedd," was sung at the close. The Rev. Mr. Lloyd again officiated at the graveside, where the large concourse sang the beautiful hymn, "Yn y dyfroedd mawr a'r tonau." After the service, Bro. T. Jervis, W.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, delivered a Masonic funeral oration.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, PROMENADE CONCERT.
DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, THE ARMADA.
ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE UNION JACK; at 7.15, THE LOTTERY TICKET.
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART.
STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.45, KLEPTOMANIA; followed by ALADDIN.
GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, SHE.
COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 9, UNCLAS AND AUNTS; at 8, BARBARA.
PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, JUBILATION.
SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE MIKADO; at 7.40, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.
GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, FROU-FROU.
TERRY'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER; at 7.40, LAW AND PHYSIC.
TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, PEPITA.
SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, THE GOLDEN LADDER.
NIAGARA IN LONDON.
Open Daily, 11 to 11. Grand Panorama of NIAGARA.
MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.
ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.
EMPIRE THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.45, Grand Variety Entertainment and Two Grand Ballets.
ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Entertainment, &c.
LONDON PAVILION.
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment, &c.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M., in the Town Hall, Gateshead, on Tuesday next, the 25th instant. It is nine years since the meeting was held in this town, and it is to be expected, therefore, that the event will cause a great deal of interest amongst our Gateshead brethren. The hour appointed for the proceedings to commence is 2.30 p.m., while the Charities Committee of the Province will meet at 12.45 p.m., and the Fund Committee at 1.30 p.m.

An appeal is being made for contributions to a fund now being raised for the purpose of founding an additional exhibition at King Edward VI.'s School at Stratford-on-Avon, which was founded in 1482, and reconstituted by Edward VI., and in which Shakespeare received his education. Upwards of £500, including £100 from Mr. Cyril Flower and £25 from Mr. Edgar Flower, is already in hand, the further sum required being about £1000.

The Prince of Wales went out deer-stalking at Gdöho on Saturday last with the Emperor of Austria, and on Monday inspected some Honved divisions at Tapio. It is expected that his Royal Highness will visit the Crown Prince Rudolf at Gyorgeny about the 10th October for bear-shooting.

Our readers will see by an advertisement in another column that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will resume its weekly meetings at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, October 5th.

The *Society Herald* for next week (published on Monday) will contain full particulars as to plot, dialogue, and lyrics of the forthcoming new opera at the Savoy. The article will be fully illustrated.

The annual conference of the National Association of Journalists was held at Bristol on Saturday last, when a scheme for the establishment of a chartered institute was brought in by the central executive, and, after slight amendments, approved. The conference dinner was held in the evening at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. H. C. Reid.

A deputation of Thames Watermen and Ferry-men waited upon the Bridge House Estates Committee of the Corporation of London for the purpose of presenting a memorial setting forth the injury done to their calling by the new Tower-bridge works. Bro. Loveridge, Chairman of the Committee, when the spokesman of the deputation had said what was possible in behalf of the memorial, told the deputation that it had the sympathy of the Committee, and that the memorial would receive as favourable consideration as possible.

In our report of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, last week, the name of the J.W. is given as Bro. Potts, it should have been Fox, while the S.D.'s name should have been Bro. Salter, not Sater.

The guests who have been latterly staying with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Gordon Castle have been for the most part limited to members of the family, among them being Bro. the Earl of March, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, and Bro. H. A. Brassey.

The Duke of Cambridge arrived in Glasgow on Friday, the 14th inst., and met with a hearty reception on the part of the inhabitants. In the afternoon his Royal Highness inspected the Seaforth Highlanders at the New-hill Barracks.

A Reuter's telegram from St. Paul de Loanda dated the 13th inst., has announced that Major Barttelot was shot dead on the 19th July, by Manyema carriers, and that thereupon the head Arab and his men ran off and made their way to Stanley Falls. The sad news has caused a considerable sensation, and there are many people who have begun to think that a similar fate has overtaken Stanley. Mr. H. H. Johnston, however, has written to the newspapers to point out that there is nothing in the catastrophe that has overtaken Major Barttelot which need increase our anxiety for Stanley, whom he does not believe to be dead.

A meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held in John-street, Adelphi, on the 13th inst., when, among the contributions announced as having been recently received were mentioned £2000 from the trustees of the late Bro. Edward Boustead, £1700 from the residuary legatees of the late Sir Joseph Whitworth, £700 from Mr. Martin, of Pershore, £100 from Mr. Joseph Roberts, of Mina-road, Old Kent-road, £100 from the Ancient Order of Foresters, and £52 10s. from the Drapers' Company.

Bro. Lord Suffield, according to the *Norfolk Standard*, is endeavouring to make Cromer a seaside resort of eminence, much in the same way as the Duke of Devonshire made Eastbourne. "Only (says the *Echo*) Lord Suffield is selling his land at a reasonable price, and trying to get a large number of freehold owners on his property. A hint to other noblemen." Messrs. Baker—who seem, by the way, to have acquired fame in disposing of seaside plots—succeeded as well at Herne Bay on Monday as they did in Norfolk last month, making good prices all round. This Kent coast sale was peculiar. Twenty years ago a powerful London Company started a scheme at Hampton-on-Sea for oyster breeding in opposition to the neighbouring town of Whitstable, spat was laid down, a pier made with tram lines, and all necessary arrangements made, at a total cost of £100,000. Owing to mismanagement, however, the speculation turned out a complete failure, and the place was left in ruins, till three months ago an adventurous gentleman gave £1700 for the whole concern—with a row of 12 houses included. The pier alone had cost £20,000 to build, so he may be said to have secured a bargain, for the sale of a first portion only on Monday, with Bro. Alfred J. Baker in the rostrum, brought £2850. Among those present were noticed Bro. W. O. Chambers, architect and surveyor to Bro. Lord Suffield's Norfolk estates.

Miss Florence Warden will contribute to the new volume of "Cassell's Saturday Journal" (commencing with the number published on Sept. 26th) a new serial story of north country life, entitled "St. Cuthbert's Tower." Among other special features of the new volume may be mentioned a new serial story of New York life, by David Graham Adee, and a series of "True Tales of London Streets," which will narrate interesting and exciting episodes connected with various streets and houses in the Metropolis.

A special conference of representative workmen connected with the docks, wharves, shipping, sugar, and allied branches of industry was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Friday, the 14th inst., when a resolution of thanks to the Marquis of Salisbury and Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., was passed, thanking them for their efforts to suppress the Bounty system in connection with sugar, and requesting the Government to urge upon Parliament the necessity for at once ratifying the International Treaty, so that employment may be found for thousands of our working population.

It is reported that the Charity Commissioners have offered to contribute £200,000 towards the promotion of technical institutes in the north of London, provided an equal sum is raised by the locality, or, if as much cannot be obtained, then pro rata according to the sum raised. They are also understood to have suggested that the Parliamentary boroughs of Hackney, Islington, St. Pancras, and Finsbury be grouped together as the north of London for the purpose of technical education. An executive for each borough of forty members has been formed, and from them has been constituted a central executive Committee. The Duke of Portland, the Marquis of Northampton, the Master of the Clothworkers' Company, &c., as well as the Parliamentary representatives of the several boroughs, have consented to act as Vice-Presidents.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has remitted to the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute £21,917 5s. 7d., being the total subscribed for the Institute through the Mansion House Fund since September, 1886. The question whether a Commercial Museum shall be established in the City or not remains in abeyance for the present.

A most interesting event is fixed for the 27th inst., at Caterham, Surrey, when teams from the Queen's (Westminster), London Rifle Brigade, South Middlesex, and 1st Surrey Rifles' Lodges will compete, seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. A special saloon carriage will be attached to the 2.5 train from Charing Cross Station (S.E.R.).

Her Royal Highness the Princess Frederica of Cumberland has consented to distribute the prizes at a doll show which will be held in the Central Hall of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, on the 5th November, in aid of the funds of that institution.

The Duke of Cambridge has expressed officially his satisfaction with the appearance and drill of the troops he inspected at Woolwich on the 10th inst., and the expression has been published in garrison orders by the Commandant.

The Queen has been pleased to present an engraving of herself, with her Majesty's autograph at foot, to Miss Emily Faithfull, in recognition of that lady's services to the cause of female education during the last 30 years.

The September session of the Central Criminal Court was opened at the Old Bailey, on Monday, by Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, who was accompanied by the Recorder, Aldermen Sir T. Dakin and T. Owden, Bro. Alderman Knill, Bros. Sheriffs Davies and Higgs, Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard, and others.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to present the successful students of the Birkbeck Scientific and Literary Institution, Chancery-lane, with their prizes on the 22nd November next.

An amusing incident occurred in Dover on the 13th inst. Mr. H. B. Conway's English Comedy Company had been announced to appear that evening, but owing to the lateness of the train, they did not arrive till close on the time fixed for the performance to begin, and then they discovered that their dresses had not arrived. However, as there was a numerous and fashionable audience gathered in the Town Hall, Mr. Conway had no option but to appear and explain the difficulty, giving the audience the option of witnessing their performance as they were or wait till the following evening. The audience chose the former alternative, and "She Stoops to Conquer" was thereupon performed, some of the gentlemen being attired in flannels. There was a good deal of amusement over the mishap.

On Tuesday, a grand banquet was held in the Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge, in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire. The R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance.

We have authority for stating that there is about to be established in the suburb of Fairfield another Masonic lodge. This will be a great boon to the Masonic brethren resident in the neighbourhood, who find it somewhat difficult at times to attend at Hope-street. The brethren who have interested themselves in this matter consist of Bros. Dr. Thomas Clarke, T. Vernon, Bradley, Parkinson, Barrett, Hunter, Smythe, Neale, Tarbuck, Hassell, Hudson, Humphreys, Thos. Saxton, A. Wright, and others. These names augur well for the ultimate success of the scheme, coupled with the fact that it has the cordial approval of the P.G. Sec., Bro. Goodacre; and judging from the promises already in the hands of the promoters, it will add greatly to the strength of the Masonic fraternity in the Province of West Lancashire. Suitable premises have already been secured for the holding of the meeting of the proposed lodge.—*Liverpool Courier*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS are beyond all doubt the most valuable and most convenient medicines that travellers can take across the seas to distant climes, for change of climate and the new conditions and surroundings of life to which they will be exposed will assuredly give rise to great disturbances of the system, and to such especial morbid states of the blood and constitution generally, as will render the use of these effectual remedies highly necessary, for they will find in them a ready and safe means of relief in most of the diseases which afflict the human race, and with them at hand they may be said to have a physician always at their call.—ADVT.

The Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, has removed to the Blue Post, 54, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, W. Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, is the Preceptor; Bro. H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744, the Treasurer; and Bro. W. H. Barling, S.W. 1744, the Secretary. The lodge meets every Thursday at 8 o'clock.

Comp. Edward Macbean has just been elected Z. of the Glasgow Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 50, Glasgow. We congratulate the members of that well known chapter on making such an excellent choice for their First Principal, as we feel assured, ritually and historically, Comp. Macbean will prove to be "the right man in the right place." He is so well versed in Masonic and Occult lore that we hope the members of that chapter will be favoured with several lectures during the next session, and that, so far as possible, the new Z. will have his addresses published.

The Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, will hold its first meeting after the holidays on Friday, the 28th inst., at its quarters, the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary, and Bro. J. Skinner, Director of Ceremonies of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, have arrived safely at New York in the Inman Line steamer City of Richmond, on their way to Philadelphia and Baltimore. They speak most highly of the kind attention of Captain Redford, commander, and his officers and men.

A meeting of Volunteers was held in Edinburgh on Saturday afternoon last, when it was agreed that the new site for the annual meetings of the National Rifle Association ought to be held as near London as possible, and Lord Wemyss expressed a preference for Aldershot over the site offered by Bro. Lord Wantage. Other speakers condemned Cannock Chase.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* reports the death and funeral, in the Greenmount Cemetery, on the 8th August, of Sir Knight H. White Marston, Past G. Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, the Templar service for the dead being read by Sir Knight J. A. Chas. Kahler, Grand Commander of Maryland, with Sir Knight James P. Clark, P.E.C. of Monumental Commandery, No. 3, as Grand Prelate. The pall bearers were Sir Knights R. K. Martin, C. B. Kleibacker, Jacob E. Krebs, and C. W. Halter, Past G. Commanders, on behalf of the Grand Commandery, and Sir Knights Chas. T. Sisco, P.E.C., and H. Snyder, Treasurer, on behalf of Monumental Commandery, No. 3.

The directors of the Crystal Palace have arranged for aquatic firework fêtes on Saturdays, Sept. 22nd and 29th. The band of the Grenadier Guards has been specially engaged, and there will be concerts by the renowned Crystal Palace orchestral band. The other great attractions include the beautiful al-fresco ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a display of all the great fountains, and grand aquatic fireworks by Messrs. Brock from the lake spanned by the "Tower" bridge. This bridge, it will be remembered, is a fac-simile (quarter size) of that now being erected across the Thames, at the Tower, by the Corporation of London, at a cost of three-quarters of a million sterling. Among the pyrotechnic marvels promised by Messrs. Brock are a swan race, spouting whales and fiery dolphin, antediluvian scene, helix fountains, and luminous sphere, a screen of diamond sparks, a sea of flitting fire, revolving rocket fountains, pentapyric shells, and huge rockets with prismatic tints. The park, gardens, lakes, and roseroy will be brilliantly illuminated.

The New Jersey Templars had their annual field day in Asbury Park on the 30th ult., when the sir knights from all parts of the jurisdiction mustered in considerable numbers, the more distinguished members, among whom was Sir Knight Isaac C. Githens, Grand Commander, meeting with a very cordial welcome. After dinner, there was a grand parade, and the Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the appearance of the commanderies. There was an immense concourse of spectators, and in the evening there was promenading and dancing, the ladies being very enthusiastic.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, W. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, Preceptor of the lodge, will be W.M.; Bro. George Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor 1425, S.W.; and Bro. Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 1056, J.W. Lodge will open at 7 o'clock p.m. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. Dresden, 1602; 2nd, Bro. A. Williams, 834; 3rd, Bro. A. Cavers, 765; 4th, Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M. 865, P.P.J.G.D.; 5th, Bro. John Davies, 169, Preceptor 1791; 6th, Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585; 7th, Bro. George Read, P.M. 511. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. W. Morley, W.M. 1891; 2nd, Bro. James Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor 834; 3rd, Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056; 4th, Bro. John Davies, 169; 5th, Bro. F. Craggs, 834. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. P. Skar, 1891; 2nd, Bro. J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; 3rd, Bro. G. E. Higginson, 1791. Bro. H. Harris, P.M. 1891, is Treasurer, and Bro. F. Craggs, 834, Secretary.

A munificent offer has recently been made by Bro. John Hodge, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York, who has promised to give to the Craft the estate of the late Governor Washington Hunt in Lockport for a Masonic Asylum. The estate consists of a handsome stone residence, with lodge, barns, conservatories, and 80 acres of ground, valued at 50,000 dollars (£10,000).

We have more than once had occasion to speak in terms of commendation of George Mason and Co.'s celebrated "O.K." Sauce, and we doubt not our readers will be pleased to hear that it was specially selected for use at the Anglo-Danish, Italian, and Irish Exhibitions. We may be sure the selection would not have been made if the sauce did not possess the character claimed for it by the proprietors.

Mr. George William Petter, one of the founders of the well-known firm of Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, died at Bournemouth, on Sunday last, in the 65th year of his age. Mr. Petter's health had been failing for some time, and the event, therefore, was not unexpected. On the transformation of the firm into a limited liability company, Mr. Petter retired, Mr. Galpin becoming managing director.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, September 29th, 1888.

We commence this week a List of Lodge and Chapter Meetings, &c., in the Provinces, in addition to those held in the Metropolis. Every effort has been made to render it as correct as possible, and we have availed ourselves of the information furnished to us for the Cosmopolitan Calendar. We are able to ascertain from various sources the regular days in the month on which meetings are held, but, inasmuch as many of the forms sent to lodges asking for information are not returned to us, we are ignorant of the months in which they are not held. We would ask Secretaries of lodges and others who are in a position to correct any errors that may appear to kindly communicate with the Editor, who is most desirous of making this department of the *Freemason* as complete and accurate as possible.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H. Tavern, Coleman-street.
 " 2048, Henry Leander, Harrow Station.
 " 2087, Electric, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 Chap. 176, Cavca, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
 " 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenaeum, Godolphin-road, W.
 Chap. 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, Forchster Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
 Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
 " 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 Chap. 584, Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-street, Jermyn-street, W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
 Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-road, at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill, Hot., Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
 Chap. 1024, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.
 Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.

United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

General Committee Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
 " 760, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
 " 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hall, Victoria-Park.
 " 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 Chap. 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N. at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-street, at 5.30.
 Leopold, Austin's Hot., 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., E.C., at 7.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd, 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wembleton Railway Station), at 7.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 Chap. 1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 R. and S.M. 1, Grand Master's, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 7.
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.
 Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

(No Meetings.)

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, September 29, 1888.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 48, Industry, Industry M.H., Gateshead, Durham.
 " 62, Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
 " 148, Lights, M.R., Fanky-street, Warrington, Lancashire.
 " 330, One and All, F.M.H., Turf-street, Bodmin.
 " 377, Hope and Charity, M.H., Mill-street, Kidderminster.
 " 491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
 " 699, Boscawen, M.H., Chacewater, Cornwall.
 " 827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
 " 1177, Tenby, Masonic Rooms, South Parade, Tenby.
 " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley, Manchester.
 " 1238, Kennard, Masonic Hall, George-street, Pontypool.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 " 1753, Obediencia, White Hart Hotel, Okehampton.
 " 1991, Agricola, 3, Peter-lane, Market-street, York.
 " 2068, Portsmouth Temperance, Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, 7.
 130, Royal Gloucester, Freemasons' Hall, Bugle-st., Southampton
 184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, 7.
 302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
 429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
 521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
 724, Derby, M.H., Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
 1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
 1221, Defence, M.H., Carlton-hill, Leeds.
 1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
 1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
 1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans, at 7.
 1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.
 1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
 1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
 1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
 2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

395, Guys, Crown Hotel, Leamington.
 411, Commercial, M.H., Nottingham.
 557, Valetort, M.H., Callington, Cornwall.
 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

MARK LODGES.

The Old York, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 64, St. Aubyn's, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport
 109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 143, Preston, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 235, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
 317, Youell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRECEPTORIES.

155, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, near Dartford.
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

P.G. LODGE OF DURHAM, TOWN HALL, GATESHEAD.
 Lodge 160, True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford.

" 253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 " 293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.
 " 299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
 " 310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
 " 335, Rectitude, Methuen Arms, Corsham, Wilts.
 " 378, Loyal Welsh, Meyrick-street, Pembroke Dock.
 " 448, St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-pl., Halifax.
 " 506, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley-gate, Derbyshire.
 " 510, St. Martin's, M.H., Parade, Liskeard, Cornwall.
 " 564, Stability, Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge.
 " 943, Sincerity, 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 " 954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Granby-street, Devonport.
 " 1007, Howe and Charnwood, Bulls Head, Loughboro.
 " 1016, Elkington, M.H., New-street, Birmingham.
 " 1197, Nyanza, George Hotel, Ilminster.
 " 1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
 " 1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans, Herts.
 " 1528, Fort, M.H., Gover-lane, Newquay.
 " 1566, Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead.
 " 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield.
 " 1609, Liverpool, Dramatic, M.M., 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 " 1636, St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 " 1650, Rose of Raby, Scarth, Memorial Hall, Staindrop.
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Hope-street, Liverpool.
 " 1726, Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor.
 " 1774, Mellor, Red Lion, Hooley-hill, Audenshaw, nr. Mchstr.
 " 1779, Ivanhoe, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 " 1834, Duke of Connaught, Freemasons' Hall, Landport.
 " 1896, Audley, Public Hall, Newport, Salop.
 " 1942, Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton.
 " 1958, Hundred of Bosmere, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants.
 " 2025, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.
 " 2154, Joshua Nunn, George Hotel, Halstead, Essex.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Masonic Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 371, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield-st., Maryport.
 603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorks.
 820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, 8.
 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-edge, 7.30.
 897, Loyalty, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helen's.
 940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
 1098, St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar.
 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, 8.
 1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar, 8.
 1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton, after regular meeting.
 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1528, Fort, M.H., Gover-lane, Newquay, Cornwall, at 7.
 1618, Handyside, Queen Hotel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.
 1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 1785, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

84, Doyle's Chapter of Fellowship, M.H., Court-place, Guernsey.
 103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
 124, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
 309, Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
 815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.
 960, Sir George Elliot, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-st., Warrington.

MARK LODGES.

39, Eclectic, F.M.H., West Hartlepool.
 96, Metham, M.H., Home Park, Stoke, Devon.
 209, St. Wilfrid's, M.H., Chapel-street, Alford, Lincolnshire.
 243, St. Ethelbert, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 342, Chelmer, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford.

ROSE CROSS CHAPTERS.

103, Hubert de Burgh, Dover.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

3, Plains of Rama, Keighley.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 " 76, Economy, M.H., Parchment-street, Winchester.
 " 82, Foundation, F.M.H., Portland-street, Cheltenham.
 " 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, Lancashire.
 " 117, Salopian Lodge of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
 " 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Cooper-street, Manchester.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
 " 258, Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondike.
 " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch, nr Manchester.
 " 290, Huddersfield, M.H., South Parade, Huddersfield.
 " 304, Philanthropic, M.H., Great George-street, Leeds.
 " 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Bingley.
 " 461, Fortitude, White Hart, Newton, Cheshire.
 " 540, Stuart, Assembly Rooms, Bedford.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 " 730, Ellesmere, New Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire.
 " 750, Friendship, F.M.H., Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton.
 " 996, Lodes, M.H., East Dereham.
 " 1039, St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
 " 1083, Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Manchester.
 " 1119, St. Bede, M.H., Grange-street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.
 " 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Moreton-st., Manchester.
 " 1283, Ryburn, M.H., Town Hall-st., Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.
 " 1386, St. Hugh, Masonic Hall, Newland, Lincoln.
 " 1403, West Lincolnshire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
 " 1529, Duke of Cornwall, M.H., St. Colum, Camberley.
 " 1633, Avon, Denmark Hotel, Charlton-upon-Medlock.
 " 1714, Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley.
 " 1723, St. George, F.M.H., Institute-st., Silverwell-st., Bolton.
 " 1734, Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh, Essex.
 " 1750, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 " 1760, Leopold, Masonic Club, St. Nicholas Cliff, Scarborough.
 " 1775, Leopold, Ma. Ro., Commercial-st., Church, Accrington.
 " 1793, Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Hotel, Teddington.
 " 1809, Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-st., Guernsey.
 " 1868, Unity, F.M.H., Union-street, Oldham, Lancashire.
 " 1953, Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.
 97, Palestine, M.H., Park-terrace, Sunderland.
 117, Salopian, Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
 175, Vectis, M.H., John-street, Ryde, I.W., 7.15.
 186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead.
 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Drake-street, Rochdale.
 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
 404, Cambrian, M.H., Haverfordwest, 7.30.
 574, Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
 851, Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, 8.30.