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The Craft in West Lancashire. It is a truism to say that West Lancashire is one of the chief strongholds of Freemasonry in this country, and that whenever and wherever the brethren of that important Province meet, in anything like considerable numbers, the general public take a lively interest in their proceedings so far as it is possible for them to be known. At Southport, however, on the 3rd inst., when the annual meetings of both the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter were held, the attendance of brethren was considerably above the average, and the interest in the proceedings was proportionately enhanced. Both meetings were held under the personal presidency of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, but that of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which is necessarily the more important of the two and was the more numerously attended, took place at the Winter Gardens, while the Provincial Grand Chapter met at the Masonic Chambers in Lord-street. The reports submitted at both were eminently satisfactory, that of Bro. W. GOODACRE, in his capacity of Prov. G. Sec., being especially so. He pointed out that three new lodges had been added to the Provincial roll and that warrants for others had already been granted. He was in a position to announce that the membership of the Province had been increased, and that its contributions to the various Masonic Charities had likewise been enlarged, and it must have been to him a subject of lively satisfaction to find that his forecast of the returns that would be forthcoming during the year from the lodges had been more than realised. He referred with natural pride to the success of the special effort made by the Province to support its chief as President of the Board of Stewards at the recent Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and was further enabled to congratulate the brethren on the great progress made by the various Provincial Charities, and particularly by the Educational and HAMER and ALPASS Funds. Lord LATHOM, too, in the course of the speech he delivered, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having assembled in such numbers, for the manner in which the duties of the various lodges were carried out, and for the generous support which was accorded to him on all occasions, and also to the Central and Local Masonic Charities. His lordship subsequently announced—and the announcement was made and received with general manifestations of regret—that Bro. Lord STANLEY of PRESTON, who for so many years had held the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, had been compelled, owing to his appointment to the Governor-Generalship of Canada, to resign his post; but when it was found that the Prov. Grand Master had selected to fill the vacancy thus caused a brother so able and so deservedly popular as the Earl of CRAWFORD and BALCARRES, the feeling of regret was diminished, and it was recognised that one good Mason had been replaced in office by another. The banquet which followed was of the usual character, and afforded many less conspicuous, but worthy, brethren an opportunity of adding their testimony to the generally fortunate condition of Freemasonry throughout the Province, while the brilliant musical harmonies with which the more sedate utterances of the various speakers were interspersed would seem to have been a tolerably true reflex of the harmony which prevails among the lodges and brethren of the Province over which Bro. Lord LATHOM so worthily presides.

Bro. Tew, P.G.M., at the Hallamshire Lodge Consecration. There are but few among our Prov. G. Masters who possess in as conspicuous a degree as the ruler of the Province of West Yorkshire, the faculty of speaking at considerable length, not only without wearying their audience, but in such a manner as to enchain their attention and enlighten their minds. It is within everybody's experience that in the case of many speakers—not necessarily Masonic—to be required to sit and listen to them during a ten minutes' speech, is to be required to undergo a ten minutes' purgatory. They are unable to sort and arrange their ideas, and what they say is a mere mass of words which for all the sense they contain, might as well have been spoken backwards or upside down or in any other eccentric fashion. But Bro. TEW, even when he addresses you for an hour by Sheffield clock, is worth listening to. He invariably has something to tell you that is enlightening, and he tells it well. At Sheffield, for instance, at the consecration of the

Hallamshire Lodge, No. 2268, on the 3rd instant, the address he delivered contained much interesting information about Hallamshire and its past worthies in addition to some excellent advice as to the manner in which the affairs of the lodge should be administered. He descanted at some length on the responsibilities which the brethren had undertaken in founding the lodge, and gave some excellent advice to the W. Master designate in particular as to the manner in which it was necessary he should discharge his duties. He impressed upon him the necessity he would be under to observe strictly the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge, the Prov. G. Lodge, and the lodge itself, and how important it was that he should preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order, and faithfully guard its ancient usages and customs. He quoted passages from some of our ancient charges as to the character of a lodge, and the duties of brethren towards each other—as to the former, that it “must be for good and true men, not scandalous men, but of good report—men actuated by a spirit of humility, reverence, alacrity, and brotherly love;” and, as to the latter, that one brother “shall not discover envy of another brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work and lodge; nor exclude a candidate if of good report, nor interrupt the harmony of one lodge with another.” There is no denying that these reminders as to the character of a lodge and the duty which brethren owe to each other are occasionally necessary, and that one of the most suitable occasions for bringing them to the notice of Craftsmen is at the consecration of a new lodge, when every one is sincerely anxious for the future well-being of the body that is being organised. Those who have noted most carefully the vicissitudes of fortune which have attended Freemasonry in different localities are well aware that when new lodges find themselves beset with difficulties, on the brink of dissolution, or under the necessity of subjecting themselves to the process known among the Japanese as “the happy dispatch,” the origin of their misfortunes is traceable, in nine cases out of ten, to the non-observance by brethren towards each other of the injunctions quoted by Bro. TEW from our ancient Charges, or, more likely still, to a lax observance of the rules as to the admission of candidates. Every now and then we hear of cases in which, owing to a feeling of spite on the part of a member or members, candidates of the highest repute are systematically blackballed, and, on the other hand, there are we know men in the ranks of our Society, who, if due inquiries had been instituted into their character and antecedents, would have been rejected. Our lodges, as a rule, fare well, but they would fare still better, if greater importance were attached to the character of those who are accepted as members. However, the Hallamshire Lodge has started on its career under favourable auspices, it has the goodwill of the other Sheffield lodges, and its members will know well how to guard their own interests. Still, the advice in this, as in all the other matters of lodge duty and Masonic usage to which the Consecrating Officer on this occasion thought proper to refer is undeniably sound, and Bro. TEW is to be commended for having included in his address so much that was valuable in the way of counsel and interesting as information.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex. SUSSEX, besides being highly favoured in having the Duke of CONNAUGHT for its Prov. G. Master, has many advantages, of which it may justly be proud, and which it is certainly doing its utmost to deserve. In the first place Bro. GERARD FORD, whom the Duke selected as the successor of the late lamented Bro. HENDERSON SCOTT in the office of Deputy Prov. G. Master, is one of the most energetic as he is likewise one of the most capable of Masons. He is most popular in the Province, and his experience has been a long and varied one. Then the Prov. Grand Officers are, one and all, good men and true, while the Masters and members of the various lodges are only too anxious to take example from their chiefs, and do all in their power to strengthen the Province and increase its prosperity. We had an illustration of this at the recent meeting at Brighton of the Provincial Grand Lodge. There was a full attendance of the brethren, the reports of what had taken place during the past year were in all respects favourable and most encouraging, and though Bro. FORD, in the address which it is customary to deliver at these gatherings, had occasion to lament the removal from the roll of many well-known and distinguished members of the Order, and the serious illness of others, he expressed his belief that the brethren who were coming forward would be found worthy to fill the vacant places. But as to the events of the past year, Bro. FORD was able to point with pride to the Masonic celebration in the Royal Pavilion of the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of WALES, and the grand success—in which Sussex had borne itself worthily—of the Girls' School Centenary. He expressed his hope and belief that the Earl of Sussex Lodge, which was consecrated only a few months since, would prove a credit to the Province, and he congratulated the brethren on the fact that, in spite of their losses by death and removal, the membership of the Province showed a slight increase, and that the funds of the Province were

being so successfully administered. He gave an adverse opinion in connection with the initiation of minors, a practice which he considered should be confined to our University lodges, and he pleaded urgently in favour of the Sussex Masonic Calendar, which he regarded as a most useful and, indeed, necessary publication, and the issue of which he hoped would be continued annually. The brethren afterwards dined together, and in the course of the evening many kind and encouraging things were said by Bros. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, Q.C., M.P., and others, as to the fortunate condition of Masonry in Sussex, and the admirable manner in which Bro. FORD was administering its affairs. We trust we may be permitted to add our compliments and congratulations to theirs, and we express the hope that its annual Provincial meetings may be always attended with the same success.

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The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. IT will be seen from an article in the Sydney *Freemason*, which we have much pleasure in transferring to our pages, that the Union of the various lodges in that colony under the English, Irish, and Scotch jurisdictions is now an accomplished fact, and those lodges will now, in conjunction with the recently constituted Grand Lodge of New South Wales, form a United Grand Lodge. This Union has been brought about by the unwearied exertions of those who have placed the true interests of the Order before personal advancement or private interest, and is a splendid example of what may be accomplished by perseverance, tact, and true Masonic spirit. We shall refer more fully to this event, and give a full report of the meeting, at which the terms of the Union were discussed, in our next. In the meantime we heartily congratulate our colonial brethren on the result of their labours.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D. (Deputy Prov. G.M.), presided. The Prov. G. Officers present included Bros. Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, P.G.C.; R. Pidcock, P.G. Reg.; C. Bampfyld Warre, P.S.G.D.; S. H. Soper, P.J.G.D.; T. C. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; H. Kent and B. Lomax, P.G. Std. Bearers; F. H. Hallett, P.G. Org.; B. Burfield, P.A.G. Sec.; T. Hardy, P.G. Purst.; W. H. Barrett, J. Adames, J. Dennant, H. H. Jordan, G. Lockwood, L. Hawken, and Col. Mortimer Hancock, P.G. Stewards; and H. H. Hughes, P.G. Tyler.

The following Past Prov. Grand Officers of Sussex and other provinces were present, viz.:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., S.W. 2201, P.G. Steward Eng.; S. Tanner, P.P.G.S.B.; Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., P.P.J.G.W.; C. Briscoe, P.P.A.G.P.; W. R. Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Dawes, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Eberall, P.P.G.P.; W. Marchant, P.P.S.G.W.; C. C. Cook, P.P. G.S. of W.; W. Lanham Thomas, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. A. Head, P.P.G.D.; W. A. Tooth, P.P.G.C.; E. Collings, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Crouch, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Davey, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. Reed, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Towner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Whatford, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Champion Coles, P.P.G.D.; O. Lloyd, P.P.G.S.B.; J. St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. Haine, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. T. Musson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. D. McCarragher, P.P.G.C.; Jos. Farncombe, P.P.G.S.B. (Mayor of Lewes); R. Ellman, P.P.G.P.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.P.G.C.; J. Puttick, P.P.G.C.; R. S. Blessley, P.P.S.G.W.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D.C.; L. D. Dowdall, P.P.G.C.; L. W. Poynter, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Monmouth; C. Warwick Tomes, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Roe, P.P.G.O.; S. R. Legg, P.P.G.S.B.; G. R. Lockyer, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. S. Gates, P.P.G.O.; J. M. Kidd, P.P.S.G.W.; and a large number of visitors and brethren from different lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the PROV. G. SECRETARY read the minutes of the last annual meeting. These were confirmed.

The roll of the lodges in the province was called, and it was found that every lodge was represented.

The report of the Board of Finance, the Treasurer's account, and report of the Provincial Charities' Committee were read and adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a report relative to the presentation of two pictures to the Provincial Grand Lodge in commemoration of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as Prov. Grand Master. The largest of these contained no less than 600 photographic portraits of brethren present on that occasion; the smaller one, the principal officers and brethren taking part in the ceremony.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. W. SMITH, P.P.G.S.B., a vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren of the lodges for the generous efforts they had made in the purchase of the pictures, and to Bro. W. Marchant, P.P.S.G.W., particularly, for his exertions as Honorary Secretary of the Committee.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read statistics giving the numerical and financial strength of each lodge, and showing the present number of brethren to be 1179, an increase of 38 on the year.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He said—The Masonic year, with its many engagements and interests, goes by so rapidly from month to month that the annual provincial meeting takes us somewhat by surprise when it comes round. The past has been an eventful year for Sussex Masons. Though we have not had the pleasure of seeing our Prov. Grand Master since July, 1887, we have the satisfaction of knowing that, while he is in India attending to his very important military duties, his Royal Highness takes the greatest interest in affairs relating to the provinces he rules in England, and he has accepted a high post in the Craft in India, where he keeps up the active performance of Masonic duties. It seems hardly probable that the year we begin to-day will be gladdened by his presence here, but we have his good wishes and kind remembrance, and look forward with keen pleasure to the time which will bring him back to Sussex, for however brief a visit. We cannot, of course, expect at any period, even when his Royal Highness's vocations permit of his residence in England, that we could have extensive claims upon his time, but how gladly he comes when he can, and how well he performs the office of Prov. Grand Master we had ample and gratifying proof when, during a very short stay in England for the Jubilee festivities, he gave a day to us here in Brighton, and by the questions the Duke asked and the remarks he made, showed plainly that he is not Prov. Grand Master only in name. Before entering on a new period of our existence in

Sussex, it would be well to look back and note the various events which, like milestones, have marked our journey through the last twelve months. Retrospect can never be without its shadows, and, casting our thoughts back upon the past, we find, alas, that many good men and true have been taken from our ranks—men whom we could ill spare, and whom to-day we deeply mourn. Old P.M.'s like Bros. Payne, Willard, and Fletcher, Bros. Major Sergison, D'Albiac, Taaffe, Luttmann Johnson, Bennett, and others, to the number of more than a score, are no longer inscribed on our roll of brethren on earth. We must fill up the vacant places and stand shoulder to shoulder, still cherishing in our hearts the memory of those brethren who have been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above. Sickness, too, has visited many of us heavily. Bro. Crosskey, our respected and well-beloved Treasurer, is obliged to seek health in a warmer climate during our turbulent English winter. Bro. Trollope, one of the pillars of Sussex Masonry, has been dangerously ill, but I am glad to hear of his partial recovery. Many other names might be added to the list, my own among them. For three months I was compelled to take complete rest, so complete that even writing was forbidden me; but I am rejoiced to be able to meet you all again to-day in good, though somewhat weakened, health. It is satisfactory to reflect that, notwithstanding an unusually high death-rate and some withdrawals, we number more than we did last year at this time. The retrospect, however, is not all dark and sorrowful. Laughter and tears, sighing and singing, clouds and sunshine are mingled together in the Masonic record as in the domestic. It is one of the highest privileges of a Mason that he gives his sympathy not only to those in tribulation, but to those who are happy. Two great occasions of universal rejoicing have arisen since I last addressed you. The golden light of the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Queen, the Patroness of our Order, had hardly set before there dawned the soft radiance of the Silver Wedding of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was our happy lot to greet him, and the gentle lady who has been his helpmeet for a quarter of a century, with our very warm congratulations. The brightness of the occasion was somewhat clouded by the news which arrived of the death of the Emperor William, but that event had been so long expected, and the Kaiser's years had lengthened themselves out so much beyond the usual span of human life, that his death, though it tempered the brilliancy of the festivity, did not darken it altogether. We kept it here in a good old English fashion with music and dancing. The old Pavilion was made gay by Masons in their insignia, who brought with them their wives and daughters, not to mention their sisters, their cousins, and their aunts. I do not think that anywhere in England was "God bless the Prince of Wales" sung more sweetly or more heartily than it was here on that March evening. The second joyful event was the Centenary of the Girls' School, which was kept, with literally Royal honours, for almost a whole week. Day after day the huge space of the Albert Hall was filled with brethren, and on some days with sisters, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the great Charity. One day the children themselves were brought to receive from the Princess the prizes they had gained. It was such a sight as can scarcely be witnessed again by those of our generation, a sight which could not have been given by any other body of men than Masons. Between two and three hundred bright, happy, healthy children were gathered together in that huge building, that the many men and women who have their interest at heart, and have helped to make them healthy and happy, might have the unalloyed pleasure of seeing their pleasant young faces and witnessing their wonderful evolutions in their graceful exercises. I know no sight at once so pretty and so touching as that of these fatherless children, rosy-cheeked and smiling, dressed in their dainty costume of dark blue and white, moving like fairy soldiers in exact time to the word of command, and every time I see it I am astonished afresh at the skill of the teachers and the beautiful discipline of the children. King Oscar of Sweden, in whose kingdom the Prince of Wales was made a Mason, was present, and expressed, as indeed everyone did, the greatest admiration of the scene. It will ever be a matter of deep regret to me that, owing to severe illness, I could not be present, though I was, as I have often been before, a Steward, and, by the kindness of my brethren, was enabled to take up a not inconsiderable sum. The Centenary Festival will ever stand out in the history of Masonry as a period as yet unsurpassed in brilliancy and pleasant sensations. It is cheering to reflect that one's guineas are spent to such good purpose that we can see the actual and most delightful result of our gifts, and I trust that the centenaries of the other two Masonic Charities may prove equally successful when their turns come. Reviewing the work of the year and the various questions which have been raised in the course of it, and have received special attention, there is one I feel compelled to touch upon particularly, namely, the initiation of minors into our brotherhood. It is a question upon which I have not myself the shadow of a doubt. I most unhesitatingly give my opinion against it. In this I am glad to find myself following in the footsteps of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose eldest son, his Highness Prince Albert Victor, was not initiated until he was twenty-one years of age. His Royal Highness's younger son has not yet entered the Craft. An exception is made at the Universities for very special and well-considered reasons, but it should be at the Universities alone. For my own part I do not think that the solemn obligations of our Craft should be lightly and thoughtlessly taken. A youth who has not reached the age of twenty-one has seen too little of life to realise or appreciate either the duties or the privileges of our Order. It is only after a young man has for a term felt his feet, as it were, in the path of life that he is able to understand what is meant by "the right hand of fellowship," and to grasp it with heartiness and lasting sincerity. It is after one or two disappointments among so-called friends that he begins to feel that it is well to build up friendship on a substratum of something less frothy than mere words. It must also be borne in mind that not only does a man on entering Masonry receive the cheering assurance of help in difficulty, sympathy in distress, and encouragement in labour, but he is also called upon to give this support to his brethren. I need hardly remind you that Masonry is not all receiving; in fact, reciprocity is one of the chief features of our Order. It may be that I have old-fashioned notions about the sanctity of a promise and the obligations incumbent on every man to carry out his engagements not only in the letter, but in the spirit. It may be, as I say, that I am old-fashioned in this, but my feeling on this point is very strong, and I do not think any mere minor should undertake such responsibilities, the meaning of which he cannot quite understand until his experience is more extended. I may add that it was with very deep regret I became aware of a case in which some very young Masons, instead of accepting their "solemn obligations," with those feelings of reverence which are becoming, and which, to an

honourable man, aware of the step he is taking are instinctive, that they accepted them in a manner which could not but distress a good and sincere Mason. Noisy merriment and silly aimless laughter, brethren, are not a fitting reception to give to the secrets of our venerable Order. I will not dwell longer on the subject, but Masonry means to me the embodiment of all manliness, honesty, purity, and loyalty; and I cannot bear to think of its degradation, even momentarily, through the behaviour of such as have not yet learned to love it. There is another point to which I wish to call your special attention. It seems that some Masons in the province do not appreciate that most useful of little volumes, the Almanac, and that they would rather it were not published at all. I can only say that the small book is my constant companion, goes where I go, and is consulted almost every day. Certainly no engagement is ever made by me, social or official, without a reference to the Almanac. It has become as necessary to me as a crutch to a lame man, and I should very much regret its annihilation. I need no longer tax your attention and patience. The outlook of Sussex Masonry is very bright and inspiring, and I trust the future may not belie our hopes and expectations, and that no year may close less prosperously than this. What the future holds for us individually we cannot tell, whether of joy or sorrow, but, bound together as we are by the union of hearts and hands, we cannot but hope and believe that a wider field of usefulness and a still greater prosperity await us a body Masonic. Therefore, brethren, I wish you heartily and hopefully "A happy new Masonic year."

Bro. the Rev. E. R. CURRIE, P.P.G. Chaplain, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his very admirable address, and congratulated him upon being so improved in health as to be again able to join the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. GREENFIELD, Prov. G. Chap., seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause.

Bro. the Rev. J. O. MCCARROGHER, P.P.G. Chap., proposed the reelection of Bro. R. Crosskey as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. R. Wood, P.G.D., seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren to act as Prov. G. Officers during the ensuing year :-

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| Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon G. Lennox, P.M. 38... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " Joseph Farncombe, P.M. 311 ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. E. R. Currie, P.M. 1184 ... | Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, P.M. 1465 ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303 ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, 1110 ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.M. 315, 732 ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " J. Adames, P.M. 38, 311... .. | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " J. Dennant, P.M. 271 | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " C. Nye, jun., P.M. 732, 1947, 2187 ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. H. Barrett, P.M. 38 | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " G. Lockwood L. Hawken, P.M. 1797 ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " Col. Mortimer Hancock, P.M. 1466, 2201 ... | Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " H. H. Jordan, P.M. 851 | Prov. G. Org. |
| " W. M. Glenister, P.M. 48 | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " G. Cole, P.M. 1636 | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " B. Burfield, P.M. 1821 | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " L. B. Henderson, P.M. 1141 | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " C. Burnell, P.M. 56 | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " H. Beaumont, P.M. 315 | |
| " W. Seymour Burrows, W.M. 811 | |
| " W. L. Wallis, P.M. 916 | |
| " A. M. Betchley, P.M. 1619 | |
| " W. Balchin, jun., P.M. 1636 | |
| " W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726 | |
| " H. H. Hughes | |

Bro. Lord Lennox was unavoidably absent on official business, and Bro. R. Crosskey through ill-health.

On being invested, Bro. Farncombe was congratulated by the Dep. P.G.M. on the near completion of his three years' term of office as Mayor of Lewes, as well as for his services to the Craft. On taking his seat in the Prov. Grand Lodge he was warmly applauded, as was also Bro. V. P. Freeman, the energetic and popular Provincial Grand Secretary. The other newly-appointed officers were also greeted with applause as they received their collars.

Business being ended, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. Bro. F. H. Hallett, P.G. Org., presided at the organ at the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. George Cole, P.G. Org., at the close.

After a brief interval the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Mutton, of Brighton, whose catering gave great satisfaction. The Prov. G. Stewards (Bros. J. Dennant, Col. Hancock, J. Adames, G. L. Lockwood, Hawken, H. H. Jordan, and W. H. Barrett) spared no pains in promoting the comfort of those present.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER presided, and gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.," which were duly honoured.

Bro. FARNCOMBE, Prov. J.G.W., proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., in acknowledging the toast, said the Sussex province was ably represented in Grand Lodge. He congratulated the D.P.G.M. upon the admirable and thoroughly Masonic address he had delivered, and heartily endorsed every word of it.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c." The province, he said, was greatly favoured in having a Royal Prince to preside over it. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had the interest of the province at heart, and the brethren remembered him with feelings of loyalty and affection.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. MARRIOTT, Q.C., M.P., proposed "The D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In Bro. Ford they had a staunch and worthy Mason, who had laboured hard in the interests of the Craft, not only in Sussex, but in other parts of the Masonic world. He had recently been instrumental in founding the Earl of Sussex Lodge, of which he himself was a humble member; and he (Bro. Marriott) sincerely hoped that their D.P.G.M. would be spared to preside over them for many years.

Bro. GERARD FORD said he felt that the Provincial Officers were brethren eminently fitted to assist him in working for the welfare of the province. He was deeply sensible of the kindness shown to him personally, and regretted that illness had prevented his visiting all the lodges as he had wished.

Bro. the Rev. J. O. MCCARROGHER, P.P.G. Chap., gave "The Visitors," which toast was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. EWART.

Bro. W. DAWES, P.P.S.G.W., proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province," and urged upon them to carry out in their respective lodges the principles inculcated in the excellent address of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Bros. FLETCHER and JORDAN responded. In acknowledging the toast of "The Royal Masonic Institutions," Bro. BINCKES expressed his grateful acknowledgment of the constant and unvarying support which had been given by the Sussex brethren to those Institutions. While thanking them for their generous efforts, he pleaded for renewed exertions during the coming year on behalf of the Boys' School, which was doing such sterling work for the sons of Freemasons. The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a programme of vocal music was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bro. S. H. Soper, and Bro. F. W. Clements; Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Org., accompanying.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL YORKSHIRE LODGE.

Wednesday, the 10th inst., was a memorable day in the annals of Freemasonry at Keighley. Then it was that the Royal Yorkshire Lodge celebrated its centenary, the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire adding honour and giving significance to the occasion by holding its half-yearly meeting at the Keighley Technical Institute, under the banner of the lodge, and the members of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge assembled at two o'clock, the lodge being opened by the Worshipful Master and his officers. At 2.15 Bro. T. W. Tew, Esq., J.P., Prov. Grand Master and Past Grand Deacon of England, and the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge entered. Bro. TEW then delivered the following address—

Officers and Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge,—Our autumnal assembly is generally considered to be the more agreeable of the two Provincial Grand Lodge meetings of the year. It is said to be so, perhaps, because the Provincial Grand Master is relieved from the difficult task of selecting officers into the Provincial Grand Lodge. In a province so rapidly increasing in its roll of lodges, and making the duty of selection of officers a more responsible burden every year, it is a pleasure to visit a town like Keighley, where, at our second gathering in the year, this obligation is not imposed upon the occupant of this chair. We greet you this afternoon with cheerful countenances and gladdened hearts, giving all a cordial welcome. At the April meeting, when collars were distributed, and this duty was gone through under the auspices of the Mayor of Wakefield and the three lodges of that city, there was one of the most crowded meetings this province has held since the 24th April, 1885, at Leeds, showing, we hope it may be taken, a growing interest on the part of the brethren in the transactions of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Although Keighley is on the geographical outskirts of this province, and somewhat removed from as ready access from all parts of the riding as perhaps Wakefield, yet our friends of the "Royal Yorkshire" Lodge have thought the Keighley Institute the only fitting place of sufficient capacity in which the 72 lodges could adequately meet this afternoon. Bro. Edwin Lee and his lodge have done everything in their power (to use their own words) "to receive this Prov. Grand Lodge handsomely, and to make this re-union of Freemasons a great success." I, and my Deputy, and officers, are always anxious, in co-operation with the lodge or lodges who receive us and make elaborate preparations for our comfort and convenience, to aid their efforts, and to make these Masonic meetings as interesting and worthy of your presence, brethren, as possible. We thank this lodge for its invitation and the programme of usefulness it has laid out for our participation, and for the charitable object the town of Keighley wishes us to advance. Very briefly, "Royal Yorkshire" Lodge, No. 265, has a warrant dated 23rd August, 1788. This lodge was then under the "Moderns," but changed its name the year it was opened at Halifax to "Royal Yorkshire," and was in 1789 known as No. 552 on the roll of Grand Lodge. At the alteration of numbers in 1792 it became 461. In 1813 it became 517, and in 1832 No. 342. It was removed to Huddersfield 20th March, 1837, and on the 18th January, 1863, it took at Keighley the number which it now holds, viz., 265, and the name "Royal Yorkshire." The first entry in our W.Y. registry is in 1822, when "Royal Yorkshire" paid quarterage fees for 24 members—it this day numbers 70 subscribing members, and has had an average of 62 members during the past 15 years. It enjoys, moreover, 15 Past Masters on its roll. The present W.M., Bro. Edwin Lee, was initiated in Lodge No. 408, "Three Graces," Haworth, April 15th, 1878. He filled the Master's chair of that lodge in 1881, and Prov. Grand Standard Bearer in 1887. In October of the following year (1882) he joined "Royal Yorkshire" Lodge. He has acted as Charity Steward for 265, and he is a Life-Governor of each of our Masonic Charities, and has acted as Steward for the three festivals at different times. No. 265 has contributed £42 to the Annuitants, £97 10s. to the Boys, and £73 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, besides contributing an annual subscription of 5s. per member to the R.M.B. Institution Male Fund. It has generously given to our West York presentations as follows—

	£	s.	d.
"Earl de Grey and Marquess of Ripon" Fund	32	11	6
"Bentley Shaw" Fund	8	8	0
"Sir Henry Edwards" Fund... ..	15	12	0
"Queen Victoria Jubilee" Fund	45	13	0
Grand Total	£102	4	6

"Royal Yorkshire" has twice before received this Prov. Grand Lodge at Keighley, viz., on October 11, 1848, and on the 4th July, 1855. These events in the history of this lodge show it to be a vigorous one, and, according to Bro. Ramsden Riley, some of the best workers of Masonic ritual have from time to time emanated from it. The effect of this is, as we testify this day, the members cultivate brotherly love and take pride in their symbolical and speculative working. One of our most accomplished Masonic workers of his day throughout West Yorkshire was one Thomas Brown, P.M., a member of this lodge, and who joined the Airedale Lodge in 1857. We congratulate this lodge on such a history, and on its stability and prosperity, and Prov. Grand Lodge is glad to visit it to-day, and to present the centenary warrant and jewels to the brethren of Royal Yorkshire Lodge. The Rector of Keighley, the Rev. F. D. Cramer, M.A., at the request of this lodge, has invited the Freemasons to his church; dedicated to St. Peter, is claimed on the part of St. Andrew, though the annual feast of the town, from time immemorial, is kept on St. Peter's Day. In 1805 the church was rebuilt, and again in 1846, the stone of the latter restoration being laid with Masonic ceremonial on 24th February, 1846. The church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, 11th August, 1848, and Prov. Grand Lodge was here in the October following. We are asked to listen to a sermon to be preached by Bro. the Rev. John Room, M.A., and P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, for the benefit of the Keighley Cottage Hospital. I hope there are many of us present this afternoon who recollect the rev. brother's splendid sermon on the Patriarch Job, delivered in St. Giles's Church, Pontefract, on the 28th January, 1880, when Sir Henry and Lady Edwards were present. There is a treat in store for us. This hospital was founded 10th March, 1874. Its object is "to give to persons engaged in the industrial occupations or callings of life, who, when overtaken by accident, and destitute of means, to provide them with surgical treatment," to cure them and return them rejoicing to their occupation. Our contributions will be asked in support of this valuable and most useful institution. Knowledge being one of the seven

liberal arts the Fellow Craft is bound to pursue, this hall, wherein we meet, cannot be passed over without a brief Masonic recognition as to its origin and present position in Keighley. On one Saturday night, 22nd January, 1825, four working men of Keighley met together and talked over how they might found a Mechanics' Institute for Keighley. On the Monday following, with nine others, they met and founded "a society for mutual instruction in the liberal arts and sciences," and at the end of the year the society numbered 71 members. The lofty ideal at which these sturdy Yorkshire Keighley men aimed, combined with fortitude, prudence, and justice, stamped the "Keighley Mechanics' Institute" with a character and reputation, which it has ever been the ambition of their successors to maintain and strengthen. The last movement of this enterprise has been the magnificent new wing, with the object of providing accommodation for imparting that technical knowledge now considered so necessary to complete the education of all classes of the handicraft community. Dr. Self, on behalf of the London Clothworkers' Company, opened this portion of the building for the benefit of the town of Keighley and of Yorkshire on the 14th October, 1887; and here again the Craft steps in, for among the many contributors are William Summerscales and Sons, and very many other names of generous Freemasons known to us. What is technical education? I think we may call the knowledge of the acquisition of the principles of an industry—"trained intelligence"—to give to the "hands" of workshops, trained intelligence, that their "heads" may guide the work of their hands. The great industrial machine of Keighley labour is good enough itself, but it needs proper oiling to make it work smoothly. The lubricant which it so much requires has been provided by Lord Fredk. Cavendish, Mr. Isaac Holden, M.P., and others, in this technical educational institute of the productive classes. May it answer the view of its founders, to the aspiration of this P.G. Lodge. In this magnificent building Prov. Grand Lodge is welcomed to-day, and it in turn greets the three new lodges added to its roll since April, viz., St. Leonard's, consecrated at Sheffield, 21st July, 1888; St. Nicholas' Lodge, No. 2259, Thorne, consecrated 25th July, 1888; and Hallamshire Lodge, No. 2268, Sheffield, on the 3rd October, 1888. We trust these lodges may have a prosperous existence, and add their quota of contributions to strengthen our charitable institutions and voting power of our Charity Committee. In closing this address let me mention what has been done in Charity by the province and the Craft this year—

WEST YORKSHIRE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

	£	s.	d.
"Annuitants' Festival of Aged Freemasons and Widows," Feb. 29th	384	6	0
"R.M.I. for Boys," June 27th	253	1	0
"R.M.I. for Girls," June 7th...	2615	2	0

£3252 9 0

The amounts announced at the festivals in London are as follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Annuitants	15,081	0	0
Girls	50,617	15	0
Boys	8,673	12	0

£74,372 7 0

This total was reached on the 27th June, and there is no doubt that it will be considerably increased before the close of the year. The scheme for the enlargement of the Girls' School, financially, is secured; and I thank the lodges in my province for their support and magnificent generosity towards the augmentation of 70 girls in the School. I ask the new lodges in the year to come to help our Charity Committee, and to contribute likewise according to their ability. Grand Lodge granted on 5th September the sum of £50 to the widow of Bro. Joseph Wade of this lodge, and £50 to Bro. John Johnson of Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury. We acknowledge, with gratitude, these benefactions by the "London Board of Benevolence" to West Yorkshire applicants for help. Brethren, I hope these acts of benevolence may stimulate the various lodges "Continually, to be given to all good works." The aspirations of this Prov. Grand Lodge are, that "all the brethren under its jurisdiction may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," so that West Yorkshire lodges may have in the future, as in the past, a contented, and prosperous, and harmonious community of Freemasons, the pride of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and the very envy of the world, outside the mystic circle of the Craft wherever the English language is spoken.

The Prov. Grand Master, at the conclusion of his address, presented to the W.M. of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, Bro. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., the centenary warrant, signed by his H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order. He also decorated him with the centenary jewel, in token of the lodge's uninterrupted existence for 100 years.

Other business was then transacted, after which a procession was formed, and the members, in full regalia, marched two abreast to the Parish Church, where a specially-arranged service was held. To the public the procession was one of the most interesting spectacles that have taken place in Keighley for a long time. Three o'clock was the time appointed for the commencement of the service at the church, but the great amount of business that had had to be transacted in the lodge compelled the brethren to forego the observance of exact punctuality. As it was, the public filled the street, patiently awaiting the procession, whilst others, chiefly ladies, betook themselves to the church, and secured seating accommodation in the gallery. At last the monotony of waiting was broken, and in the long-drawn procession, in all its variety and brilliancy, came the Mayor, like a good Freemason, gracing the procession with his presence, adorned with the gold chain of office. In the procession there were some 60 lodges represented, and the youngest lodges took precedence.

The brethren having entered the church, and the choir taken their places, the service commenced with the singing of the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," the exhortations and prayers being read by Bro. R. COLLINS, Prov. S.G. Chap. The first lesson, I. Kings, chap. v., was read by Bro. the Rev. W. CROMBIE, the Prov. G. Chap., and the second lesson, I. Peter, chap. ii., by Bro. the Rev. W. S. TURNBULL, P.P.G. Chap. The 108th Psalm was chanted. The service was Ebdon in C, and the anthem was to Mendelssohn's setting, Bro. Blagbro taking the solo "Be thou faithful," and rendering it with fine effect. The chorus, "Cast thy burden," was given by the choir with fair precision.

Amongst those present at the ceremony were—

Bros. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.M. 910, Prov. G.M., P.G. Deacon of England, Past Deputy Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.M. 387, Dep. Prov. G.M., P.G. Deacon of Eng., P.P.G. Sec.; John Booth, P.M. 258, as P.S.G.W.; C. W. Keighley, J.P., P.M. 275, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Richard Collins, Chap. 2035, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Alex. Bain Coombe, Chap. 1211, P.G. Chap.; Henry Oxley (elected), P.M. 495, Prov. G. Treas.; Aulay Macaulay, P.M. 258, P.G. Reg.; Herbert G. Green, P.M. 1019, P.G. Sec.; W. F. Smithson, W.M. 1211, as P.S.G.D.; James Bedford, P.M. 304, as P.S.G.D.; George Keneall, P.M. 810, P.J.G.D.; Lewis Buckley, P.M. 290, P.J.G.D.; Arthur Alfred Stott, P.M. 1102, P.G.S. of W.; Edmund Lord, P.M. 910, P.G.D.C.; C. Howroyd, P.M. 387, P.D.G.D.C.; Francis Smith, P.M. 837, P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Davis, P.M. 810, P.G.S.B.; William Asquith, P.M. 1302, P.G. Std. Br.; Robert Riley, P.M. 1736, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Barwick, P.M. 265, P.G. Org.; Fred. Whiteley, P.M. 61, P.G. Purst.; F. W. Turner, P.M. 408, P.A.G. Purst.; John Dyson, P.M. 306, Wm. Fitton, P.M. 1783, John R. Welsman, P.M. 600, John Hodgson Rayner, P.M. 380, and Alfred Stott, P.M. 1301, P.G. Stwds.; Samuel Barrand, Tyler 340, Prov. Grand Tyler; Thomas Leighton, Tyler 139, Prov. Assistant Grand Tyler; Benjamin Broughton, Col. J. Day, John Ambler, Thomas W. Embleton, and Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W.'s; Rev. John Room and Rev. W. S. Turnbull, P. Prov. G. Chaps.; Thomas Ruddock, P.P.G. Treas.; John C. Malcolm, J. G. Hutchinson, and John E. Craven, P.P.G. Regs.; George Normanton, Samuel H. Stocks, John Gaunt, Wm. Harrop, Robert Craig, Joseph Lowenthal, George Marshall, R. V. Allison, William Darling, and William Wroe, P.P.G. Deacons; Samuel Slack, Alfred Stephenson, J. W. Monckman, and Joseph Buckley, jun., P.P.G.D. of C.'s.; Major W. R. Moore, P.P. G. Swd. Br.; Edwin Lee, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Richardson, John Seed, William

Cockcroft, and James Wright, P.P.G.P.'s. Also W.M.'s, acting Wardens, and brethren from Lodges 61, 139, 154, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 408, 439, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 750, 810, 837, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1221, 1239, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1462, 1513, 1522, 1545, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091, 2259, 2263, and 2268.

Letters of apology were received from four Prov. G. Officers and 60 Past Prov. G. Officers and brethren. Visitors: V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. England; and Bro. Rev. T. Newton Rigby, P.P.G. Chap. Warwickshire.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Room, B.A., P.P. Grand Chaplain, and Chaplain of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge. His text was James ii., v. 23—"He was called the Friend of God." The preacher remarked that the person referred to was Abraham, the father of the Jewish race. He is three times, in Scripture, called the Friend of God. Now, a man can be called the Friend of God only so far as he loves, trusts, and obeys Him. These conditions of friendship Abraham fully satisfied. He proved his love to God by the cheerful surrender of country, family associations, and ancestral privileges in order to please Him; his trust in God by a cordial acceptance of God's promises, and an unreserved reliance upon them, even where fulfilment seemed naturally impossible; and his obedience by a whole life of cheerful and unhesitating conformity to God's commands. These points the preacher dwelt upon at some length, and illustrated and proved by reference to the leading events in Abraham's history. In his general application of the subject, the preacher observed that though in our days the Friends of God are but seldom called upon to give such trying proofs of their love, trust, and obedience, yet all might learn lessons from the life of Abraham. Love, faith, and obedience are the essentials of all true religions; and in all ages every individual experience affords ample material for their cultivation and exercise. To his Masonic brethren he recommended them earnestly and affectionately. "We belong to a brotherhood of love; let us love. We recognise the necessity of faith; let us believe. We honour loyalty and dutiful submission; let us obey. And in so doing, we shall prove ourselves the Sons of faithful Abraham; and, like him, vindicate our title to be called the Friend of God."

The offertory, which was taken on behalf of the Cottage Hospital, amounted to £20.

At the conclusion of the service, the procession was re-formed, the brethren marching two abreast to the Technical Institute, where the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent repast at the Devonshire Hotel. The W.M. of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge presided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division) was held at the Masonic Hall, Merthyr, on Tuesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. M. Tennant, Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. M. Jones, Prov. S.G.W.; J. R. Davies, Prov. J.G.W.; Thomas Walter, Prov. G. Chap.; Sidney Coleman, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Whittington, Prov. G. Sec.; Robert A. Browning, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; Robert Parry and J. Sprague, Prov. G. Dirs. of Cers.; J. J. Jones, Prov. Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; R. C. Roper, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; L. Beha, Prov. G.P.; George Bulliwell, Prov. G. Tyler; S. Cooper, 56, P.P.S.G.W.; T. W. Goodfellow, 110, P.P.G.S.B.; George Hazell, 1429, P.P.G.P.; T. Phillips, 364, P.P.G.S.B.; John Rogers, 1573, P.P.J.G.W.; H. N. Davies, P.M. 1578, P.P.G.R.; J. C. Vye Parminter, 1323, P.P.G.S.B.; R. R. Davis, 110, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Williams, 1807, P.P.S.G.W.; D. S. Varzopollo, P.P.G.S.; J. M. Smith, P.M. 833, P.P.G. Sec.; Sidney Coleman, P.M. 36, P.P.G.T.; A. D. Bindatt, P.M. 1872; F. Bradford, P.M. 237; D. R. Lewis, P.M. 110; J. Hughes, P.M. 1573; D. Hirst, P.M. 110; E. N. Shackell, P.M. 960; A. Burnett, S.W. 364; D. E. Jones, D. Roberts, Alexander Peters, P.M. 364; A. George, J.W. 364; W. Roberts, 110; W. Rowland Harris, 110; Henry Jolliff, S.W. 110; Herrmann G. Melsohn, D. Macdonald, George F. Harris, I.P.M. 110; W. C. Williams, Org. 110; T. L. Edwards, 110; J. T. Docton, D.C. 110; J. H. Taylor, J.W. 1573; C. Row, 1573; James Radley, W.M. 960; Neil Leitch, W.M. 1573; M. Powell Williams, S.W. 651; W. R. Berrett, W.M. 1578; H. M. Bradford, P.M. 110; W. Howfield, Charity Steward 110; F. Wilkins, 110; Jonah Watkins, I.P.M. 1807; E. Nash, I.G. 110; D. W. Morgans, 110; T. H. Macey, 833; Henry Bailey, 110; S. Sandbrook, J.W. 110; Joseph Harper, 110; T. Bounsell, 679; W. Pritchard Morgan, P.M. Edearn Lodge, Queensland; J. S. Jones, 110; Stephen Davies, P.M. 1578; W. North, D.C. 1098; J. E. Davies, 110; W. M. Carl, M. Vergin, 1098; W. N. Cohen, 110; T. W. Gaydon, 237; W. W. Richards, 1098 P.P.G.S. Mon.; W. T. Flocks, Tyler 110; J. Sarvis, 110; John Legg, 237; F. Cressey, 237; N. M. Grove, 1573; J. Barton, 679; J. Buckley Wilson, W.M. 1323; D. E. Jones, 110; Joseph Davies, J.W. 1578; E. H. Hann, W.M. 679; E. Dawson, W.M. 36; and A. H. Roberts, S.W.

After the reading of the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, the report of the Treasurer, Bro. Sidney Coleman, from August, 1887, to 5th July, 1888, was presented. The receipt side amounted to £298 17s. The disbursements included £5 9s. 3d. for local Charities; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £105 (donation); Victoria Fund (Widows), £52 10s.; miscellaneous, £44 18s. 2d.; balance in bank, £81 19s. 7d. The accounts were duly passed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, which met at the Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea, on July 5th, reported that steady progress continued to be made by the various lodges in the province, and the most harmonious feeling existed. The Deputy Prov. G.M., as Charity Steward for the province, had great pleasure in reporting that, at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held in February last, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., Sir George Elliot, he took up the handsome sum of £870, including 20 guineas subscribed by the Prov. G.M. The Deputy Prov. G.M., as Chief Commissioner for the province, also reported that, for the first time for some years, the account of votes with the Western Provinces Charity Association now showed a considerable balance—399 votes—in favour of the province.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. John Rogers, P.M. 1573	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" D. R. Lewis, P.M. 110	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Dr. Walters, P.M. 1573	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" W. Williams, P.M. 1807	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" D. S. Varzopollo, W.M. 1992	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Morgan, P.M. 651	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Whittington, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Peters, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" N. Leitch, W.M. 1573	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" St. Lewis, P.M. 1578	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" James Radley, W.M. 960	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.

Bro. George F. Harris, P.M. 110 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
 F. G. Hodges, W.M. 1754 ... Prov. G.S.B.
 " W. Prichard, P.M. 679 ... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
 " F. A. Miles, P.M. 1822 ... }
 " J. C. Vye-Parminter, P.M. 1323 ... Prov. A.G. Sec.
 " Jonah Watkins, P.M. 1807 ... Prov. G. Purst.
 " Edward Dawson, W.M. 36 ... Prov. A.G. Purst.
 " John Williams, S.W. 237 ... }
 " W. F. Ulawood, 960 ... }
 " James Harris, 1752 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
 " W. H. Rosser, P.J.G.W. 1573 ... }
 " Arthur H. Roberts, S.W. 36 ... }
 " George Bullerwell, 237 ... } Prov. G. Tyler.
 A collection in behalf of the new hospital realised £6 18s.
 A banquet was held at the Bush Hotel Assembly Rooms in the afternoon.
 Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT proposed from the chair the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master."
 Bro. Dr. WALTERS proposed "The Pro Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge."
 Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master."
 Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT proposed "The W.D. Prov. Grand Master," and
 Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT "The Visitors," to the latter of which Bro. PRITCHARD MORGAN responded.
 The catering of Mr. Michael gave every satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hertford, under the banner of the Hertford Lodge, No. 366, on Tuesday, 9th inst. Amongst those present were:
 Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.G. Treas., as P.S.G.W.; G. Mickley, M.D., P.G. Deacon England, as P.J.G.W.; J. Shilcock, P.M. 4, as P.G.M.O.; Rev. C. W. Harvey, P.G. Chap.; M. Slaughter, P.G. Org., as P.G. Sec.; J. Brittain, P.M. 367, P.J.G.D.; T. S. Carter, P.A.G.D.C., as D.C.; J. Peirrott, P.G.S.B.; W. P. Willson, Sec. 366, and F. S. Long, P.G. Stwds.; and J. R. Cocks, S.W. 366.
 Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were saluted, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and of lodges was called. Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.A.G.D.C., proposed, and Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G. Treas., seconded, that Bro. G. E. Lake, P.J.G.D. England, P.S.G.W., be elected Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.
 The Prov. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M. 241 ... Prov. S.G.W.
 " T. S. Carter, W.M. 366 ... Prov. J.G.W.
 " G. Mickley, M.D., P.G.D. Eng., S.W. 367 ... Prov. G.M.O.
 " A. G. Carter, W.M. 354 ... Prov. S.G.O.
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 " Rev. C. W. Harvey, M.O. 366 ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
 " Rev. A. W. Oxford, 354 ... }
 " G. E. Lake, P.J.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W. ... } Prov. G. Treas.
 " J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.M. 367 ... } Prov. G. Reg.
 " F. S. Knyvett, W.M. 241 ... } Prov. G. Sec.
 " W. P. Willson, Sec. 366 ... } Prov. S.G.D.
 " J. Shilcock, Reg. 366 ... } Prov. J.G.D.
 " H. E. Pollard, M.O. 354 ... } Prov. G.I. of W.
 " C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Eng., Sec. 354 ... } Prov. G.D. of C.
 " Capt. Clifford Probyn, J.O. 354 ... } Prov. G.S.B.
 " F. S. Long, J.O. 241 ... } Prov. G. Std. Br.
 " M. Slaughter, M.O. 341 ... } Prov. G. Org.
 " R. F. Young, J.W. 367 ... } Prov. G.I.G.
 " W. K. Hopkin, M.O. 367 ... }
 " J. H. Baxter, 367 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
 " R. T. Andrews, S.O. 366 ... }
 " T. Wright, Tyler 366 ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. G. TREASURER submitted a statement of accounts, which was approved.
 The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Dimsdale Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. S. Campling, D.C. 366.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 13th inst., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M., presided, supported by the following officers:
 Bros. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Deputy P.G.M.M.; Capt. W. O. Walker, P.S.G.W.; Capt. Garnett, P.S.G.W.; C. F. Matier, Asst. G. Sec.; H. Thomas, P.P.J.G.W.; C. W. Fisher, P.G.O.; J. Winn, P.P.G.S.; E. G. Hanwood, P.G. Reg.; J. F. Freemantle, P.G.S.O. England; C. J. Banister, P.G.M.O. England; W. Sowter, P.J.G.O.; J. Harling, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Rawlinson, P.J.G.D.; W. H. Bertwistle, P.G.I.G.; A. Beattie, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Newitt, P.G.M.O.; John Wray, P.P.G.D.; D. Cangle, P.P.G.I.G.; J. L. Aspland, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Greaves, P.P.G.O.; W. Goodacre, P.J.G.O.; and John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.
 The meeting was of an influential and representative character, there being about 200 brethren present from various parts of the province. After the formal proceedings of the lodge had been gone through, a new code of by-laws was presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose for the approval of the brethren, but, owing to the fact that the brethren had not had time to consider them, it was decided to defer their full consideration until the next annual meeting. Bro. Robt. Foote, W.M. 359, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Prov. G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as under:

Bro. Thos. Mellor ... Prov. S.G.W.
 " J. H. Barrow ... Prov. J.G.W.
 " Dr. F. J. Bailey ... Prov. G.M.O.
 " W. J. Cunliffe ... Prov. S.G.O.
 " W. B. Browne ... Prov. J.G.O.
 " Rev. T. G. M'Nally ... Prov. G. Chap.
 " Robt. Foote ... Prov. G. Treas.
 " E. Barber ... Prov. G. Reg.

Bro. John Chadwick ... Prov. G. Sec.
 " Arthur Stanley ... Prov. S.G.D.
 " W. Wadison ... Prov. J.G.D.
 " Wm. Lloyd ... Prov. G.I. of W.
 " Joseph Mellor... ... Prov. G.D. of C.
 " R. W. Bourne... ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
 " Jas. Deardon ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
 " J. W. Hulley ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
 " Wm. Platt ... Prov. G. Org.
 " P. R. Barrow ... Prov. G.I.G.
 " T. M. Shuttleworth ... }
 " J. C. Robinson ... }
 " E. Brooks ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
 " E. Pierpoint ... }
 " J. J. Hawkins ... }

The brethren at the close of the proceedings adjourned to the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, and there dined, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The dinner was of the most recherché character, fully maintaining the reputation of the proprietor, Bro. John Cobham, and his able and courteous manager, Bro. Fletcher.

Prior to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting a new lodge was consecrated by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, the lodge being designated the Lodge of Liverpool, No. 393. Bro. James Teare Callow was installed the first W.M.; Bro. Walter Charles Erwin, S.W.; and Bro. Ralph Betley, J.W. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., in a very efficient manner.

THE NEW G. SUPERINTENDENT OF CHESHIRE.

Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, who has recently been installed in office as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Cheshire, was initiated into Freemasonry while at Merton College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and having joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, was installed in the Master's chair in 1866, in which year also he joined the ancient and well-known London lodge, the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10. He has served as Prov. J.G. Deacon of Oxfordshire and Prov. G. Chaplain of Cheshire, and in 1879 and 1880 was Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England. He has also distinguished himself in the other Degrees and branches of Masonry, among the offices he has held at various times being the Mastership of the University Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 55, Oxford, and the Grand Chaplaincy of the Mark G. Lodge in 1868; that of M.W.S. of the Stanhope Chapter of Rose Croix (18°), No. 75, Chester, so named in his honour; that of Prov. Prior of Cheshire in the Order of the Temple; and he has taken the 32° in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of England. He is, in fact, a very active member of the Craft in its various branches, and in London as well as in the provinces; while as regards our Institutions, he has qualified as Life-Governor of both our Schools, and served several Stewardships on their behalf, his last appearance in the latter capacity having been as Unattached Steward Cheshire at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in June of the present year.

FORMATION OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The most important event in the annals of Masonry in Australasia took place on Thursday, 16th August, in the Great Hall of the Sydney University, which has been granted by the university authorities for Masonic purposes. On the above evening there was lawfully established, in strict accordance with Masonic law, usage, and precedent, an United Independent Grand Lodge for New South Wales. As our brethren are aware, this Masonic union was brought about through the diplomatic efforts of a conference of 15 brethren, chosen in equal numbers from the N.S.W., E.C., and S.C., under the authority of their respective Grand Lodges. After a patient and fraternal consideration of the condition of Masonry in the colony, the conference unanimously agreed to a "basis of union," which was submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the District Grand Lodges of the English and Scotch Constitutions at communications specially convened to discuss the proposal.

The articles of Union were then officially forwarded to each subordinate lodge for consideration, with the result that the "Union" was unanimously adopted by the lodges under the banner of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and with only one non-content in the English lodges, and with only two by the Scotch lodges, or in other words by 183 lodges out of 186 holding charters. This soul-stirring unanimity evoked widespread enthusiasm and joy. Old Masons who for so many weary years had been estranged Masonically, joined hands with the fervour that proved how deeply they felt and yearned for the Union of all Masons. This acceptance of the "articles of the Union" necessitated the holding of a Grand Lodge Communication for the election of Grand Lodge officers, and taking further necessary steps to properly organise the new governing body as a "United Grand Lodge."

In order that each Constitution should be represented fairly in the executive offices of the Grand Lodge, it was decided by the conference that each Constitution should nominate a candidate for the office allotted to it, the E.C. beginning with the Deputy Grand Master, then the S.C. with Senior Grand Warden, and so on downwards in the order of precedence. The plan worked admirably, with the exception of the S.C., the brethren of which experienced the unexpected difficulty of being unable to choose one candidate for each office, and so left the rival aspirants to office to have their claims dealt with by the votes of the three Constitutions.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of OCTOBER, 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By W. Bro. JAMES STEVENS, L.G.—

To expunge Law 55, including Second Paragraph, and to enact in lieu thereof as follows:

"A Boy shall not be eligible for Election unless the Father, if living, has been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge or Lodges for seven years. If the Father be dead, he must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years. But should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by Paralysis, Blindness, Fire, Shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his Initiation, this Rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

2. By W. Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:

"That three additional Vacancies be declared—in consequence of withdrawals from the Establishment—and that such Vacancies be filled up by the Election of the same number of Candidates, in addition to the number announced in the Voting Papers, at the Quarterly Court on 26th October inst."

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The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B.,
V.-Patron, Secretary.

18th October, 1888.

THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at the end of June, 1889. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptionally depressed condition of the Funds demanding exceptional support, if the enlarged benefits of the Institution are to be maintained.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the HALL OF THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1888, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notice of Motion as under, and to Elect 9 Girls into the School from a list of 63 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, Vice-President— "In the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: 'That this Clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution, at the time of his death.'"

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary. 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., October 20th, 1888.

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To Correspondents.

W. F. TOLLADAY.—The sketch you send from a tombstone at Dunstaffnage Castle, near Oban, is simply the working tools of an Operative Mason, in order to suggest the trade of the deceased.

The following communications among others unavoidably stand over:—

CRAFT—Prudence Lodge, No. 2069; Egerton Lodge, No. 2132.

INSTRUCTION—Loughborough Lodge, and Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

ROYAL ARCH—Francis White Chapter, No. 1437.

Laying the Memorial-stone of the Children's Hospital at Leicester.

Jubilee of a Subscribing Member to the Craft.

Consecration of the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, No. 457.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am not at all surprised that my "long dissertation on the Masonic services and rewards of the members of the Executive, or the scholarly attainments of Bro. Dr. Morris," should have seriously disconcerted Bro. Tunnickliff and his associate brethren. I was anxious it should have this effect, as I consider the spirit of decided hostility in which they are acting towards the School authorities unwarranted by any of the circumstances that have occurred in the history of the Institution, either recently or in the past, and in flagrant opposition to the principles of Freemasonry.

As regards the distinction which Bro. Tunnickliff is desirous of establishing between hostility to the members of the Executive and hostility to their acts, I must remind him that trees are judged by the fruit they bear, and men by the acts they do. It was because the men who constitute the Executive had done good service to Freemasonry in general, and the Boys' School in particular, that the General Committee elected them to office; and it is because by their official acts they have realised the expectations formed of them at the time of their election that the vast majority of the members of the General Committee retain the fullest confidence in their ability and integrity of purpose. I have no objection to Bro. Tunnickliff thinking differently from this majority, but when I find he does so, I naturally ask—Who is Bro. Tunnickliff? that he should constitute himself the supreme judge of the members of the Executive and decide in opposition to this majority that they have acted improperly or inefficiently; and Echo answers the question—Who is Bro. Tunnickliff? When I hear that he and Bro. Greatbatch are recognised authorities on school management, discipline, and expenditure, I shall be inclined to attach some value to their opinion. In the meantime, as it is to the acts of the Executive, and not the men who constitute it, that the "small" circle, as "L. G." describes it, "of which Bros. Tunnickliff and Greatbatch form the centre," is hostile, let me set those acts during the Secretaryship of Bro. Binckes before your readers in brief.

As regards the House Committee and the Secretary—In 1861, when Bro. Binckes was appointed to the latter office, there were 70 boys on the establishment. Now there are, including admissions by presentation, some 260. At the former date the boys were housed in the mansion known as Lordship House, which, with the 10 acres of ground surrounding it, had been purchased in 1856 for £3500, and adapted to the purposes of a school. In 1863 the first stone of the main portion of the present premises was laid by Bro. Algernon Perkins. In 1864 the whole of the Government Stock belonging to the School—£13,100—was sold out to provide for the cost of erection, and in 1865 the new School, capable of accommodating 100, was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, and a mortgage of £10,000 was raised towards defraying the balance of the expenditure incurred. In 1866 a gymnasium and library were established, and Speech Day instituted. In 1869 and 1870 the mortgage was paid off. In 1874 the School had been increased to 153, and after the purchase, in 1877, of Kent House for the purposes of an Infirmary, and the enlargement of the existing premises, the number was augmented to 198. In 1881, it was resolved to build a Preparatory School, and the Festival of 1883 proving so successful with its tale of contributions amounting to £23,000, Lindum Villas were purchased the year following, and in 1885 the new Hall and School were opened. The School estate and buildings now erected thereon have cost from first to last close on £95,000, and but few who have been over the premises will venture to assert that the Institution has not had full value for its money. During the same period the system of education has been improved and the curriculum, which was originally that of a parochial school, will compare favourably with that of our best middle-class Boarding Schools, while the boys, who used to be clad as pauper-children, are as well-clothed as they are well-fed and well-taught. The 27 Festivals from 1862 to 1888 inclusive, at which Bro. Binckes has assisted in his official capacity, have produced £246,942, while the £13,100 of Government Stock, which was sold out in 1864 towards defraying the cost of the new School, has been replaced by another sum of about £17,000.

As regards Bro. Dr. Morris, the Head Master, the best proof I can give of his qualifications for office will be found in the last annual report. On examining the table at pp. 22-3, headed "University Local Examinations," I find that since December, 1876, when he had been sufficiently long at his post to claim that his system of education was bearing good fruit, 150 of the boys sent up for examination have obtained honours, while 55 have satisfied the examiners, and this out of a grand total since 1867 of 185 honours and 96 passes.

Here then we have in two short paragraphs a true record of those acts—and their results—of the Boys' School governing authorities, to which Bro. Tunncliff states that he and his associates are hostile; and in order to make their hostility successful and smash the authorities, he and they are appealing to the Craft at large to furnish them with material in the shape of grievances—whether real or imaginary matters little, I presume, so long as they can be made to subserve their purpose. To this appeal I reply—The Masters and governing bodies of our chief public and private schools I know, and am prepared to accept or respect their judgment in matters of school management, discipline, and expenditure; but who are ye that ye presume to constitute yourselves judges and determine offhand the result of an inquiry which has not been yet begun? And just as Bro. Tunncliff is curious to know who I am that am writing as "Q," so, and with far greater reason, do I ask him to furnish the Craft he is appealing to for information with such credentials as will justify them in surrendering their right of private judgment to a petty and obscure clique. I write as one of the general body of Masons to which Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch have appealed, so that it matters nothing who I am, whether "Q" or another; but though it may savour of egotism to say so, I venture to think that I possess some knowledge of the history and management of an Institution on whose governing body these brethren and their associates have presumed to pass sentence of condemnation. I have taken upon myself no personal responsibility, and need not disclose my name. Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch are acting as inquisitors-general into the affairs of the Boys' School, and the general body of Masons has a right to know by virtue of what or whose authority they are acting, or, at all events, to be furnished with some evidence of their competency for the position they have assumed.—

Faithfully and fraternally,

October 15.

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THE MAKERS OF BRITISH INDIA. By W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS. With a Map and 12 Illustrations. London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row.

Mr. Adams is quite right in his statement that too little attention is paid to the study of our connection with India, how it was first established, and the prowess and ability by which our empire over upwards of 200 millions of people has been slowly but firmly built up. He is right, too, in his suggestion that this story of our Empire in India is one that is well worth studying, and he is to be congratulated on having placed within easy reach of our youth a judiciously compiled and pleasantly written account of the foundation and spread of this same empire. The work is based on the best authorities, a list of which will be found in the early part of the volume, and the narrative, which is well arranged and sub-divided, sets forth clearly, yet concisely, the deeds of the mighty warriors and statesmen to whose daring, skill, and judgment this country is indebted for the establishment of its power in this portion of Asia. The Introduction covers the period from 1600, when the East India Company was started, to 1761, when our French rivals for supremacy were beaten, and the French Empire in India—though subsequent attempts were made to revive it—virtually ceased to exist. Then follow a dozen chapters, in each of which a separate and distinct period is described, and the growth of our power in its successive stages of development exhibited in such a manner that the reader cannot help becoming more and more interested as he proceeds, especially as through the medium of Mr. Adams he becomes personally acquainted, as it were, with the men who have ruled, and fought, and guided the destinies of England and India from the days of Plassey till the present time. We consider Mr. Adams has done a public service by his compilation of a history which was sorely needed for the edification of our youth in respect of this particular branch of British History, while Bro. Hogg deserves commendation for having so well discharged his duty as publisher.

THE STORY OF OUR COLONIES. By H. R. FOX BOURNE, author of "A Memoir of Sir Philip Sidney," &c. A new and revised edition, with six Maps. London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row. 1888.

This is another of the same class of useful book as Mr. Davenport Adams's, "The Makers of British India," and is to be commended for the same reason, namely, that it brings within easy reach of the general public the wonderful story of "the establishment and growth of our vast Colonial Empire." The first edition was published in 1869, but in the 20 years that have since elapsed vast changes have taken place. "The area and the population of our Colonies have been nearly doubled, and their trade has been far more than doubled. With few exceptions they have made immense progress in the opening up of material resources and in the growth of social and political institutions;" and Mr. Bourne has been well advised to revise and reissue the work, so that without altering its character as a sketch-book of the establishment of our Colonial Empire or the manner of his treatment, it might continue to be in 1888 what it was in 1869, that is to say, a well-written and concise account of the British Colonies, their various systems of government; their trade and commerce, and the relations on which they stand to the Mother Country. Mr. Bourne appears to have been most careful in his work of revision and in incorporating the most important facts that have occurred during the additional period to which his narrative extends. Our earliest efforts in colonisation are described in the opening chapter, and then in a long series of chapters we have sketched with accuracy, and with as much fulness as the limits of such a work would permit, the various groups of possessions in the West Indies, in North America, in South Africa, Asia, Australasia, &c., which constitute our Colonial Empire. The narrative is well-written, not too overlaid with detail to be wearisome, yet containing information sufficient to give a good general idea of our Colonial Empire. The book, too, is well got up, and will make a suitable Christmas gift to present to youngsters who are well on in their "teens."

ROMANCE OF THE MOUNTAINS. By ASCOTT R. HOPE, author of "Stories of Young Adventurers," &c., with 12 Illustrations. London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row.

Mr. Ascott Hope is a writer of considerable repute in the class of literary work to which he has chiefly given his attention, and his "Stories of Young Adventurers," "Stories out of School-time," and similar books have won him much well-deserved popularity among the rising generation of readers. In these pages we have a series of "stories, scenes, legends, adventures," &c., derived from, or associated with, the various ranges of mountains, and very pleasant reading they are. In the nine chapters in which the contents of the volume are grouped will be found one devoted to "Mountain Myths," another to "Bandits and Brigands," a third to "Mountain Warfare," a fourth to "The Hunters of the Mountains," while the last is headed "Lost on the Mountains," and contains two stories which justify the title and references to several other cases of persons being thus lost in recent years. We are satisfied the book will add largely to Mr. Ascott Hope's popularity, and at the same time find, as it deserves to find, a ready sale among the gift-books that will be offered at the coming Christmastide.



Craft Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead. Present: Bros. C. H. Fry, P.M., W.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., S.W.; Dr. Goodchild, J.W.; Lane, J.D.; George Trott, and Bros. I. T. Rowe, P.M.; H. Hollis, P.M.; J. G. Humphreys, P.M.; J. Ware, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, P.M.; John Potter, P.M.; H. E. Coffin, P.M.; and Edwin Storr, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Abel Simner, I.P.M. 177; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; Hy. Dickey, P.M. 1744; T. C. Edmonds, W.M. 1507; G. F. Smith, junr., P.M. 25; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; Chas. B. Cooper, W.M. 449; James Thom, W.M. 2206; John Oldis, P.M. 1288; H. Longman, S.D. 2271; A. H. Scurrah, J.W. 2206; A. E. Pridmore, 1815; John Hudson, 2206; C. J. Coles, 339; G. H. Stansall, 2206; W. Russell Finlay, 2182; W. Lincoln, 534; F. W. Hearn, 2206; E. W. Wheeler, Org. 2206; A. E. Cattle, 749; John Dale, 1613; J. H. Doble, 2206; and W. J. Mitchell Grady, 1815.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Storr, P.M., Secretary of the lodge, in a most admirable manner, in the presence of 19 installed Masters. The new Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Goodchild, S.W.; Hearn, J.W.; Lane, S.D.; George, J.D.; Trott, I.G.; E. Storr, P.M., as Secretary; and J. T. Rowe, Treas. The W.M. then passed to the Second Degree Bros. A. E. Snook and F. W. Paul, after which Bro. Storr, P.M., delivered the addresses in the most perfect and impressive manner. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Too much praise cannot be given to Bros. Wheeler, Org., F. Hearn, Dobbs, and Hudson, all of 2206, for the way in which they rendered the musical parts in the installation and passing, and also to Bro. Wheeler for so ably presiding at the piano after the banquet.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The brethren of this lodge opened its new season on the 12th instant, at Anderson's Hotel, under the Mastership of Bro. Henry J. Chapman, and there was a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Chapman, W.M.; Richard Harvey, S.W.; N. Salmon, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; A. Simner, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Harry Price, P.M.; P. B. Spink, P.M.; J. McLean, P.M.; P. Pierpoint, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; Edward White, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; Isaac Buscall, P.M.; J. E. Spurrell, S.E.; T. B. Goodfellow, J.D.; Robert Hewetson, I.G.; E. A. G. Smith, D.C.; A. Piper, Stwd.; and C. Riechelmann, Org. Visitors: Bros. Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. H. Ross, S.D. 1464; T. E. Mundy, J.D. 1670; F. J. Eadie, W.M. 1941; H. E. Poole, 2030; G. D. Power, 898; F. Holder, 2030; A. W. Oxford, I.G. 4; B. Brett, 1791; H. Massey, P.M. 616, 1928, &c.; H. Carman, P.M. 548; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572; W. H. Price, 1816; R. Atkins, P.M. 55; and B. Kenyon, 2012.

There was plenty of work before the brethren, consisting of a raising, and, according to the programme, four initiations. The raising was disposed of first, and Bro. D. Charteris received at the hands of the W.M. the Third Degree. Three out of the four candidates for initiation duly appeared, viz.: Messrs. Joseph Inkermann Higgs, Ernest Samuel Smith, and Fagioli Attilio, and the W.M. gave them the initial ceremonies of the Craft, performing all his work in brilliant style.

After some other formal business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, with Bro. Chapman at their head. The usual toasts followed.

The W.M. first gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and said in doing so he did not attempt to say anything new, as every one present was a good Mason and a loyal subject, and knew perfectly well how highly her Majesty appreciated the Craft.

The W.M. afterwards proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and said that no one could perform the duties of Grand Master with greater ability or discretion than the Prince of Wales.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that on the Grand Officers depended a good deal the welfare and management of the great work which was done in Freemasonry. At the head of the working officers, saving and excepting H.R.H., who worked quietly and not ostenta-

tiously, they had the Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom. The brethren who had attended Grand Lodge had seen how admirably the Earl of Carnarvon performed his duties, and he was a fair sample of the other Grand Officers. His voice was heard through the whole of Grand Lodge, and the direction of Grand Lodge affairs was exercised with the greatest decorum and precision. They were very fortunate in having such a distinguished nobleman to preside over them. There were numerous other Grand Officers who were probably noble in reality, though not noble in rank, and they discharged their duties with equal anxiety and zeal for the good of the cause. It was an honour conferred upon few. Many achieved it because they occupied a distinguished station, and so far they were fortunate; but there was one office which the Craft in general had the power to confer as an honour on some brother every year. Each year the Craft could send to Grand Lodge a Grand Officer who should take rank with the highest, though Freemasonry knew no difference in rank when the brethren occupied their position as Freemasons. The Domatic Lodge had as a visitor that evening, a Past Grand Treasurer. A few years ago two members of the Domatic Lodge were Past Grand Officers, one passed to the great majority, and they had only one left, and he took a very retiring position, coming to the lodge meetings only about twice a year, paid his subscriptions with the most punctual regularity, sent his kind congratulations to the W.M. in the chair, and hurried home to tea. Perhaps that brother (Bro. James Brett) had done the hardest work as a Grand Officer, as he was a constant attendant at the Board of Benevolence, of which he was Senior Vice-President, and he was a very good sort of Grand Officer. They had now an opportunity of sending another Grand Officer to Grand Lodge, and they had also a member of the lodge who was willing to accept the office. All who had the pleasure of knowing the candidate to whom he alluded (Bro. George Everett) would feel confident that if they supported him at the next election, they would never regret it; they would feel they had a true Freemason and a thorough brother for the office. Those who were interested in the Domatic Lodge, would feel that that lodge ought to be represented in Grand Lodge, and that Bro. Everett was a fit person to take the honour, and must exercise an influence there. In concluding his remarks upon the Grand Officers, he would say the brethren were grateful to them for the interest they had taken in Freemasonry, and he hoped they would continue to take an interest in it, and that the Domatic Lodge would take an interest in it as it had done for many years past.

Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas., after some preliminary formal observations as to the extent and way in which the Grand Officers performed their functions, said that the Earl of Carnarvon, by his visit to Australia, reconciled the various Masonic bodies there, and those various bodies, ranking under the Scotch, the Irish, and the English Constitutions, now formed one Grand Lodge in Australia bearing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. The English brethren were glad that had been done, for it showed what services could be rendered by brethren distinguished in the offices of State, and their high position in society generally. But there was in Masonry what the brethren regarded with some greater pleasure, that all brethren were equal. Although we recognised the compliment that "Great kings, dukes, and lords had laid by their swords, our mysteries to put a good grace on," they felt that all brethren were equal in lodge, and equal before the Craft, while the ability or qualifications of one or other might not be so great, as rank and station were considered by some. The Craft were glad to have those brethren with them. He (Bro. Eve) did not happen to represent those brethren who were selected by the Grand Master to occupy Grand Office, but he filled the proud position of a Grand Officer sent to Grand Lodge by the body of the Craft. He esteemed it a very great honour, and an honour which all brethren might well seek to obtain. When he came to this Domatic Lodge he felt that he met with a great number of brethren to whom he owed a deep debt of gratitude, as he remembered that two years ago, when he had the pleasure of being introduced to the brethren, how kindly he was received by them; he remembered with still greater satisfaction not only the kind way they received him, but the enthusiastic way in which they supported his endeavours to get the office of Grand Treasurer, and he did not know that he could show his gratitude better than by supporting Bro. Everett in his candidature. Bro. Everett was very kind to him in that candidature, and as his (Bro. Eve's) heart's desire was gratified he trusted Bro. Everett's heart's desire would be gratified. If Bro. Everett should be elected Grand Treasurer of England, the office would be held by a worthy brother, who, not only by his age in the Craft but by his services, had endeared himself to the members of the Craft, and that the office in his hands would be upheld with all credit and dignity. He (Bro. Eve) had great pleasure in being present at this meeting, and he thanked the brethren for the kind and gracious way in which they had received the toast of the Grand Officers of England.

Bro. Simner, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," congratulated the brethren on entering a new session of the lodge, and trusted that the Great Architect would give them health and strength to enjoy the Masonic treats the W.M. had in store for them. He did not think they had for a long time had a Master in the chair who did his work more conscientiously or in a more painstaking way than their present W.M., who tried his utmost to add to the already great credit of the lodge. The W.M.'s heart was in the work. The brethren knew the man, they had seen him, they had seen his work, they knew what he tried to do to make his ritual perfect, so that those who came up to be initiated, passed, and raised might receive a lesson they never could forget.

The W.M., in reply, said that the six months the brethren had been parted seemed in no way to have lessened the warmth of their feelings towards him. He must express his gratification at their acknowledgment of him, and he hoped in the remaining months he should be in the chair he would be received with the same warmth, or even with increased warmth. From the bottom of his heart he thanked the brethren.

The W.M., in proposing "The Initiates," said that the number of initiates that evening showed that the Domatic Lodge was in no downward way. While they had fresh blood month after month, there would be little difficulty in finding Masters of the lodge, and it was evident that the stuff of which the initiates of that evening were made

would supply good Masters to the lodge. All the brethren wished to greet those brethren most heartily and warmly to the lodge. They hoped those brethren would go through the remaining ceremonies in the same excellent way that they had gone through the first ceremony that evening.

Bro. Smith, in his reply, referred to the very impressive ceremony he and the other initiates had gone through. He hoped it would enable him to show that he was worthy of the brethren's confidence. They might rely on it that he would exert himself in every way to forward the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. Higgs was pleased to hear the W.M. say, that in having new blood in the Domatic Lodge, and in the way the initiates went through the Degree the lodge would not want for good Masters. Speaking for himself, that would be so. He hoped the good seeds sown that night would bear good fruit as they continued in the lodge.

Bro. Attilio also replied, and said he only hoped he should be a really good brother.

Bro. Walford, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Eedle, Carman, Barnett, and Goffin responded.

To the toast of "The P.M.'s," Bro. E. White, in responding, took the opportunity of referring to the candidature of Bro. George Everett for the office of Grand Treasurer. In the first place, no member of the Craft was better qualified for, or more deserving of, the office than Bro. Everett. It would not become him to enumerate the great services he had rendered to the Order. All the brethren who knew him and had met him were sure that no brother more deserved the honour, and no one could better discharge the duties. And then the great position the lodge held in the Craft should be enough to show that the honour should be conferred. The Domatic was one of the largest lodges, and one that had contributed a larger sum towards the funds of G. Lodge than perhaps any lodge in the Craft. That, in his opinion, was a sufficient reason, if there was no other, why the Domatic Lodge should have a share in Grand Lodge honours. He hoped that all those who were qualified to sit in Grand Lodge would attend and support Bro. Everett, and induce their qualified friends to do the same, for the Domatic Lodge had "troops of friends." He hoped that Bro. Everett would not be elected Grand Treasurer, but by a large majority. Bro. Eve would give him help. They would like to know that the Domatic Lodge had been recognised by the authorities by having one of its members elected as a Grand Officer. It was some years since the honour of grand office was conferred by the Grand Master on a member of the lodge; but they would feel it a far greater honour that one of their members was elected a Grand Officer by the voice of the Craft.

Bro. Simer, I.P.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," referred to the same subject. Bro. Everett, the Treasurer, was attempting to bring honour on the old Domatic Lodge. He was not doing it for his own sake, but he felt strongly that when honours were given the Domatic Lodge should be recognised. But he placed it on a higher basis than a choice by the Grand Master, by asking that he might be placed in office by the suffrages of his brethren of the Craft—making himself the selected of the Craft; and when a man came forward and did that for the honour of the lodge to which he belonged, he had deserved the brethren's warmest and heartiest sympathy.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., and Treasurer, in reply, said: Standing here before you to-night as I do in my 31st year of Freemasonry, I assure you I feel very proud indeed—proud to think the Domatic Lodge has begun a new session under very favourable auspices, all around us being so very comfortable and happy, as is always the case; proud to hear brother after brother saying kind things of myself, and hoping I deserve kind things to be said of me. It is a little unfortunate the Treasurer's toast is so late, because after so much has been said this evening about the Grand Treasurer the brethren get a little tired if it crops up again; but it would be unnatural if I did not allude in some way to the campaign in which I am about to fight, and which I have set my heart so much upon. Allusion has been made to the Domatic Lodge; but I am concerned in three other lodges, and I am a founder of them all—the Kennington, the Kilburn, and the Chiswick. They all happen to be London lodges. I refer to this because, as a member of London lodges only, I have no chance except at Freemasons' Hall. A man may have been only two or three years in a provincial lodge, and if he distinguishes himself, provincial honours come to him with but little trouble. But in a London lodge it is different. During the last 15 years 900 lodges have been added to the list, and a great proportion of these are London lodges. But, in spite of that, there have been only three new Grand offices created in Grand Lodge. It, therefore, follows that very few can have a Grand Lodge collar conferred upon them. A brother is very favoured indeed if he is lucky enough to obtain that honour. I just mention this in passing to show you the position I am in as aspiring to the dignified and honourable position of Grand Treasurer. It is the only thing I can look to, and it will be a great pleasure to me if I obtain the honour through the suffrages of my brother Masons. I am very proud to be in the position of Treasurer of this lodge, seeing what it has done in Masonry in its time. I am Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge and Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge, and I am proud of it. So you see that I have been a Treasurer all my Masonic life, and I hope to end it by being Grand Treasurer of England, for which the promises of support I have received give me great hopes.

The remaining toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren then separated.

At the request of the Princess Frederica of Cumberland, the great Doll Show at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond-street, which was originally fixed for Monday, the 5th November, has been postponed till the Friday and Saturday following.

It is in contemplation by the Mercers' Company, whose average income for the 10 years from 1871 to 1880 amounted to £77,143, to devote £60,000 to the establishment of an Agricultural College in Wiltshire, to be attached to a large farm, so that the students may acquire a practical knowledge of farming, and it is hoped that this large donation may be supplemented by a generous contribution from the Charity Commissioners. The only fear that is felt by a few of the members is lest so large a donation might necessitate a reduction in the Company's gifts to other Charities, and especially of its annual grant to the London Hospitals of £7000.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—The first meeting of the session was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bros. F. W. Lee, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; C. Lambert, J.W.; Cowell, P.M., Treas.; Major George Lambert, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Orchard, P.M., S.D.; Marriott, J.D.; J. Read, P.M. 720, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, Organist; Cooper, P.M., P.G.D.; J. Caney, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. Colonel Adams, 1615; Maples, 574; Crost, 74; Stagg, 1092; and Hilliard, 902.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; but no further business offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the after proceedings being enlivened by the singing of several brethren.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Bro. John Porter, W.M., opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the audit report received and adopted. Bro. Stockwell, P.M., presented Bro. George John Judge, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Having been duly obligated, Bro. Henry Stockwell, by desire, took the chair, and installed the W.M., and gave the addresses, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. The officers appointed were Bros. A. Hand, S.W.; J. Saywood, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas. (re-invested 19th time); E. Bridges, P.M., Sec. (re-invested); A. H. Asman, S.D.; A. Toley, J.D.; W. H. Winter, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C. (re-invested 8th time); J. J. Bell, P.M. (7th re-investment); F. Garbett, P.M., Stwd. (8th re-investment); and A. G. Young, Tyler (8th re-investment). Every one was pleased with the excellent working of the installation, from its commencement to its finish.

The lodge was then closed and a banquet followed. Bro. Turle, Sec., presided at the pianoforte. The menus were embellished with quotations from Pope's works. At the banquet table Bro. John Porter, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him, and for which he expressed his thanks. There were present Bros. Dixon, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; J. G. Willett, W. H. Chinn, E. Carrick, F. Cakebread, W. Wade, J. Wilmot, W. G. Kent, W. Bowden, J. W. Wickens, G. Peek, T. Tuck, W. Royal, and others. The visitors were Bros. Frederick Walters, P.M. 73, P.M. 1309, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; Robert E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. Martin, P.M. 879; F. A. Eglesa, 1673; W. B. Marcus, W.M. 1839; H. F. Bings, P.M. 1579; B. H. Thompson, 218; G. Whitaker, 1597; G. Wigglesworth, 1669; G. T. Edwards, P.M. 788; J. Best, 1549; M. Clark, 28; W. Anderson, 1446; A. Sharp, S.W. 1829; T. M. Stamp, 1901; W. T. Brinley, P.M. 1531; W. Belchamber, 198; E. C. Talbot, 65; W. T. Nottage, S.W. 771; W. T. Wigglesworth, 1669; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 18; Rev. H. Wells, P.M., Chap. 140; J. Lewarne, S.D. 865; C. J. Fryer, S.W. 579; D. Ritchie, 1471; E. H. Taylor, P.M. 586; and T. Lee, 1923.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; J. W. Thompson, I.P.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Scarlett, S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; J. G. Cobb, acting I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D.C.; R. Loomes, Steward; W. Shurmer, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; C. Hiller, C. H. Stevenson, P. Faber, F. Awdas, A. Cox, W. H. Jones, R. Amy, F. Simmonds, A. J. Fearhead, W. Ash, J. A. Blount, T. W. Smith, W. S. Brookman, A. Snook, D. C. Ritchie, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Morris, T. C. Berg, W.M. 1613; J. F. Bell, W.M. elect 1613; Makings, P.M.; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1351; W. D. Church, J.W. 1365; and F. Stallard, S.D. 1613.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the regular meeting held in April last, and the emergency meetings held in May and June, were read and confirmed. The by-laws of the lodge were also read. Bros. Jones and Amy were then passed to the Degree of F.C. Three proposals were made for initiation, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed. An excellent repast was provided for the brethren by Bro. Sams, the new manager of the hotel, after which the W. Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

With the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A. G.D.C. The W.M. congratulated the lodge on still retaining on its list of members one Grand Officer.

Bro. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replied. The I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Thompson, next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," alluding in complimentary terms to the high qualities the W.M. had shown in his occupancy of the chair, and the position he had made for himself in the estimation of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master replied, thanking the brethren for the extremely kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and expressing the satisfaction he felt at having their approval of his efforts to maintain the efficiency and prosperity of the lodge.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master.

Bros. Morris, J. F. Bell, W.M. elect 1613; Makings, P.M.; and T. C. Berg, W.M. 1613, responded in suitable terms.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. W. Thompson.

Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., replied, and, in the course of his remarks, in very effective terms urged the officers who were approaching within measurable distance of the chair to strive their utmost to emulate the example shown them by their W.M.—that the high standing of working attained by the W.M.'s of the lodge might not be lowered during their term of office.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was responded to by Bros. J. L. Mather, Treas., and E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.

The officers present replied to the toast of their health, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Makings, Berg, Scarlett, and others contributed some excellent songs, being ably accompanied by Bro. Trego, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The first meeting of the session of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Bros. Bowers Solomon, W.M.; G. Reynolds, Sec. 2191, S.W.; S. Hewett, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, 2191, J.D.; J. Woodward, 2191, I.G.; W. Unwin, Steward; Potter, Tyler; J. Jacobs, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; T. H. Dickson, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; and G. Stacey, P.M. The visitors were Bros. E. G. Hight, Atlantic, No. 8, U.S.A.; J. Rowe, 2191; C. O. Burgess, 2191; W. Briley, 897; F. J. Potter, 1321; A. R. Polley, 1828; W. Hancock, 1056 and 2191; F. Jackson, 1987 and 2191; J. A. Wills, 1828; E. C. Mulvey, 179, 2202, and 2246; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no further business on the agenda paper, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes' Room, where a sumptuous banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, the energetic manager.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a most enthusiastic manner, followed by the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," in which all the company joined.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, I.P.M., then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said that his heart was in his work and he always strived to do his best for the welfare of the lodge. They would all regret that during his year of office he had had very bad health, which had prevented him attending so regularly as he wished.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had drunk his health. He had desired to have been with them oftener, but unfortunately he had been ill, which was a serious drawback, and had prevented him fulfilling the duties more to his and their satisfaction.

By request of the W.M. the remainder of the toasts were proposed by Bro. T. A. Dickson, I.P.M., who, in proposing "The Visitors," said it was one the Covent Garden Lodge always took a peculiar pleasure in proposing, they always gave them a hearty welcome and did all they could for their comfort, they were pleased to see so many present that evening, more especially as they were honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, U.S.A., Bro. E. G. Hight, of Baltimore, who was on a visit to England, and had accepted the invitation of Bro. G. Reynolds to be present. They were always delighted to receive members of foreign jurisdictions, particularly those from one of their sister Grand Lodges in America. It helped to cement the bond of brotherhood, which was the very essence of Masonry. On that account, he trusted they would receive the toast in a more than usual enthusiastic manner. He would couple with it the names of Bro. E. C. Mulvey and Bro. E. G. Hight.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey thanked the brethren, on behalf of the visitors, for the very hearty reception they had received. He had great pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Worshipful Master, and was much pleased with what he had seen and heard. He again begged to thank them.

Bro. E. G. Hight, in reply, said that when he left Maryland, he made up his mind to visit Bro. G. Reynolds, of whom he had heard, and who, when he called, invited him there that evening; but, having only his gripsack, said he could not go, but he told him that a dress-suit was not necessary; he was not going in one; and that it would not be necessary for him to speak; but when he arrived, he found him in full dress, with all his regalia on, and had managed it so that he should say something. He should long remember the reception they had given him, and the way in which they had spoken of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Grand Master of which, Gen. Shryock, was not unknown to them, being an honorary member of the lodge of instruction. He thanked them most sincerely for the very hearty and fraternal way in which they had received him.

Bro. Dickson next proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Past Masters." He was pleased to see so goodly an array of them, proving as it did the continued interest they took in the lodge. He was especially pleased to see Bro. Kedgley with them again, and trusted he would be able to be with them more frequently.

Bro. Jacobs, in reply, thanked them for the very hearty way in which the toast of the Past Masters had been received. They were always pleased to be there, and render any assistance that might be required of them. He trusted he should be able to be with them every meeting during the session. He could not sit down without testifying to the valuable services rendered by their Secretary, who performed his duties with an amount of ability and zeal which showed that his heart was in his work—in fact, they never had such a Secretary.

Bro. Kedgley said he felt extremely proud of the way in which Bro. Dickson had spoken of him, and assured the brethren that if any small endeavours on his part could tend to the efficiency of the lodge he should be amply rewarded.

Bro. Bourne, Sec., in a neat speech, thanked the brethren for the very flattering way in which they had spoken of him, and assured them that the duties of his office was a labour of love.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," Bro. Dickson said that they were pleased to know that they had such good officers, which promised a succession of good Masters. Their esteemed Bro. Reynolds, S.W., was always to the front in bringing new members to the lodge, and was a most hard-working and energetic Mason. Of their J.W. and other officers he could say that they were all very good.

Bro. Reynolds, in reply, said he thanked him most sincerely for the very kind way in which he had spoken of them. He could assure the W.M. that the officers of the lodge had striven to support him in the chair, and he considered it their duty to do so. Speaking for himself, he had done all that lay in his power to make his year of office a success. As they were aware, he had been on a mission to America to carry a message of good-will to our brethren on the other side of the water. They might think it was an arduous task, but it was a pleasant one, and one that he should ever remember. He felt very proud of being the bearer of that message, as it brought him in contact with some of the foremost Masons in America, and he thought that the compliments paid to him, reflected

not only on the Anglo-American Lodge from whom he went, but also on the Covent Garden Lodge and the lodge of instruction. He should always strive to do his best in whatever position they might be pleased to place him, and he was sure that they all would continue to do their duty in the future as they had done in the past.

Bro. Hewett, J.W., said that after the eloquent speech of Bro. Reynolds, any words of his would be superfluous. He would only add that he thanked him very much for the very kind way in which he had spoken of the officers.

After a brief response from the junior officers, the Tyler's toast was given, which brought to a conclusion a most successful beginning of what promises to be a brilliant session.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Solomon, Guilford, and Jacobs, who also gave a recitation in a very effective manner.

STRAND LODGE (No. 1087).—On Thursday, the 11th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at Spiers and Pond's Criterion Restaurant, for, amongst other purposes, the installation of a new W.M. Bro. J. Douglass, W.M., presided, being supported by his officers, a strong muster of the other members of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. E. Perry, 1744; T. Jefferies, 1744; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; George G. Dawson, P.M. 1853; John Eason, 1589; J. Irvine, S.W. 862; B. Kauffmann, I.P.M. 1732; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; T. C. Edmonds, W.M. 1507; A. H. Cole, 1744; Edward Terry, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; Walter Wellman, P.M. 1589; Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319; R. M. P. Low, 1974; Hammond C. Chevalier, 141; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; H. Lundy, 1733; S. Jacobs, P.M. 205; and C. S. Jenkins, 860.

After the formal business of the lodge had been transacted in the opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes of 10th March and 1st October, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. Douglass initiated Messrs. John White and W. J. Mansell, and subsequently installed Bro. William Thomas Madge, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed the lodge's officers for the year: Bros. J. Douglass, I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; James Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; J. Stacey, P.M., Sec.; Foster, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Potter, D.C.; Evans, A.D.C.; John Hare and Buston, Stewards; Mackway, Org.; and Whiting, Tyler.

Before the business of the lodge was concluded, the new W.M., in the name and on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with an elegant 10 guinea Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with some observations very flattering to Bro. Douglass on his conduct in the chair.

Bro. Douglass having suitably acknowledged the handsome gift and appropriate remarks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which the W.M. presided over, notwithstanding he was suffering from a severe cold. Bro. Willing, the Treasurer, was unfortunately absent through severe illness.

The Worshipful Master at the conclusion of the banquet proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and Bro. Douglass proposed "The M.W.G.M."

The Worshipful Master asked the indulgence of the brethren for himself on account of his cold, and entrusted to Bro. Harris, P.M., the duty of proposing "The Pro G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Harris, P.M., having proposed this toast, the same was most cordially acknowledged.

Bro. Douglass, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he was sure Bro. Madge would arrive at the same distinction as other Masters of the Strand Lodge for excellence of working and punctuality of attendance. Bro. Madge had been very regular in his attendance through his (Bro. Douglass's) year of office, and in every way had endeavoured to promote the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. He wished him a very successful year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said there was one reason why he was anxious the toast should not be deferred. First of all the brethren were anxious to smoke, a privilege which he was afraid he personally could not enjoy unless his brother on his right gave him absolution—his medical man, who had interdicted him from coming to the meeting. But having regard to the importance of the occasion, and the brethren having elected him, he insisted on coming, although he was told he should have to be in charge of a nurse. Being there, the brethren were all capable of judging if he was really incapacitated. He appreciated the honour the brethren had done him in associating him with the Strand Lodge. Since its inception he belonged to it. He was one of five or six founders, and he thought he had been, as far as he could be, constant in his attendance, and although his business associations had not allowed him to give that close attention to learning the ritual and studying the absolute work of the lodge, he had, so far as man could, identified himself closely with Freemasonry, in all its branches, in the working of the lodge, in the outside duties, and in a humble way following up its objects. He therefore felt he would be wanting in courtesy and in appreciation of the brethren's kindness if he failed to attend that night. However inefficient and incapable he might be, there he was by the kindness of his brother officers, with their help, to get through the evening. It might be but a feeble imitation of what should be a happy evening, but they must take the will for the deed. Bro. Douglass had been very kind in proposing the Health of the W.M., and wishing him a very happy and prosperous year of office. He had not the slightest doubt that if he was, as he was sure he would be, cordially supported by the officers, the Strand Lodge would be as flourishing—at least, it would be his aim that it should be—at the end of his year of office as at the time he assumed the government of the lodge. He had all the more confidence in taking the office because he was absolutely a Strand man; his life commenced in the Strand; his business life, from 24 or 25 years since, had always been identified with the Strand; and he thought their lodge should have in its composition a resemblance to its name. By that he did not mean to say they were not to have brethren from all parts of the Metropolis; but still there was an association which all Londoners—all men who looked on the Strand as one of the great centres of London—reverenced, and which they liked to see kept up in the

Strand Lodge. He felt it himself a great honour that, like one or two of his predecessors, they had a Strand man as Master of the Strand Lodge. His voice failed him to describe adequately his sense of gratification and pleasure—physically it did so, at any rate—but he thought he must content himself by assuring the brethren once more of his devotion to the Strand Lodge itself in particular, as well as to Freemasonry in general.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, and the Past Masters." He thanked Bro. Douglass very sincerely for performing the ceremony of installation so beautifully. He regretted the absence through illness of Bro. Willing, who was essentially a Strand man. A better man could not be found for the office of Treasurer. He had also been Master of the lodge for two years. Bro. Harris had also been an excellent W.M., and had had a flourishing year of office. Bro. Douglass they all knew, and he also had had a very flourishing year of office. The same compliment must also be paid to Bro. Stacey, whose ability and accomplishments all the brethren were indebted to.

Bros. Douglass, Stacey, and Harris responded. The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiates," said they had that night recruits to the Strand Lodge who recommended themselves by their social and personal qualities. It was his earnest wish that what they had seen of Masonry would imbue them with its best views, and that ultimately these brethren would become what Masonry taught them to be, good and useful citizens, and an honour to the Order—when the time of adversity came, to lend a willing and sympathetic hand to distress from a thought which was not selfish. Masons wanted among them men who could truly embrace Masonry in its broadest and deepest aspects. He was glad to welcome those brethren among them. Although a few brethren had resigned the lodge, they had two more to take their place. He was impressed with the idea that the lodge should be extensive in its bearings; he looked upon Masonry as not only for members, but it should embrace character and a certain amount of good fellowship—that they should all feel on a par, and shake the hand and say, "This is a man and a brother; such a one as I can recommend to my own fireside and my own home." He had always felt this, and he was glad now to have an opportunity of expressing it. He hoped the two initiates of that evening would become earnest Masons and endeavour to make themselves useful to their brethren and exercise the good qualities taught by the ceremonies of the evening.

Bros. White and Mansell replied, hoping that they would not prove unworthy of the confidence the brethren had reposed in them by admitting them to the Order.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Wellsman, Dawson, Batty, Scurrah, Lowe, Irvine, and E. Swanborough having replied,

Bro. the Rev. J. Arthur Evans, of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, also responded, and in the course of his observations, said he thought he could claim the brethren's sympathy on being called upon last, after the distinguished visitors, to respond, but he might, perhaps, have a word or so to say. It was only a month that day that he came to England, and during that very short time, this was the second occasion he had had the honour of being a guest at the Strand Lodge. On the last occasion it was an emergency meeting, and he came down then to learn English Masonry. It was then "what came ye out for to see?" That night he came to the banquet, but although he did, that was one of the occasions when he learned a great deal. The colony in which he lived at present did not give banquets such as the one the brethren had just partaken of. A distinguished speaker at the Mansion House a few months ago said, with regard to Newfoundland inhabitants, that they lived in a land of fog, they lived upon cod, and lived on a particular species of dog. He did not think that was true. However, the inhabitants of the colony were not responsible for their climate and their surroundings; but as members of the Craft, they were as warm as the Masons of England. The members of lodges travelled many miles under difficult circumstances to attend the meetings; not as in England, where they could travel to the lodge at an early hour and back at a late hour in every comfort; not having the grand banquet like that of that night, but a banquet consisting of boiled cod and tea; but the good fellowship was quite equal to that of that night; and he should take back with him, in a fortnight's time, many reminiscences of the old country, which he should be able to give the brethren in their own vernacular, in which he should be able to say a good deal about the reception given to him, and the grand workings and doings of the Craft in the mother country.

The remaining toasts were afterwards duly given and responded to, and the brethren brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—This well-known Westminster lodge met on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, Caxton-street, the W.M., Bro. James Gibson, P.M. 1624, presiding over a very full attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Flattery, Badderley, and Dotterill, of 1624; J. Maidment and R. Kirk, of 1681; D. Haslett, 145; H. Robinson, 27; B. C. Blasby, 2032; T. Bailey, 174; J. C. Botton, 73; James F. Roberts (Semper Fidelis); William Holmes, 1604; James Ashton (Socrates); Johnson, S.W. 1608; L. A. Harrison, S.D. 1766; and George E. Saunders, 1257. Many of the visiting brethren held high Masonic rank in their respective lodges. Included in the list of Abbey members present we noticed Bros. the Rev. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England; W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; John E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Bull, D. de Pinna, J. Montague, J. Grafton, Joseph Foster, A. G. Thomson, Thomas Hankin, W. Rogers, F. W. Smith, W. W. Power, J. A. Richards, T. Butler, W. Barnett, A. Cowley, T. Rintoul, T. J. Cocks, C. C. Morgan, Frank Morgan, T. W. Vaughan, John Irving, D. Stroud, A. F. Jeffery, Henry E. Poole, H. Cloots, W. Balchin, H. O. Hamborg, George White, John Kent, George Musson, J. J. Geisel, W. Gilson Holland, J. M. Birch, George Clark, G. Dexter, John A. Yapp, R. Baughan, J. Chivers Irving, G. Bartlett, James Pain, A. Hambling, D.C.; Hayler, Stwd.; C. C. Piper, S.D.; H. Mainwaring-Dunstan, J.D.; R. Goffin, S.W.; J. Bartlett, Org.; and others.

The lodge ceremonies were worked in the customary perfect manner, Bro. Gibson, W.M., initiating Messrs. Louis Le Blanc, Frank Delay, and Carl F. Bennewitz, and

raising Bro. George Bartlett. Bro. Arthur Cowley was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Baker, P.M., who took the chair to temporarily relieve Bro. Gibson.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren, to the number of about 70, adjourned to the banquetting chamber, where a *recherché* dinner was served in a manner worthy of the highest commendation, under the personal supervision of the caterer, Bro. Cloots, of the Victoria Mansions Restaurant. The wines were choice and well selected, and Bro. Cloots was congratulated on the success which he had achieved at very short notice.

The post prandial proceedings were commenced by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, proposed from the chair. The Worshipful Master likewise, in a few well chosen sentences, gave the toast of "The Present and Past Grand Officers," associating it with the name of the Past Grand Chaplain, who has been a honorary member of the lodge since its consecration.

Bro. the Rev. Simpson said he should ill repay the kind compliment paid to Grand Lodge by inflicting on the company a long speech. He hoped that The Abbey Lodge would send many, many Grand Officers into its Masonic Parliament who would illustrate its annals as well as did their Bro. Burdett-Coutts, P.M., who had been so good a Mason in that lodge, and so thoroughly deserved the position he held in Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Simpson) trusted that when the time came to elect a Grand Treasurer of England, as it was the turn of London this time instead of the provinces, The Abbey Lodge through its officers, who had the power to vote, would return a good and upright Mason, who would be an ornament to the Craft, so that not only might the deserving be promoted by the Prince their M.W.G.M., but that the great body of Masons might be represented by a Grand Treasurer—which was the only officer they could elect—by one who was a worthy man and true. In conclusion, he expressed his thanks for the honour they had done him in associating his name with the toast.

Bro. W. H. Baker, P.M., said he knew that the next toast, which it was his pleasing duty to propose, would be received with the greatest enthusiasm, because it was that of "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Gibson was a good Mason and a thorough good worker. They had seen the masterly manner in which he had worked two of the Degrees of Craft Masonry that evening, and if it had not been for the state of his health he would also have worked the ceremony of which he (Bro. Baker) relieved him. They knew too how well Bro. Gibson had served them in their various Charities, and the deep and sympathetic interest he took in any orphan, widow, or poor deserving man. They all wished the W.M. better health, and trusted that during his year of office he would be able to conduct the work to his own satisfaction, because that was equivalent to saying that it would be done to the satisfaction and admiration of every brother and member of the lodge.

The toast was received with very marked cordiality, and Bro. Gibson, in the course of a brief response, said he hoped he should continue to discharge the duties of his important office, as Bro. Baker had said, to the satisfaction of the lodge generally.

Bro. the Rev. Simpson said the W.M. had been kind enough to place the gavel in his hands for a few moments to propose what was in one sense especially the toast of the evening—he meant "The Health of the Initiates." Every one of them had passed through the process to which those brethren they desired to honour had that night submitted, and he did not suppose that anyone had forgotten his position the moment he was received into Freemasonry. It was pleasant to recall that time, and he was glad to be able to have the pleasure of asking the Great Architect's blessing on the three brethren who had that night been initiated. He was quite sure that all three were very much impressed by the beautiful ceremony through which they passed, and that as they made progress they would learn more to appreciate the beautiful sentiments and useful lessons which Freemasonry taught, so that if they lived to be his age, they would not repent joining such a glorious, old, and noble Order. They would soon know, in the words of the good old song—

"There's naught but what's good,
To be understood
By a free and accepted Mason."

And though they must not at the same time expect they had come into an infallible Order, for there were of course Masons who erred as well as those who upheld the obligations they professed, he trusted that they would be amongst the number of those who sought to carry out the principles they were impressed with, and finally that they would have that reward which was held out to the good man and Freemason by finding everlasting joy in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lived and reigned for ever.

The Initiates severally responded, and Bro. Goffin, S.W., then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," of whom there were 16.

The Worshipful Master coupled the toast of "The Past Masters" with the names of Bros. Baker and Shand, respectively Treasurer and Secretary, and also with the name of Bro. Thomas Bull, a Past Master of other lodges and one who had rendered great service to The Abbey Lodge.

Bro. W. H. Baker, P.M., said he felt it a great honour to be able to say that he was the Second Master of the lodge, and he would, without egotism, state that he had done the very best he could for the lodge since its foundation. At that moment they had over 100 members, and their funds were in a very satisfactory state. He hoped that they would never be in a worse position, and there was certainly no prospect of it, for the coming officers were men of mark in Westminster, and would do as much credit to the lodge as those who had gone before; their Bro. Goffin, S.W., was a Past Master of another lodge, and a most able worker, and the assiduity with which Bro. C. C. Piper, S.D., made himself proficient in every succeeding office, augured well for the future. In concluding his speech, Bro. Baker referred to the unavoidable absence of their Past Masters, Bros. Burdett-Coutts and Seager Hunt, both members of Parliament, the calls on their time being of a very heavy character.

The esteemed Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Shand, in the course of his reply, facetiously alluded to the absence of complaint from anyone who had been called to pay his dues twice over, although sometimes he was obliged to send a second financial notice before the subject received the attention which its importance merited, and business-like

notions demanded. He had not lately heard any complaints from members that the letters had not reached them in the usual course.

Bro. Bull, P.M., also said a few words in reply to the toast, and the Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of his Officers," referring specifically to each of them, and thanking them for the support which they accorded him. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Goffin, S.W., and responded to by Bros. Johnson, Saunders, and Harrison.

During the evening a selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Bartlett, who was assisted by lady vocalists, Mdme. Fradersdorff and Miss Janet Bryson—the former sang the solo to "God Save the Queen" and her song in good style; but the latter's efforts, with a fine contralto voice, were considerably marred by manifest nervousness—and some members of the lodge, notably by Bro. Montague, who capitally rendered an amusing parody on the well-worn melody from "Dorothy," "Queen of my heart." Bros. G. Bartlett and Rintoul also sang well.

MANCHESTER.—Friendship Lodge (No. 44).—The first regular meeting for the year of this old lodge was held at the Albion Hotel on Friday evening, the 5th inst. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Clewty, W.M.; Coombs, S.W.; Hobbins, J.W.; J. Cutler, Chap.; C. J. Woodall, Treas.; John Chadwick, Sec.; Woolaston, S.D.; Berry, J.D.; Mills, I.G.; Heywood, Stwd.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Alison, P.G. Treas. East Lanc.; C. D. Cheetham, P.G.D.; F. W. Lean, 935 and 2156; and others.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for membership, one of whom being present was duly initiated by the W.M., and, from the creditable manner in which he performed his first ceremony, we have great hopes of him for the future. The W.M., before closing the lodge, presented to the Secretary, Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lanc., a handsome jewel and suit of Grand Lodge clothing, on his appointment of Past Grand Sword Bearer, conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which Bro. Chadwick feelingly and suitably acknowledged.

At the social board, Bro. John Smith, M.D., P.M., was entrusted with the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S. East Lanc. and Secretary of the Lodge." Bro. Smith said that, having been associated with Bro. Chadwick in lodge work for 32 years, he had particular pleasure in proposing that toast, following upon the presentation made on behalf of the members in open lodge. His long and intimate connection with Bro. Chadwick justified the highest compliment he could pay him, not only of respect and esteem for his private worth, but also for his long and distinguished Masonic career.

Bro. Major J. W. Alison, Prov. G. Treas., supported the toast, which was enthusiastically received, with musical honours.

Bro. Chadwick thanked the brethren of the lodge for their handsome present, accepting it as a tangible expression of their friendship and regard, hoping that nothing would transpire to prevent a continuance of those happy relations he valued so highly.

Bro. F. W. Lean, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated Bro. Chadwick upon living long enough to see his early efforts to improve and consolidate their local Charities bloom into a vigorous and effective organisation, deservedly enjoying the confidence of every Mason in the province, and so well calculated to carry out the principles of benevolence and Charity by relieving the poor and distressed, the widow and orphan.

The other usual toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Bro. Chadwick's record being so unique, for the information and encouragement of the brethren generally, we give it *in extenso*: He was initiated in the Virtue Lodge, 152, March, 1856, and was W.M. in 1860; joined Friendship Lodge, 44, in 1866, and became W.M. in 1885. He was appointed Prov. S.G.D. in 1867, and Prov. G. Secretary in 1879. He was a promoter of the first Charity Committee, vice-chairman, 1860 to 1866, and has attended the elections on the London Institutions during the last 28 years. He has been Prov. G. Mark Secretary since the formation of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge in 1870; Prov. G. Secretary Royal Order of Scotland since 1873; three times Steward of the Benevolent Institution, and twice of the Boys' School. He joined Jerusalem Encampment of Knights Templar in 1868, and is a Past Prov. Officer in Prov. G. Priory, and was M.W.S. in Palatine Chapter, Rose Croix, in 1864.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—

A specially interesting meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, the attendance being the most influential and representative which has probably ever been witnessed in connection with a lodge which deservedly holds a prominent position in the province. Invitations were extended to many of the past and present P.G. Officers, and to the Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. T. W. Oakshott), but unfortunately his worship, owing to illness, was prevented from being present—an absence which was greatly regretted. In the course of the evening Bros. Dr. Costine and Councillor Houlding were asked to convey to Bro. Oakshott the sincere sympathy of the brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. H. Lancaster, W.M.; and his chief supporters were Bros. J. Hawkins, I.P.M.; Dr. Bark, S.W.; Dr. Costine, P.M.; J. W.; A. M. L. Fabert, Treas.; W. T. Brunt, Sec.; T. Shaw, P.M.; H. E. Overbeck, P.M.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M.; Dr. Richardson, Dr. Chapman, H. P. Cleaver, A. J. Cleaver, W. M. Melhuish, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, Past G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Alderman Grindley, 1547; E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W.; Councillor Holding, P.P.G. Reg.; Col. Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; Dr. Dunbar, 1547; J. Turner, P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; John Breesley, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.R.; F. J. Pentin, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jos. B. Sparks, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; Lillie Ellis, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; John Johnstone, P.M. 786; T. McCracken, 1609; Major McCabe, 1393; D. S. Davies, P.M. 216, 1609; Robert Kirkland, 241; H. Heard, Sec. 1609; J. C. Ellison, 1013; W. J. Trevitt,

1356; T. R. Willings, Sec. 667; George Banner, W.M. 32; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; and Jonathan Parry, P.M. 1547.

The working of the Degrees, principally carried out by the W.M., Bro. Lancaster, Bro. Costine, P.M., and the Wardens, was of a perfect character, eliciting the hearty appreciation and approbation of the numerous brethren and visitors.

An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Ludlow, the manager of the hotel; and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and responded to.

A most enjoyable evening was greatly enhanced by the choice musical programme provided by Bros. A. J. Cleaver, D. Williams, W. Sweetman, Josef Cantor, and T. Shaw (violin).

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Monday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. J. T. Stewart, W.M.; W. H. Attlay, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; B. Newbald, Sec.; G. Elliott, S.D.; J. T. Oliver, J.D.; Ed. Smithson, I.G.; W. Clarkson, D.C.; T. W. Rennison, Org.; J. Stevenson, P.M.; W. H. Falkinbridge, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M.; James S. Moss, P.M.; T. N. Marwood, P.M.; F. Thornton, P.M.; W. G. Lockey, P.M.; T. Tate, P.M.; J. Brooks, P.M.; R. W. White, J. Bolton, J. W. Collier, H. Wald, W. H. Tate, H. Robson, L. H. Watson, J. Ball, R. Gray, W. Edwards (Steward), G. Renner, and T. H. Trueman, Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur James Moss (son of Bro. James S. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., an old and highly respected member of the lodge), which proved unanimous, and he was admitted, the initiation ceremony being performed by Bro. W. H. Falkinbridge, P.M. The usual charges to the newly-initiated brother was delivered by Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M. Bro. George Remmer was raised of the Sublime Degree of a M.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards met at refreshment, when the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were given and responded to.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 9th inst., the following members and visitors being present: Bros. Joseph Abbott, W.M., in the chair; Jos. Ward, S.W.; Jos. Kendall, J.W.; Rev. S. W. Melrose, Chap.; Jos. Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; T. Cavey, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Tom Waite, P.M.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Stoddart, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robert Brown, P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, I.P.M.; James Dickinson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Mandle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; Thos. Boyd, Jos. Reed, J.D.; Fred. Harrison, James Park, T. Milburn, J. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler; Samuel Bettoney, Sec.; and T. Atkinson, J.D. 1002.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. E. G. Mitchell raised Bro. James Park to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., after which a letter of condolence was voted to the widow of our late esteemed Bro. Jonathan Banks, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

Then the brethren present all adjourned to the ante-room for the purpose of presenting a small token of respect and esteem to Bro. Jno. W. Robinson, on the occasion of his leaving this part of the country for Northamptonshire. The testimonial was a handsomely bound and illuminated album, with a short address written inside, and on the fourth page is the emblem of a M.M., facing which is a splendid likeness, cabinet size, of our old worthy and esteemed Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W. and Treas. for 371. Bro. Joseph Abbott, W.M., presided.

After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been responded to, Bro. Dickinson made the presentation in a neat speech. He expressed his regret that the lodge was about to lose such a good and valuable Mason, who had worked assiduously so many years for the good and welfare in Masonry, and hoped that in his new sphere Bro. Robinson would be more successful than he had hitherto been.

Bro. J. Nicholson gave a hearty and cordial support to the above remarks.

Bro. T. Carey, in a somewhat lengthy speech, testified to the honesty and integrity of Bro. Robinson, not only as a Mason, but as a tradesman, and further said that he and his forefathers had now for nearly a hundred years been known in those parts for their sterling, straightforward dealings in their capacity as millers, and it was only now when "steam mills" had quite superseded the "water mills" that Bro. Robinson had thought fit to take his departure to "fresh fields" and "pastures new."

Bros. T. Mandle, A. Walters, T. Boyd, and T. W. Melrose also spoke a few appropriate remarks.

Bro. Robinson, who was deeply affected by the eulogiums showered upon him, thanked them all kindly for the handsome testimonial they had that evening presented to him, not so much for its intrinsic value, as that it would remind him ever of the dear and kind old friends he had left in Cumberland, and more especially in Perseverance Lodge, No. 371.

After "The Health of the W.M." had been duly honoured, the proceedings closed by every one present wishing Bro. Robinson "God speed."

LUDLOW.—Lodge of the Marches (No. 611).—

The first meeting for the session of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to another occurrence in the town, which made business claims on some of the members pre-eminent. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the accounts for the past year and the report of the Audit Committee were produced, from which it appeared that the lodge was the strongest in the province of Shropshire, and that the finances were in a flourishing condition. Bro. W. E. Sharp, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. F. Cox, P.G. Swd. Br., to the W.M., and by him impressively and fluently installed in the chair, receiving the assistance of Bros. W. Powell, P.P.G.D.C., and W. Norton, P.P.G.P., in certain parts of the ceremony. The following officers were then invested

by the W.M.; Bros. R. McBean, S.W.; S. Valentine, J.W.; W. Norton, Treas.; T. Everall, Sec.; C. W. Wicksted, S.D.; A. Lacey, J.D.; T. J. Salwey, D.C.; E. J. Robinson, I.G.; W. J. Roberts and R. K. E. Roberts, Stwds.; and J. Prince, Tyler.

MANCHESTER.—Shakspeare Lodge (No. 1009).—

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. J. Halden, W.M.; W. Brookes, S.W.; Carter, P.M., acting J.W.; George Hunt, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Southwell, Sec.; T. Evans, S.D.; J. Crossland, J.D.; P. G. Tolas, Org.; G. Pringle, I.G.; R. Pawley, Steward; W. Riddell, Tyler; Killom, P.M.; S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; C. S. Allott, P.M.; G. Enticknap, P.M.; John Quail, R. Besso, C. R. Hazzopulo, and C. Hilton. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Collier, 2156; F. Long, 1496; Rev. W. Millner, 2231; Chas. Cooper, P.M. 1588; R. W. Baker, P.M. 1126; Herbet F. Burrows, 1347; J. E. Boden, W.M. 2231; P. B. Welch, S.W. 992; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Steward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William T. Olive and Mr. William H. Bibby, as candidates for initiation, and declared favourable in each instance. By permission of the W.M., Bro. C. S. Allott initiated Mr. Olive, the W.M. doing the same service for Mr. Bibby. The W.M. also presented the working tools to both initiates. Bro. Besso was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. George Hunt, P.M., Treas., with that highly satisfactory and correct style that is characteristic of him, and, there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

At the social board Bro. Allott proposed "The Health of Bro. Olive," and Bro. F. Long, 1496, "The Health of Bro. Bibby" (the initiates), which were suitably received and responded to.

Bro. Brookes, S.W., proposed, in feeling terms, "The Health of Bros. J. Rome, P.M., P.P.G.S., and George Everatt, J.W." (both of whom were absent on account of ill-health), expressing a sincere wish that T.G.A.O.T.U. would speedily restore their health.

Other toasts, including "The Visitors," "The W.M.," and "The Prov. Grand Officers," were proposed and responded to, and a brief, but pleasant, time was spent.

ILFRACOMBE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 1135).—

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when a large number of the brethren were present, including many visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. St. Paul, P.M., W.M., supported by Bros. W. Rees, I.P.M.; H. R. Grover, S.W.; F. Brede, J.W.; J. S. Catford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. Western, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; F. A. Best, D. of C.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; D. Guilding, I.G.; E. J. Slade-King, Stwd.; J. Blackford, Tyler; C. G. Barnett, P.G. Reg.; C. E. Clemow, P.M.; J. Moore, J. Yeardey, W. Walters, W. H. French, F. H. Colwill, G. Adams, C. W. E. Toller, H. Brand, A. Slee, J. C. Clarke, and W. L. Jones. The visitors present were Bros. Stanley Haynes, P.M. 1204, P.P.G.S. of Works Worcestershire; W. A. Roberts, W.M. 251; J. Bosson, S.W. 251; R. P. Morrison, P.M. 251, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. J. Point, 251; H. Brooks, 251; W. C. Dennis, 251; R. Harper, 251; and T. W. Pearce, 251.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. G. Summerville, which, proving unanimous, he was, during the evening, most impressively initiated by the W.M.

Other business having been transacted, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to the Royal Clarence Hotel for supper, which, it is needless to say, was served in a manner worthy of the high reputation of Bro. Clemow.

Many toasts were duly honoured, and after passing a most pleasant evening the brethren separated.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road, Bro. Lieut. Cooper, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., and P.P.S.G.D. Kent; Capt. Spinks, P.M., and P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; Dr. Moore-Keys, P.M., and a P.P.G. Officer of the Gibraltar District; W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Maule, P.M.; R. Gooding, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); Col. Vansittart, A. Murdock, S.W.; W. Seager, J.W.; A. Ware, Sec.; T. Couper, S.D.; W. Musquin, I.G.; Quartermaster R. Rankin, J. Wheeler, and J. Lee, Stwds.; Capt. W. Richey, P.M. 700; H. Goddon, P.M. 355 (S.C.); E. McFarlane, 145 (S.C.); E. Renton, 1926; A. Gray, 1066; W. Arnold, S.W. 1789; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for a joining member, and proved unanimous. The ceremonies of passing and raising were admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers. Some important business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A quiet little dinner was then discussed, and the usual loyal, Grand, and provincial toasts were honoured, and then "The Health of the W.M." was drunk with enthusiasm, for which he briefly and feelingly returned thanks.

Bro. Gooding responded for "The Past Masters," and said as that was the first time he had had to respond for the Past Masters, they must not expect him to make a long speech. He, however, thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast. He was exceedingly pleased to see Bro. Cooper present that night, and to witness the able manner in which he had carried out the work of the lodge. He said over ten years ago that he would ever do all he could for the prosperity of the lodge, and he had done so; and, in conclusion, he trusted that every brother of the lodge would aspire to the position of a Past Master and get it.

Bro. Captain Richey, in responding for "The Visitors," said that was not his first visit to the lodge. He was present when their W.M. was installed, and, hearing that he was sure to be present that night, came again to see him and renew a pleasant acquaintance with him, and wheu

they considered that Bro. Cooper came such a long distance—all the way from Preston—to be present, and do his duty as W.M., they might well be proud of him, and tender him their hearty thanks in the cordial manner they had done. He reviewed the progress of the lodge, and said that when it was first proposed, some 14 years ago, he, as W.M. of a lodge in the district, opposed it, as he conscientiously believed it would injure the prospects of the lodge he was identified with; but what was the result? Why, since that time Masonry had made such strides that, instead of injuring the Nelson Lodge, it had increased its property a hundred-fold. It was useless to try to repress Masonry; it was like the flowing tide, and would come in. So long as there were seven good and true Masons left in a lodge it would never collapse, so that there was no fear of opposition, but rather a rejoicing to see Masonry extending its branches far and wide. He concluded an excellent speech by heartily thanking them on his own behalf for the toast.

Bros. Renton and Macfarlane having spoken, "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—The installation meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Vestry Hall, South Ealing, on Saturday, the 13th inst., on which occasion there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. C. Green, 779; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55 and 1589; C. J. Combs, W.M. 780; A. G. Pritchard, Org. 9; A. C. Toy, 172; L. Knobland, 392; J. C. Hambleton, 1319; J. Owen, 671; J. Fowkes, 780; Ed. Simmons, Org. 861; Edwd. Hopgood, 946; Edwd. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; Edwd. Stephens, 789; H. Prenton, 1319; H. Youens, W.M. 1612; Da Silva, W.M. 2265; Alex. Jones, P.M. 1612; Thos. Scriven, P.M. 893; E. P. Delevante, 2021; A. Turner, S.W. 1894; E. Singer, J.W. 1894; J. Baker, S.D. 1894; Geo. Gardner, P.M. and Sec. 2012; E. C. Massey, and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. George S. Wright, the W.M., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Sec., Bro. A. J. Burr, and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee upon the financial position of the lodge was read and adopted. Bro. E. C. Porter, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Wright addressed the brethren according to the usual custom upon the subject of the annual election of a properly qualified Craftsman to act as Master, and Bro. Porter having expressed his willingness to undertake the office, and having solemnly given his assent to the ancient charges as recited to him by the Secretary, was then obligated as Master elect. The brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a numerous Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Wright formally installed Bro. Porter into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and he was saluted by the members of the Board, which was then closed. On the re-admission of the remaining brethren the ceremony was taken up by Bro. Henry Kasner, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, who proclaimed the newly-installed Master in the Three Degrees, in which he was duly saluted by the brethren according to the customary form. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. S. Wright, I.P.M.; J. L. Hamilton, S.W.; G. Coop, J.W.; E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133; P.M., Treas.; A. J. Burr, P.M., Sec.; J. Wells, S.D.; A. Pooley, J.D.; C. P. Bellerby, I.G.; E. T. Brown, D.C.; F. Delevante, Org.; C. W. Cunningham and J. Fryers, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Kasner then delivered the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the lay brethren, and brought the ceremony to a close by reciting the customary oration upon the nature and objects of Freemasonry, a work which he performed in a very able manner. There being no other business on the paper the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren dined together at the Vestry Hall, which made a grand banquet room. About 50 brethren sat down to a very elegant repast, to which ample justice was done. When the waiters had retired the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the cross table at which the newly-installed W.M. of course presided, and proved himself to be an excellent host. The intervals between the speeches were relieved by some exceptionally good music, both vocal and instrumental, and the brethren had the additional pleasure of listening to a couple of capital musical sketches from Bro. A. G. Pritchard, whose dry humour was evidently appreciated, as both won for him a long burst of applause and encore. The other soloists were Miss Emily Davies, who sang "She wandered down the mountain side," and another song very sweetly; Bro. Henry Prenton, a grand basso, who sang Pinski's "I fear no foe in shining armour," very finely, and proved by singing "I'm longshore Billy o' Portsmouth town" that he was equal to the humorous as well as the sentimental class of music; and Mr. Eustace Jay, who sang Pinski's "Awake, awake," and De Lara's "The garden of sleep," with good effect. One of the greatest treats of the evening in a musical way was the performance of the overture to "Zampa" by Bros. F. Delevante, P.M., E. Delevante, and J. Hambleton, than which we have rarely heard anything finer, and which called forth a storm of applause.

After the toasts "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" had been honoured, Bro. Porter proposed "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," but in doing so he said that in view of the important musical programme, he should confine himself to the quotation from Titus Andronicus that appeared beneath that toast, to remind the brethren that the Grand Officers were "men of noble minds," and should couple with it the name of Bro. Hogard, who was among them.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., in reply, said, on his own behalf and on behalf of the noblemen who had been mentioned, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, that he had to return the Master and the brethren his very sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and drunk. In regard to the Chairmanship of the G.M. at the Girls' School Festival at the Albert Hall, to which the W.M. had referred in proposing his Royal Highness's health, it had undoubtedly produced a magnificent result, and could not be too highly appreciated, and he did not doubt that when the grand total of Masonic Benevolence was added up at the end of the year it would be found to be little less for 1888 than £100,000. Masonry, as an Institution, did an immense amount of

good, and although in some foreign countries it was rather under a cloud, yet here, where the heir apparent to the throne took upon himself the Grand Mastership, it could not be thought that it had any political significance. Bro. Hogard concluded by thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with that toast.

Bro. G. S. Wright, I.P.M., said that he had got the gavel in his hand for a few moments only that evening, but the brethren knew what that was for, he had to propose "The Health of the W.M.," a toast which, he was sure, would meet with their genuine sympathy and support. There was no one more esteemed and liked than Bro. Porter who had been put into the chair that day. He was sure he had the sympathy and the best wishes of the whole of the brethren, that he might have a prosperous year of office, and that afterwards he might be for many years a Past Master of the lodge of which he had been an ornament.

Bro. Porter, in reply, said that of all the speeches a W.M. had to make he was sure that in which it was his privilege to return thanks to the brethren for drinking his health was the most difficult. He was quite sure he did not deserve all the kind things which had been said about him. He admitted his intention had been good, and if his execution had not been equal to his intentions he must trust to their good nature to take the will for the deed. He deeply appreciated the kind manner in which the toast had been received. As far as the duties were concerned, he assured them he should use his utmost endeavours to keep up the standard of the lodge work to that high pitch which it had long been fortunate enough to attain. It would be his endeavour to do all he could to benefit the lodge.

In proposing the next toast—"The Health of the Immediate Past Master"—Bro. Porter said they must all admit that Bro. Wright had had a good many difficulties to work against during his year of office. Now, however, he had arrived at the end of his term in good condition. It required very little to recommend this toast to the notice of the brethren, because they all knew Bro. Wright so well.

Bro. Wright, on rising to return thanks for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed by the W.M. and drunk by the brethren, said he did not know that he was more particularly entitled to praise than his predecessor in the chair. They had been in somewhat troubled waters, but the ship had now weathered the storm; they had got a new captain, and, with the chart that was laid before him, he had no doubt that he would be able to steer clear of shoals that he (Bro. Wright) had tried to avoid. For himself, he hoped that he should long continue to be a P.M. of the lodge, and spend many and many an installation meeting among the brethren in as good company as that which was now around him.

Bro. Porter (interposing) said that he had made a slight, but a somewhat important, omission, which he must now remedy. He had to ask Bro. Wright to receive at his hands a P.M. jewel, which had been unanimously accorded to him by the lodge. It was with great pleasure that he now placed it on Bro. Wright's breast, trusting that he would enjoy good health to wear it for many years to come.

Bro. Wright said that the second edition of the W.M.'s speech was very flattering to him, and he begged to thank the lodge for having conferred upon him that mark of their appreciation of his endeavours properly to discharge the duties of his office.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," of whom there was a goodly array. They were all brethren who had done their work admirably, and of whom the lodge had reason to be proud. He should ask Bro. Beesley, Bro. Seward, and Bro. Fisher to respond.

Bro. Beesley, in reply, said for himself he thanked the W.M. and brethren very much for the way in which the toast had been received, and for the very kind way in which his name had been included in so comprehensive a toast. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that he (Bro. Beesley) was the father of the lodge, and had initiated him into Freemasonry. It gave him much pleasure to be there to see his child installed into the chair; and he was sure Bro. Porter would be not the least efficient Master and not the least worthy to have a jewel awarded to him. He had not been present at the lodge as often as he could have wished, but he had done all that he could for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Seward also returned thanks. He had not been able to take part in their meetings during the past year so often as he would have wished. He congratulated the Master upon the excellent financial position of the lodge, and on the prospect of a good term of office.

Bro. Fisher thought the W.M. had been very wise in his selection of respondents to that toast. Bro. Beesley was father and a founder of the lodge; Bro. Seward was an initiate in the lodge, while he himself was a joining member; so that the founders, the initiates, and the joining members were represented. In the latter capacity he felt it a great honour that he had been allowed to pass through the chair of the lodge, and it was his intention to remain in the lodge, and do all he could in its interests. He had no sympathy with those, whether in lodge or chapter, who as soon as they had won the highest distinction they could attain, then sent in their resignation. The honour he had acquired in the lodge he owed to the lodge, and now he should endeavour to stick hard and fast to it.

The Worshipful Master then rose and said that he had a very great duty to perform, which was to propose the health of one who was held in very high esteem by every one, and who most richly deserved that good feeling from them, namely, their much esteemed Bro. Henry Kasner. He was sorry that that toast had not been placed in the hands of some one who in the use of language could do more justice to Bro. Kasner than he could do. But he could say from his heart that no one felt greater pleasure than himself in handing Bro. Kasner the illuminated address, which he would ask Bro. Wright, P.M., to read.

Bro. Wright then read the address, which was as follows:

"To Bro. H. Kasner, P.M. 1612.

"Dear Sir,

"The occasion of your retirement from the position of Treasurer affords the members of the West Middlesex Lodge an opportunity of testifying their respect for you as a friend, and their appreciation of you as a Mason. The brethren of the lodge recognise that your fellow-parishioners in Ealing have not been slow to appreciate your worth; the

proof being that your time is much occupied in fulfilling various public duties in connection with the welfare of our town. As a founder of our lodge, Past Master, and for many years Treasurer, we have always seen you ready to assist those who needed the benefit of your Masonic knowledge. Scrupulously careful in the discharge of your duty, and kind to all with whom you have been put in contact, you leave your position with our regret; and in asking your acceptance of the accompanying cases of silver plate, we desire to practically testify our respect, and express our wish that you may be spared many years to continue a member of our lodge.

"Signed on behalf of the Lodge,
"Stewards of the Testimonial Fund."

That, continued the W.M., you will observe is not yet signed; the hurried preparation of it is the cause of that. If you will let us have it back for the purpose it will be signed by Bro. Acworth, P.M. and Treasurer, by myself as W.M., and by Bro. Geo. S. Wright, as I.P.M. And now, Bro. Kasner, allow me to pass to you the cases of plate, and to express the hope of the brethren that you may live many years as a Past Master of this lodge, and to enjoy this present.

The W.M. then handed to Bro. Kasner two very handsome cases, one containing a full set of fish knives and forks and carvers, and the other a set of fruit knives and forks.

Bro. Kasner, in reply, said: W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren—I have risen many times during the last eighteen or twenty years that I have been a Mason to return thanks for the kind way in which my health has been proposed, but I think I have never risen with greater pleasure or with greater difficulty, the pleasure arising from this great manifestation of your good feeling towards me, and the difficulty from the fact that I find myself without adequate words to thank you as I ought. Generally a few light words, a little joke, and so on, is the part I take; but to-night I feel unequal to doing that, to show my gratitude to you for your kindness as shown in the testimonial to me. This comes upon me almost wholly as a surprise to-night, for although I had a hint to-night that something was to be done (and I heartily thank the brother who gave me the hint), I little thought it would take the shape of the handsome and beautiful present you have given me this evening. But I see you have referred to the reason for my giving up Masonry and some other matters. Well, those of you who are engaged in public life know what it is; committee leads to committee, and engagement to engagement, until one scarcely has a night at home. Now, I don't think that any good Mason ever found marriage a failure, but all will admit that one has duties at home, and when Masonic and public employments cause you to have engagements three deep, you will admit that the time has come when you should draw in in some measure. I am giving up many lodges and public offices on this account, and it is on this account I have given up the Treasurership of this lodge. There is another thing that strikes me to-night. When I recollect how small, numerically, our lodge is, and consider the value of this present. I think that all must have given largely to provide a sufficient fund, and it adds largely to the value of the gift to know that I have the esteem of all the members, or the great majority of the members, of the lodge. I am glad that I am leaving the affairs of the lodge in a better state than they have been in for many years. With the funds in their present condition Bro. Acworth will be in a position to put our West Middlesex Lodge forward in the way that it should be placed. I wish I could for a few moments be endowed with eloquence sufficient to thank you properly. I feel your kindness, but I will not pretend to say that this is the happiest moment of my existence, but looking back I may say that this is the very happiest moment that I can recollect during the whole of my Masonic life. I wish I could express more fully what I feel. You must take for granted what I wish to express, for I cannot say all that I wish to say. I am sure too that my wife, when I get home with your gifts, will feel as I do, and that my children will treasure them as I shall. I hope I may, in accordance with the kind wish expressed upon the testimonial, live long enough to bring my boys into this lodge, and this I am sure will be an incentive to them. I thank you for your brotherly love; I thank you for your united esteem, and hope I may live long to enjoy the fellowship of the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge. I thank you for your generous gift, and for the united way in which it has been given, which I shall never forget as long as I live.

Several other toasts followed, including "The Visitors' Health," which was replied to by Bros. Dwarber, H. T. Green, Turner, Singer, and others.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Acworth and Burr, was responded to by the latter saying in reference to the present to Bro. Kasner, that gratifying as that gift must be to the late Treasurer, he believed that Bro. Kasner would have even greater satisfaction if he saw the very cordial and generous replies he had received from the brethren in reply to his circular letter on the subject of the testimonial fund.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens and others, and then the Tyler's toast closed a most successful evening.

THORNTON HEATH.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. F. I. Ridpath, Worshipful Master, P.G.S.; H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M.; P. J. G. W.; J. Kilvington, S.W.; Dr. R. G. Fleming, J.W.; Wm. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. S. Horsnail, Secretary; R. Budd, J.D.; C. Tarry, Steward; E. C. Symmons, I.G.; J. P. Gordon, D. of C.; W. Lane, Tyler; W. H. Ranson, P.M.; J. Buckley, H. Cox, F. R. Rayner, J. Bolton, J. Grew, C. White, W. J. Turpin, H. Sherry, J. S. Mortimore, T. Chamberlain, W. R. Griffin, A. H. Dyball, A. Wilmot, and Jas. Clarke. Visitors: Bros. W. Burn, S.D. 858; C. J. Balfour, 902; F. Cambridge, J.W. 2182, P.P.G.O.; Chas. Cooke, J.D. 1851; E. Everist, P.M. 720; J. Klein, F. Morcy, 1178; Wm. Parker, P.M. 1851; W. G. Simmons, 1155; A. G. Taylor, 1851, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., and H. G. Vickers, W.M. 1632.

The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Bickley, by command of the W.M., acted as S.D. The ballot was taken for Mr. A. H. Dyball, and declared in his

favour, and he underwent the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Jas. Grew was passed to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. impressively addressed the new member, Bro. Dyball. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., proposed a candidate for initiation at next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the several visitors to the W.M., he then closed the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to refreshments, which were excellent in quality and quantity, and gave great credit to Bro. Tarry who supplied them, as well as the manner in which they were served under his guidance as Steward of the lodge.

After the usual loyal toasts to "H.M. the Queen and the Craft" were given,

Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." in his usual characteristic and genial manner, and said he was sure that he could not add anything to grace the manner in which the W.M. carried out his duties, for it was well known, in the "Old England" as elsewhere, that the W.M. always had most faithfully discharged every office that he had been called upon to occupy.

The W.M. thanked Bro. Hobbs for the kind remarks he had made in reference to him on that as on many other occasions, and was afraid that he received more kindness than he deserved. He thanked them all for the cordial way in which the toast was given, and he should endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair with honour to himself and to the lodge, and hoped nothing whatever would be done by him that would not merit their approval.

The next toast was "The Initiate," when the Worshipful Master remarked that to his knowledge many lodges were not so fortunate as the Old England in the number of initiates which they had experienced in the last few years.

Bro. Dyball returned thanks. "The Visitors" was then proposed by the Worshipful Master, who gave them a hearty welcome to the lodge, and thanked them for the various parts which they had undertaken to render the evening a most pleasant one.

Bro. Parker thanked the W.M. and brethren for the unmistakable welcome which he and the other visitors had received from the lodge. He was pleased with the work which the various officers of the lodge had carried out, and considered they were an ornament to Freemasonry.

Bro. Vickers felt himself highly flattered with the welcome that he that evening had received, and fully endorsed the expressions of Bro. Parker as to the excellent way in which the officers had discharged the business of the lodge.

After other visitors had spoken, the toast of "The Past Masters" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said, in proposing that toast, it reminded him particularly of one of the Past Masters who had conducted the affairs of that lodge so highly satisfactorily as to secure its success and placed it on a solid, thriving foundation—he referred to their worthy Bro. Foulsham, the father of the lodge. He had worked hard and worked well, and always received distinguished honour from the members of the lodge. Each of the P.M.'s had been attentive and strictly fulfilled their engagements, which he considered had done much for its success.

Bro. Ranson, another P.M., did well, and was always ready to give his assistance, and Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., had also done much for that lodge as well as for other lodges, and always received that esteem which was his due.

The I.P.M. gratefully thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions of him, and the brethren for the goodwill which had existed between them for the past five years, and he should always feel it a honour to discharge any duty that Old England might call upon him to fulfil.

Bro. Ranson, P.M., returned his sincere thanks for the toast.

Bro. Foulsham, the Treasurer, in acknowledging the toast, said that he was pleased with the excellent remarks which had been made by the W.M. on behalf of Bro. Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., who was worthy of them. He had himself spent a lifetime in Freemasonry, and began to feel that it was necessary that he should make way for some other brother as Treasurer to Old England. Freemasonry he had always loved, and always should, for it was a wide subject. The previous day he strolled inside St. Paul's Cathedral, and thoughts arose in his mind, whilst taking a view of that grand building, that Sir Christopher Wren (who was the greatest Freemason that ever lived) must have devoted his whole skill and abilities in rearing a building that should endure to eternity. As a P.M. of Old England, he had done all he could for it, and also for Freemasonry in various parts of England. He had not long resided in Thornton Heath when he discovered no lodge existed there, and he went there to avoid being occupied with Freemasonry; but he soon found his intentions were reversed, and he was engaged in establishing the Old England. What he had done he felt proud of, and hoped the little left of his strength would be devoted for the good of Masonry.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary," observed that he felt he had two good officers in the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer was careful that they did not expend their funds uselessly, and was always watchful that they had a balance in hand. The Secretary, he knew, energetically endeavoured to get in the subscriptions, and therefore it was highly gratifying to know that the one obtained all he could towards increasing the funds, whilst the other sacredly retained it.

The Treasurer said he had tried his best to take care of the lodge's money for the past 10 years. He had possession of the key—that was well, but what was the use of the key if nothing was to be locked up? but he was glad to say that he always possessed something which brought the key into requisition.

Bro. Horsnail, the Secretary, thanked the W.M., officers, and brethren for the hearty reception of the toast, and promised to give that attention to the duties of his office in the future as he had done in the past, and hoped to ensure their continued good feeling towards him.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers," took occasion to acknowledge the thanks which he felt were justly due to his able officers.

Bro. Kelvington, S.W., said it afforded him much satisfaction to know that the work done by himself and by the officers had met the W.M.'s approbation, and he assured them that he should continue the same interest in the future, for his love of Freemasonry was in no way abated, and in looking forward to occupy the proud position of their respected W.M. he promised to do his utmost to follow his example, and he would be perfectly contented if he should discharge the duties half so well as he had done.

Bro. Dr. Fleming, J.W., acknowledged the kind feeling

expressed by the W.M. towards the officers, and hoped he would always secure their good will and approbation.

The Tyler's toast was given in the usual manner.

Several songs were admirably rendered in the course of the evening, notably "The Mill-wheel," by Bro. C. Balfour, and "Non piu andrai," by Bro. Vickers. The music was accompanied by Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O., whose presence is always appreciated by the Old England brethren. The musical arrangements and selections were under the superintendence of Bro. Kelvington, who, on this as on previous occasions, gave great satisfaction to the brethren, and showed both taste and considerable attention.

The brethren then separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening in perfect Masonic fellowship and goodwill.

STOCKTON.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 2104).—

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. William Ludlow being installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Francis Craggs, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. R. Appleton, I.P.M.; J. C. Bage, S.W.; C. J. Seaman, J.W.; G. D. Leng, Treas.; J. Broome, Sec.; H. Gaston, S.D.; John Harrison, J.D.; Fred. Rannes, I.G.; L. Appleton and T. M. Taylor, Stewards; and B. R. Smith, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the annual banquet was held in the banqueting hall. A number of visiting brethren were present.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Whibley, S.W.; Prior, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M.; Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; J. W. Freeman, P.M.; W. H. Walters, Dandridge, Amos, Penrose, Priest, Dixon, J. H. Morgan, Newell, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were ably answered by Bro. Dandridge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and Bro. Whibley, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. V. Shaw, W.M.; J. Page, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. T. Redfean, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; H. E. Campbell Beaver, I.G.; S. J. Humfress, P.M. 733; R. Dillon, P.M. 1567; W. Chapple, J. W. Manktelow, J. H. Taylor, G. Weston, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapple candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down. The S.W., Bro. Page, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, to the W.M., Bro. V. Shaw, for the efficient manner in which he presided over the lodge for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; and E. Nash, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Long, having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Long, under the direction of the Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. R. H. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Death, W.M. elect 1511, W.M.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. elect 141, S.W.; C. W. Francis, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. G. Weitzler, S.D.; J. W. Curtice, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; S. Barrow, Stvd.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; W. R. Hatton, C. J. Conway, W. C. Edwards, W. G. Coleman, H. Guntrip, S. Stretch, jun., H. Robinson, and H. A. Thomson.

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. Hatton being candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hakim then, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and invested the officers. Bro. Hakim was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; E. C. Kilsby, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Dines, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; J. Duncan, I.G.; J. Simmonds, E. S. Crick, N. Amy, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Amy candidate. Bro. Simmonds, having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and answered the usual questions, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds candidate. Bros. Dines and Amy were unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. W. Steele, W.M.; W. Roots, S.W.; W. Holliday, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. G. Douglass, S.D.; D. Cowie, J.D.; S. Renault, I.G.; J. J. Wright, A. Wingham, W. H. Harper, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. J. J. Wright as candidate. Bro. Steele vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Steele having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Steele as candidate. Bro. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro.

Steele. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Roots, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in November. Bro. Roots returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; S. W. Keene, W.M., S.W.; W. Fayers, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.D.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; and a goodly muster of the brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed. Bro. Keene having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Child, P.M., W.M.; Vandyke, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Stonnill, S.D.; Craggs, J.D.; Cockerill, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Purdue, P.M.; Rice, and Burbrook.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bro. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rice having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Vandyke 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 15th instant. Present: Bros. P. Skar, W.M.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; Fredk. Craggs, Sec.; and others.

The evening was devoted to the working of Sections by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was afterwards closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Molony, S.D.; Baddeley, J.D.; Stutfield, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Mann, F. Purnell, J. Purnell, Salter, Ray, and Shaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Shaw, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Shaw being the candidate. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

New Zealand.

GREYMOUTH.—Greymouth Lodge (No. 1233, E.C.)—

The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the temporary lodge room, Kettle's Buildings, on the 24th July, when the installation of Bro. A. Matheson as W.M. for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. Kerr, D.D.G.M., who also invested the officers with the insignia of their offices: Bros. T. A. Murphy, I.P.M.; C. Hansen, S.W.; W. Teasdale, J.W.; W. B. Barkley, P.M., Treasurer; R. W. Greenwood, P.M., Secretary; G. Redmayne, Organist; C. Wainwright and P. Smith, Stewards; R. C. Forsyth, S.D.; R. Collins, J.D.; R. Russell, I.G.; J. B. Roche, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Kerr, the brethren being loud in their praises at the impressive and able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed.

Bro. T. A. Murphy, I.P.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. R. W. Greenwood with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Greenwood as Secretary during the past few years.

The new furniture and regalia, imported to replace that which was unfortunately burned in the Masonic Hall fire about a year ago, were used in the lodge for the first time, and were very much admired.

This and the jewel for Bro. Greenwood were manufactured by Bro. Kenning, London, who deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which he has executed the order entrusted to him.

After the lodge was closed refreshments were provided for the brethren and visitors, of whom a large number were present, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.—*Weekly Argus, New Zealand.*

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—

The October convocation of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. There were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; J. Taylor, H.; T. S. Holland, J.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Henry Hughes, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; W. R. Dixon, P.S.; C. J. Harmsworth, 1st A.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., acting 2nd A.S.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, and John Kent.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The following companions were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Taylor, M.E.Z.; T. S. Holland, H.; Henry Hughes, J.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; W. R. Dixon, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; C. J. Harmsworth, P.S.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, 1st A.S.; Wm. Hawes, 2nd A.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. The audit meeting was fixed to be held on the second Monday in December at the City Terminus Hotel.

The companions dined together under the gavel of Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, the acting M.E.Z.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—

This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, on the 4th instant. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, M.E.Z.; Gardner, H.; Westley, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; S. C. George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Salter, P.S.; Sims and Smith, Asst. Soj.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Ayling, I.P.Z.; Buxton, Davis, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and

confirmed. The chapter was then closed, and adjourned till the first Thursday in December next.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts received full justice.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was fluently proposed by the I.P.Z. In speaking of Comp. Lardner's services to the Degree, he said that they were not to be lightly overlooked. Their M.E.Z. was one of the best exponents of Royal Arch Masonry in London, and his exertions in the great cause of Masonic Charity were unceasing. Apart from these matters he was a most genial companion, and worthy in every way to adorn any position in which he might be placed.

This toast having received full justice, the M.E.Z., in a few modest words, expressed his acknowledgments.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed; Comps. Gardner and Westley having replied, "The Health of the Past Principals" came next in order, and was coupled with the names of Comps. Ayling and Walls, who responded.

In giving "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," the M.E.Z. spoke of the great debt of gratitude the Kennington owed to Comp. George Everett, its father and first M.E.Z. The chapter, through his exertions, had pulled through the difficulties which had beset it in the early days of its career, and was at the present time second to none on the south side of the Thames. He had heard, and he had every reason to believe that several Craft lodges also owed a great deal of their prosperity to Comp. Everett's untiring exertions. They had, doubtless, seen in *The Freemason*, and other papers, a brief history of Comp. Everett's Masonic life. It was a record to be justly proud of, and he (the M.E.Z.) hoped that the Kennington Chapter would be able, in 1889, to congratulate its Treasurer as being the Grand Treasurer of England. The M.E.Z. also spoke in the most kindly terms of their excellent Scribe E. (Comp. Henry Higgins), who had recently presented the chapter with a most interesting Bible of the middle part of the 17th century.

Comp. Everett thanked the M.E.Z. for the flattering remarks that he had made concerning him. He had striven to do his best during the 30 years he had been a Mason. In his candidature for the position of Grand Treasurer, he had received letters from many influential brethren, both Provincial and Metropolitan, offering their services to secure his return. If he had the good fortune to be returned, it would be his endeavour to do honour to the choice of his friends, and at the same time to still further enhance the great cause of Masonry.

Comp. Higgins having briefly replied, the pledge of "The Officers" was duly honoured, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Salter, Sims, and Smith.

The proceedings which was throughout of a most agreeable nature then terminated.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst. Amongst others present were Comps. J. Moulton, Z.; J. Duckitt, H.; R. Whitfield, J.; John Wood, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. Spearman, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., P.G.P.S.; and M. H. Dodd, P.Z., P.P.G.R.

Comp. John Duckitt was installed as Z., and Comp. R. Whitfield as H. The elected J. Comp. J. McCulloch, was unavoidably absent. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. M. Corbitt, Treas.; Wm. Brown, S.E.; Wm. Richardson, P.S.; J. Patterson, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. R. Jobson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the refreshment room, where the annual banquet was held. The usual toast list was given, and a harmonious evening was spent.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual meeting for installing the Principals of this chapter was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, College-street. The chapter was opened by Comp. William Cowman, P.G. Soj., Z., assisted by his officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Comp. J. Paterson, P.P.G.S.B., H., was presented and installed Z.; Comp. C. Gowan, P.G. Steward, H.; and Comp. W. C. Johns, J.; and the following companions were invested as officers: Comps. J. T. Ray, S.E.; T. Allinson, S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. Brakenridge, P.S.; Geo. Starkey, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. J. Tyson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. H. Smith and R. Shepherd, Stewards; and J. Casson, Janitor.

The other companions present were Comps. J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.G.H.; Ed. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.A.G. Soj.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Moffatt, G. W. Roll, J. Atkinson, and John Matthews.

A vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Barr and Tyson for the able manner they had installed the Principals. One candidate was proposed for exaltation, and, with other general business, the chapter was closed, and, at the invitation of Comp. Paterson, the companions subsequently dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, 1329, H.; G. Powell, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E., 1329, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.N., 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S., 1329, P.S.; H. Martin, 1275; and R. B. Templeman, H., 1339. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. Martin personating candidate. Comp. Templeman was unanimously elected a joining member. Comp. Briant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the way in which Comp. Powell had performed the work of the Third chair for the first time in this chapter. The chapter was then closed.

DEATH.

WALTERS.—On the 16th inst., at 35, High-street, Putney, S.W., Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Bro. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters, Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, of dropsy. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing children and relatives. Aged 40 years.

THE CENTENARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our readers will no doubt remember that at the June meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School a vote of 100 guineas was passed in order to present the staff and all the children at that time in the School with a medal or badge to commemorate the Centenary, and the House Committee were empowered to carry it out. This they have done in the shape of a brooch, that for the staff being of gold, and that for the children being of silver, but both exactly alike in pattern, which is that of a monogram with the letters R.M.I.G., surmounted by the Prince of Wales's plume and motto, and beneath a garter with the dates 1788, 1888.

On Thursday last, at the meeting of the House Committee, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton being in the chair, each member of the staff was formally presented with her brooch. It is needless to say that Sir John Monckton accompanied the presentation with congratulations and a graceful compliment to each, and that it gave great satisfaction to the recipients.

We may add that it was designed by our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and was manufactured by Messrs. Johnson, Walker, and Tollhurst of Aldersgate-street.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS AS M.E.Z. No. 50, GLASGOW.

By Comp. EDWARD MACBEAN.

It is now alike a privilege and a duty to tender to our members my grateful thanks for placing me, without a dissentient vote, in the proud position of 1st Principal in "Glasgow" Chapter, the oldest in this province. The highest distinction in your power to confer. I should be indeed unworthy did I not fully appreciate the importance of the trust placed in my hands. Promises lightly made are easily broken, and bearing in mind what is said of the fragility of (some kinds of) pie-crust, will content myself in the meantime with the sincere expression of an earnest hope that, on the expiration of my term of office, the members will find not only that the material prosperity of this body has not suffered, but rather that in every true sense of the phrase No. 50 stands higher than ever in all good deeds. I welcome, on behalf of our chapter, the many illustrious companions who have assisted us in our annual meeting, and thus to represent the Order here and in America. Although, perhaps, a new feature with us, still we have high precedent in most, if not all, of the learned, clerical, and other societies, to warrant my inflicting on you the customary Presidential address. It is this or not yet a learned body it is only our own fault (or shall I say misfortune), and the sooner we mend our ways the better. It is a cause of very considerable regret to me, under present circumstances, that hitherto I have paid so little attention to ritual; this neglect I must endeavour speedily to atone for. Though not a "Worker," so far, I may still be of some use in this chair. As many of you are aware, I am not unknown in the rapidly increasing Guild of Masonic Students, and to speak confidentially, this is the sole reason of my being here. While most of my study has been on lines not commonly recognised as Masonic, yet there is little doubt that I shall be able, with the assistance of my respected colleagues, to lay before you during the ensuing session not a little amusing and instructive information on various matters that may evoke more than a passing interest in your minds. This venerable chapter is strong in her membership and the available material is ample if wisely guided, our care therefore must be to train latent energies in the proper direction. The great Masonic historian, Comp. W. J. Hughan, is still proud of having been exalted in this chapter, for it is here that he received *the word*. You have, therefore, that companion and many other warm friends on whose aid we can rely. A great and increasing wave of critical enquiry is now passing over the land. It is not enough to say "Our fathers believed this, and are we wiser than they?" On all hands tree and unlettered examination is sweeping away, relentlessly many of the old time-honoured articles of faith, and the world is all the better for it. As the progress of the ship is impeded by barnacles so is the energetic process of modern thought required to clear antiquated cobwebs from our path. The unwearied patient investigation of our Masonic experts, such as Gould, Hughan, Woodford, Yarker, Pike, Dr. Mackey, Speth, Simpson, Whythead, and others, formerly viewed with cold distrust, is at length being appraised at its true value, and these enthusiastic students and scholars, with many others, have been honoured for the persistent way in which they applied their energies to the destruction of untenable distorted histories of the Craft. While brushing aside falsehood, they busied themselves to level up the Royal art, and are mainly responsible for the much more satisfactory and stable position in which Masonry now is. These are some of the brethren whom we have to thank for the comparatively easy road the neophyte can now travel in search of Masonic knowledge. There is a peculiar fascination about Masonic study, but to come under its influence it is necessary to prosecute the enquiry—why is it that Albert Pike, probably the grandest living pillar of the Order, is still, when verging on his fourscore years, so enthusiastic, much more so now than half a century ago? Bro. K. F. Gould, the writer of the great *History of Freemasonry*, penned Masonic articles as early as 1858, and when garrisoned at Gibraltar, or in camp among the Chinese, pondered over the abstruse questions that still puzzle our members. Bro. Hughan has spent a quarter of a century poring over the old charters, &c., and the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford devoted nearly 50 years to these researches. The last mentioned brother, who was our leading Hermetic authority, discussed some of these knotty points with our W.M. (2076) the last night of his sojourn here below. For want of proper guidance and teaching, many of our companions ask—"What is there in *Freemasonry*?"—get unsatisfied in their enquiries, and usually the newly-fledged brother is diligent in his endeavours to have our peculiar observances explained to him. The next thought to arise in their minds is probably—"Is there nothing in *Masonry*?" And in some instances possibly it may be framed somewhat differently, and run assertively—"There is nothing in it." If the latter be correct, then all the eminent names mentioned are misguided men, and I fear your present Z. must be added to the list. But let me assure you from my own experience that this is not so; on

the contrary the study of our mysteries, history, ceremonial, and teachings, ought to make all of us not only wiser, but better men. Strictly speaking, a *good Mason* and a *good man* are convertible terms. In the common everyday meaning, perhaps, we may say that Freemasonry is not a religion, although even then all must admit that it is, or ought to be, an invaluable handmaid thereto. As a matter of fact, however, *true* Masonic teaching on the higher planes is the *esoteric* foundation of *all* religion. On what do our sacred mysteries rest, but on the grandest dogma a human mind can aspire to grasp?—on "the universal Fatherhood of God," which brings in its train, as surely as night follows day, the corollary "the universal Brotherhood of Man." Hence we claim that Masonry is *universal*, not sectarian; not even solely Christian, for you know that if otherwise suitable, and the ballot is passed, our Order (as are all *really* Masonic bodies) is open alike to, and numbers in its ranks, Parsees and Hindoos, as well as representatives of perhaps every faith, the only rigid exclusion being of those who deny all Divine light—as do the Atheists. Masonry inculcates *duty*, and *duty is labour*, whether of brain or hand. We venerate the Supreme *Architect* of the Universe, we esteem the memory of H.A.B., the Great Master *Workman*, we celebrate the *building* of the Temple, we explain the *working tools* belonging to the different Degrees, and do we not pay special honour to the first *worker* in metals? What are we in search of but the *true* meaning of the *word*, or, in other phraseology, our quest is for *light*. Engaged in this pursuit we shall become better Masons; and let us take comfort from our teaching—"Knock and it shall be opened to you; seek and ye shall find." I have addressed you in this strain with the hope that, listening to my prologue, you may be the more easily induced to sympathise *actively* with the scheme I am about to ask your fraternal aid in carrying out to a successful issue. My very eminent predecessor in this chair, Comp. Paton, has to a considerable extent lightened my task by the course of lectures he instituted last winter, and is therefore entitled to my hearty recognition of his "labour of love." Following on similar lines, I propose to have perhaps three addresses on purely Masonic subjects—in every case of very moderate dimensions—to be followed by free discussion and interchange of views, which, to my mind, is the best method of evoking general intelligent interest in our efforts to impart knowledge, and is also likely to fix indelibly on our memories the subjects that have engaged our attention. I desire that at our ordinary meetings the members will do all they can to be punctual, so that we may open the chapter punctually, and allowing till 9.30 for work, which will generally be found sufficient for the decorous celebration of our services, and permit of our utilising the remaining half-hour till 10 p.m. for the purpose of self-improvement. Here especially I want the *hearty* co-operation of every member, and I much wish to impress on you the necessity of your aid to ensure success. Briefly stated, we become for half an hour a *Masonic* debating society, on conditions we shall mutually agree upon. Companions, I thank you for your earnest attention to my remarks, which have unfortunately exceeded the original limits assigned to them; but there was so much to which I wished to invite your attention that extra length seemed absolutely necessary to make my opinions and aspirations clear to you on my new accession to power. Again let me beg of you, in conclusion, to do each according to his capacity as teacher, critic, listener, what he can to place No. 50 in the van of Masonic knowledge, so that eventually our diplomas of membership will be equivalent to certificates of character as tried and *proved* Masonic Students.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT PLYMOUTH.

The handsome new Freemasons' Hall erected in Princess-square, Plymouth, by the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was used for the first time on Monday, the 1st inst., for the purposes of Masonry. Lodge Harmony, 156, was privileged to hold in one of the lodge rooms the first tyled meeting held on the premises. In addition to a large attendance of the members of the lodge, a large number of visiting brethren were present.

Bro. Jno. Little, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. D. Box, P.P.G.R. and S.W. pro tem.; T. Parker, J.W.; H. F. Hearle, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer; W. K. Michell, P.P.A.G.D.C., Secretary; J. Parkhouse, I.P.M.; F. G. Knight, P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.O.; D. Banks, Geo. Whittley, P.P.G.O.; and W. C. Howard. Among the visitors were Bros. Major Tracy, R.A., 1247, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.J.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.T.; T. C. Lewarne, P.J.G.D.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gower, 70, P.P.G. Sec.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hifley, 223, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G.O.; E. Atken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of Works; F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C.; S. J. Hearle, 1255; W. H. W. Macey, 1847; J. Martin, 1855; I. J. K. Challice, 1855; R. Hambly, 1855, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. Gidley, 2025; J. Wallis, 1255; G. Roseveare, 970, 1255; W. H. Hamblyn, 1247, F. Law, 2258; W. Allsford, 202; and others.

Bros. Major TRACY and Rev. T. W. LEMON, the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Province, and others of the visiting brethren, congratulated Harmony Lodge on the handsome lodge room they had acquired and their good fortune in being the first lodge to meet in it. The directors and shareholders of the company were also congratulated on the handsome building they had erected.

Bro. GOVER said Harmony Lodge had been fortunate in providing Masonic halls for the Plymouth brethren. Through one of its Past Masters, the late Bro. Isaac Watts, several lodges passed seventeen happy years at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, and now, through the happy suggestion and exertions of another member of the Harmony Lodge, Bro. Derry, the Order had obtained the noble building in which they were now assembled as a memorial to the Queen's Jubilee.

Bro. J. R. LORD remarked that when the whole of the appurtenances of the hall were completed a dedication of the building would take place.

Bro. GOVER added that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter would take place at Torquay in November. Arrangements could then be made with the Prov. G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., as to the dedication of the building.



The M.W.G. Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge to be held at Workington, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, to be named the Eden, No. 2285, and will be consecrated shortly.

Comp. Edward Macbean was installed as the M.E.Z. of the Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, held in the Masonic Rooms, No. 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on the 11th inst. The installation officer was Comp. T. W. Brownlee, P.Z. 50, &c., who discharged that duty in a most able manner and to the great satisfaction of the Three Principals, so impressively installed and instructed by him. The full ceremony thus rendered was far beyond anything of the kind previously heard in the city, so far as the companions present knew of, and Bro. Brownlee was warmly congratulated accordingly. The Three Principals are Comps. E. Macbean, Z.; Thomas M. Morrison, H.; and Alfred T. Pullin, J. The Scribes are Comps. J. G. McLean, E., and H. J. Humphreys, N., and the Treasurer is Comp. Thomas Marshall. At the conclusion of the business the companions partook of a modest repast, presided over by the new First Principal, who pressed upon the attention of the members the need for the closer study and better preservation of the old records. The chapter has evidently a grand future before it, and we hope soon to "report progress" and the result of the appeal for lectures and discussions.

An extension of the Homes for Working Girls in London was opened on Wednesday afternoon at 135 and 137, Queen's-road, Bayswater, in the presence of a large gathering, over which the Rev. F. Sullivan, vicar of the parish, presided.

The Members of the Royal Commemoration Lodge will meet on Wednesday, the 7th November (and until further notice) at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, instead of the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney.

A Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., will be held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 1st November next, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. By permission of the M.W.G.M., all regularly registered members of the Allied Degrees are invited to be present.

THE EAST.—According to the philosophy of the ancient Egyptians, the sun was the great fecundator (begetter) of Nature. This power was by them ascribed to the sun after they had observed that the light and heat of the sun were necessary to the life and propagation of both vegetable and animal life, and, as the sun appeared to rise in the East, and was all-powerful in nature, the East subsequently became known as the place of *potency* (power). Then the sun, or the East, symbolically, and hence Masonically, is the place of power and control over the body.—*Masonic World*.

We understand that a limited number of full sized copies of the engraving of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire can now be obtained from Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Committee, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Price, one guinea each. As all liabilities in regard to the portrait and engraving have been discharged, all amounts received from this date will be devoted to the Masonic Charities, therefore each subscriber, beyond receiving a work of art of full value, will be contributing towards the support of our noble Institutions. Early application, accompanied by Postal Order, is necessary to secure a copy.

The Worshipful Company of Wax-Chandlers have enriched their hall in Gresham-street with a stained glass window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, containing their Arms, granted in the time of Richard III., surrounded by those of members of the Court. The whole has been carried out under the direction of Mr. Horatio Gregory, Clerk of the Company.

A Joan of Arc monument, which is to be erected at Rouen, is said to be one of the largest in France, the pedestal covering an area of 140 square yards, and the top of the statue rising 30 yards from the ground.

It is announced that Bro. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Bro. Charles T. McClenachen have been seriously ill, and we regret to add, as regards the former, that it is said he is not likely to recover. The latter, however, is already convalescent. Bro. Joseph D. Evans, another Past Grand Master of New York, died, on the 11th September, at the ripe age of 82 years.

THE ARMADA EXHIBITION AT DRURY LANE.—On the afternoon of Wednesday in next week the collection of Armada relics at Drury Lane Theatre will be thrown open to the patrons of the better portions of the house. Bro. Augustus Harris is debarred by the terms of his lease from charging any additional sum for admission; so that, as space in the saloon is limited, the frequenters of the pit and the gallery "gods" will have the doors closed upon them. The opening ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, a descendant of the historic Sir Christopher Hatton, after the press and private views have been held. The collection will present several interesting features in addition to those of the recent exhibition at Plymouth in connection with the tercentenary celebration. Portraits of Elizabeth and the old "sea dogs" will be on view, together with implements of torture used by the Inquisition in Spain, tobacco boxes, sticks, &c., that belonged to Sir Francis Drake, guns, spears, and cannon-balls picked up along the coast of the British Isles, and supposed to have been cast ashore from the ill-fated galleons, and also commemorative medals. Original paintings by Sir Oswald Brierly will be lent by Mr. Arthur Lucas, the art publisher, and Mr. Seymour Lucas will exhibit Elizabethan arms, while Messrs. Mansell and Co. will lend photographs of rare prints, pictures, and documents from the British Museum. Mr. T. Carew Martin, the art curator of the Italian Exhibition, has undertaken the arrangement of the curiosities.

The first annual gathering of the White Horse Lodge, No. 227, was held on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts, and was largely attended.

The Grand Lodge of Florida has issued an appeal to the fraternity on behalf of the brethren who are in sore distress from ravages of yellow fever, at Jacksonville, many of them being sick and destitute.

An etching of Meissonier's picture, "The Painter," will appear in "The Magazine of Art" for November, which commences a new volume.

Amongst the many lodge reports we are reluctantly compelled to hold over until next week is one recording an interesting event at the meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, on Saturday last, when Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., had the privilege of installing his son, Bro. J. E. Terry, in the chair of that lodge. The satisfaction it must have given our worthy brother to place so worthy a son and so excellent a Mason in the chair was only equalled by the pleasure experienced by those present at the perfect manner in which the ceremonies were rendered, both by the Installing Master and subsequently by the new W.M., who at once performed the ceremony of initiation with the accuracy and precision of a veteran.

It may be useful to the brethren of the Province of Middlesex to know the addresses of the new Provincial Grand Secretary and the Grand Scribe E. recently appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., to succeed Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, who has tendered his resignation. They are as follows: Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. Howard H. Room, 30, Eardley-crescent, Earl's-court, S.W. Prov. Grand Scribe E., Comp. W. H. Lee, 32, Shakespeare-road, Herne-hill, S.E.; to whom all communications should be forwarded relating to Masonic business.

A most interesting meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Criterion, when a loving cup was presented to the lodge by the Sec., Bro. Reynolds, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; also a jewel, which the same Grand Lodge has sent for the I.P.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker. The latter was presented by the Grand Sec., Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke. A full report is in type, but crowded out. It will appear next week.

On Friday last, Bro. Ephraim was installed W.M. of the Dunelm Mark Lodge, No. 365, in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. Jos. Lawson. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. T. Bell, S.W.; Rev. T. Randall, J.W.; Rev. Coulton, M.O.; T. Dunn, S.O.; J. Barker, J.O.; W. Logan, Treas.; W. Coxon, Sec.; M. F. Holliday, Reg.; S. Pilling, Org.; H. Palmer, S.D.; W. H. Patterson, J.D.; W. Robertson and J. Willan, Stwds.; and S. B. Grant, Tyler.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Walters, wife of Bro. Tristram Frederick E. Walters, son of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., which event took place on the 16th inst.

In the course of a Masonic sermon delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the Order was a great moral force, which largely helped on the redemption of the world from evil. In its lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

Grand Master Smith, of Illinois, has issued an edict, by which Freemasons in that jurisdiction are strictly forbidden to take part in processions, except funerals, laying of corner-stones of Masonic and public buildings, and the dedication of Masonic halls. Appearance on National or State holidays is interdicted.

At the regular meeting of the Friendship Mark Lodge, No. 16, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 11th inst., Bro. Henry Holman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. W. Allsford, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Shears, Tyler. The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. will be held on Thursday, 13th December.

A Mason sermon was preached on Tuesday last in St. Peter's Parish Church, Glasgow, by Bro. the Rev. Malcolm M'Lellan, Hon. Chaplain of the Clyde Lodge, No. 408. His text was the 4th chapter of Genesis, and the last clause, "Am I my brother's keeper," and the following lodges were represented, namely: Bros. John Graham, C.A., S.P.G.M., representing the Prov. Grand Lodge, and representatives from St. John, 33; Thistle, 87; Union and Crown, 103; Scotia, 178; Union, 332; St. John Operative, Rutherglen, 347; Commercial, 360; St. Clair, 362; Athole, 413; Neptune, 419; Govandale, 437; Glasgow, 441; St. John, Busby, 458; St. Andrew, 465; Maryhill, 510; St. Vincent, 553; Plantation, 581; Albert Edward, Crosshill, 593; The Prince's, 607; Gael, 609; and other lodges.

A performance of the opera "Maritana" will be given by the Liverpool Opera Society, in aid of the funds of the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institution, at the Shakespeare Theatre, on Saturday afternoon, the 3rd of November. Mr. Brammall having generously placed his theatre at the disposal of the Committee who have the conduct of the arrangements. The patronage and presence of the Earl and Countess of Lathom, the Earl and Countess of Crawford and Balcarres, and other distinguished personages, has been secured, and the result of the efforts of those who are promoting the objects of these highly deserving Charities will doubtless be a considerable augmentation of the funds.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this priceless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its reinvigorating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.—*Advr.*

The installation of Bro. John Seex as the W.M. for the year ensuing of the Great City Lodge, took place on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street, Hotel, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Baker. The other officers were installed, after which routine business was transacted. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the Pillar Hall. In the course of the post-prandial proceedings, Bro. Greening, the Past Master, was presented with a jewel in recognition of the services he had rendered during his year of office. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Jenkins, Organist of the lodge.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, to be held at Frodsham about the end of the present month, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Mark Master Mason of England, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, will consecrate the De Tabley Lodge of Mark Masons to be held in that town. The W.M. designate is Bro. G. Hammond Janby, P.P.G. Officer in Craft Masonry; the S.W. designate, Bro. Henry E. Heywood, and the J.W. designate, Bro. John Ashton.

A new work, entitled "Picturesque Australasia," is about to be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company in monthly parts. It will be written by Professor Morris, of the Melbourne University, assisted by writers in the various Colonies. The illustrations have been prepared by artists who have been specially commissioned by the Publishers to travel through Australasia to prepare original drawings for the work.

The new hall of the Cœur de Lion Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 9, Los Angeles, California, was destroyed by fire on the 4th September last, the regalia, &c., being all burned. The loss is estimated at 15,000 dollars, and the property was insured to the extent of 6000 dollars.

On Thursday evening, the 11th inst., the annual festival of the Percy Mark Lodge, No. 122, was held in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Bro. R. Ashton, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. Burn, I.P.M.

We are indebted to the *Echo* for the following ruling of Grand Lodge, which we think will be not only new to our readers but "news" to the Grand Lodge itself:—"A curious question has just been decided by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. When a dispute takes place between brethren at a 'mixed' dinner (that is to say, when Masons 'in clothing' and non-Masons are united), the incident cannot come officially within the cognisance of Grand Lodge."

The 6th August, 1888, was the 100th anniversary of the election of Bro. General George Washington as W. Master of the Alexandria Lodge, of Virginia, and was celebrated with becoming ceremony at Mount Vernon by brethren from Alexandria, Fredericksburg, and the District of Columbia.

We are pleased to see by the Australian papers to hand that Bro. H. J. Tonkin, of the Unity Lodge of Sydney, No. 1169 (E.C.), has on severing his connection with the Queensland Woollen Company, to fulfil an engagement in Brisbane, been presented by the company's employes with a very handsome writing-desk, accompanied by the following letter, which bears witness to his popularity with his co-workers:—"To Mr. H. J. Tonkin, Ipswich. Dear Sir,—Those of us who have been most intimately associated with you in the work-rooms, during your connection with the Queensland Woollen Manufacturing Company, feel that we cannot allow you to go away from amongst us without expressing our sorrow at your departure, and requesting your acceptance of accompanying writing-desk, as a slight token of our regret at losing you, and of our heartiest good wishes for your future welfare. On behalf of the subscribers, E. GOLBY, A. PENMAN." There is no doubt that Bro. Tonkin will ever treasure a gift accompanied by such expressions of goodwill. He will be much missed in social circles in Ipswich, where his constant good humour and contributions to the general entertainment have always been appreciated.

Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., the Patronage Secretary of the Treasury and chief Government Whip, has arrived in London from the continent.

The death of Bro. Lord Mount-Temple, second son of the fifth Earl Cowper and heir-presumptive to the present Bro. Earl Cowper, is announced as having taken place at Broadlands-park, Romney, on Tuesday. His lordship was born in the year 1811, and represented Hertford from 1835 to 1868, and South Hants from the latter year till 1880, when he was raised to the peerage by the title of Lord Mount-Temple, having previously assumed the name of Temple in accordance with the provisions of the will of the late Lord Palmerston.

The ceremony of opening the new City of London Court will be performed by Bro. Alderman Whitehead, Lord Mayor elect, early in the month of December.

With the termination of the long vacation, the lodges in Cambridge are resuming labour. Bro. John Fuller, W.M. of No. 441, had an initiation, and got through his work very satisfactorily. Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. of No. 88, mentioned at the meeting of the lodge on the 8th inst., that the province had every reason to be satisfied with its representation at the Girls' Festival, their Stewards on that occasion taking up £346 10s., which for so small a province was very commendable. The amounts were thus distributed: Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M., 10 guineas; Bro. A.H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., £136 10s.; Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. No. 88, £21; Bro. Joshua Taylor, P.M., Treas. No. 444, £78 15s.; Bro. E. Armitage, W.M. No. 859, £89 5s.; and Bro. J. R. Green, S.W. 1492, £10 10s. A meeting of No. 859 will be held on the 30th instant; Bro. W. G. Bell is to be the new W.M. Bro. J. R. Green will be installed W.M. of No. 1492.

The Electric Light in its vast superiority to gas and all other forms of artificial light, is an apt illustration of the position which "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy" maintains in comparison with all other Liqueurs, in its perfection of rich fruity flavour. Comforting in cold weather. Sold everywhere. Be sure and ask for Grant's. T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone. Makers also of the non-alcoholic wine "Morella," and of the delicious "Morella Marmalade." Sold by Grocers.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 27th, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
1897, Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Clistwick, 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, Blue Posts, Charlotte-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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street, Hotel.
1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

MARK LODGE.

351, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
185, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1605, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn Gate.
1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester 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. Marybone, 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemason's Hall.

MARK LODGE.

4, Prince of Wales, 8a, Red Lion-square.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Café Royal, 68, Regent-street.
1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, 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-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Manchester 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.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

MARK LODGE.

3, Keyston, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

Board of Benevolence at 6.
General Committee Grand Chapter at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

212, Enphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
1017, Montefiore, Café Royal, 68, Regent-street.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

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, Balliam 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

753, Prince Frederick William, Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

General Committee Girls' School at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, North End, Fulham.
861, Finsbury, 191, Bishopsgate-street, E.C.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria-park.
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.

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, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, 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 Wimbledon 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.

181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
332, Borough of Greenwich, William IV., Trafalgar-rd., Greenwich
363, Ruspini, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Quarterly General Court and Election Boys' School at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
569, FitzRoy, Head Quarters Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.
1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square, W.

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 Head, 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.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.M.s.), F.M.H. at 6.
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 (Portugal Hotel), 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 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
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.
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

74, Harcourt, Greyhound, Richmond.
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.
Metropolitan, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4.
1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1766, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 27, 1888.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
48, Industry, Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead.
61, Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
85, Faithful, Swan Hotel, Harleston, Norfolk.
89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield, Cheshire.
102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.
270, Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley, Arms, Berkeley
293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307, Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge.
330, One and All, Freemasons' Hall, Turf-street, Bodmin.
388, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Halesworth, Suffolk.
444, Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross, Devon.
491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
543, Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley.
588, St. Botolph's, Corn Exchange, Sleaford.
599, Chervell, Masonic Hall, Marlboro'-road, Banbury.
607, Chicheley, Lodge Rooms, Horton's-lane, Thrapston.
699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.
827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
985, Alexandra, Bridge House, Sutton Bridge, Holbeach.
999, Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester.
1168, Benevolence, Digby Hotel, Sherborne.
1271, Friendship and Unity, Avon House, Bradford-on-Avon.
1272, Tregenna, Masonic Hall, Market-strand, St. Ives, Cornwall.
1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1486, Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge.
1564, St. John, Prince of Wales Inn, Woking.
1741, Montgomerie, King's Head Hotel, Diss, Norfolk.
1752, Ogmere, Wyndham Arms, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
1757, King Henry the Eighth, Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead.
1808, Suffield, Angel Hotel, North Walsham, Norfolk.
1895, Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley-on-Thames.
1977, Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex.
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, at 7.
130, Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Bugle-street, Southampton.
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
378, Royal 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, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
1174, Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
1286, Bayons, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen, at 8.
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
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, Wilbertorce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

210, Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
331, Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro.
458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.
1222, Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
1237, Enfield, Court Hotel, Enfield.
1730, Urmston, Masonic Hall, King-street, Stretford, Lancs.

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206, Hope, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

MARK LODGES.

Old York, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
9, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Southmolton, Devon.
64, St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Granby-street, Devonport.

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CRAFT LODGES.

160, True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford.
253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
378, Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Meyrick-st., Pembroke Dock.
448, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
506, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.
510, St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Parade, Liskeard, Cornwall.
564, Stability, Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge.
943, Sincerity, 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
1016, Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1197, Nyanza, George Hotel, Ilminster.
1309, Acacia, Ship Hotel, Halifax, Shepperton.
1528, Fort, Masonic Hall, Gower-lane, Newquay, Cornwall.
1609, Liverpool Dramatic, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-st., Liverpool.
1675, Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1678, Medway, Old Town Hall, Tunbridge.
1726, Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor.
1823, Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk.
1834, Duke of Connaught, Freemasons' Hall, Landport.
2025, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.
2154, Joshua Nunn, George Hotel, Halstead, Essex.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, M.H., Grainger-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
131, Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro, at 7.30.
286, Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, at 8.
299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
371, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield-st., Maryport, 8.
463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
814, Parrett and Axe, George Hotel, Crewkerne.
820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 8.
855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge.
897, Loyalty, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helens.
940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
949, St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar.
1098, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo.
1390, Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Millom, Cumberland, at 7.30.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
1528, Fort, Gower-lane, Newquay.
1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.