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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. IT is to be regretted that at the most critical period in the whole year, when the officers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and those brethren who have volunteered their services as Stewards at its approaching Festival are using their utmost endeavours to raise the necessarily large sum required for the expenditure of the coming year, there should be found brethren so careless, or so ignorant of the consequences which are likely to follow from their conduct, as to have chosen this particular period for publicly denouncing, or, at all events, for gravely calling in question, the management of the authorities of this particular Charity. We have no intention of claiming for these latter, nor, so far as our experience goes, that they ever, themselves, set up a claim that they are above and beyond the pale of just and reasonable criticism; but, in accordance with an old and true saying, there is a time and place for everything, and though it is no part of our duty to determine the time when, and the place where, the administration of the Royal Masonic Benevolent, or either of the other Masonic Institutions, may be justly and reasonably criticised, we have no scruple in asserting that it is not within six weeks of the day appointed for its Anniversary Festival, when, as we have already said, all its officers and those who have given their services as Stewards are straining every nerve to raise the required amount of supplies for the ensuing year. Our readers do not need to be reminded that the report and accounts which are now, for the first time, being publicly and violently criticised, were submitted and adopted without question at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on the 18th May, 1888, and were further submitted, in accordance with Rule 47 of the Rules and Regulations, and passed—similarly, without question—at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on the 6th June following. The Committee of Management have held their monthly meetings at Freemasons' Hall, as usual, since the said report and accounts were made public, but no complaint about extravagance in administering the Funds of the Charity has ever been made, either orally or in writing, by any Governor or Subscriber, nor has any attempt been made by any body of Governors to call a Special General Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 8, for the purpose of discussing the question of expenditure. It cannot be asserted that such a discussion would have been inopportune at the Annual General Meeting, in May last, or when the accounts and report were submitted to Grand Lodge in the following month of June; or that nearly eight months out of 12 are not a sufficiently long interval in which to prepare and bring before the proper tribunal almost any number of charges against the Executive of extravagance or other form of mismanagement. Yet all these months have been allowed to pass without, as far as we know, a complaint of any kind having been laid before the governing body of the Institution, nor has a whisper of discontent that we are aware of with the present condition of things been heard of in any quarter—except, it may be, amongst those who make grumbling about everything and everybody the be-all and end-all of their existence. And then, when everyone is hoping that the difficulties which are inevitable in the attempt to raise annually so large a sum as £15,000 will be overcome, down comes a whole avalanche of inflammatory criticism, which is certain to make the existing difficulties greater, and to add to their number as well. However, it is not our intention to assist the authors of those criticisms in their ill-timed crusade against the authorities of the Benevolent Institution. It is enough for us to point out that last week we considered it our duty to urge upon the friends and well-wishers of this Charity the necessity of doing their utmost by supporting its officers and Stewards, to ensure the success of the Festival, which will take place on the 27th February next. This week we repeat the exhortation, but with greater emphasis than ever, because the need for their co-operation has been made more imperative by reason of these charges. The authorities cannot deal with complaints of which they have no official cognisance, and we have shown there has been ample time for such complaints to have been laid before them; nor, however easy it may be for them to meet these allegations of extravagance, would it be more dignified on their part, or the interval between now and the date of the Festival long enough to allow of any such refutation obtaining the necessary amount of publicity in order to make it of any value. We therefore impress upon our readers that it is their duty to resent this ignorant and ill-timed criticism by supporting the Executive and Stewards of the Benevolent Institution in their efforts to make the coming Festival a success. There will be plenty of time for a reply when the Anniversary is past.

WE congratulate the members of this young but flourishing Chiswick Lodge, on the success of its recent installation meeting. It has already done some excellent work, especially in aid of our various Charitable Institutions, during the five years of its existence and under the auspices of so influential a man as its newly-installed W.M., Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., there is every reason to hope that its career will be still more prosperous. His lordship is a member of a family which has made its mark in Masonry, his father, the late Duke of ABERCORN, and his elder brother, the present Duke, having been both of them English and Irish Craftsmen, and both of them elected to the Grand Mastership of Ireland. Other members have been, or now are, Masons, and though it is not to be expected that his lordship, as one of her MAJESTY'S Ministers, will have much leisure to devote to the pursuits of Masonry, there can be no doubt he will do all in his power to promote its welfare, and especially the welfare of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, over which he has just been called upon to preside as Master.

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WE dare say it has surprised many people, as, indeed, it has surprised us, that some of the busiest professional men of our day are also among the most active members of our Society. It is certain that men who have attained great eminence in the legal and medical professions never, as a rule, have a moment to spare—a moment which they can reasonably call their own—and yet it is from the ranks of these two particular callings that some of our brightest and most particular Masonic stars have been recruited. Bros. MCINTYRE, Q.C., PHILBRICK, Q.C., SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., the late Dr. ALFRED MEADOWS, and others we might name, are cases in point, and the same may be said of Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, F.R.C.S., who, though his Masonic career is of comparatively recent origin, has already made his mark in our Fraternity as the founder of one of our most successful lodges—the Empire, No. 2108—which is intended for brethren having relations with, or hailing from, the colonies; and who has still more recently figured as a founder of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to and bearing the name of that lodge. We congratulate Bro. LENNOX BROWNE on the successful manner in which he has fulfilled his duties as a Mason, and we trust the future may have in store for him many other opportunities of winning distinction.

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WE have already remarked on the almost complete unanimity with which the proposal for the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales was received by the lodges and brethren of the several Constitutions in the Colony, and the conspicuous success which attended its inaugural meeting, when Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, Governor-General, and a Past S.G. Warden of England, was installed its first Grand Master; nor have we the slightest doubt that its future career will harmonise well with the brilliancy of its commencement. But the ramifications of English Masonry are so great, and the Colony of New South Wales itself is so remote from our shores, that it will not be amiss, perhaps, if we take stock of the lodges—now constituting a large proportion of those on the roll of the new organisation—which only a brief year since paid a willing obedience to the United Grand Lodge of England. The number of such lodges as have thus passed from their old allegiance is very considerable, being, we believe, 82, as stated in our recent review of "Freemasonry in 1888;" but, as may easily be imagined, there are not many among them which can boast of anything like a protracted existence, the highest on the roll being the Australia, No. 390, which was warranted by the late Duke of SUSSEX in the year 1828. However, considering the facility with which other lodges, even in the Old Country, have disappeared from the roll, an existence of 60 years must not be spoken of lightly, and we dare say the lodge will remain in the future what it has been in the past—a very stronghold of the Craft and an example of all that is wise and excellent in Masonry to its younger sister lodges. Next in order of seniority, but following at an interval of nearly 20 years, is the Maitland Lodge of Unity, No. 547, which was warranted by the late Earl of ZETLAND, G.M., in 1847, and close to it, having been constituted only the year following, is the Australian Lodge of Harmony, No. 556, which, like the Australia, No. 379, is located in the capital of the Colony, the intermediate lodge being located at West Maitland. The Armidale Lodge of Unity, No. 595, quartered at the town of Armidale, was founded in 1851—the year of the Great Exhibition; and then we have the Independent, No. 621, Lithgow, warranted in 1853; the Zetland and Cambrian Lodges of Australia, Nos. 655 and 656 respectively, both founded in 1855, and both meeting in the capital of Sydney. The Wellington, No. 741, Mudgee, and the Ophir, No. 759, Orange, date from the year 1858, and the Robert Burns, No. 817, Sydney, from 1860; while the Balmain, No. 868, meeting at a town from which it derives its name, is of 1861 creation. The Mountain

Lodge of Bombala, No. 920, marked in the 1888 Calendar as being in abeyance, was constituted in 1862, and the United Service, No. 937, Sydney, in the same year; and then we have a group of three lodges, numbered consecutively Nos. 980, 981, and 982, and named respectively the Yass Lodge of Concord, the Union Lodge of Berrima, and the Queen's, of Penrith, all founded in 1863. The Cooma, No. 1081, was warranted in 1865; the Hope, No. 1123, Murrundi, in 1866; the Palmerston, No. 1148, Grafton, in 1867; and the Unity of Sydney, No. 1169, the same year, these being the last which were constituted under warrants granted by the late Lord ZETLAND. An interval of a few years passes, and we come to Lodges Doric, No. 1450, Hill End, and St. John's, No. 1451, which were warranted in 1873; while the Tumut Unity, No. 1510, was founded in the following year. These lodges, 23 in number, constitute the evidences still existing in the Colony of the work done by the English brethren in the way of establishing lodges during the 46 years—from 1828 to 1874, both inclusive—which elapsed between the introduction of the Craft into Sydney and the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES to the Grand Mastership, the remaining 59 lodges having been constituted during the years from 1875 to the inauguration in 1888 of the Independent and United Grand Lodge of this rich and prosperous Colony. All these lodges—so far as our information goes—have now been removed from the roll of our Grand Lodge, and though less numerous by some 20 than those of the Scottish and Victorian Constitutions taken together, will be found to form the chief element of strength in the composition of the newly-organised Grand Body.

### BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

The reading brethren of the Craft will rejoice to hear that another work is just being circulated of Bro. Hughan's, making the eighth of the series of "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" inaugurated by him in 1869, and which has been very heartily appreciated in Great Britain, and America especially, and wherever Masonic students abound. The previous seven are out of print, much to the regret of several brethren who desire a complete set of the valuable series. Owing to the scarcity of these books, and as only small editions have been printed (particularly of the earlier issues), there is always keen competition when any occur for sale. In December last, at the bi-annual sale of the "Masonic Publishing Company," New York, Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union" (1874), fetched £1 6s., though the original cost was only 10s., and his "Constitutions of the Freemasons" (1869), which was issued to subscribers only at half a guinea, regularly makes two to three guineas when a copy is offered for sale.

The present volume is a charming souvenir "of ye olden tyme," being a fac-simile reproduction of the Engraved List of Regular Lodges, by John Pine, of 1734, of which the only copy known in the world is owned by Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, who fraternally lent it for the purpose. The exact representation of the unique original is by the photo-zincographic process, and certainly nothing could possibly be better, as the reproduction is simply perfect.

The fine frontispiece, by the celebrated engraver of so many of these lists, published by authority of the Grand Lodge of England (which was designed by Bro. Thornhill), is a special feature of the handsome fac-simile, and as it bears the arms of "The Most Noble and Puissant Lord John Lindsay, Earl of Crauford and Lindsay, Viscount Kilberney, Lord Spinzie Glenes, Fenever Town and Columbinch, Premier Earl of Scotland," the list may be said to have been dedicated to that distinguished nobleman, then Grand Master.

Bro. Hughan states that the present Lord Crawford and Balcarres is an ardent member of the Fraternity, being Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeenshire West, P.S.G.W. of England, and now Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and also narrates some curious points in the Masonic history of his predecessor of 1734.

An interesting sketch is furnished of the several Lists from 1724 down to 1734, and the names of all the known owners are supplied from the earliest preserved down to the latest issued in 1778. Unfortunately, a few are missing, and as they belong to a period about which we know lamentably little, this is all the more to be regretted. Should this excellent reproduction meet with the reception anticipated, we hope that Bro. Hughan will secure the reproduction of other valuable and rare editions, so that their valuable contents may be more widely known.

The List of 1734 consists of the frontispiece already alluded to, and eleven pages else, printed on one side of the paper only, as the original. In fact, as respects size of reproduction, as well as fidelity in all its details, it is a veritable facsimile of its prototype. Ten of the pages give the numbers of the lodges, with their places of meetings, the *Signs of the Taverns* being duly engraved; then follow the streets, towns, &c., with days of meeting and dates of consecration or constitution (*five columns in all*), the engraved portion measuring about 5½ by 2½ inches. To the ordinary reader considerable difficulty would be experienced in tracing these lodges, unless a copy of Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," was at hand, so Bro. Hughan has considerably appended a series of tables, giving the exact descriptions of the signs, and the names and particulars of all those lodges *still on the roll*, as well as the years when those extinct, or erased, were removed from the roll.

But the special interest of the student will centre in the sketches of all the old lodges given by the author, who has not confined himself to those on the present English register, but has also written racy notices of others now under other Grand Lodges. There are 127 lodges in all, No. 79 being blank, about which we may have a word to say farther, both as to Bro. Hughan's view thereon and as to the general question of "Time Imme-

morial Lodges." Of these 127 there are but 23 on the present roll, viz.: Antiquity, No. 2; Royal Somerset House, No. 4; Friendship, No. 6; British, No. 8; Westminster, &c., No. 10; Fortitude, &c., No. 12; Tuscan, No. 14; Royal Alpha, No. 16; Old Dundee, No. 18; Emulation, No. 21; Globe, No. 23; Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26; Old King's Arms, No. 28; St. Alban's, No. 29; Britannic, No. 33; and Strong Man, No. 45, *all of London*; and "Royal Kent," No. 20, *Chatham*; Medina, No. 35, *Cowes*; "Anchor and Hope," No. 37, *Bolton*; St. John the Baptist, No. 39, *Exeter*; Royal Cumberland, No. 41, *Bath*; "Relief," No. 42, *Bath*; and "St. Paul's," No. 43, *Birmingham*. Many of the particulars in the text supplied by Bro. Hughan are deeply interesting, and will surely be eagerly perused by the members of these old lodges. The facts also obtained and published respecting other lodges now located abroad, or formerly existing in England, cannot fail to prove most welcome to all lovers of such studies.

The work is dedicated to the M.W. Bro. S. C. Lawrence, who was Grand Master of Massachusetts when the sesqui-centennial of the St. John's Lodge, Boston, was celebrated, which is the only one in America on the roll of 1734; and doubtless this curious fact will lead many in the United States (where the Craft is flourishing) to lose no time in subscribing, as we understand a second edition will not be issued, at all events, not for some time, as Bro. Hughan's hands are we believe pretty full with other works in preparation. This we need not say will be good news to the general body of Masonic readers; our worthy brother's ready pen and large experience have always been at the service not only of fellow students in the higher walks of Masonic literature and research, but of the more humble enquirer after knowledge in Masonic law and practice, and now that he is fairly restored to comparative health and strength we shall look forward, and we feel sure our readers will as well, to a succession of works of the character which has made him so deservedly popular.

We must not forget to state that copies may be had from Bro. Hughan, Grosvenor House, Torquay, for five shillings, or from the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, who has produced a facsimile which, for artistic effect and fidelity, cannot be surpassed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WEST HAM ABBEY LODGE, No. 2291, AT STRATFORD.

The consecration of the above lodge, which is No. 2291 upon the register of the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, and was a most brilliant and successful affair. The lodge was held in the Council Chamber, and soon after 4 p.m. a procession, formed of the Grand Officers present, entered; and on Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Sec., taking the chair as Consecrating Officer, he was saluted with grand honours. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; J. H. Mathews, P.G. Std. Br., as D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., I.G.; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, also assisted.

The usual preliminaries having been arranged,

Bro. Col. CLERKE said they had met that day to add another to the magnificent list of lodges that at present existed on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. There were a great many lodges in the London area, and it was an exceedingly difficult thing to obtain their Grand Master's consent for a new one, unless some very good cause could be shown for its existence; in the present case he congratulated the founders upon the fact that there was room in this populous and growing district, and also upon the fact that their Grand Master had, after due and deliberate consideration, consented to their prayer, and signed the warrant of their lodge. He also congratulated them upon having such excellent premises for their meetings; and trusted that the tree about to be planted would produce good fruit, and become not only a prosperous one, but a credit to the planters. He cautioned the founders against that which often actuated the brethren of new lodges, namely, the desire for getting a good number of initiates in their first year, and advised them seriously to look well into the character as well as the circumstances of the candidates proposed. He felt sure, from what he knew of the very excellent brother whom they had selected for their first Master, that under his sway the lodge would become a pattern of good order and regularity.

The petitioners having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the Chaplain gave the following oration:

The old cities of Westminster and London, and the many adjacent townships which now form our great modern London, are very full of most interesting records of our ancient Craft. It is much to be desired that some one with leisure and ability (how hard it is to find the two combined) would devote himself to gather together these scattered accounts of what our ancient brethren did. I do not think I am assuming too much in saying that rarely, if ever, was any architectural work of importance done by any except the Operative Lodges of Freemasons. Sometimes these lodges existed only for one particular work, and when the work was finished were disbanded. Others went on from work to work. The history of Stratford-atte-Bow is not without its Masonic records. Situated as it was on the highway from London to the Eastern Counties, it saw many coming and going. The ancient road was by Old Ford, where, as the name indicates, there was no bridge, and consequently many poor people lost their lives when the floods were out. Queen Maud, the wife of our illustrious brother, King Henry I., was moved to pity by the thought of her people's suffering, and as a work of charity built your bridge, from whence your town takes its name—Stratford at the Bow of the Bridge. I have not the least hesitation in saying that this bridge was built by an Operative Lodge of Freemasons, and so well did they do their work that many years afterwards Leland describes it as "A rare piece of work, for before that time the like had never been seen in England." But the bridge was not merely built, it was maintained, I think, by the Craft. As years went on the control of the Operative Lodges fell to a very great extent into the hands of the religious bodies throughout the country. They were finding the money for the work, and were consequently the masters of the Craft. West Ham Abbey (founded in 1134 by William Montfichet), from which you most appropriately take your name, undertook the charge of the bridge our Order had built. The Abbot of Stratford, who was, I doubt not, the permanent Master of the Operative Lodge, agreed for himself and his successors to build, make, sustain, and repair the said bridge and causeway for ever. Permit me to draw one short and simple lesson from the work of our ancient brethren of this town and Abbey.

They worked not merely for self, but others. That old bridge was used and kept in repair for many thousands, who did good neither to the town or Abbey, who were quite outside our Order. Brethren, let it be one of the leading principles of your lodge to rise above all narrowness. Be not content with benefiting merely your own fraternity; of course, distress in the Craft, work for the Craft, has a first call upon you; but remember you are acting wholly different from those who won for the Craft its good name if you confine yourself to such Charity and to such labours. Every distress ought in some way or other to be benefited by the lodges working within it. Local Charities, local objects should have some share of our attention. There is, I think, a danger of selfishness in Masonry as in every thing else; but I have no fear that the West Ham Lodge will fail in its duties, and that the W.M. and brethren of the lodge—that the lodge who built your bridge—will do many pieces of "rare work," and, like the Abbot and his brethren, will maintain and support that work, so that it pass not away, but be of permanent use to mankind.

The grand and impressive ceremony having been duly finished, Bro. Col. Clerke installed Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 1066, as W.M. of the lodge, and that worthy brother appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. W. Carrell, P.M. 28, I.P.M.; G. Hay, 1816 (ex-Mayor of Stratford), S.W.; A. Govier, 1816, J.W.; F. C. D. Fenn, P.M. 171, Sec.; W. E. Perdue, 834, Treas.; Mark Gentry, W.M. 2154, S.D.; W. G. Norman, 174, J.D.; E. Triggs, S.D. 749, I.G.; G. W. Kidd, 860, and R. Fielder, J.D. 1259, Stewards; and M. Gross, Tyler.

The addresses having been most impressively recited, Bro. Clerke concluded the lengthy and important duties entrusted to his charge amid the applause of all present. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Clerke and his officers, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and he and Bros. Cama and Philbrick were elected honorary members, and were also presented with a founder's jewel each, for which they returned thanks. A Committee having been elected to frame by-laws, and several propositions for new and joining members tendered, the lodge was closed.

Among the brethren present were:

Bros. G. Gwinn, A. Reed, W. C. Powden, J. Pavitt, and L. Angell, founders of the lodge; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. Girls' School; W. A. Goss, P.M. 28, P.G. Stwd.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 2060, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Cooper, P.M. 55; T. Cohu, P.M. 192; H. Taplay, P.M. 1076; J. Horton, P.M.; G. W. Berry, P.M. 554; G. F. Seddon, P.M. 174; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933; G. Reed, P.M. 511; J. Carter, P.M. 1685; T. B. Linscott, P.M. 55; R. J. Tucker, P.M. 933; J. King, 1056; J. Lewis, P.M. 834; E. J. Brown, P.M. 959; B. Carter, P.M. 898; G. Hollington, P.M. 933; J. T. Kinniple, W.M. 1816; F. G. Burstow, S.W. and W.M. elect 212; G. Govier, 1816; R. W. Carroll, 1816; J. P. Allen, 1056; F. Bevan, 1706; T. B. Rowlands, 813; H. Rogers, 898; E. Mayes, 51; G. Bush, 1816; D. Bryse, S.D. 1421; J. F. Clibborn, 834; H. Sinclair, 1816; W. G. Davis, C. Martin, 65; G. Shearman, 898; R. Brown, 65; G. Morris, 1816; C. Temple, 1672; J. W. Cox, 1314; B. Wood, 212; J. Day, 1212; W. S. Barrett, 1341; E. F. Philbrick, 1910; W. Henson, 95; C. Winterton, S.D. 860; H. Riley, 729; J. Keeting, 1185; C. H. Wehawson, 860; G. H. Crane, 370; C. Reeve, 1816; F. Herald, 1056; J. Byford, 898; W. A. Anson, 959; G. Heritage, 860; W. H. Medcalf, 2012; J. A. Keale, 174; G. B. Brown, 933; L. Donaghy, 1805; A. T. Davis, 105; S. Hadley, 1612; J. Hammond, 898; C. Slater, 1076; F. Collier, 1314; H. Hobbs, 749; W. H. Cumire, 1343; F. Thompson, H. Chown, N. Brooks, G. Hay, H. Young, J. A. Brown, W. Pettigrew, N. G. Stone, J. Pettigrew, H. Wilmer, C. Mansfield, T. C. Holford, E. Black, O. Clarendon, F. Finch, J. S. Robertson, F. B. Webster, C. Jolly, 1472; and others.

The banquet was served in the public hall, and was of the choicest.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was the first toast, and in putting it the W.M. said that at all meetings of that description it was a toast that always met with a most hearty reception, and upon the present occasion he felt persuaded it would be received with enthusiasm.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," followed, and in putting it the W.M. said that his Royal Highness had won the esteem and affection of every member of the Craft. They were under great obligations to him for granting them the charter of their lodge, but perhaps the greatest test of the love of the Craft for their beloved Grand Master was evinced at the grand assembly that surrounded him when, during the past year, he presided at the banquet of the Girls' Institution. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

In giving the toast of "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said it was one that he felt fully persuaded would receive at their hands a very hearty welcome, for they were deeply indebted to the Grand Officers for the great interest they at all times took in the cause of Freemasonry. He asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. CAMA, who was received with applause, said he thanked them heartily for the reception given him in the face of so many distinguished brethren present, and the W.M. especially, for coupling his name with so important a toast. The great honour done him by the brethren in placing him in the distinguished position he was so proud to hold—for in Freemasonry there was no distinction of race or colour—would be the means of bringing a good feeling between the subjects of her Majesty the Queen of England and the people of his beloved mother country, the subjects of her Imperial Majesty the Empress of India. No one could be more delighted than he to see their excellent W.M. in the chair, and felt sure that under his rule the lodge would prosper. For the great kindness extended to him that night he personally thanked them, and might they continue to practise charity, cherish hope, and walk in faith, and might that moral principle which was the mystic cement of our fellowship remain with them and bless them.

Bro. PHILBRICK, who is Deputy Provincial G. Master of the Province of Essex, and who was also enthusiastically received, said he could hardly express the confusion he felt, because he had always been under the impression that Stratford was in the Province of Essex, and not in the London District. However, he could assure them that the brethren of the Province of Essex hailed with delight and satisfaction their new neighbour the West Ham Abbey Lodge; yet he could not help regretting that Essex did not include Stratford, especially as they all knew that "the wise men came from the East." He had been asked to say a few words about the Grand Officers. Well, let him say that they felt it a great privilege to be present on such an occasion as the present one. They did not see the necessity of a lodge unless it was likely to be a strong one, and for the benefit of the Craft generally; but he was happy to say that the present one was considered to fulfil those conditions, and hence the signature of the Grand Master to their warrant. Under the rule of Grand Lodge the ancient traditions of Freemasonry were not likely to be forgotten, for in the person of their esteemed Past Grand Treasurer they saw how the subjects of H.M. the Queen were united, as Bro. Cama had said, without distinction of race, colour, or faith. As Grand Officers they were proud to serve under and see the true spirit of Freemasonry displayed by those distinguished noblemen the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, and could only say that when two such brethren devoted so much of their valuable time and energy, it showed how much they had the interest of the Craft at heart. He trusted it would long continue, for so long as the Craft was an

united Craft, so long would the Grand Officers be proud of their position, do their duty to the Craft, and rejoice with and assist at its progress. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and wished the lodge a long and a prosperous career.

Bro. Col. CLERKE, in responding to an enthusiastic reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he lost no time in rising to return thanks for the hearty toast so kindly put by the W.M. He had already in lodge spoken of the great pleasure it gave them to be present. He then paid a high compliment to the valuable assistance rendered him by those distinguished brethren, Bros. Cama, Philbrick, Brownrigg, Mathews, and Hogard, and assured the brethren that he was proud to be supported by such a band of brethren. The W.M. had kindly said that the work was done well; for that he thanked him. He had been now for ten years the G. Sec. of the Order, and had always been most kindly received in Freemasonry wherever he went, and had always tried to do his best in whatever work he undertook, while the gratifying reception he always received amply repaid him for whatever he did in the cause of Masonry. He then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said it was one of the highest honours that could be paid a Mason to select him for first Master of a new lodge. Their W.M. was a Mason of twenty years' standing, and that was his third chair. He had about eighteen inches of ribbon and jewels on his breast, and had done good suit and service for Freemasonry.

Bro. BOULTON, who was loudly cheered on rising to respond, said, first of all he had to thank Bro. Col. Clerke for the very kind and flattering manner in which he introduced the toast to their notice, and next only wished that he could prove what that distinguished brother had said about him to be true, but if half of it was true he was satisfied. He would say that he was a lover of Masonry, and had been ever since he joined it; and trusted that as they had placed him in the proud position as their first Master, so at the end of his year of office they would be satisfied with him. They had a great future before them, and he quite concurred with their Grand Secretary that they did not want numbers, but good men. He should so endeavour to carry out his duties that they would never regret having placed him in his present proud position.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were left in the hands of Bro. Turle Lee, assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, P.M. 1549, P.G. Org. Middlesex; F. Bevan, 1706; and J. Brown, 1672, who sang the chants and anthems incidental to the consecration ceremony splendidly, and, with Miss Annie Mathews, contributed selections between the speeches in a most gratifying manner. The whole affair was a great success.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### CONSECRATION OF THE EMPIRE CHAPTER, No. 2108.

The Empire Chapter, No. 2108, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, in the presence of numerous distinguished Grand Officers and other companions. It was but natural, after the success which has characterised the short career of the Empire Lodge, that the members should apply for and obtain a charter for a chapter to be conducted on similar lines, viz., to cement the relations between Masons in the Colonies and the Mother Country. Comp. Lennox Browne, who has presided with marked success over the parent lodge for two years, was not unnaturally selected as the First Principal of the new chapter, and he being supported by a large and influential body of founders, it is safe to predict for the Empire Chapter the same brilliant success which has marked the career of the Empire Lodge.

The chapter was consecrated by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. S.E., assisted by Comps. Thomas Fenn, P.P.B. of G.P., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.A.G.S., as J.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., as D.C.

The Principals designate, viz., Comps. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., M.E.Z. designate; Luxmoore Marshall, H. designate; and C. Moses, J. designate, were supported by the following visitors: Comps. E. Monteuis, Z. 8; A. B. Cook, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal; John Hodges, 19; G. T. Carter, 145; C. J. Bell, 1524; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; A. Kenningham, 19; Seymour Smith, 1269; C. W. Stephens, 8; E. Letchworth, P.G.S.B.; W. Lake, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Cornwall; W. St. Leonard Chubb, 8; Hugh Mackintosh, P-Z. 8; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S.; G. H. Hopkinson, P.G.S.; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The Principals pro tem. having entered the chapter room, the chapter was opened in due form. The founders present were arranged in order, and

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, the Consecrating Principal, addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting. He said they had met on a very important occasion—that of consecrating a new chapter under the Grand Chapter of England. Some three years ago, a lodge was established, called the Empire Lodge, which started in an excellent manner, and, since it has been so started, it has progressed exceedingly well. It was formed on particular lines which, he understood, were to be continued in the new chapter. One of the prominent brethren of the lodge was Bro. Lennox Browne, and he was happy to say the chapter was to be placed under the guidance of that companion. He was sure that, under so experienced a Mason, the new chapter could not fail to have a good history in the future. He would commence the proceedings by calling on the acting S.E. to state the wishes of the companions and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the chapter.

The ACTING S.E. read the petition and charter, and, the founders present having approved of the officers nominated therein to preside over them, the following oration was delivered by Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg:

Some three years ago, when you did me the honour to allow me to assist in the consecration of your lodge I ventured to call attention to certain special characteristics which bound the Englishman abroad to the Englishman at home. I pointed out how much our Empire and our Craft owed to these sacred ever-present influences for good. To-night I would go one step further, and ask you to consider what is the generating cause of these great and noble virtues. It is, I think, specially appropriate that we should do so, because, whilst Craft Masonry puts before us an high ideal of life and actions, Royal Arch Masonry goes a step further, and enters more fully into the one and only foundation

upon which all that is good and holy in this life rests. As we stand round yonder pedestal, are we not lifted from self to God? We learn that the contemplation of God—His attributes, His power, His work, past, present, and to come—is the only means whereby we can carry into effect of the teachings of our Orders. The key is given us whereby we may unlock every other mystery. We have there the secret which we desire, not to keep for ourselves, but to share with every fellow creature. It is the secret of our Empire's power. The imperial arms are encircled with the expression of that secret in the motto "Dieu et Mon Droit." Mark the subordination of our right to the power which gives it. In the maintenance of the English Empire we are watchful against any interference with England's right. Our army and our navy exist to defend to the very utmost every attack upon the positions we hold. If one inch of English territory is occupied by a foreign power, within 24 hours we are preparing to regain it. If the just and lawful privileges of the most distant colony are threatened, that colony knows that it may look to the mother country for immediate help. Thousands of gallant English lives have ere now been gladly spent in the maintenance of England's rights and honour. But why? Not because our own dignity is hurt, not because for any motives of self-aggrandisement we desire to maintain the foremost position of the Universe, but because we believe that we hold our right from God. Right thus obtained can never be surrendered. We claim for ourselves neither as individuals or as a nation any infallible judgment. Doubtless, we are sometimes mistaken, but we find out our mistakes. Strong in our desire to be upright and straightforward in all matters, we are never ashamed to confess ourselves in the wrong, and to abandon any line of action which cannot honestly be defended. It is one of the greatest glories of the English people that no policy has ever commanded support, either at home or abroad, which will not bear the test of the question. Can we do this in God's name? And further, we do not forget that our rights from God entail not merely privileges, but also duties. Here, again, we may sometimes move slowly, but once let it be clear that we ought to do a thing, and the English nation never rests until it is done. No cost, no self sacrifice, has ever stood between England and her duty. God help us ever to continue in such course of action, a course which every Royal Arch Mason who enters into the spirit of our ceremonial will ever bear his part in advancing; and so, whether in peace or at war, our Empire will go forward with the old watch words—God and St. George for England. Dieu et Mon Droit.

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

The following companions were then installed into their respective chairs by the Grand Scribe E., viz.: Comps. Lennox Browne, M.E.Z.; Luxmore Marshall, H.; and Charles Moses, J.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members, a compliment which was briefly and appropriately acknowledged.

Several members of the Empire Lodge were proposed for exaltation, and the election of officers postponed until the next meeting.

Letters of regret for non-attendance having been announced from Comps. Lord Euston, Robert Grey, J. C. Parkinson, F. Coles, and E. Behnke, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent and well-served banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

"The Grand H. and J., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that in an assemblage of which the majority were Grand Officers, he would not presume to say any words in eulogy of them. He had the misfortune not to be advanced into Masonry in his earlier days, but he had experienced the greatest kindness from the Grand Officers, and was especially indebted to them for their presence that evening at the inauguration of this new chapter. He would couple with the toast the name of Comp. Philbrick. They had the privilege of belonging to the same district of Essex, and Comp. Philbrick was a man for whom he had the greatest esteem and regard.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, in reply, said the majority of the company having drunk their own health, would be quite ready to respond, but he had been selected as their humble spokesman. He felt somewhat embarrassed in order to keep what he wished to say within a sentence or two. Firstly, he would say how delighted they were, as Grand Officers, to see that a lodge which had so far advanced on the roll as No. 2108 had carried out the traditions of Masonry, and had arrived at the crowning point of Craft Masonry by having a chapter attached. He would next say how glad they were to see the good work begun under the M.E.Z. and the members of this chapter, which he was sure had a distinguished and successful career before it. The M.E.Z. had referred in unmistakable terms to the fact that the wise men came from the East, for he had said that he (Comp. Philbrick) came from the East, and he himself came from the same place. Let them hope that the allusion would be justified, that the augury would be reduced to fact, and that the wisdom of the founders would be justified by the children who belonged to the chapter. That this might come to pass and that the chapter might be a great success was the wish of all the Grand Officers. He begged to return thanks for the kindly reception accorded them, and for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

"The Consecrating Principals" was next given by the M.E.Z., who remarked that it was a misfortune of date that the Empire Lodge met on the day as a lodge with which a very distinguished Mason, and one for whom he had great respect, was connected. He referred to Comp. Fenn. They did not, therefore, have the privilege of seeing that companion at the consecration of the Empire Lodge. He was, however, determined that when the chapter was consecrated they should have the advantage of his presence, and accordingly asked Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to secure the assistance of Comp. Fenn. Acknowledgment of his great indebtedness to Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke for constant and always willing aid was only to say what every young Mason who had had anything to do with the formation of a new lodge or chapter would most certainly echo. He next came to Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, and the oration which that companion had delivered at the consecration of the Empire Lodge had been printed and circulated through the Colonies, and had been made the subject of numerous articles and comments in the Colonial papers. He had the pleasure of knowing that Comp. Brownrigg was a member of the Empire Lodge, whom they were always delighted to see, and he therefore asked that they should have him with them that evening as the Third Principal. He then came to Comp. Richardson, who was his sponsor in R.A. Masonry, for he had introduced him into the British Chapter, No. 8. In asking the companions to drink to the health of the Consecrating Principals, he was but asking them to drink to the health of men whom he esteemed personally, and therefore esteemed Masonically. He wished to also include with the toast the name of Comp. Matier, who was an active Mason, and who had assisted him on many occasions, for he was, in fact, a walking compendium of Masonic knowledge. He was quite sure he had not unduly dwelt upon the merits of the companions whom he esteemed so much, and would, in conclusion, ask the companions to drink with enthusiasm to the health of the Consecrating Principals.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Scribe E., replied. He said it was rather a misfortune that they who had taken a leading part in

that evening's ceremonies were all distinguished by the fact that they were particularly modest companions; and such being the case, they were taken back by the flattering encomiums passed upon them by the M.E.Z. He could assure the companions it had been a great and genuine pleasure to them to be present, and he was speaking not only for himself but also for his colleagues. Many of them had the privilege of taking part at the consecration of the parent lodge, and they remembered what a great success it was, and he was personally sorry that many who were present on that occasion were not with them that evening. He hoped, however, they would come in sooner or later. They all felt that the particular idea on which the lodge was started had been realised, and they knew it had justified the position taken up. As the Grand Superintendent of Essex had observed, the companions had lost no time in putting the crowning stone of Masonry upon their work by starting this chapter. It seemed to him that a lodge was a happy family, and that if the brethren of the lodge wished to go further into Masonry, it must be agreeable to them to join the higher Degrees amongst their own Masonically domestic circle. If a lodge was small it could not support a chapter, but with good materials and good expectations it was a good thing to have a chapter. That was the feeling prevalent, and they were glad to see that a lodge such as the Empire had started a chapter. They felt sure that in the hands of the M.E.Z. it must be a great success. It would be ungrateful on his part were he not to acknowledge the great services of those who had assisted him that evening in the labour of love they had performed. He had had a very excellent, distinguished, and well-known companion to assist him. Comp. Fenn's name was a household word, and not to know him was to be unknown in Masonry. They had all heard Comp. Brownrigg's silver tongue, and he was indebted to Comps. Richardson and Matier for their great help. On behalf of all his colleagues he thanked the companions very much, and assured them of the great pleasure it had been to assist in inaugurating that chapter.

The GRAND SCRIBE E. said the great honour devolved upon him of proposing a most important toast, that of "The Health of the M.E.Z." It was a most important toast, because, as he had had the opportunity of saying on many previous occasions, the W. Masters installed in lodges and the M.E. companions in chapters had worked up through all the offices. Then it was more or less by seniority. But when a number of brethren came together and said "Let us start a chapter," they then considered who was the most meritorious, and selected him to preside over the new chapter. It was an exceptional position to be so selected, and Comp. Lennox Browne stood in that proud position, for he had been named by the founders—and there were a good many of them—to preside as the First Principal. That was a compliment of which the M.E.Z. ought to be proud, and he heartily congratulated him upon it. He had had the pleasure of knowing him in various positions—socially, privately, and Masonically—and he thought the companions could not have done a wiser thing than to have selected him. Comp. Browne was, as he had said, unfortunately made a Mason a little later in life than many, but was so determined to make up for it that he had thrown his whole heart and soul into Masonry, and had been energetic in the Order for some years past. The manner in which their M.E.Z. had manipulated the Empire Lodge, of which he was the W.M. for two years, was beyond praise, and his exertions on behalf of this chapter had been forcibly brought before him, and had culminated that evening in a charming meeting. He considered the M.E.Z. was to be heartily congratulated on the success of that evening. The chapter was also to be congratulated upon having so excellent a First Principal. He was sure the companions would join in wishing him a successful and prosperous year of office in the Empire Chapter.

Comp. LENNOX BROWNE, M.E.Z., immediately rose to respond, and said he would not allow anything to stand between this toast, so kindly given, and his word of thanks. The fact was that Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had not only proposed, but had given the response to, the toast, for he had expressed the feelings which he actually felt. He did feel it a great honour that he had been instrumental in forming a lodge of some interest and novelty, and it was a difficult thing to find novelty in Masonry. He was happy to say the lodge had been well received, and especially in the Colonies, whence they numbered many members. On the occasion of the Colonial Exhibition, they had the satisfaction of seeing represented round their table 39 Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire. With regard to the chapter, he hoped they would be equally successful. He had on his right that evening as Second Principal a distinguished Englishman, and on his left a Mason from Kimberley, who had filled the office of W.M. in the Craft and of First Principal in R.A. Masonry. He had found that the Colonial Masons sometimes put the English Masons to the blush by their work, and nothing was better for emulation in the working than to have Colonial Masons with them. He was sure the oration that evening would stir every Mason who was devoted to loyalty and R.A. Masonry. He would not occupy their time further, except to thank them most heartily and sincerely for the honour they had done him.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Visitors." As the majority present were visitors, he would not say much about visiting companions or hospitality. He associated with the toast the name of a very distinguished Arch Mason and an old friend of his, but against whom, if he had one grudge, it was that he did not tell him of the charms of Masonry years ago. That was Comp. Sir John Monckton.

Comp. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, in response, said he appreciated the kind remarks of the M.E.Z., who had spoken very kindly of the visitors, and especially of himself. The M.E.Z. was an old neighbour and friend, but he could only presume, in the presence of others, that he had been selected to reply as being representative of the chapter to which the M.E.Z. belonged—No. 8. Comp. Browne, in quoting some lines from the "Ingoldsby Legends," had said that under certain circumstances a dinner had never been spoiled, but the visitors that night had done their best to spoil one of the best dinners he had ever sat down to. If the companions were never less hospitable than they were on the present occasion, they would set a good example to many lodges and chapters.

The Janitor's toast then closed the proceedings.

The musical portion of the ceremonies, and a selection performed between the various speeches, were carried out by Comp. Hodges, P.M., assisted by Comps. Seymour Smith, Kenningham, Carter, and Bell.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

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**BRO. BROADLEY "AT HOME."**

"Cairo Cottage, in the pleasant region of the Bois de St. Jean (whither artistic and intellectual London is gradually settling down upon its own leaseholds and freeholds), was very gay on Friday. If its genial host, Mr. Broadley, could give his guests so real a glimpse of Oriental sun and sky as of his Egyptian decorations, his pleasant retreat would be perfect. Nothing would be more characteristic than his Arabesque music-room, designed by Mr. Stephen Phillips, and decorated by Messrs. Campbell and Smith, with its carved teak-wood dado, and its dim religious light, perfumed with Eastern essences. The entire house suggests experience of Eastern bazaars and Arabian Nights and Days. There are Persian lamps and carpets; relics of Arabi Pasha, including the famous rebel's prayer carpet, ewer, inkstand, table, chair, and epaulettes; embroidered silk hangings from the mosques of Kairwan, visited by the host as correspondent of *The Times* in 1881; basket and leather work from the interior of Tripoli and the Soudan, and a thousand other things of current and historic interest. Friday's at home was inaugural of the new music-room, and the guests had a notable treat, as will be at once understood by the mere mention of the artistes, without any reference to the programme of their performances; they included Madame Marie Roze, Miss Agnes Larkcom, Miss Marion Mackenzie, Mrs. Ben. Davies, Miss Ganz, Mr. Maybrick, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Walter Clifford, and Mr. Joseph Tapley, and Wilhelm Ganz and Signor Romili conducted. Miss Larkcom was in especially good voice, and the breezy freshness of Maybrick's songs is always an agreeable sensation. Miss Norriss and Miss Olive Barkley recited; and there was some wonderful conjuring by Mr. C. Bertram.

"Of the 150 friends who honoured Bro. Broadley's Eastern house on this occasion may be mentioned: Prince and Princess Malcolm Khan, the Greek Minister, Lady Seymour, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, Sir W. and Lady Humphrey, Sir H. and Lady Isaacs, Lady Fanny Fitz-Wygram, Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. M'ewan, Rev. Henry White, Mdle. Massicault (sister of the French Minister resident at Tunis), Mr. Seager Hunt, M.P., and Mrs. Seager Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hatton, Mr. Frank Lockwood, O.C., M.P., Mrs. Frank Lockwood, Sir Duncan Campbell, Mrs. Maxse, Mr. Herbert de Stern, Dr. and Mrs. Robson Roose, Count Strickland, Mr. Louis Jennings, M.P., and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Goodall, R.A., and Mrs. Goodall, Mr. Frith, R.A., and Mrs. Frith, Mr. G. H. Boughton, A.R.A., and Mrs. Boughton, Mr. Colin Hunter, A.R.A., Hon. Mrs. Stormont Finch-Hatton, Mrs. Maudsley, Sir Frederick and Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beer, Mr. Kennett Howard, and Mr. Bancroft." —*Sunday Times*.

**COMING OF AGE OF MR. R. PERCY CLOWES.**

One of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings of the last few days was the banquet given by Bro. and Mrs. Clowes at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 11th inst., to commemorate the coming of age of their son, Mr. R. Percy Clowes. Bro. Richard Clowes is a Mason of long and high standing in the Craft. He is a member of several London and Essex Lodges, and, now that he resides in Sussex, we may look to find him playing as conspicuous a part in Freemasonry in that province as hitherto he has played in that of Essex and the Metropolis. He is also greatly respected, and it is not surprising therefore that, on an occasion of such peculiar interest to him and Mrs. Clowes, there should have been gathered around the festive board at that well-known hostelry—the Holborn Restaurant—a numerous assemblage of the friends, both Masonic and non-Masonic, and of both sexes of the family, all desirous of testifying by the warmth and sincerity of their congratulations to the regard they entertained for their host and hostess and their best wishes for the success in life of their son, Mr. R. Percy Clowes, who had just attained his majority. The banquet was in all respects worthy of the occasion, as well as of the house in which it was held. Bro. and Mrs. Clowes presided, and were supported right and left by Bro. Col. and Mrs. Shadwell H. Clerke and Miss Clerke, General and Mrs. Barnett Ford, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., and Miss Philbrick, Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., and Miss Lambert, Dr. and Mrs. Helsham, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Bro. Letchworth, Bro. and Mrs. Gerard Ford, Bro. and Mrs. C. Lambert, and there were likewise present Bro. V. P. Freeman and Miss Freeman, Bro. Ralling, Bro. and Mrs. Terry, Bro. F. Binckes and Miss Binckes, Bro. George Kenning, Bro. A. Welch, Bro. Willey, and others.

After the usual loyal and other toasts had been honoured, the toast of the evening—that of "Richard Percy Clowes"—was very ably proposed by Bro. PHILBRICK, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE subsequently giving that of "Our Host and Hostess;" while Bro. E. LETCHWORTH gave "The Ladies," for whom Mr. E. CECIL CLOWES gracefully returned thanks.

Some excellent songs were sung in the intervals between the speeches, and indeed everything was done that was calculated to enhance the pleasures of the evening.

We congratulate Mr. R. Percy Clowes on having passed through so trying an ordeal successfully, and we trust that his future career may be all that his devoted parents, his friends, and himself can desire.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JOHN TOPLIS.**

The Craft in Nottinghamshire has just sustained a very severe loss through the death of Bro. J. Toplis, who for the last 12 years had taken a particularly active part in Masonry, especially in connection with our Charitable Institutions, for which he has served several Stewardship's and raised large lists of subscriptions. Bro. Toplis was initiated in the Newstead Lodge, No. 47, in 1876, and was installed W.M. in 1881. He had served also as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and was a member of the York College of Rosicrucians, and when that body visited Newark some two years ago, he read an interesting paper on local numismatics. Bro. Toplis leaves a widow and numerous family, to whom we tender our respectful sympathy.

**BRO. JOHN COBHAM.**

The funeral of Bro. John Cobham, P.P.G.D. of West Lancashire, took place at Sephton Churchyard, on Saturday last, the number of private and Masonic friends who attended on the occasion in order to show their respect for the memory of the deceased brother being not far short of 200, among them being the following officers and members of the Merchants' Lodge, 241, of which the deceased was an esteemed P.M.: Bros. Capt. J. Macnab, W.M.; R. White, P.M., D.C.; S. Jude, I.P.M.; C. A. Luker, P.M.; J. Brotherton, P.M.; T. Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; W. M'Lachlan, S.W.; J. West, J.D.; F. Norris and G. D. Jones, Stwds.; G. Hulst, T. Parkes, T. D. Alderson, J. Jennings, W. M. Alston, W. R. Miller, J. Redfern, John Latta, T. J. Edwards, and T. Sibthorpe. Bro. Cobham was also S.W., and one of the founders of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 359, which was represented by Bros. R. Foote, W.M.; J. H. Barrow, I.P.M.; G. Morgan, P.M.; J. Bamford, J.W.; and Dr. Samuels, Sec. There were also present Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; T. H. W. Walker, P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Sutton, P.P.G.D.C.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; Capt. M. D. Hammill, P. Blackburn, I.P.M. 1380; J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182; T. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Molloy, 249; J. Casey, P.M.; Dr. Limrick, P.M. 1380; T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1357; J. H. Tyrer, P.M. 1182; T. Jarman, S.W. 1325; W. M'Ganley, S.W. 1570; I. Turner, P.G.S.B.; G. Williams, 2042; Councillor J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D. of C.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; F. A. Rainbow, W.M. 1393; S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; T. Wood, 241; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Savage, P.M., E. Batty, E. Graham, R. Bolus, B. Hughes, I. Knott, and A. Mein, of 1609; J. C. Robinson, P.G.S.; W. W. Thomas, and many others.



Mr. Wilson Barrett will commence his next engagement at the Princess's Theatre on Monday, the 28th inst., when he will appear as Hamlet, supported by Miss Eastlake, Mr. George Barrett, and a specially strong Company. "The Good Old Times," a new play, written by Mr. Wilson Barrett, in collaboration with Mr. Hall Caine, will be produced on Monday, February 11th. Whilst "Hamlet" occupies the night bill, "The Lady of Lyons" will be played at matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and, during the run of "The Good Old Times," Mr. Wilson Barrett's own new play, entitled "Now-a-Days," will be produced at daily matinees. In the last-named play, Mr. Barrett will embody a rough, sturdy Yorkshireman, and, if she recover her health in time, Miss Grace Hawthorne, the lessee of the Princess's Theatre, will herself join him in the cast.

From observation, we have noticed an odd fact that plays which are entitled "golden" have not been golden successes, whilst those which have had "silver" for their nomenclature have been veritable silver mines. As instances of the latter, we will refer to "The Silver King," its burlesque, "Silver Guilt," and, to some extent, "The Silver Shield." Bros. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, therefore, do well to name their new Adelphi drama "The Silver Falls." Everything about it betokens a big success. On Boxing Day this favourite home of melodrama had a heavier return sheet than any heretofore in its annals. The authors have broken new ground, which is refreshing, for of late Adelphi pieces have been more or less alike. We have had almost a surfeit of the hero's love for the heroine being thwarted by a villain rival, who has at length met his deserts; but in the new drama it is the wife herself who is the cause of the wreck of a good man's life, as she has been of others before. Eric Normanhurst, heir to his uncle's title of Lord Avondale, has met in Paris the lovely Spanish-American Lola, and has won and wedded her. She is pursued by Dick Redmayne, bent on levying blackmail, as also by Marcus Valles, who, ignorant of her marriage, wishes to have her friendship, as she has fascinated him and made him commit crimes for her sake. My Lord Avondale has heard of his nephew's attachment and comes to warn him, but of course too late, for he has fallen into her meshes. At first Eric Normanhurst will not believe his uncle's denunciations, and calls for proofs. Being confronted with Lola, he produces them. The scales fall from Eric's eyes, and he at once announces his attention of giving up his English life and going to Mexico and working in the mines. Of course Lola is his wife, and he will provide for her. Here ends the first act and the best of the whole four. The second act opens at Santa Rosa, Mexico, where we find, curiously enough, that Eric has entered into partnership with Redmayne, who, of course, seeks his ruin, and that Dick Slingsby and his wife, old friends of Eric's in England, are keepers of a store at the mines. Lola is not to be done out of her rights, and follows her husband. Marcus Valles brings the news that she has died in an hotel in New Orleans on her way to find Eric. The hero has fallen ill of fever, and is nursed by Primrose Easterbrook, and falls in love with her, and she with him, but he tells her guardian, Bob Maguire, that he daren't love, and is not free to hope. But the news arriving of the woman who has been a millstone round his neck being dead, he now marries Primrose. On the wedding night Eric is called away by his compnions for a time. A storm rages, and a woman on her way to Santa Rosa begs protection from the elements from Primrose Normanhurst. Ignorant, of course, that they are both the wives of one man, Lola—for it is she—tells her tale to Primrose. Eric returns, and a scene takes place when he finds Lola—still alive—in his home. The wretched man pleads for mercy on account of the good, pure girl he has just married, as well as for himself, from the vindictive, cruel Lola. The way is cleared by Valles, whose life has been ruined by the unscrupulous woman, stabbing her to the heart. Bro. Terriss is the Eric Normanhurst, and looks very handsome, and says many of the best lines. He knows well how to please an Adelphi audience. Miss Millward plays Primrose Easterbrook in a nice, gentle way. She is always sweet, but

the part does not afford her much scope. The part in the piece is that of Lola, excellently acted by Miss Olga Nethersole. We had occasion to say much about the talent which it is plain this young lady possesses when we were writing about "The Dean's Daughter" a few weeks ago. Miss Nethersole has had another opportunity, and has seized it. She is distinctly an emotional actress, and one who evidently grasps a situation easily. Mr. Cartwright is the Marcus Valles, but we liked him less than in his two recent characters at the same theatre. He was too monotonous. Mr. Royce Carleton makes the part of Redmayne stand out more than we expect the authors meant it. Bro. Beveridge, who has so long been the villain, has changed into a warm-hearted Irishman, and so only reverts to his earlier impersonations. An Adelphi piece would not be complete without Miss Clara Jecks. This little lady plays, with Mr. J. L. Shine, the light comedy parts, and, we need scarcely say, gets plenty of applause. Altogether, we think that the new line the Brothers Gatti have struck out will be found to be a safe and profitable one. "The Silver Falls" should be seen by every one who is fond of melodrama.

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The 300th representation of "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre was celebrated on Friday evening last, by a magnificent illumination of the exterior of the house. In fact, we may say that seldom, if ever, have illuminations on such a scale been consummated by individual effort, not even excepting those during the Jubilee, and it reflects the greatest credit on Messrs. Vaughan and Brown, the well-known gas engineers, for the manner in which they carried out the designs of the management. Some little time before the performance commenced the Strand in the immediate vicinity of the theatre became so crowded by those lost in admiration of the beautiful effect obtained by the hundreds of burners ablaze with light, that the police had to enforce the "move on" clause. Those coming down the Strand, either from east or west, at first imagined that a big conflagration was raging in the vicinity. The two large braziers surmounting the pinnacles of the edifice gave forth an enormous light, whilst flaming letters denoted the following: "Terry's," "Sweet Lavender," "300th time." At the conclusion of the evening's performance, the entire working staff connected with the theatre were entertained to a sumptuous repast by Bro. Edward Terry, the genial proprietor. During the evening each lady of the Company was the recipient of an exquisite bouquet, to which was attached a lovely long lavender sash. The New York "Sweet Lavender" Company cabled over a congratulatory message. The provincial "Sweet Lavender" Company, who are scoring an immense success at Aberdeen, also sent their congratulations. Mr. Brickwell informs us that the bookings are remarkably heavy, and still some way ahead, giving every indication that "Sweet Lavender" will prove a decided draw for a considerable period yet.

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A second edition of "Faust up to Date" has been published, by this we mean that Mr. George Edwardes, that shrewd manager of the Gaiety, has introduced into Bro. Sims' and Pettitt's burlesque, a lot of new "business" in the shape of songs, dances, and topical allusions, making it really "up to date." But, besides these, Miss Violet Cameron has been engaged, and now plays Faust, whilst Miss Robina takes the part of Siebel. We must say we felt no little sympathy for the latter young lady being superseded by another actress, however capable, and being as it were put back. In this, one of the greatest critics whom we sat beside agreed with us, that it is hard lines on Miss Robina. As we have not the least knowledge of the lady, we hope Mr. Edwardes will not consider we hold any brief. Miss Violet Cameron is a welcome addition, doubly so, in the fact that she is an excellent Faust, and that she has been too long absent from any stage. For her Mr. Bowyer has written a song called "Up to Date," which is brimful of passing events. Mr. George Stone, who has made himself a prime favourite at this home of extravaganza has a new song by Mr. E. Solomon, "He won't be happy till he gets it." Mr. Robert Martin, the author of "Ballyhooley," "Killalloe," &c., has composed a duet for Bro. Lonnen and Mr. Harry Parker. The allusions to the Walpole breach of promise case might well be spared, whilst those respecting Sir Charles Warren and the Parnell case are harmless and very funny. The Lord Chancellor suggests to Mephistopheles that they should play a drama; the latter asks what they shall call it. The former replies, "The Parnell Commission," to which Mephistopheles remarks that is not a drama, but a farce, and will take too long to play. Miss Florence St. John, as Marguerite, sings with all her old sweetness, and Miss Maria Jones, as Martha, makes a very important part. A "pas de six" has been put on in place of the "pas de quatre," and is one of the hits of the burlesque, being danced by the Misses Price, Levey, Wilmot, Young, Greville, and Love. The first two mentioned ladies have certainly made their mark. If it be true that Miss Letty Lind has made a matrimonial engagement in Australia, then Miss Lillian Price ought to have a long engagement (theatrical) at the Gaiety. Bro. F. J. Potter, who is known as an active Mason in his lodge, and now as treasurer of the Lyric Club, shows his activity and capability as the acting manager for Mr. Edwardes.

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Every one, whether readers of Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's book or not, should go and see "Little Lord Fauntleroy." It is one of the sweetest plays we have ever seen. It could not offend the ears of the most sensitive, but it might soften the hearts of the thoughtless. It is being played every afternoon (Saturdays excepted) at the Opera Comique by Mrs. Oscar Beringer's Company. The title rôle is played by little Miss Vera Beringer, a child of, we believe, 12 years of age. At Terry's Theatre and on tour "Little Lord Fauntleroy" met with much success, which quite justified its reproduction now. We hope Mrs. Beringer will make a bigger venture, and try it in the evening, if she can get a theatre. It is a play which spoils by criticising its details. It relies upon its sentiment and the wonderful acting it gets at the hands of Miss Vera Beringer, Miss Mary Rorke, and Mr. C. W. Somers, and the rest of the caste. We know of ladies who have gone to see it over and over again. We will guarantee a pleasant and profitable afternoon to any of our readers who may visit the Opera Comique, and make the acquaintance of "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

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- To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a Girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge."
- "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

F. R. W. HEDGES,  
Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,  
January 19th, 1889.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Office—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C.

GRAND PATRON:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-st., Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of JANUARY, 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution :—

To consider the following Notices of Motion :—

(1.) By Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, L.G.—

"That Law No. 53 be suspended during the next April Election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a Candidate at such Election."

(2.) By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, L.G.—

"That the Laws of the Institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court to be convened in accordance with Law 31."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a Recommendation from the General Committee—

"That 17 Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 26th April, 1889, from an approved List of 72 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases in addition deferred for final consideration."

The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Std.,  
V.-Pat., Secretary.

London, 9th January, 1889.

**LONDON ORPHAN ASYLUM, WATFORD.**

ELECTION, 28TH JANUARY, 1889.

**LAST CHANCE.**

Mr. J. S. CUMBERLAND, George Yard, Upper Thames Street, E.C., will be very grateful for Votes on behalf of

GEORGE ROBERTS, No. 142,

a very deserving case and a Last Chance. Exchange Masonic Votes.

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**SULPHUR TABLETS**

**To Correspondents.**

The following communications unavoidably stand over :

**CRAFT LODGES**—Anchor and Hope, No. 37; Scientific, No. 88; Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146; Sincerity, No. 189; Confidence, No. 193; Yarborough, No. 244; St. David's, No. 384; Bank Terrace, No. 462; Lodge of Concord, No. 632; Lodge of Independence, No. 721; Zetland, No. 852; Gosport, No. 903; Eclectic, No. 1201; Ferrum, No. 1848; Coleridge, No. 1750; and Prince Edward, No. 2109.

**MARK LODGE**—Adam, No. 6.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS**—Lion and Lamb, No. 192; Tynte, No. 379; Temple, No. 558; and Henley, No. 1472.

**OBITUARY**—Bro. Richard White.

Masonry in Canada.

Masonic Ball at Liverpool.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1889.

**Original Correspondence.**

**HISTORY OF No. 246, CHELTENHAM.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your reviewer asks if I can tell him whether the celebrated Court physician, Sir W. Jenner, was a son of Bro. Dr. Edward Jenner, the discoverer of the advantages of vaccination, to whose connection with Gloucestershire Masons reference was made in the little sketch of the history of my lodge. I can answer the question in the negative. Sir William Jenner was born, I believe, at Chatham, in 1815. Dr. Jenner was then living at Cheltenham, where he lost his wife by death on September 13th of that year. Crushed by his bereavement, he at once retired to Berkeley, his native place, where he died in 1823. Dr. Jenner was, as I mistake not, the first W.M. of the Faith and Friendship Lodge at Berkeley, No. 270, after its acquisition, in 1802, of the warrant (dated 1789) it now holds.

Will you permit me to add to these few words of reply an expression of my thanks for the kindly notice with which you have honoured the "History of No. 246?" You have proved yourself, I fear, a partial critic of my work; but I shall be glad if the indulgence shown to me has the effect of encouraging others to take an interest in their lodge records. I can assure them, from my own experience, that they need not fear to ask assistance from the veteran historians of the Craft or from our courteous Grand Secretary, in the investigation of any matters of doubt or difficulty. Such assistance is given with a readiness which makes it a pleasure to ask it. To Bro. Hughan especially have I reason to express my gratitude for the help he has given me.

In reference to one remark in your review, kindly allow me to say that, though the sketch was published for private circulation, and is not on sale, I shall be pleased to present a copy to any collector of such histories, so far as the number of copies I have had printed will permit me.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. NORMAN, P.M. 246.

**"RULE 210."**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the chief point in Bro. Hitchens' argument is a contrast between the manner in which brethren in arrears are dealt with in England and the Colonies, I shall again have to refer to them; but Bro. Hitchens must accept my assurance, once for all, that I consider a colonial brother as good as one hailing from the mother country. Law 78 of the Book of Constitutions provides: "In Colonies and foreign parts the terms District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge are used to distinguish such officers and lodges from Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges in England."

Law 101 says: "The Provincial or District Grand Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government and of making regulations for the guidance of the private lodges of the Province or District, provided that none of these be contrary to or inconsistent with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, but such by-laws shall not be valid until submitted to and approved by the Grand Master." Law 162 says: "Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master, being in the case of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge sent through the Provincial or District Grand Master for his approval previously to transmission. . . . No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved."

It follows from these three rules that no by-law of any lodge, whether home, colonial, or foreign, is valid until approved by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Master.

In respect of the exclusion of brethren for any cause, there is one rule, and one rule only, for all lodges, whether home, colonial, or foreign. This is Rule 210, which says—"Every lodge has the power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member shall have received due notice in writing of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard."

I maintain that with regard to by-laws the powers of Provincial Grand Masters are absolutely identical with the powers of District Grand Masters.

Neither Provincial nor District Grand Lodges have power over the by-laws of private lodges.

Bro. Hitchens, in describing, in the seventh paragraph

of his letter, the course pursued in the case of the by-laws of private lodges abroad, has altogether overlooked the obligation to obtain the approval of the Grand Master in London; without this none of his by-laws are valid. In his 17th paragraph (his letter is very long, and the question lies in a nutshell) he refers to some unknown date when Lord Zetland was Grand Master; but is it necessary to remind him that the Constitutions of those days are totally different from those of 1884 now in force, the question now under discussion being one amongst the principal alterations?

Having now, I hope, proved that all lodges are under the same law, I will proceed to deal with the proper treatment of brethren in arrears. I contend that no brother's name should be excluded from the list of members unless in a regular manner. I differ, therefore, from Bro. Pope, who suggests it can be quietly dropped out. This is not the way to meet a difficulty, for a difficulty there is, in the omission in the rule as to the defaulting brother's address.

A brother's address once given holds good till altered. I consider that, before excluding a brother, it is the duty of the Secretary to send him a notice, addressed to his last known residence, that so much money is due from him as subscriptions to the lodge, and that on a certain day, at the next meeting of the lodge, in the event of these arrears not being then paid, a motion will be made to exclude him from the lodge. Only thus can you comply with Rule 210, and "give due notice of the complaint made against him and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard."

Of course, in quoting Rule 162, I take for granted that the Grand Secretary will not sanction any by-law, at home or abroad, which is not consistent with Rule 210.

I repeat that a brother excluded without notice would successfully appeal to Grand Lodge and be restored to membership. It is obvious that no monthly foot-note can make a by-law valid which is not so originally.—Yours fraternally,

16th January.

FLEJ.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. E. Lytton Hitchins is entirely mistaken as to the powers of District Grand Lodges respecting private lodge by-laws—a District Grand Lodge has no such special authority in the matter.

Up to 1883, by-laws, both in provinces at home and in districts abroad, were simply confirmed by their Prov. Dist. G.M.'s, but in the new Book of Constitutions issued 1st January, 1884, it was ordered that in every case the final approval of the M.W. Grand Master is requisite before the by-laws, or any alterations of them, can become valid (see Art. 162), and this rule applies equally to districts abroad and provinces at home.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

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THE CADOGAN LODGE, No. 162, LONDON.

I do not know whether there are other warrants similarly situated, but that of the Cadogan Lodge, now No. 162, chartered on 9th February, 1767, has 384 as its original number, whereas it evidently should have been 383. In an interesting sketch of its history, compiled by Bro. Hildebrand Ramsden, P.M. and Treasurer (1881), a copy of the warrant is given, bearing the number 384, and as I noticed that did not agree with Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," p. 103, nor with any of the MS. Registers, Lists, or Calendars, I wrote Bro. Ramsden thereon. He confirms the fact that the charter is numbered 384, not 383, and I anticipate that the error arose from Bro. Samuel Spencer (G. Sec. in 1767) transposing the numbers of the two warrants for London (the first of which was the "Cadogan") granted on 9th February and 16th February, 1767, respectively. The junior lodge has long been extinct, but it is just possible that the old warrant is preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, about which Bro. H. Sadler could tell us, as he has made a list of those curious and interesting documents. I wish that all old lodges had their histories described in as pleasant a manner as that of No. 162, for, failing a more extended history, such sketches are of considerable value and interest to the members, and preserve the chief facts, at all events.

W. J. HUGHAN.



## Craft Masonry.

**BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).**—The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 11th inst. The attendance included Bros. Ernest Jones, W.M.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M.; John Soper, P.M.; A. G. Creak, P.M.; T. Walton, P.M.; T. Hall, P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M.; Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; and other officers and brethren; whilst there were 18 visitors from various parts.

After the W.M. had passed Bros. G. J. Millen, the chair was taken by Bro. J. Soper, P.M., who in a most efficient manner proceeded to install Bro. C. Jenner in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. V. Larner, S.W.; J. C. Main, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; Dr. D. J. W. Donovan, S.D.; E. F. Shoebridge, J.D.; and J. Bruton, I.G. An intimation was here given of the serious illness of Bro. F. Millis, P.M., Stwd., and a vote of sympathy with him was subsequently passed. The W.M. warmly eulogised the work of Bro. Ernest Jones during the past year, and, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. E. Jones suitably replied. The report of the Audit Committee showed the Treasurer's accounts to be in a very satisfactory condition. There was a balance in hand of £35 18s. 1d., and a balance on the Benevolent Fund of £11 17s. 7d.

Bro. Thomas Walton then made a presentation of a most pleasing character to Bro. Ernest Jones, on behalf of his wife, that lady having presented the I.P.M. with a daughter during his year of office. The gift was in silver, and of an appropriate design. Bro. Jones was taken by evident surprise, and the reader must be left to imagine the reply he made.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the usual Bedford banquet, which was of a recherché character, and was excellently served in Freemasons' Tavern. The W.M. kindly provided professional harmony.

In the course of the evening the toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Frank Piggott, 88, and J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167, two Past Provincial Grand Officers. The former, after a humorous allusion to the Bedford's summer outing to Virginia Water, with its varied experiences, mentioned with pleasure the fact that the Province of Cambridgeshire had within the past six years contributed over £1900 to the Masonic Charities, and thus raised itself to a position of credit amongst the Craft in regard to relief.

The response to the toast of "The Past Masters, the Treasurer, and the Secretary," fell to Bro. W. Liddall, who informed the brethren of an important discovery which he had made on his table in lodge in the shape of a printed copy of the by-laws of Bedford Lodge, when standing at No. 257 in the Masonic register, together with an appendix containing extracts from the proceedings of the lodge from 1766 to 1831. He read several extracts, and called special attention to By-law 25, which ran thus:—"That at all times a profound silence shall be observed on the usual notice given by the Master. Any member introducing obscene or profane discourses, starting religious or political disputes, or being disguised in liquor, sitting down unclothed while the lodge is open, proposing wagers, distributing shop-bills or tickets, interrupting a brother while speaking, hissing at what has been said, or is not standing while he addresses the chair, such offending brother shall be subject to any censure the majority of the members present may think proper to impose." Bro. Liddall further showed that a hundred years ago their initiation fee was a guinea, the visiting fee (supper included), 1s. 6d., suppers 6d. each, punch or negus 2s. 6d. per bowl. It was equally curious to note that in 1804 Bro. R. Jones was made W.M., and that from 1808 to 1817 inclusive he also filled the chair, whilst the number of members ranged from 65 to 98 during that period. This was very apropos, as the I.P.M. is a brother of that ilk.

Bro. T. Walton, who had initiated Bro. E. Jones, replied on behalf of "The P.M.'s," and trusted that their conduct would a hundred years hence bear comparison with that of their predecessors in the old days. Whereupon the Secretary rose and called attention to the record that in December, 1797, Bro. Walton was "expelled for repeated irregular and improper conduct during lodge hours."

This verily convulsed the brethren, and none laughed more heartily than Bro. T. Walton. Indeed, the production of these old by-laws and reminiscences afforded immense pleasure, and a very general wish was expressed that they should be reprinted.

Not the least singular part of the business appears to be the fact that Bro. W. Liddall does not know to whom he is indebted for the copy alluded to which was placed in the lodge.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was, as usual, attended by a large number of brethren. The members included Bros. H. J. Chapman, W.M.; Richard Harvey, S.W.; R. Salmon, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. E. Spurrell, S.D.; T. B. Goodfellow, J.D.; R. Hewetson, I.G.; E. A. G. Smith, D.C.; A. Piper, Stwd.; E. Riechelmann, Org.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; H. N. Price, P.M.; J. McLean, P.M.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; J. Buseult, P.M.; H. B. Spink, P.M.; J. E. Walker, P.M.; W. Herbage, P.M.; J. Barnett, jun., Plenderleith, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Mason, P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. H. Baker, P.M. 2030; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; R. R. Harker, P.M., Sec. 813; G. Goble, I.P.M. 1273; D. J. Trolley, P.M. 209; J. J. Cook, 1185; J. B. Whitworth, 1150; A. Wood, 1185; G. P. Britten, P.M., Treas. 183; J. R. Duff, 145; T. E. Mundy, J.W. 1670; T. F. Cook, 158; R. E. Feuillade, P.M. 1381; A. Aird, J.D. 820; R. Turl, 261; H. Mogel, 174; W. Wingham, 25; R. Barker, P.M. 104; C. Townley, 2190; M. W. Halliday, P.M. 1205; H. J. Deaton, I.G. 25; Augustus Harris, P.M. 2127; W. F. Herbage, 887; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Bailey, S.D. 1732; G. T. Miles, 1929; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec. 2127; and W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bros. Baker and Simpson were then passed to the Second Degree. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. R. Harvey duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. H. J. Chapman, I.P.M. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Salmon, S.W.; Spurrell, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; Goodfellow, P.M., S.D.; Hewetson, J.D.; Riechelmann, Org.; E. Smith, I.G.; Piper, D.C.; J. Barnett, Stwd.; and Walkley, Tyler. The addresses were ably delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Chapman, I.P.M. Messrs. Norton and Farman were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. A handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Chapman, I.P.M., by the W.M., who referred to the excellent work done by the I.P.M., and expressed the hope that he would be spared for many years to assist in the lodge. Bro. Chapman, I.P.M., in returning thanks, said he had endeavoured to win the approbation of the members, and was delighted to think he had succeeded. On the motion of Bro. G. Everett, P.M., Treas., the sum of 25 guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of the W.M. The resignations of Bros. Thwaites and Owen were accepted with regret. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the customary toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., returned hearty thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers." He said it was a great pleasure, a privilege, and he might say a great

honour, for a brother to be able to stand up in response to this toast. It was also an honour to be associated with the names of two of the most eminent members of the Craft. He was sorry that so old and ancient a lodge as the Domatic had not some Grand Officers amongst its members to respond. He, however, hoped the day was fast approaching when they would have a most distinguished member and Past Master of the lodge who would, by their suffrages and kindness, have a right to take a prominent place in Grand Lodge. The brethren knew he referred to Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas. He hoped they would put their shoulders to the wheel so that at their next installation meeting they could have the privilege of hearing a speech from the Grand Treasurer and a member of their lodge. It was a great pleasure to him to be present, as he knew many members, and it was also a gratification to see the good working.

Bro. Chapman, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they had not yet seen much of Bro. Harvey, W.M., but they had seen sufficient to satisfy themselves that he would do honour to them. During the past year he (the I.P.M.), had had the forbearance of the brethren, and he knew that would not be wanting during the forthcoming period. He asked them to heartily welcome the W.M.

Bro. Richard Harvey, W.M., returned hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been given and received. The I.P.M. had thought fit to use kindly expressions, but whether he deserved them he left the brethren to judge. He trusted he should always have the interest of the lodge at heart, and that he should carry out his duties to their satisfaction and the credit of the Domatic Lodge.

"The Initiates" having been duly honoured and responded to by Bros. Norton and Farman,

"The Visitors" was given by the W. Master. The members, he said, were at all times pleased to see visitors present, for to hold out the right hand of fellowship was one of their first duties. That evening they were honoured by a considerable number of most distinguished Masons. As it would be impossible for all the visiting brethren to reply, he would couple the names of Bros. Broadley, Britten, Augustus Harris, and Wingham.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, in reply, said that in the face of the admirable example which the members of the lodge had set in the matter of brevity, and also as three other brethren were to succeed him in the pleasing task of responding, he should limit his remarks to a few words. Although a visitor he did not now come before them as a stranger, for this was the third time he had visited the lodge. He remembered coming to it many years ago when he returned to England after long absence and made the acquaintance of his Masonic friends in London. He remembered the pleasing affect on his mind produced by the hospitality which they then exercised, and it was his privilege some years after to assist at that Festival which commemorated the Centenary of the lodge. Coming amongst them that evening he not only saw a worthy brother installed into the chair, but he also saw good work and the same charming hospitality with which the name of this lodge had ever been associated. When he last came among them he told them a great deal of what they were doing in other climes and other countries. Since that time he had become one of themselves and it had been his privilege to perform some work in one of the successful lodges, known to many as the Drury Lane Lodge. It gave him pleasure in returning thanks to have on his right so good and excellent a friend as Bro. Augustus Harris, to whom the Drury Lane Lodge was mainly indebted for its success. He was afraid the days were past when he could appear as often as he used in Masonic lodges. It was only on rare occasions that he was able to avail himself of those kind invitations of which the one he received that evening was an example. It was a privilege for any brother to visit a lodge like theirs, and when in the lodge room he took up the case containing the warrant which had been transmitted from generation to generation, and also the centenary warrant, he thought it was a pleasure to come to a lodge which had so honourable and ancient a history. The lodge had numbered many illustrious Masons on its list, and a proud day was in store when it would number its respected Treasurer as the Grand Treasurer of England. He made the acquaintance of that worthy brother when he came amongst them for the first time and they had remained friends ever since, and he would do anything he could to assist him whose life had been an honour to himself and to the lodge which he had served so faithfully. He had no doubt that with the assistance of those he saw around the table they would be successful. If he might be excused for indulging in a little prophecy he would express a hope that they had, in that room, the two next Grand Treasurers of England. Bro. Augustus Harris, who was a young Mason, would always, he was sure, do his best, and if successful in obtaining that distinction do his utmost to carry out and follow the example set by so old a Mason and so worthy a veteran in Masonry as Bro. Everett, whose record entitled him to that office which the suffrages of the brethren would doubtless confer upon him. He hoped he should be present at the next installation meeting and that they would see Bro. Everett in the position to which he aspired, so that they could congratulate him upon the addition of one more laurel to the crown of honourable and venerated traditions which the Domatic Lodge might justly claim.

Bro. Britten, P.M. 183, having responded, Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M. 2127, replied, and returned thanks for the kind greeting he had received. He little expected to be called upon for a speech, and in fact he was not sure he should be able to have the pleasure of attending. He should always remember that evening as a red letter day.

Bro. Wingham also responded.

Bro. H. J. Chapman, I.P.M., replied for the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he felt it an honour to be the leading speaker for such a distinguished body. He thanked them for the warm manner in which they had received the toast.

Bro. Furgeson, P.M., said the P.M.'s would endeavour to merit the same good feeling they had received in the past. They had all read the graphical description by Charles Dickens of a character who could not keep out the head of Charles I. from any document he wrote. He was in the same position respecting their having a Grand Officer in the lodge. He did not take up his subject until he found one in this lodge, one who was worthy of the suffrages of all the members of the Craft. In Bro. Everett they had an esteemed brother whom they had known for 25 years, and no worthier brother could be found. He was

quite satisfied that this time next year they would have a Grand Officer as an active member of their Lodge.

Bro. Herbage, P.M., also responded. The Worshipful Master then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said it needed no words from him to tell the brethren of the good qualities of those officers. They were both good men and true, who had been well-tried, and who had the interest of the lodge at heart.

With regard to Bro. Everett, he was sure he should be pardoned if he alluded to the forthcoming campaign. A great deal had been said about that, but he must impress upon the brethren the fact that they should do all they could to further the election of Bro. Everett as Grand Treasurer, for it was to the credit of the lodge that they should have such a distinguished brother in that office. He hoped they would all vote and influence all brethren who had a right to vote. With regard to Bro. Morris, the Secretary, he could not say too much as to his abilities or of the esteem in which he is held.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., remarked that he had often said, standing in that place, how proud he had felt to be the Treasurer of the old Domatic Lodge. He felt prouder than ever that night, for they had been honoured by the presence of Grand Officers who had vied with each other in saying how pleased they had been with everything in connection with that lodge. He was glad, at the commencement of a new year, to congratulate the lodge on its continued prosperity. He was further glad that they had been able to vote 25 guineas to the Old People, it being their turn to receive this sum. He mentioned this to show that, although they enjoyed themselves, they were not unmindful of the Charities. Allusion had been made to the fact that he was a candidate for the blue ribbon of Freemasonry. He called it so, for it depended upon the blue Masons whether he should be Grand Treasurer or not, it being the one high office a brother could obtain by the suffrages of his brother Masons. It was one he had set his heart's delight to obtain, and was therefore anxious to succeed. A number of brethren had come there whose hearts had been overflowing with the milk of human kindness, and whose remarks had been received with acclamation. He was in the 31st year of his membership, and when he remembered the kindness he had received he naturally felt proud. He was also proud to say that in many lodges which he had visited, every time his name had been mentioned it had been received with kindness, and with equal kindness as in his own lodge. This made him popeful. No matter what might be said to the contrary, a strong candidate had been brought forward against him, so that the fight would be a close one. It was very encouraging to hear the kind remarks of the brethren, but he desired to impress upon those who were disposed to support him that it was not merely good wishes that would secure his election, but that they must be present to vote, for one certainty was worth many promises from those who were not likely to be present. He had published one list of supporters, and he prided himself that there was not a name on that list without the consent of the brother mentioned, and that not one of his Committee had had any complaint on the subject. One word with regard to canvassing. In the old days it was thought unmasonic to solicit for any kind of office in the lodge, and he could remember when a S.W. was brought to book for expressing the hope that the brethren generally would support him for the office of W.M. All that had altered, and during the last few years the Grand Treasurership of England had been fought upon quite electioneering lines, and the man who hoped to win must canvass and do his best if he wished to succeed. He was fighting the election on Masonic lines, and if he was beaten—and he should be very disappointed if he was—he should be one of the first to congratulate his opponent. He thanked the brethren heartily for their kind expressions of feeling, and he trusted the lodge would go on and prosper, and that this time next year they would meet the same happy family, and in the same happy condition they were in at the present time.

Bro. T. Morris, Sec., having replied, "The Masonic Charities" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., who urged upon the brethren the necessity of supporting him in his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., representing the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, said that at that very late hour he would not say much, but would be as brief as he could in trying to thank them. It was no new subject—the only difficulty being to say something new. In this old and esteemed lodge, where they had one at the helm of affairs in regard to the Charities who had been doing noble work, and who was as capable of giving them information as he was, it would be unnecessary to say much. Bro. Everett had qualified himself to say that the affairs of the Institution were well and properly carried out. He knew that in the first eight years with which he was connected with the Institution, they took on additional annuities so as to increase the amount expended yearly by £4000, and that for eight years was good work. He hoped the brethren would nobly support the list of the W.M., and sustain the reputation the Domatic Lodge had made for itself in the past.

"The Officers" was next given and responded to by Bro. Salmon, S.W., after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Riechelmann, Org., presided at the pianoforte, and under his direction an excellent programme of music was carried out. He was assisted by Madame Riechelmann, Miss Foxcroft, Mr. Trefelyn Davis, and Bro. F. W. Stephens.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. R. Longley, W.M.; Foalé, S.W.; Westley, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Ruffie, S.D.; Dennis, I.G.; Lundie, Stwd.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; I. C. Walls, P.M.; P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, I.P.M.; Pope, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Smith, 72; Austin, 619; Herchla, 619; Burn, 1539; Griffin, 1975; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. Barns and J. Barry were impressively raised to the Third Degree, Bro. W. J. Potter was passed, and Mr. J. T. Parrett initiated. Bro. Burn officiated most effectively as Organist during the ceremonies. The by-laws having been read, Bro. Foalé, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Reinardt, re-elected Tyler.

Bros. Bailey, Mecham, and Colwell were elected to audit the accounts on the 20th inst. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M. in recognition of the very excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. Bro. Foalé, W.M. elect, having been elected Steward to represent the R.M.I. for Boys at the next Festival, it was proposed by Bro. Walls, seconded by Bro. La Feuillade, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed on Bro. Foalé's list."

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

The usual toasts followed. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," paid him a very high compliment upon the admirable manner in which he had performed his duties during an exceptionally arduous year of office. He (the I.P.M.) was pleased to announce that the W. Master would crown his labours by installing his successor.

The W.M., in reply, paid a graceful compliment to Bro. Everett as Treasurer, Bro. Stuart, as Secretary, and the rest of the officers, who had assisted so loyally and zealously during his tenure of the chair. He had also to thank Bro. La Feuillade and the other P.M.'s for their valuable advice and assistance.

The other toasts followed, and some pleasing instrumental and vocal selections were given by Bros. Burn, Everett, Lundie, and others.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. A very large number of brethren attended, both members of the lodge and visitors. Bro. Bowers Solomon, W.M., was, as usual, in his place, and the following P.M.'s supported him: Bros. E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; H. W. Kedgley, P.M.; John Jacobs, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; and G. Coleman, P.M. The visitors were Bros. B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; F. P. Hill, S.W. 2146; W. Marshall, 1237; J. D. Graham, W.M. elect 1559; Alf. Wilson, W.M. 2146; H. Smith, J.W. 1348; A. Meering, 79; W. Roots, 1273; F. Lockett, 1638; J. Skinner, P.M. 538; P. Parsons, P.M. 749; F. M. Noakes, I.G. 2148; John Moon, 2148; J. Cox, P.M. 190; F. W. Peed, P.M. 190; G. Dickinson, W.M. 1681; W. Hancock, 1056 and 2191; J. Allen, 2191; W. Lincoln, 2191; E. T. Taylor, S.D. 1567; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; E. Rogers, I.P.M. 1238; R. S. Peart, 1850; W. W. Lee, 1897; D. P. Fowler, 511; R. J. Harnell, D.C. 2021; E. G. Mansell, 879; J. W. Moorman, Sec. 1981; P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; Thos. C. Seary, 1937; D. McTough, P.M. 905; H. Briley, I.G. 879; E. H. Dowler, P.M. 1261; T. Robins, P.M. 25; H. Syder, W.M. 79; V. Orchard, P.M. 79; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1351; W. Fowles, W.M. 1348; John Coltart, P.M. 749; G. Clark, W.M. 2191; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; G. Everett, P.M. 177; J. Rowe, 2191; W. Richards, 1853; P. F. McConnell, 2191; C. Solomon, 188; F. Jackson, 2191; F. Kedgley, S.W. 2191; G. Jas. Briggs, 15; H. Marks, P.M. 1349; W. Wingham, P.M. 25; T. G. Davis, 27; G. Scott Miller, 2264; T. Holmes, 141; P. Harris, 1668; and others.

The large assemblage was caused by the well known excellent working of the lodge, the great popularity of the members, and the universal esteem in which the incoming Master, Bro. George Reynolds, is held. The work of installing him was entrusted to the Treasurer, Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., whose efficiency in giving the ceremonies has acquired for him an extended fame. On this occasion his performance was the admiration of the assembled company, from the perfection of accuracy with which it was conducted, and the deep feeling which was infused into the delivery of the ritual. Bro. George Reynolds, having been duly placed in the chair, invested Bro. Bowers Solomon as I.P.M., and the following brethren were made officers for the year: Bros. S. Hewitt, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Coleman, Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; J. Woodward, S.D.; G. H. Foan, J.D.; W. Unwin, I.G.; A. Bullen, D.C.; T. A. Dickson, P.M., and G. C. Bond, Stewards; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The investitures were admirably executed by the new W.M., who showed thorough proficiency in his duties. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Edward Jacobs, "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet in the Victoria Hall, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, assisted by Mr. Hoogen, the assistant manager. The W.M. on entering the hall was received with cheers. When the banquet was disposed of, and grace having been said, the toasts were promptly proposed.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Queen and Craft," said the brethren all knew that the Queen possessed all the qualifications that Masons greatly admired. She was the mother of the greatest Mason that ever lived, and she possessed in her heart all those qualities that the brethren held so dear—faith, hope, and charity.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." When they considered that the Prince of Wales threw his heart and soul into Masonic work (and they had not a stronger instance of it than what he did on the occasion of her Majesty's Jubilee by taking the chair at the meeting at the Albert Hall, and also at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School), there was no surprise that when he (the W.M.) and Bro. Skinner went to America last year they had the pleasure of finding H.R.H. thoroughly revered and considered really as the Grand Master of the Craft throughout the world. They must bear this in mind, that the Prince of Wales' ideas of Masonry were something grand and beautiful, for he gave expression to that phrase, that though Freemasonry was a Secret Society it was not a dangerous one.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that all who attended Grand Lodge must have noticed the impartial manner in which the business was done; it received attention, and there was no bias or prejudice shown. They had two Grand Officers present that night, Bro. Brackstone Baker and Bro. Binckes, who must have been thoroughly delighted with the reception they had had. Bro. Baker was the representative at Grand Lodge of England of 19 Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada. Bro. Baker was one of the most

business men it had ever been his pleasure and duty to come in contact with, and he could conscientiously say this, having acted as Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, of which Bro. Baker had been the first Master. When he (the W.M.) was in America last autumn with Bro. Skinner he found Bro. Brackstone Baker's name was revered there. As to Bro. Binckes, they knew he worked very, very hard as Secretary of the Boys' School, and at the present time he had the very hardest task before him, because the Girls' School had last year taken the lion's share of the subscriptions. Therefore, it was the duty of every Mason to do all they possibly could to assist the Boys' School. But as far as the Grand Officers were concerned the brethren he felt sure were delighted that Bro. Brackstone Baker and Bro. Binckes were among them.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, in reply, while regretting that Bro. Binckes had not been selected to respond, compared himself to the ecclesiastics who, when saying Nolo Episcopari, nevertheless liked it all the same. Young Masons might think that Grand Officers were clothed in purple and fine linen, and sat in a rarefied atmosphere on the dais in Grand Lodge, but he could tell them that the Grand Officers were a most serviceable workable set of brethren without whom Freemasonry would hardly exist. They were the House of Lords, the Senate, the nobles of Freemasonry, who had been through their periods of labour, who had survived the times of adversity, and were trustees of a very rich inheritance which had been handed down to them, not merely the grips and passwords, but the great principles of Freemasonry, the instincts of the Fraternity, the doctrines of Freemasonry which had been illustrated that evening by Bro. Jacobs in the installation ceremony. These were the great landmarks of the Order which the Grand Officers jealously and faithfully guarded, and saw were not violated. If any amendment or innovation were proposed by any one, the Grand Officers would not only speak, but vote against it. If any flagrant violation of the ritual were suggested, the Grand Officers were in Grand Lodge to act and speak earnestly and energetically against it. That was part of their duties, because they had passed their apprenticeship, and gone through a severe ordeal before being elevated to their high rank. He had not heard of a Grand Officer who had been selected without having merit as well as favour. He had been 20 years a Grand Officer, and though many had outstripped him in the performance of their duties to Grand Lodge, he had to thank the brethren for the kindness with which the Grand Officers were generally received. Bro. Baker then referred to the visit of the W.M. to America, and said the ostensible object of the visit was to get and bring home to him (Bro. Baker) a jewel for him to wear as representing the Grand Lodge of Maryland. If Bro. Reynolds had done nothing else on this visit, he had done a meritorious action; he had well fulfilled his duty in the Anglo-American Lodge, and he possessed what Carlyle called the "infinite tact of taking trouble," like Mr. Spurgeon's housemaid, who swept under the mat at the foot of the stairs as well as around it. If Bro. Reynolds was the same sort of Master as he was Secretary of a lodge, the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge would have a perfect Master in him.

The Immediate Past Master proposed "The W.M.," a toast which he hoped would be given a most hearty greeting.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the toast and the brethren for drinking it so heartily. He was but a grafting on the Covent Garden Lodge, and he trusted his grafting would become a good sound limb of the tree. Ever since he had been among the Covent Garden brethren he had always met with much kindness and had made many sound and sincere friends. He must admit that he had worked very hard for the Covent Garden Lodge and for the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, of which he had the honour of being Secretary, but he had been received always with a heartiness and kindness which made a great impression on him. Bro. Brackstone Baker had been kind enough to say that he (the W.M.) had been a good Secretary and that he would be a good Master. It was a great pleasure to him to know that the brethren had elected him unanimously. He would endeavour to do his duty to the lodge, not only while he was in the chair but after he left it, and he trusted he should have strength given him to perform those duties which were imposed on him with a love of them and with a sincere regard for all the members of the lodge. He saw around the festive board the faces of those he had brought in himself, and he was sure there was not one of them who would ever regret they had joined the Covent Garden Lodge. In the future as in the past he trusted he should always have that love given him which he had always had given him wherever he went, whether in the lodge or out of it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M.; the I.P.M., and the P.M.'s." The brethren must have been impressed with the beautiful manner in which Bro. Jacobs performed the installation; and when he was delivering the addresses, he (the W.M.) felt he was fortunate in having Bro. Jacobs to install him. There was no misunderstanding his words. The members of the Covent Garden Lodge had always met with the greatest kindness from Bro. Jacobs; and, passing on to the remainder of the P.M.'s, there was a fine array of them, which one seldom saw at a table. They were all good, sound Masons, and worked, and intended to work, very hard for the Covent Garden Lodge, and in his year of office would give him all the assistance he required—and he should require a great deal.

Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., responding, said, being in the position of father of the lodge, it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to be at least one of the mouthpieces of the P.M.'s of the lodge on that occasion. They would allow him to draw a little on his imagination when he told them he was trying to interpret what he knew must be running in the P.M.'s minds, viz., the gratification which they as well as himself must feel at that numerous assemblage to do honour to the installation of their highly-respected W.M. They did not flatter themselves that that assemblage was there for any other purpose than that, because they were all aware of the great respect, love, and esteem in which their worthy brother was held by a very large number of highly-respected Freemasons. In saying that, he should also say that it was only the fringe of the mantle that clung to his shoulders falling upon the P.M.'s, because they considered him as one of their own children; and therefore, when the brethren came there to do honour to Bro. Reynolds, they felt that they did honour not only to the P.M.'s, but to the other members of the Covent Garden Lodge. He said this because he wished them to

feel that no one had more love and esteem for Bro. Reynolds than had the members of the lodge themselves. They felt very gratified at this, and the brethren would have heard sufficient that night to prove that the P.M.'s of the Covent Garden Lodge had done in the past as they would in the future—everything needful, right, and proper, not only for the interest of their lodge in particular, but of the Craft in general. He looked back himself upon the many years he had been connected with this lodge—being one of the first founders of the lodge—with the sincerest pleasure when he saw that they were able at their age to congregate around their festive board so very, very many friends to see what a great and prosperous career it had. He thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they on this occasion, and all occasions, received the toast of "The P.M.'s." They hoped in the future to deserve the appreciation of their services which had been expressed that evening.

Bro. George Coleman also replied.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," trusted they had enjoyed themselves. One thing was very certain—they were all very welcome. Speaking of Bro. George Everett, he said that brother was a candidate for the Grand Treasurership. He had known Bro. Everett many years—indeed, before he (the W.M.) entered Masonry. Bro. Everett was thoroughly respected; he had done wonders for Masonry, and had worked hard; he did not know a Mason who had worked harder; and he asked all the Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, whatever lodge they represented, who were present that evening, to attend Grand Lodge at the election of Grand Treasurer, and give him their hearty support, and they would never regret it.

Bro. George Everett, as one of the respondents, said the W.M. had told the brethren that he felt very much flattered by being surrounded by so many distinguished visitors. Speaking for himself, he (Bro. Everett) might say he felt very much flattered by the kind way the W.M. had submitted the toast to the brethren, and for the cordial way in which the brethren had received it. He was present a year ago at the installation in that lodge, and he was now pleased to renew his acquaintance of the W.M., and seeing him so well fitted for the office. He congratulated the lodge on having secured such an efficient Master. It was usual to say something with regard to the working, and sometimes that was said of it which was not quite true; but certainly during the whole of his long career he had never before witnessed the installation ceremony done more ably and efficiently. As the W.M. had been good enough to say a word or two with regard to his (Bro. Everett's) pretensions to the office of Grand Treasurer, he might perhaps be allowed to thank him for the kind words he had used with respect to him. He did aspire to the honourable and dignified position of Grand Treasurer. Many Masons had given him their promises who thought that 30 years' devotion to the Craft entitled him to that aspiration. He had every reason to hope he should attain the position, and he should be very pleased to obtain what he might call the blue ribbon of Masonry, the Grand Treasurership being won by the suffrages of the general body of Masons.

Bros. Parsons, Coltart, Robins, and Hancock also responded.

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," which he said the Covent Garden Lodge and the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction had largely supported. He hoped to have the honour that year to be Steward of the Boys' School, and he was sure the brethren of the Covent Lodge would support him. When he was in America he told the brethren it was expected that the Charities would, last year, total £80,000, and that the Girls' School would take the bulk of the sum. He impressed upon the brethren the necessity of supporting the Charities. Bro. Coleman went up for the Girls, No. 3. He (the W.M.) hoped to go up for the Boys, No. 1.

Bro. Binckes, anticipating that brethren might say this was the old story, enquired what new thing could ingenuity dictate to be said on the subject. All he would say was, did they value the Masonic Institutions, or did they not? In the Covent Garden Lodge he believed he should have a unanimous response that they did, and would do everything they could to keep them in a state of prosperity. He heartily thanked the W.M. for taking the Stewardship for the Boys, and indulged the earnest hope that his ministrations among the brethren would be as successful as former representatives, and that he would be placed in the forefront of the Stewards on the 27th June next. The Boys' School suffered severely by the Centenary of the Girls' School. There were 250 sons of Masons on the Funds of the Boys' School, and in spite of what might be said to the contrary, he fearlessly asserted that the money, cheerfully, liberally, and generously given, would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast, which concluded the formalities of a very successful evening.

Letters, expressive of regret at not being able to be present, but sending congratulations, were received from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. B.; Consul-General Waller, Theodore H. Tilton, Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; F. C. McQueen, W. McQueen, A. Madell, Russell, Proudfoot, H. Carman, W. Adams, and many others.

The following brethren added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent songs, recitations, &c.: Bros. C. Solomon, T. J. Robins, H. Marks, W. Fowles, J. Potter, H. Schartau, S. Jacobs, W. Coates, E. Mayo, and others.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—Installation of Bro. Lord George Hamilton.—On Monday afternoon last the annual meeting of this lodge, for the purpose of installing a new W.M., was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when a large and distinguished company assembled, to the number of about 200, to witness the ceremony of placing in the chair for the year, Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., the First Lord of the Admiralty. Among those present were the following: Bros. Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., S.W.; E. Letchworth, R. Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M.P., P.G.W.; Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Lord Halsbury, S.G.W.; Dr. F. Lawrance, W.M.; C. Everitt, P.M.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; R. Harvey, P.M.; H. Price, T. C. Walls, E. Ayling, Dr. Kiallmark, Parkhouse, Ferguson, Von Joel, C. Bellerby, R. Clutton, Major Cook, R. H. Thrupp, J. L. Mather, Dep.-Ins.-General Purchase, Major Lambert, W. Roebuck, F.

Binckes, J. Terry, J. H. Mathews, C. F. Hogard, J. Aird, M.P., G. S. Cox, H. Clark, W. J. Sanders, C. Hughes, R. Wimpey, W. Dowling, J. Brown, F. Walden, J. Rowling, J. Ball, Jefferys, Cavers, N. Defries, E. W. Wheeler, Davis, T. Brinkwell, J. G. Claburn, D. Stroud, Bullen, A. Skinner, S. K. Page, J. J. Boswell, Ackworth, J. W. R. Stuart, A. M. Broadley, Seager Hunt, M.P., G. H. Barber, E. White, Dr. Hartzorne, Fritchie, J. Clarke, Cockburn, J. Inder, J. Hawes, Thornton, Adamson, Compton, Dr. E. O. Fountain, Cav'e, Tabernacle, Ball, Anderson, Chapman, Haywood, Letord, George Kenning, Augustus Harris, W. Ritchie, Geo. Towerzly, Oscar P. Boret, W. C. Dickey, Tucker, Westfield, Dale, Mooney, L. de Costa, Musto, C. Toghill, H. Tyrer, T. Grover, Tidesley, D. Baird, R. Milbourne, W. W. Moore, H. Lyons, T. Coleman, J. T. Benson, Ferris, J. T. Wood, W. Innis, George Johnson, W. Clowes, Captain De Vere Smith, Dr. Causton, J. While, Stollerey, P. D. Jacobs, E. R. Baugh, Liddington, Kayner, Brooks, Hobbs, G. Sales, E. J. J. Bull, W. L. Maitland, J. Ellis, A. Arter, Leaver, Lansdown, Kenyon, T. Hoodless, Crowe, Wavell, A. W. Smith, J. C. Duckworth, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, S. Brooks, J. Barnett, jun., R. P. Atkins, J. Stephens, J. E. Spurrell, J. Haxell, H. Ponking, Captain Lee, Blake, Harwin, E. Phillips, Beach, Freemantle, W. H. Wilson, G. Motion, E. Faux, Hollingsworth, W. Haylock, W. Fisher, Youens, T. Brown, K. Montgomery, Rogeson, Hunt, Hardy, Andrew Pears, H. Ellis, W. H. Ellis, A. Foulmin, G. Fisk, Rev. Hayden, Hudson, Gregory, Moorman, Dorey, J. Brill, Saunders, Nye, E. Bird, Maskell, Stockwin, E. T. Spurr, F. Delevanti, E. P. Delevanti, R. Tyser, G. Collar, Kirk, T. H. Johnson, F. Harding, A. Skinner, F. Wheeler, Page, B. Blasby, Fringle, J. Edwards, J. Mason, Lieut. Wright, H. Dickey, W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, and F. B. Cox.

The meeting was one of the most successful that the members of any lodge could have wished or expected, and those who attended had the pleasure of witnessing the best of lodge working. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Fredk. Lawrance, was absent at the opening of the lodge on account of a professional engagement, and Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., was to the great regret of all his brethren, prevented attending by severe illness, which confined him to his bed. Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge, and partly performed the ceremony of raising Bros. E. O. Fountain, W. Maskell, and Stuart (from Australia), at the special request of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, but Bro. Dr. Lawrance arrived in time to take up the ceremony after the O.B. He afterwards passed Bros. E. T. Spurr and James Clarke, and then initiated Messrs. George Callingham and Francis James Pemeller. Bro. Edward P. Delevanti, Org. 2021, having previously been elected a joining member, presided at the harmonium, and accompanied the different ceremonies. At the conclusion of this portion of the day's work, the brethren having been continuously in lodge from two till five o'clock p.m., lodge was called off for a short period, and the brethren, on being summoned to resume labour, saw Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, requested by the W.M. to act as Installing Master. Bro. Col. Clerke, having taken the chair, had presented to him by Bro. Dr. Lawrance Bro. Lord George Francis Hamilton, S.W. and W.M. elect, whose chair Bro. Dr. Lawrance then filled, and Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke proceeded to install the First Lord of the Admiralty as W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge for the year ensuing.

The installation over, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Lawrance, I.P.M.; W. Dowling, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas. (by deputy); G. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. W. Walden, J.D.; C. Hughes, I.G.; J. Rowling, D.C.; and B. Kenyon, Steward. In highly complimentary terms the W.M. presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), to Bro. Dr. Lawrance, expressing his own admiration, as well as the admiration and satisfaction of the brethren, of the excellent way in which the worthy brother had performed his duties as Master of the lodge during the last 12 months; assuring the brethren, at the same time, that he would use his utmost endeavours to imitate the I.P.M. while he occupied the chair. Bro. Dr. Lawrance acknowledged the gift, and the complimentary terms with which it was accompanied, and said that the interest of the Chiswick Lodge had always been his care and concern, and any labour he had been put to was amply rewarded by his seeing the great success which the lodge had attained.

This concluded the business of the lodge, and the W.M. having closed down, with the assistance of the brethren, the whole company adjourned to a beautiful banquet in the handsome large new hall attached to the Star and Garter Hotel.

Banquet over, grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed, interspersed with which was some charming singing, under the direction of Bro. E. P. Delevanti, by Bros. W. Weston, H. Parkin, C. A. White, H. Sprenton, E. T. Spurr, A. G. Pritchard, M. W. Foxon, and Misses Louise Desmonde and Helen Killick.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said, although her Most Gracious Majesty ruled over many, many millions of subjects who were swayed by loyalty and devotion to the Crown, out of those millions stood prominent the Masonic Brotherhood, who were famed for their loyalty and devotion, the fundamental principles of the Craft being loyalty to the existing law. While drinking the health of her Majesty with enthusiasm, he wished to point out that the Queen had a special claim on the brethren's attention. He could quite understand the Queen and the Craft being associated together from the great principles which underlay Freemasonry—unity, order, and co-operation. Was it not true that under the rule of Queen Victoria the nation of the British Empire had made greater progress than it had ever before made during its existence? In half a century, it was by the enforcement of the laws of unity, order, and co-operation, that it had progressed so much in those great qualities of Charity and benevolence, which had ever been associated with the Craft. Was there a single section of the Queen's multitudinous subjects who, in their hours of grief and affliction, did not call forth words of condolence from Queen Victoria? Her Majesty gave expression to those principles and qualities, which formed the foundation of Masonry, and, therefore, though she was not one of the Craft, her name was well associated with it in the first Masonic toast.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said he thought it a happy coincidence that Masonry, the oldest Craft in the civilised world, had for its

head the heir apparent of the oldest monarchy in Europe. It was not so very long ago that a volume of the speeches of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was published, which dealt with every conceivable subject, social, religious, and political; but the particular quality that seemed to underlie them all was that spirit of Charity which was characteristic of Masonry, and which fitted so well with H.R.H.'s own ideas. He was proud to think that the Prince of Wales attached to none of the institutions to which he belonged more importance than to the Masonic Craft. Long might he continue to be Grand Master, and might the Craft always have at its head one of the same exalted position to preside over and conduct its affairs.

Bro. Dr. Lawrance, I.P.M., proposed "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he was pleased to see so many Grand Officers came forward to support the Chiswick Lodge, and honour the installation of Lord George Hamilton by their presence. Some of them had come that evening at great personal inconvenience. Lord Halsbury, though he had been present, was obliged to leave early, because he lived at Heston. Several other Grand Officers would have come but for illness, which was now very prevalent, while others lived away in the country. As to the Grand Officers, he must say they were all great workers in Masonry, otherwise they would not be in their high position. They took a grand interest in all Masonic affairs, which had a great hold on the English people.

Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, P.G.W., in reply, said the last remark of Dr. Lawrance was quite true—Masonry had a great hold on the English people, and it had a hold for the benefit of the English people. It was one of those means by which the English people had been able best to show their great philanthropy and their true sense of Charity. He believed also that there was something greater and deeper even than the voice of philanthropy or Charity, if the terms were only accepted, in the proposition of assisting those who were in distress. There was a greater intent in the word Charity; it was not only to do good to those who were in want, but to have a charitable feeling to all men, brotherly love and affection, and sympathy among all classes, which knitted the English people together, made them a great nation, and gave them universal power throughout the world. If that were the great purpose and end of Masonry, truly they must have good officers to carry it out. Bro. Lawrance had well said that there were men who devoted their time—he would almost say their lives—to the purposes and ends of Masonry, and without that individual attention and devotion which the Grand Officers, Present and Past, had displayed, it was true that the great structure of Masonry would not continue to advance in the interest of the country as it had done. He regretted some other Grand Officers, who had been longer in the Craft than he, had not been called upon to respond, but he could say, however strong might be their feelings, or however wise their words, there were those present who had long sought to advance the interests of the Craft, and he was happy to find that Bro. T. Fenn would speak after him. He was proud to have on his right Bro. Cama, who talked not only the language of Masonry, but in that universal language of the Brotherhood which made all one, and Masons in England were proud beyond measure to think that their brethren in India strongly advanced the Brotherhood. Bro. Cama (late G. Treas.), had done such good work in Masonry that the brethren present would have liked to hear his voice. The G. Secretary would have an opportunity of speaking later on. Grand Secretary they were all deeply indebted to for his services. Col. Clerke was another instance of the wisdom of the Grand Master in the direction of Masonic affairs.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, regretted Lord Halsbury's absence, who would most likely have made an excellent reply, but he assured the brethren that the Grand Officers endeavoured to discharge their duties to the best of their ability, and they were glad they gave satisfaction to the Craft. He took great interest in the working of Masonry, and regretted he was not present at the work of the lodge, to see what he was informed was beautifully performed.

Bro. Dr. Lawrance, in proposing "The W.M.," said this was no ordinary occasion. It was not every day that a Lodge like the Chiswick could boast of having the First Lord of the Admiralty at its head; and it was not every day so large a gathering of Masons was seen. When he first spoke to Lord George Hamilton about coming into the lodge he said he was unwilling to do so because he could not attend regularly. On being told that regular attendance was not requisite, and that if his lordship came among the brethren sometimes they would be quite satisfied, he consented to come in. But during the past year the W.M. had come among them and taken upon him his duties of S.W.; of this he need say nothing to the brethren because the W.M. was known to a great number of them. He need say nothing of his geniality and kindness, but he would merely ask them to drink the health of the W.M. cordially and as it deserved, assuring them at the same time that Lord George Hamilton was gratified, and considerably gratified, at seeing so many of his friends around him. They must remember this was not a meeting at Freemasons' Tavern or Drury Lane, where they could get any number together. This meeting was a long distance from town, which was a great point. The brethren had come a long distance to do honour to the W.M., to show him that they approved of what he had done and what he was now about to do in Freemasonry. Long life and prosperity, Masonic and otherwise, to the W.M., and long might he live to take an interest in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said the brethren had paid him a great honour that day by placing him in the chair of the Chiswick Lodge. They had consummated that kind work by the kindly manner in which they had received the toast just proposed by Past Master Lawrance. It was an unexpected honour to find himself in that position. What Bro. Lawrance said was perfectly true, that when it was first proposed that he (the W.M.) should occupy that high post, he felt he had not the necessary time to give to the discharge of its duties. He said now frankly that in political or Masonic life he hated mere figure heads; whatever a man undertook he ought to be conscious he had either the capacity or the time to devote to it. He felt he had not the time to give to the discharge of his duties, even his past duties of S.W. He entered Masonry with no ambition and no hope of advancing to the post he now occupied. When he was a boy there was a saying which took his fancy very much, and it had to a large extent been his

guide through life. Many of the brethren might have heard it; it was, "Vast is the mighty ocean, for drops have made it vast;" and he felt the sea had been made vast by every drop of rain and every river coming down into it and increasing it. So he felt that he, as one human unit added to the great Masonic world, might do something to add to the tide of benevolence and Charity throughout the world. He aspired no higher; but he was very much struck by the extraordinary willingness of prominent members of the lodge to efface themselves provided that by so doing they could advance their lodge or Masonry in general. He happened to hold now high political office, and no doubt it occurred to certain of his brethren of the lodge that if, in the combination of the duties of W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge and First Lord of the Admiralty he was to act it might be of benefit to the lodge and to Masonry. There were some of the brethren thoroughly versed in Masonry who were better qualified than himself to discharge the duties of the lodge, but they deliberately effaced themselves—sacrificed themselves—and asked him to take their place. Possibly there might be this idea in their minds that he might not long occupy his political post, and they took the opportunity while it occurred. At any rate, he thanked them most heartily for the reception they had accorded him, and the goodly muster, not only of the members of the lodge, but of those brethren outside the lodge. Without in any way infringing the rules of Masonry or disclosing the secrets of the Craft, he might say there was one duty a Master ought to perform, which he was afraid he should find it somewhat difficult to perform. The brethren had been told he ought to be easy of access, and he feared that during his year he should not be so easy of access as he could wish; but if that should be the case it would not be from any disregard of Masonic precepts, as all knew, even those who had only a superficial knowledge of Masonry. Masonry supposed a certain time of labour, a certain time for refreshment, and a certain time for meditation. He was sorry to say that in the House of Commons these rules did not prevail; they had no time for refreshment, still less for meditation, because when they snatched a hasty meal they were constantly interrupted by divisions, which played mischief with the digestion of the brethren, and the labour was absolutely unlimited, and every year it became greater and greater. It was for these reasons he would not be able to devote much time and attention to the lodge; but it was simply because he was chained to another place, though he hoped in course of time he would be in a position of greater freedom, and give time to his Masonic duties. In the Craft they were told there were certain things that were moveable and certain things that were immovable. The dignified post he now occupied, with its honours and insignia of office, would pass away in the course of twelve months, and be conferred on someone more worthy than himself; but that which was immovable, and which he should not forget as long as he lived, was gratitude for the kindness and sympathy which he had met with from all the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge, and if he should in the course of a short time, to use the saying of a distinguished man, be in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility, he hoped to make up for that deficiency of time and attention, which, owing to exceptional circumstances, he had been unable to pay to his Masonic duties. He thanked them all again for the honour they had been kind enough to pay him.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master." Of all the functions which were associated with Masonry, the most important was that of the yearly installation of the Master of a lodge, and it no doubt conferred notoriety and dignity upon a lodge that that duty should be performed by one who occupied a high position in the Masonic Order. The brethren had been specially favoured that day by the attendance of a large number of Grand Officers. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., was kind enough to undertake that most important duty. For that he cordially thanked him, and he trusted he would find, not only during the next 12 months but in years to come, that this lodge by its growth and development appreciated the attention which on this occasion had been bestowed on it by distinguished Masons, and that it would show itself in every way worthy of the duty which he had so kindly undertook on its behalf.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., in reply, said that as Grand Secretary of the Order he supposed he might call himself the executive officer of the Masonic Society. In addition to the light employment of his morning's work of opening and answering one or two hundred letters he had also to watch over and considerably make himself acquainted with the affairs, the efforts, the working and history of the 2000 and more lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge. The history of the Chiswick Lodge did not—even in this amount of work—escape his eye on these occasions. It was as nearly as possible five years ago that he had the great pleasure and honour of consecrating that lodge and of installing a good and worthy brother, whose absence that night they much regretted, Bro. Everett, as the first Master. It was not consecrated on the Surrey side of the water, but it was shortly afterwards removed to the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, and it was a fortunate event it was so. Since then he had been present at many of its meetings, and he had watched over its progress and seen it ruled over by many good and worthy brethren—more especially he might mention Bro. Gardner, Bro. Harvey, and Bro. Lawrance. But he never contemplated that he should have so great an honour and distinction conferred upon him as to be asked to install the noble brother who now occupied the chair. That noble brother came of an illustrious Masonic stock. As an old Irish Mason of many Degrees, he had a strong recollection of the illustrious father of the W.M.—the late Duke of Abercorn—in Ireland, and they all knew with what acclamation his illustrious brother succeeded his father in that position. The whole of that family had been Masons, good and keen Masons; and therefore he was sure that the Chiswick Lodge must have a peculiar feeling of pride and gratification in receiving Lord George Hamilton as their Master. Lord George Hamilton had hitherto been an Irish Mason, and he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) personally felt it a very great pleasure to know that he had extended his Masonic connection to the English jurisdiction. Another reason for having such pleasure in installing him was that he was not only an ornamental, but a good and useful Mason. If he were not, he would not have been called from the distinguished position he so highly adorned in politics to come among the brethren; but he was actuated by a strong Masonic feeling, and, as he had so eloquently put it before the brethren, he had felt he would add one more unit to the build-

ing up of a work for the good of Masonry and the amelioration of the condition of mankind. He should not readily forget the auspicious occasion on which he had the honour of installing Lord George Hamilton in the chair of the Chiswick Lodge.

Bro. Harvey, P.M., proposed "The Initiates," and Bros. Pemeller and Callingham briefly responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," regretted the absence of the Lord Chancellor, who had been obliged to catch an early train in order to get home, and Bro. Philbrick, who had premonitory symptoms of gout. But Lord Claud Hamilton represented Irish Masonry on this occasion. All his (the W.M.'s) family came from the Irish Masonic stock; but the ideas and connection between the Masonry of the United Kingdom and that of Ireland were so identical, the union of hearts was so thorough, that no legislation would ever be able to separate them. He would call on Lord Claud Hamilton to reply, and also on Bro. Broadley, a Past Deputy District Grand Master.

Lord Claud Hamilton said he was only a humble Irish P.M., but he trusted the company assembled would not think that for that reason he was an unworthy representative of the visitors to the Chiswick Lodge. The visitors had but one feeling with regard to what had taken place on this auspicious occasion—a feeling of intense satisfaction at the manner in which the ritual had been given, and at the hospitality they had received. The W.M. had said that in his opinion (from which he would not dissent), it was some advantage to a lodge to be associated with a gentleman high in political position. In this country he cordially agreed with what had fallen from the W.M. in that respect; but the advantages of their being connected with the Navy was in some respects mutual. It had been said in this country that the Civil Lords were not altogether acquainted with the Service, over which it was their duty, from time to time, to preside. But on this occasion the W.M. had learned some valuable information; he had been able to learn from Col. Shadwell Clerke, the undoubted fact that the sun rose in the east; he had also learned from the S.W. that the same grand luminary set in the west, and that was a very important factor in naval administration. He would call that the practical side of the question. He would now go to the convivial. In Ireland they conducted the ritual with the selfsame care as that which was accorded to it in England. At all events, they believed they were fully equal to their English brethren in work; but when their labours were over they indulged in refreshment, and often spent very cheery evenings. Sometimes, in his own lodge—not on such grand occasions as the present, but more homely ones—they favoured the lodge with a song. Now, if there was one thing the members of the naval service believed they were more capable of than another, it was the singing of a song, and he thought the W.M. might do worse than in moments of leisure cultivating that art, and he might bring in a former colleague of his own, and learn from Lord Charles Beresford the tune and words of "Tom Bowling"—possibly the somewhat more racy words of the long forgotten song—"Lovely Sally." On behalf of the visitors, he wished the Chiswick Lodge success. It had had a short but very distinguished life; there was every indication that it would continue to progress, and become equal to any Masonic body in England.

Bro. Broadley said he would not trespass very long on the attention of the brethren. It would doubtless be a great deal more entertaining if Lord Claud Hamilton would favour them with either of those ditties he had mentioned than to listen to post-prandial oratory. But he could not forbear tendering his humble congratulations as the representative of Freemasonry in the Mediterranean, and as Secretary of the Drury Lane Lodge, to the Chiswick Lodge—on possessing so illustrious a W.M., and, secondly to Lord George Hamilton on arriving at the high position of a ruler in the Craft. There was a time when vehicles not so swift as trains existed when royalty lived in their midst, but he thought that this was the first occasion when two Cabinet Ministers had been present at a Masonic meeting at Kew. The ceremony of that night would doubtless to some extent restore the pristine fame of Kew; but, at the same time, he had not the slightest doubt it would mark an epoch in the history of that lodge, which had already gained an enviable reputation among the lodges in the suburbs of London. There was an affinity between the Drury Lane Lodge and the Chiswick Lodge in the present year; while the First Lord of the Admiralty held the helm of one, a veteran Admiral will rule over the other. Looking at the emblems which adorned the room in which the brethren were then assembled, which consisted of naval flags and trophies, and, remembering that Admiral Inglesfield was to preside over Drury Lane Lodge this year, it was a subject of regret that he was not able to be then present. There was a very great and traditional affinity between the naval service and Freemasonry. There was a time the Grand Secretary could tell them when warrants were granted for holding lodges on board Her Majesty's ships, and there was no place where Freemasonry was more popular than in seaboard places. In Malta, the naval half-way house of the Mediterranean, 32 years ago, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was initiated in one of the lodges there. If there was one subject which must cause all of them great sorrow that evening it was that there was a vacant chair which betokened the absence of a respected and esteemed brother, and he would be doing injustice to the brethren's feelings if he did not say one word about their good Bro. Everett. The Chiswick Lodge, like every other institution, was indebted to a great extent to individual energy, and he thought they would all agree with him that that energy was personified in that large-hearted brother whose indisposition precluded his presence that evening. Bro. Everett had no doubt tortured himself with all manner of anxieties as to the success of the gathering. The year 1889 was doubtless destined to be a memorable one in the history of the Chiswick Lodge. In the month of January the First Lord of the Admiralty transferred his affections from those boards with which he was officially connected to the Masonic board, which perhaps after all he would find more convivial; but the month of March might have in store for the Chiswick Lodge not a greater, but an equally important, honour, for the accession of Lord George Hamilton to the chair might—and he ventured to say very probably would—be supplemented by the accession to the office of Grand Treasurer of England of Bro. George Everett, there esteemed P.M. and Treasurer.

The next toast being that of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said if the Chiswick Lodge had in the course of its

existence attained considerable prosperity, and if it had, after its expenses had been paid, a considerable balance at its bankers, that was mainly due to the care of the Past Masters, and prominent among them were Bros. Lawrance, Gardner, and Everett. They had exercised every care, had discharged with the utmost ability every duty, with one single exception, which his brother, an Irish Mason, seemed to think was inseparable for the duties of a Mason, that of singing a good song. He would only point out to his brother that English differed from his Irish friends in this, that here in England they always sang in harmony. These songs occasionally produced in Ireland something more than a mere momentary jar. With that single exception the Past Masters of this lodge were capable of comparing with the Past Masters of any other lodge.

Bro. Dr. Lawrance, I.P.M., who was the first to reply, said that one and all of the Past Masters took great interest in the Chiswick Lodge, and as long as they remained members of it would do all they could to promote its prosperity. He did not hesitate to say of the lodge that good work had been done. It had always been a great point to have the work thoroughly well done. It had been done by his predecessors, and he hoped the brethren had been satisfied with what he had done in the past year. A proof that they were satisfied was the handsome jewel with which they had presented him, and for which he could not find words to thank the brethren sufficiently to show his gratitude. For his own part he should continue to take an interest in the lodge, and he was sure Bro. Gardner, who had already done so much for the lodge, would continue to do as much. He need say nothing to assure the brethren of Bro. Everett's interest in the lodge; it was patent to all the brethren. Bro. Everett was particularly sorry to be away that night, but there was no help for it; his medical man would not allow him to leave his bed. With regard to the working of the lodge, the brethren of the lodge all knew Lord George Hamilton would not be able to be with them at every meeting during his year of office, but the work would be done by him (Dr. Lawrance) or some other P.M., and his lordship might make himself quite comfortable on that point.

Bro. Gardner, P.M. and Sec., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which all the brethren were aware was a pet toast of his. From the commencement of the lodge it had always contributed yearly a certain sum from its funds towards one of the Masonic Charities in turn. This year it fell to its lot to contribute to the Boys' School, which, he took it, was more in want of subscriptions than either of the other Charities. Last year the Girls' School Centenary Festival was held at the Albert Hall, and the very large sum of over £50,000 was announced. That necessitated a falling off in the subscriptions to the Boys' School and the Old People's Institution this year, because they could not find brethren to put their hands in their pockets, even those who would wish to do so, every day to support all three Institutions. The Institution he was going to support this year he thought was the most deserving, or rather it had most claims upon the attention of the brethren, inasmuch as it had educated more children than the Girls' School, had more at the present time to provide for, and had less funded capital than either of the other Institutions. Last year there was a sum of about £21,000 contributed to the Benevolent Institution, and only £11,000 to the Boys' School, and that was sufficient to show that Freemasons should this year use their whole exertions to enhance the funds of the Boys' School, because they needed it. He thought that School had 250 boys educated there, and he invited the brethren to go down to Wood Green and see how those boys were clothed, educated, and fed. The Institution had just passed through a somewhat severe castigation, but the verdict had not yet been passed. When it was passed he trusted it would be given to the Masonic world, and that those who were connected with the management of the Institution would come out scatheless. The worthy Secretary of the Institution was present and would respond to the toast, and no doubt when the verdict he had referred to was pronounced, it would relieve him and others who had the management and good government of the Institution at heart of any stigma that might have been cast upon them in consequence of some very officious brethren who had moved in the matter. At any rate, he hoped the investigation would be of some service to the Institution, and that in future the Boys' School would be looked upon as, if not the principal one, the one that they should give their best energies to support. He had caused five or six lists to be distributed about the table, and he hoped when they were returned they would be very satisfactory. When he was Master of the lodge they sent him as Steward with the largest sum that was taken by any one Steward on that occasion. He trusted they would do the same this time, and send him as the premier Steward.

Bro. Binckes esteemed himself extremely fortunate in having the honour of being present that evening, even at that very late hour (nearly 11 p.m.) to reply to the toast, and he also esteemed himself fortunate inasmuch as the compliment which had been paid to him of associating his name with the toast, not by selection, which might carry with it perhaps something in the shape of invidious comparison, but by an accident of circumstances by which this Chiswick Lodge, taking, in the exercise of its discretion, the support of all the Institutions in rotation, in this very auspicious year supported the Institution with which he was more particularly associated. There were many brethren present who knew very well that for a long number of years he had endeavoured to minister as successfully as possible on behalf of the Boys' School, while never forgetting his obligations to the other two Institutions; but they, fortunately for all, as Bro. Gardner had said, occupied a very substantial position of prosperity and success, the Benevolent Institution possessing something like £47,000 or £48,000 of funded property, and having achieved last year a successful Festival; the Girls' School having a funded property of over £50,000, and by the celebration of a magnificent centenary, which all were rejoiced to help, securing over £50,000 more. Now the mere fact of the Festival having been postponed to suit the convenience of the Prince of Wales, who presided, it was brought within three weeks of the Festival of the Boys' School, and there could be no question—it went without saying—that the result of that was that while helping materially to improve the successful celebration of the Girls' Festival, to a great extent interfered with the support which the Boys' would otherwise have received. The Boys' School realised less than £9000 at its Festival, a smaller sum than for a great number of years, and consequently the year 1888 found them placed

in a very depressed and deplorable condition. Thank God their prospects for 1889 were very largely improved, and he was bound to admit the year opened with every prospect of a more successful result. Towards that result he was perfectly confident the Chiswick Lodge would contribute most materially, because fortunately they had again for their Steward a most energetic brother, and they would be much indebted for the success of his list to the magnificent result of the present meeting, when their distinguished W.M. had been installed. That nobleman was directing his best efforts in that direction, and he hoped the brethren of the lodge and the visitors would support Bro. Gardner, and make him the most successful Steward of the year 1889, as he was of the year 1886. He had every reason to believe that Bro. Gardner was fostered in this, his laudable idea, by support rendered to him from the W.M. newly-installed down to the youngest initiated member. It was not for him to deduce or draw any invidious comparison between the three Masonic Charitable Institutions; but, if he could place before the brethren the position of one, he could say without fear of contradiction that the Boys' School in its present condition as much deserved the brethren's support as the others, and it was more in need of support, and had a clear case to go before the Craft with in asking that that support should be generous. It had 258 sons of Freemasons to board, clothe, and educate; it stood in great contrast in the sums it had invested to the other Institutions, having only £17,000 invested; and on the 31st December last it closed with a deficiency at the bankers on the current expenses of the year of £1600. If this was not enough to induce the brethren to do all they possibly could to be as liberal as in the past, he did not know what he could urge in addition. He was not one to make sentimental appeals; he was one who appealed practically, with practical circumstances and figures of the Institution on whose behalf he pleaded. The W.M. was perfectly aware that there was a certain amount of sentimental feeling that drew people to the support of those who were called the weaker sex; but they must bear in mind that the sons of their brother Masons who had been brought into distress were committed to the care of the Boys' School for their education and proper bringing up, and on them would depend to a great extent in future years the support and maintenance of the weaker sex. He (Bro. Binckes) was fond of masculine Masonry, and he asked the brethren not to be led away by sentiment, but to take into consideration the value of the sons of Freemasons—those who were to be the men of the future; and surely, in precarious days like ours, it ought to be one's highest duty to bring up in the best way they could and to imbue those sons of Masons with those principles of loyalty and Charity which the M.W.G.M. said were the distinguishing characteristics of Masonry. Perhaps he ought not to shirk the allusion to the question made by Bro. Gardner that they had had an inquiry into the Boys' Institution. He had no fear himself of the result of that inquiry; he was perfectly prepared to admit that they were now waiting for the verdict, and in due time the brethren would be made acquainted with it; he was perfectly sure of this, whatever fault might be found with certain details of administration, there could not by any possibility be any fault found with the liberality of the Institution, or with what they had spent or were spending to educate, clothe, and maintain those entrusted to their care. Many of the brethren had had the opportunity of watching his career for the last 30 years, and he assured them that as he was at the beginning he was now—with less energy, perhaps—prepared to do the best he could for the Institution which deserved the brethren's warmest sympathy and their most generous and liberal support.

Bro. Gardner, in the absence of Bro. George Everett, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said that the W.M. was pleased with the success of the lodge. He was greatly grieved that Bro. Everett was not present. He (Bro. Gardner) had been Secretary of the lodge twelve months, and the W.M. had been pleased to re-invest him with the Secretary's collar. He should do all he could to further the interests of the lodge. Since the foundation of the lodge he had taken a great deal of interest in it. He considered he was the father of the lodge, although Bro. Everett was the first Master. It had been a pet scheme of his crown to the lodge by getting Lord George Hamilton to become its Master. It had been necessary that several of them should put their shoulders to the wheel to keep it up. If they would only work with him and Bro. Everett, Bro. Lawrance and the other Past Masters and officers of the lodge, they would make the lodge's position an enviable one. He looked forward to a quiet year as the lodge had attained a position. They had as many members as they required. It did not conduce to the welfare of a lodge to be inundated with initiates and joining members. All they wanted was good men and true. He begged to inform them that he had some lists of subscriptions to the Boys' School, and they now amounted to 200 guineas; 50 guineas from the W.M. and a friend of his (Bro. Gardner's) from another lodge had placed 50 guineas on the list, and another had given 25 guineas.

"The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. James Fewings, the S.W. of the past year, was installed into the chair for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance, including the following Installed Masters: Bros. R. F. Osborne, J.P., W.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., D.P.G.M.; T. P. Payne, J.P., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg.; J. B. Thomas, J.P., P.P.S.G.D.; M. Miles, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Robertson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. Clarke, P.P.G.S.; W. Horton, P.P.G.P.; R. W. Lees, H. Vincent, and Boughton-Smith, all of 130; C. S. Dusautoy, W.M.; H. Coles, J.P. (Mayor of Southampton), P.P.G.D.C.; J. Adams, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. Patstone, P.S.G.D., all of 359; H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., and W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C., of 394; G. Greenslade, W.M., and C. G. Beaumont, of 112; W. J. Miller, W.M., and J. Methven, P.M., of 1461; W. Foster, W.M. 1780; and Michael Emanuel. Bro. Sharlain, S.W. 76, was among the visitors.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Osborne, the retiring W.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded, a Past Master's jewel being

also voted him in recognition of the efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. On the proposition of Bro. M. Miles, seconded by the D.P.G.M., a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. J. Hickman, P.M., was accorded. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. Osborne, I.P.M.; D. W. Taylor, S.W.; J. H. Martin, J.W.; Rev. A. M. Walker, Chap.; R. W. Lees, P.M.; Treas.; J. Cole, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Penny, S.D.; H. Abraham, J.D.; S. Clarke, P.M., D.C.; J. Ridgway, Org.; A. W. Langman, I.G.; H. Elliott and E. Whitaker, Stwds.; and W. Vare and Biggs, Tylers.

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Biggs, the greatest satisfaction being expressed with the arrangements made. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and at the festive board, as in open lodge, congratulations were tendered him on his attaining the chair of the old lodge, many "Hearty good wishes" being also expressed that he would have a pleasant and successful year of office.

**SLEAFORD.**—St. Botolph's Lodge (No. 588).

—Bro. T. Brander Jacobson, having been elected to occupy the chair of K.S., was installed on Thursday, the 10th inst., by Bro. Capt. B. H. Russell, of 362, P.P.G.D.C., in the manner which characterises his performance of the ceremony, and which has deservedly earned the encomiums of those who have had the privilege of being present on the occasion when he has fulfilled the functions of Installing Master. The W.M. elect (son of Bro. Dr. T. E. Jacobson, one of the founders of the lodge, a worthy Mason, and a generous supporter of its interests) was initiated as a Lewis into St. Botolph's; and the care with which he has worked through the offices was evidenced by his skillful handling of the gavel on his assumption of the Master's chair. Subsequently to the investiture of Bros. F. A. Aldridge, I.P.M.; Wortley, S.W.; Ben. Heald, J.W.; T. E. Jacobson, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Jesse Clare, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Heald, S.D.; F. Bedford, P.M., J.D.; E. R. Dibben, I.G.; Jos. Bellamy, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; and G. H. Williams, P.P.A.G.D.C., Org., the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Bristol Arms Hotel, where Bro. Chas. Smith provided the banquet in his usual sumptuous style.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with honours, and responded to by various brethren, and that of "The Visiting Brethren" by Bro. Bennett Beeson, J.W. 362.

A most enjoyable evening's festivity was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

**NORTHALLERTON.**—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).

—The annual festival and installation of Bro. Thos. Russell, W.M. elect, in connection with the above lodge, was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There was a capital attendance of brethren, including Bros. J. Shepard Winn, W.M.; Thos. Russell, W.M. elect; Wm. Bell, J.W.; J. S. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Palliser, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Fairburn, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; G. J. Robinson, P.M.; W. Stead, R. H. Sootheran, P.M.; Dr. A. H. Syree, S.D.; James Ward, J.D.; J. H. Robinson, Sec.; Dr. C. Tweedy, I.G.; N. Russell and C. Alexander, Stwds.; E. Wilkinson, Tyler; Charlton, Naylor, and J. Hutchinson. The visitors present were Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Charles Backhouse, P.M. 111, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Smith, P.M. 837, P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. G. Pook, 1611; C. Cain, 111; J. E. Boynes, 1650; Geo. W. Pattinson, 602; J. S. Farmer, 1416; J. I. Hansell, W.M.; F. Hansell, Rev. E. Richardson, Chap.; and W. W. Hall, all of 1416; and others.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, while Bro. J. S. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., delivered the charge in an impressive manner. Two new members were proposed, and the lodge accepted a splendidly-framed picture of Bro. R. H. Sootheran, P.M., and a rosewood mallet for the use of the Senior Warden, which were presented by Bro. Sootheran. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. S. Winn, I.P.M.; T. Russell, W.M.; Wm. Bell, S.W.; A. H. Syree, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., Sec., and D.C.; Jas. Ward, S.D.; C. Tweedy, J.D.; T. Boddy, Org.; C. Alexander, I.G.; J. I. Naylor and W. S. Charlton, Stwds.; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler.

The annual banquet was held at the Golden Lion Assembly Rooms, which had been transformed by Bro. Jas. Ward into a comfortable drawing room, the decorations being exceedingly ornate. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. Russell, the newly-elected W.M., while Bro. W. Bell acted as Croupier.

The Chairman proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," and, in doing so, said the toast was always received with the greatest enthusiasm whenever British subjects were gathered together, and, as they all knew, there was no one so loyal as the Freemasons. During the Queen's beneficent reign, civilisation had spread throughout the world, and with it Freemasonry had made rapid strides. They all honoured the Queen for the patronage she extended to Masonic Charities.

The brethren then sang "God save the Queen."

The Chairman next submitted the toasts of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." During the past year, the Prince of Wales had manifested the same warm interest in all matters relating to Freemasonry, which had distinguished him since his installation in 1878. He was also glad to say that the Prince of Wales had taken a leading part in supporting those Masonic Institutions through which Masonry had obtained such a hold in every part of the globe. There had been several new lodges constituted recently, and the Grand Lodge of England, over which H.R.H. presided, controlled no less than over 2000 lodges, while there were many Charities which owed their existence and their continuance to the Grand Lodge.

The toast was given in true Masonic style. Song, Bro. W. S. Charlton, "Will o' the Wisp." Bro. Walker Stead, P.M., proposed "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and

East Yorkshire, and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He had to congratulate them upon the great interest Lord Zetland took in Freemasonry throughout their province, and he also looked well after every lodge which came beneath his rule.

After the toast had been enthusiastically honoured in true Masonic style,

Bro. Jos. Fairburn, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., replied in a neat little speech.

Song, Bro. John H. Robinson, "Roses underneath the snow."

The Chairman then submitted "The Installing Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks." He asked them to fill up a bumper to that toast, as they were all of them greatly indebted to the Installing Master for the service he had rendered them, and he (Bro. Russell) had personally to thank him for the able and kind way in which he had performed the difficult ceremony that day. He was certain that every brother present appreciated the high honour paid to them and to their lodge by the visit of the D.P.G.M., and would join with him in hoping that they might be honoured with his presence for many years to come.

The toast having been honoured in true Masonic style,

Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, who was cheered, said he thanked them for the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. He was pleased to note that there was a great deal of harmony and good feeling existing amongst the brethren of the lodge, and he sincerely trusted that it would continue in the future for years to come. Another reason why he was so pleased to come to visit the Anchor Lodge was because the Anchor Lodge was, so to speak, a daughter belonging to his mother lodge (the Lennox), at Richmond, to which he belonged, and it was a source of great gratification to him to find that both mother and daughter were flourishing. It had been a pleasure to him to come and install their W.M., and he should always be glad to render them any assistance which laid in his power. He had now a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to submit "The Health of their Newly-installed Master and Prosperity to the Anchor Lodge." He had no doubt but that the W.M. would do his duty to the satisfaction not only of every member of the Anchor Lodge, but to that of every brother in the province, and also to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge of England. That he would certainly do if he followed in the footsteps of the I.P.M., and he was certain that he (the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) would never have occasion to regret having placed him in the chair of K.S.

Recitation, Bro. Pook, and song, Bro. Robinson.

After the toast had been honoured with full musical honours,

The Chairman responded, and thanked them all warmly, and particularly tendered his thanks to the Installing Master for the kind way in which he had spoken of him. He would do his best to merit the honour they had conferred upon him. Ever since he had joined the Anchor Lodge he had endeavoured to act up to the tenets of a Freemason, and he hoped that his year of office would be distinguished by the good fellowship and harmony which existed amongst them all. They should all strive to help one another, as the success of the year depended on each brother, and on the help he received from the P.M.'s, who had always been most ready to do all they could in the past. He urged them above all other things to speak well of one another, not only in but out of the lodge, so that if their virtues were not faith with them it was no fault of theirs. If they did that then they need have no fear but that the Anchor Lodge would flourish.

Song, Bro. the Rev. E. Richardson, "Masonry."

Bro. G. J. Robinson, P.M., submitted "The I.P.M., Bro. J. Shepard Winn," who had succeeded in thoroughly winning the respect and affection of every brother in the lodge during the time he had occupied the Master's chair.

Song, Bro. Farmery, "Leeds auld church."

Bro. Winn, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said that he had done his best to promote the harmony in the lodge during his Mastership. For the benefit of the younger brethren present he might state that he had only missed four lodge meetings since he was first initiated. He took that opportunity of thanking the Past Masters who had rendered him such valuable help during the past year, and also the officers of the lodge, who had been most attentive to their duties. They had had their vicissitudes during the past 12 months, but he was glad to be able to say that there was now complete harmony among them, and they were all pulling one way. In conclusion he wished Bro. Russell a happy and prosperous year of office, and would promise to render him all the assistance he could.

Recitation, Bro. G. J. Robinson.

Bro. Joseph Fairburn, P.M., submitted "The Visiting Brethren," and said they would drink a bumper to the toast, for they were always glad to welcome visitors to the Anchor Lodge.

Song, Bro. C. Tweedy, "They all love Jack."

Bro. Backhouse, P.M., responded, and said he thoroughly enjoyed the hospitable way in which visitors were received in the various lodges in Yorkshire, for both in the North and East Riding and in Durham all visitors were made certain of a hearty welcome. He noticed that their Tyler had been elected that day, and it reminded him of a story which actually occurred at a lodge he attended. A learned barrister protested against the Tyler being elected by a show of hands, and said he ought to be elected by ballot, and his proposition was agreed to, with the result that the barrister only lost the position of Tyler by one vote.

Song, Bro. Pattinson, "The anchor's weighed."

Bros. F. Smith, P.M., and J. T. Hansell, W.M., also replied in appropriate terms.

Song, Bro. Bell, "My wife's relations."

Bro. R. H. Sootheran, P.M., proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he trusted they would be most attentive to their duties and support their newly-installed Master, so that the year would pass away pleasantly and profitably.

Song, Bro. Charlton, "The Romany lass."

Bros. W. Bell, S.W., and W. S. Charlton, Stwd., appropriately responded.

Song, Bro. Dr. Hutchinson, "In cellar cool."

Bro. Bell, S.W., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. Charlton gave a graceful response.

The Tyler's toast "All Poor and Distressed Masons," concluded a most harmonious, enjoyable, and fraternal gathering. Bro. G. J. Robinson, P.M., ably acted as Director of Ceremonies.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren, amongst others Bros. W. T. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; T. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; F. H. Crossman, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; G. West, Stwd.; W. Hersey, D. of C.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; J. Pickard, C. Hill, John Salter, P.M., D.C. 328; R. L. Mugford, W.M. 328; and W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Alfred Greenham, I.P.M. 1884, Prov. J.G.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, was elected an honorary member, and the sum of 10 guineas voted from the lodge Benevolent Fund to the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. E. Henley was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. John Lane, who worked the ceremony with faultless accuracy.

Bro. John Chapman then gave a statement of general Masonic events of the past month, and a general review of the past year, touching upon the local events, such as the inauguration of the Jordan Lodge of Ark Mariners, for which he predicted a successful voyage, with their able Bro. John Lane as the first Commander; the recent opening of the new Masonic buildings at Plymouth, for which purpose a special Grand Lodge was called; then briefly noting the increase in lodges and members; the sums dispensed in Charity by our great Institutions, not forgetting those of the province—the "Fortescue Benevolent Fund" and the Devon Educational Fund; the Masonic literature of the past year passing in review Bro. Whympers' "Religion of Freemasonry" and the latest work by Bro. W. J. Hughan—"The Engraved List of Regular Lodges for A.D. 1734," in fac simile, as an important link to the past—a limited edition only being published.

Sundry lodge matters were then disposed of, and the lodge closed.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—The annual meeting and installation of the W.M., Bro. Walter Foster, took place at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and the Board of Installed Masters comprised Bros. H. Coles, the Mayor, F. Osborne, H. Lashmore, T. P. Payne, J.P., J. Greenslade, J. W. Miller, J. Slater, J. C. Burbage, J. McDonald, B. Rowbotham, W. Berry, A. Albar, T. Walton, and G. Heathcote. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and likewise to the I.P.M., Bro. Heathcote, and that he be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, to which he suitably responded, expressing the pleasure he felt at all times in rendering any Masonic service to the province, and also to the representatives of sister lodges, who each offered their hearty congratulations to the W.M., and wished him a successful year of office. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and placed on the list of Bro. L. Steele, who has undertaken a Stewardship at the next Festival. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Heathcote, I.P.M.; E. Warren, S.W.; H. Hussey, J.W.; A. Algar, P.M., Treas.; W. Berry, P.M., Sec.; H. Collis, S.D.; G. Newnham, J.D.; K. B. Peck, Org.; B. Tanner, D.C.; A. Alexander and J. Jordan, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler.

The brethren, numbering 54, afterwards adjourned to the banquet-room, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

The menu cards were of new and elegant design, and to each was affixed a medallion photograph of the W.M., from the studio of Bro. S. J. Line, who was highly complimented for their artistic finish.

The banquet was excellently served by Mr. G. Etheridge, of the Bellevue Restaurant, and gave great satisfaction.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Penrose, W.M.; Dixon, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; H. G. Pitt, S.D.; Amos, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; R. Jackson, Dealer, H. Miller, and Embros.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Henry Miller, 147, was elected a member. Bro. Dixon, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 4th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Present: Bros. C. J. Walker, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; M. Rice, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; J. Davies, J.D.; and E. F. Nash, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams being the candidate. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; J. W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. G. Wetzlar, S.D.; H. Eastwood, J.D.; J. Bragell, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. V. Woodman, C. W. Francis, J. Smith, and W. Thompson.

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. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Woodman was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Francis gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very able manner, and received a vote of thanks for the same. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and called off and on. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the next meeting; the officers to be in rotation. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G. Supt. of Works Punjab, was unanimously adopted. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. M. Scarlett, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; A. M. Marks, J. Duncan, and H. Hunt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marks candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. Bro. Marks answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Scarlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was afterwards held, Bro. A. Wolter in the chair, when the balance-sheet of the Treasurer (Bro. J. Petch, W.M. 1471) was presented, and unanimously adopted. The Secretary, Bro. C. M. Coxon, gave a summary of the results of the year, showing that 150 guineas had been paid to the Charities during the year 1888, which sum was apportioned as follows: To the R.M.I. for Boys two Life-Governorships, to the R.M.B.I. three Life-Governorships, and to the R.M.I. for Girls ten Life-Governorships. Subscriptions were received, and the meeting terminated.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Evans, W.M.; Holland, S.W.; Luckhurst, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Clarkson, Sec.; Smales, S.D.; V. Wing, J.D.; Morgan, I.G.; Weekes, Tyler; Goldfinch, Hayter, Armour, and Quirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Goldfinch answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Goldfinch was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Hayter answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hayter was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and all Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; J. Greenway, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; Charles Lambert, S.D.; C. J. Smales, J.D.; W. Unwin, I.G.; T. E. Weekes, Tyler; W. Hancock, S. Goldfinch, P. Frangellucci, F. W. Buxton, J. Rayner, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section and Bro. J. Greenway the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree. Bro. F. W. Buxton, having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the 3rd Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the 1st Degree. Bro. C. J. Smales was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. J. Goldfinch and seconded by Bro. J. Greenway. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Greenway, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bros. J. Greenway, F. W. Buxton, and F. M. Noakes were unanimously elected Auditors to audit the accounts of the lodge for the year 1888. A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and seconded by Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, was carried with acclamation to Bro. G. P. Bertini for his kindness and attention towards the members of the lodge of instruction during the past year. A vote of congratulation to Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., on his attaining the position of W.M. of the mother lodge, was also carried with acclamation, being proposed by Bro. J. Greenway and seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem); Neville, S.D.; W. Fayers, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; and Knight.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Knight offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, being found proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Knight being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jennings, W.M.; Higginson, S.W.; Woods, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Rice, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Child, P.M.; Stonnill, Craggs, Blazey, Woodard, Head, Sansom, and Cross.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cross, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Woodard candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jennings. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this lodge on Thursday, the 24th instant.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 14th instant. Present: Bros. M. R. Rice, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, S.W.; J. T. Gracie, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; P. Skar, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; and J. B. Cory.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cory acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was carried on behalf of Bro. Rice for the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. Bro. W. C. Williams was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**TORQUAY.**—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Present: Bros. S. Wills, W.M.; W. Hill, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Sec.; Geo. West, S.D.; V. Lauzell, J.D.; J. Pickard, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Taylor offered himself as a candidate for the Degree of F.C. The ceremony of passing was ably worked by the W.M. The lecture on the tracing board was given in detail by Bro. John Taylor. The Preceptor complimented the brethren on the ability of their work, and the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th instant, Comp. J. Paterson, Z., in the chair, there being present Comps. C. Gowan, H.; W. Cowman, as J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; T. Allison, S.N.; T. Brakenridge, P.S.; Geo Starkey, 1st A.S.; W. J. Tyson, 2nd A.S.; J. Carson, Janitor; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; E. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.

G.J.; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, G. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.G.H.; W. H. Bewlay, G. W. Roll, and J. Shepherd.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which two candidates were balloted for and accepted. Bro. Dr. Chas. McKerrow was then exalted to the Supreme Degree. Ten guineas were voted to Comp. Dalrymple's Stewardship on behalf of the R.M.B.I. One candidate was proposed, and there being nothing further, the chapter was closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**KING SOLOMON LODGE (No. 385).**—At the regular meeting, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., Bro. R. Roy, W.M., presiding, Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen and Bro. Dr. R. Paramore were advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. After the lodge, the brethren adjourned to 278, High Holborn, where an excellent vegetarian dinner was partaken of. The members of this lodge are all teetotalers, but, with the exception of the J.W., not vegetarians; they, nevertheless, expressed themselves well pleased with the repast. The usual loyal and Masonic "sentiments" were heartily responded to.

Bro. Edward Macbean, from Glasgow, replied on behalf of "The Visitors," and gave an interesting account of Masonry in Scotland.

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.**

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—This influential and prosperous conclave met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 6th instant, when there were present among others Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, A.G.R., &c., M.P.S.; W. Lake, V.E.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Gen. and Treas.; John Mason, P.G. Gen. and Recorder; Heard, N. Storr, M.A.; Parkes, H. Harris, Robinson, Edwin Prower, Scurah, L. Steele, G. Graveley, C. Keyser, W. W. Codd, E. H. Thiellay, G.C., P.M.P.S.; H. H. Shirley, P.M.P.S.; T. C. Wall, G.A., P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.G.G., &c. (Hon. Member); and Sir Knight Weiss, Saye and Sele Conclave, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Bro. Andrews was impressively installed as a Knight of Rome and Constantine, Sir Knight Shirley delivering the historical oration. A preceptory of K.H.S. was formally opened by Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, as R.R. Prelate, assisted by Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, as Prior; Marsh, as G.S.V.; and T. C. Walls, as Captain of the Guards, Verger, &c. Sir Knights Scurah, Steele, and Andrews were duly installed as K.H.S. A Commandery of St. John was subsequently opened, and the same sir knights were duly inducted thereto. It was universally admitted by those who had the privilege of witnessing both ceremonials, that Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner particularly were in excellent form, and consequently the two beautiful ceremonies were carried out in almost a perfect manner.

The sir knights then adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served under the personal and courteous superintendence of Bro. Madell.

The customary loyal toasts received full justice. Sir Knight Walls responded for "The Grand Council," and Sir Knights Shirley and Keyser for "The Grand Senate."

Sir Knight Mason, I.P.M.P.S., spoke in high terms of the services and ability of Sir Knight Lardner as M.P.S. They had seen his excellent working that night, and he (the speaker) ventured to say that few, if any, Sovereigns could surpass him.

Sir Knight Lardner having replied, gave "The Newly-installed Sir Knights."

Sir Knight Andrews, in reply, made a most interesting and powerful speech. In the course of his remarks he gave some very interesting details in connection with Masonry in the West Indies. He said that he particularly wanted to encourage and enhance the cause of Christian Masonry in that far off country. In speaking of the three ceremonies that he had gone through that night, he expressed his pleasure in being admitted thereto, and also praised most highly the efficient working of Sir Knights Lardner and Shirley.

Sir Knight Weiss, in responding for "The Visitor," paid a graceful compliment to the conclave upon its splendid working and profuse hospitality. The toast of "The V.E." followed.

Sir Knight W. Lake made a humorous response. In concluding, he expressed his willingness to undertake the duties of the chair should the conclave be pleased, at the proper time, to elect him, but he wished the sir knights to understand that, although he intended to do his best to carry out the work, yet he could not hope to equal the efforts of some of the Sovereigns who had so efficiently filled that position.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Recorder," the M.P.S. expressed his warm thanks for the great assistance that those worthy officers had not only rendered him, but the conclave generally. At the last meeting the members of the Premier Conclave had recognised the services, and deservedly so, of Sir Knight Cubitt, their Treasurer, by presenting him with a very handsome illuminated testimonial. Sir Knight Mason, during the years that he had held the position of Recorder, had done good suit and service.

Sir Knights Cubitt and Mason having replied at length, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Sir Knights Heard and Prower, terminated the proceedings.

The Directors of the Alhambra are determined not to let the grass grow under their feet, so after having re-decorated their building in a most gorgeous and beautiful style, they have produced another ballet, called "Irene," set to lovely music by Mons. Jacobi. We have been in the habit of seeing for years past ballets of exquisite description at this legitimate home of ballet, but "Irene," without exception, surpasses anything prior to it in arrangement, grouping, colour, and effect. Bro. Harry Randall nightly in the variety part of the entertainment sings his "Who killed Cock Warren?" and receives much applause. Mr. James Fawn is among the other artistes, as is also Lieut. Walter Cole, the king of ventriloquism. We defy anyone to go to the Alhambra and not have a hearty and harmless laugh at the humours of Mr. Cole and his satellites.



**THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FESTIVAL.**  
—We are asked to state in reply to numerous enquiries, as to when the usual illuminated presentation to the Stewards will be ready for delivery, that the elaborate nature of the design has somewhat delayed its completion, but it is hoped that in another week or two they will be in the hands of the brethren entitled to receive them.

At the last meeting of the Starkie Installed Masters Lodge of Instruction, held under the Warrant of St. George's Lodge, No. 1170, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, it was resolved "That the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to the W. Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian, for his kind and valuable assistance to the W. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., and for the articles recently published in the *Freemason* relating to the ceremony of installation of Master."

Bro. Walter J. Gregory, W.M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, installed Bro. George H. W. Grace, S.W., as his successor, on Tuesday last, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. A report will appear in our next.

A Ball was held in the new Town Hall, Bournemouth, under the patronage of the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the three Bournemouth lodges, on Thursday, the 10th inst., and proved a great success. The company numbered about 120, and the Stewards consisted of the Masters and Wardens of the Hengist, Boscombe, and Horsa Lodges, with the assistance of other Past Masters and brethren. The room was very tastefully decorated by Bro. Croom, whilst Bro. Dacre provided the supper. The programme included special dances for the several degrees.

A Masonic Ball in aid of the funds of the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Town Hall, in that town, on Wednesday next. It has been organised by the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502.

Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C., has been elected Master, and Bros. W. Hays, Alderman Evans, W. A. Higgs, and E. F. B. Fuller Wardens, of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company for the ensuing year.

At the last meeting of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262, of Mark Master Masons, Bro. Edmund George Walthew, Solicitor, of Whitstable, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Friday, the 25th inst.

Bro. J. Leach Barrett was installed W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Boys' School, has organised a concert and entertainment in aid of the funds, to be given in the Craven Lecture Hall, Foubert's-place, 206, Regent-street, on Friday, the 22nd February. A good programme is arranged, all the artists kindly giving their services. We wish Bro. Jackson success in his praiseworthy efforts to bring a much needed addition to the funds.

The Duke of Cambridge, who had been on a visit to Bro. and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., at Diddington Hall, Norfolk, returned to Gloucester House at the close of last week.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit next week to Yorkshire. Their Royal Highnesses will be received at the Richmond Station by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, and will receive an address from the Corporation at the Market Cross on their way to Aske Hall, when a series of entertainments will be given in their honour.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville and Bro. Sir Frederick Abel arrived at Sandringham Hall on Monday, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G.C., has been obliged to apply for six months' leave of absence from his parish in British Columbia, in consequence of the serious illness of his wife. On the arrival of Bro. and Mrs. Cooper at Montreal, en route for England, they were unable to proceed any farther on their journey, and are now waiting until Mrs. Cooper gets sufficient strength to undergo a severe operation, which must be performed before she attempts the voyage home. Much sympathy has been expressed for Bro. Cooper, in consequence of his great trouble, and it goes without saying that his Masonic brethren have been foremost in extending their sympathy.

The dedication of the new Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall at Plymouth, on the 2nd inst., by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, in the presence of about 600 brethren was a most impressive ceremony, and one well worthy of being remembered by all who took part in its proceedings. We regret that, owing to the demands upon our space we have been again called upon to hold over our report of the gathering; but it was a most successful meeting, and its arrangements were admirably carried out. We hope we shall be able to find space in our issue of next week.

The plans for a new hall at Oban were submitted to a Dean of Guild Court recently. The building will be one of two storeys in height, the ground floor being made available for shops and the upper portions for hall and side-rooms. The building is estimated to cost about £1100.

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Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., will be installed W.M. of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, for the second time, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

A very successful Masonic ball was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Castle Mona, Isle of Man, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Mr. Walpole were present, as well as the Prov. Grand Master, Major Goldie Taubman, and a large number of Prov. Grand officers. The ball was primarily in aid of the Insular Benevolent Fund, which, we believe, has been considerably benefited.

At the Albion on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. Carter was installed in office as the W.M. of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.

The festival dinner of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, the 26th February, when Bro. Edward L. Lawson (*Daily Telegraph*) will preside.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., left town on Monday on a week's visit to Newmarket, and will leave England next week for a tour on the Continent.

Collingwood Hall and estate at Tabenhill, near Burton-on-Trent, have been purchased by Bro. Lord Burton, who is owner of the adjoining company at Range-moor.

At the annual dinner of the Bristol and West of England Press Fund, at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, on Saturday last, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., proposed the toast of "The Press" in very eulogistic terms, and was loudly applauded by the guests present.

The Empress Frederick of Germany and her three daughters, who have been during the present week on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham, it is expected will return to town on Monday next, accompanied by their present host and hostess, and, after a stay of a few days at Buckingham Palace, will return to the Queen at Osborne.

The Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his visit to Middlesborough on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., will be presented with an address by a deputation from the brethren of North and East Yorkshire, headed by Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the province.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., arrived in town from his seat in Kent, on Tuesday, and, after transacting business in Downing-street, paid a visit to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Friendship Lodge, No. 206, at their meeting on the 10th inst., elected Bro. Sindall as their W.M. for the ensuing year.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Sir Henry A. Hunt, K.C.B., Consulting Surveyor to Her Majesty's Office of Works from 1856 to 1886. The deceased, who was made a C.B. in 1871 and a K.C.B. in 1876, was 76 years of age.

The first of a series of four conferences on the Food Supply of the People was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday evening, when a paper was read by Bro. D. Tallerman on the importance of combination on the part of Co-operative Societies' and School Managers, with a view to bringing producers and consumers into closer contact.

There are four candidates for the Aldermanic gown of Bishopsgate Ward, rendered vacant by the death of Alderman Sir Thomas S. Owden, Bros. Ex-Sheriff Davies and Sheriff Newton being two of them. The nomination is fixed for Monday next, and the polling for the day following.

It is understood that, so far as the arrangements have been made, this year's session of Parliament will be opened on Thursday, the 21st February.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, M.P., left England on Saturday last for New Zealand, on board the Royal Mail Steamer Tongararo.

A meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund was held at the Lyceum Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, Bro. Henry Irving, who is President of the Fund, occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Toole, Bancroft, E. Terry, and others.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has addressed a letter to the press generally appealing to the public for aid in behalf of the funds of the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the Poor, which for four years past has been doing some excellent work in the interests of health and sanitation in various parts of the metropolis.

The drainage and other works which have been in progress during the last two months at the Mansion House being now completed, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have taken up their residence.

A slight improvement in the condition of the Earl of Warwick, father of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., is reported, and we trust will continue.

The brethren of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, which meets at Boston, in Lincolnshire, celebrated their Festival of St. John on the 9th inst. Bro. Charles Lucas was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. C. Pickering, P.M. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. R. Morton, I.P.M.; W. G. B. Dickinson, S.W.; D. Stephenson, J.W.; the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Eley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Pocklington, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Padley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. S. Winn, S.D.; H. Tyler, J.D.; J. Atkin, I.G.; F. Fountain and F. Blanshard, Stwds.; and I. Ward, Tyler. The usual banquet was provided at the Peacock and Royal Hotel in the evening.

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The usual monthly meeting of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, was held on the 9th inst., when, after the initiation of a gentleman, the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Grose, W.M.; Bennetts, Treas.; and Lean, Tyler. A committee was also appointed to arrange the festival of St. John, which will be held on the fourth Monday in January.

Messrs. Dean and Son, 160A, Fleet-street, are about to publish a new volume of humorous and other recitations, by Mr. Campbell Rae-Brown, author of "Kissing Cup's Race." The book will be entitled "Rhymes of the Times," and will form one of "Dean's Books for Elocutionists."

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., addressed a crowded and influential meeting of his constituents of West Bristol, at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, on Monday, and was accorded a vote of confidence.

A correspondent of the *Glasgow Evening News* thus writes of the necessity of providing a building for the exclusive use of Masons in the City.—"Being in the company of several Freemasons the other night it was again forced on my notice that in Glasgow the fraternity have no common meeting-place. It strikes me as singular indeed that the brotherhood, so numerous and influential, should be without a home in this great city, or, indeed, anywhere in Scotland. In Edinburgh, the head-quarters of the Craft, there is, I believe, no Masonic Hall belonging to them. All grand functions are generally held in the Music Hall. It is neither creditable to the East nor the West of Scotland that the brotherhood should be without a temple after the style to be seen in New York, Philadelphia, and other American cities. Were the matter initiated in Glasgow, under the presidency of Sir Archibald Campbell, the popular Grand Master, I venture to say that it would quickly enlist the sympathy and support of the brethren generally. If a building worthy of the architecture of the city and of Freemasonry could not be erected by voluntary subscriptions, it might be done as a commercial speculation among the brotherhood themselves. See to it, Brother Menzies."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will visit Norwich on the 27th February, and address a meeting, which will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley will preside at the lecture which will be delivered at the Royal United Service Institution to-day (Friday), by Captain Francis R. Stone, R.A., on "Quick-firing Guns for Fortress Defence."

**GALLERY LODGE BALL.**—The eighth annual ball under the auspices of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. The hall was beautifully decorated, a very pleasing effect being produced by a large number of fairy lamps distributed among the palms and flowers arranged round the orchestra, in front of which was the banner of the lodge. In the gallery several immense Japanese fans, kindly lent by Messrs. Smith, of the Bon Marché, formed a fitting set-off to the profuse decorations at the orchestra end and the sides of the hall. This lodge occupies the unique position of being wholly composed of members of the press, and, as its name suggests, many of them are engaged in the press "gallery" of the Houses of Parliament. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, to the strains of a first class band, supplied by Mr. C. Ham, and was kept up until 4 o'clock next morning. At midnight the company sat down to supper, and great praise is due to Messrs. W. Hill and Sons, Bishopsgate-street, for the way it was put upon the table and served. After supper—at which the Master of the lodge, Bro. R. J. Griffiths, LL.D., presided—"The Queen and the Craft" and "The Gallery Lodge" were duly honoured, as was also the toast of "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Bevan, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas. of England. The arrangements were carried out by the following committee: Bros. R. J. Griffiths, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, I.P.M.; H. Wright, S.W.; H. Massey, P.M.; C. Greenwood, Stwd.; and R. Masson, with F. Sale, D.C., and Charles K. Moore, Stwd., joint Secretaries, and W. J. Innes, Treasurer. The joint M.C.'s were Bros. F. Gale, C. Greenwood, and Charles K. Moore.

A correspondent of the *Bazaar* asked the Editor for some information about Freemasonry, and the following judicious reply appears in our contemporary:—"Freemasonry is not a benevolent society; it offers no pecuniary advantages whatever; its benefits are purely intellectual, social, and moral. This should be clearly understood by all who would be Masons. The objects of Freemasonry are: To diffuse a knowledge of the secrets preserved amongst Freemasons, and to promote brotherly love, relief, and truth. The mode of admission is by initiation. Freemasonry is generally diffused over the earth, and it has no head-quarters; but, as far as the United Grand Lodge of England is concerned, its head-quarters may be said to be Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Provincial Grand Lodges usually migrate from one to another, and are held under the banners of the respective lodge or lodges of the town they visit, and the town in which the provincial lodge meets is the head-quarters for the time being. The fees vary in different lodges. By the Book of Constitutions, the lowest sum allowed to be charged is three guineas, except in the case of a serving brother. As a rule, the initiation fee is about ten guineas; this includes registration and Grand Lodge certificate, but not Masonic clothing, which costs two or three guineas more. The annual subscription to the lodge is two guineas or upwards, according to the by-laws. No man should offer himself as a candidate unless he is well able to pay the fees and contributions without injury to himself or his connections, and also to subscribe to the various Masonic charities, and, above all, has a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to render himself more extensively useful to his fellow creatures."

Mr. Kenning, of Great Queen-street, sends us the new edition of the "Freemasons' Pocket Book," which will be found useful by every member of the Craft. It contains the most comprehensive records of Freemasonry at home and abroad that can possibly be brought within the compass of a single handbook, while at the same time serving the purpose of a general diary.—*Daily Chronicle*.

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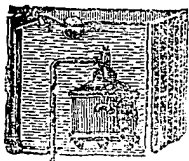
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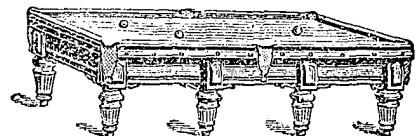
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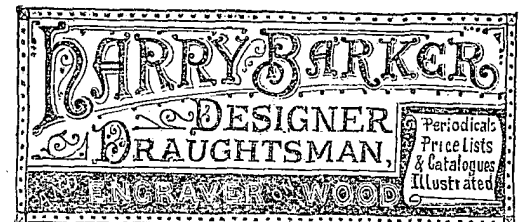
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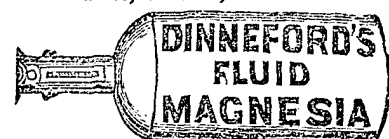
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For the week ending Saturday, January 26, 1889.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

CRAFT LODGES.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1732, King's Arms, Anderton's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.

MARK LODGE.
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.

CRAFT LODGES.
1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
182, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.

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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
MARK LODGES.
333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
180, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1305, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square, W.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
CRAFT LODGES.
2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.

67, Studholme, 33, Golden-square, W.
107, Shadwell Clerke, 81, Red Lion-square, W.C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
CRAFT LODGES.

34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square, W.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 4.
CRAFT LODGES.

60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509, Fitz Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
CRAFT LODGE.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H. Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, January 26, 1889.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.

CRAFT LODGES.
77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.

827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
840, Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, Bucks.
900, St. George's Hall, Town Hall, Tewkesbury.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, at 8.
74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh-place, Liverpool.
36, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
37, Concord, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton.

MARK LODGES.

73, Meridian, Masonic Hall, Redruth, Cornwall.
218, Lyegrove, Temperance Hotel, Chipping Sodbury.
327, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

39, Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
98, Hyde, Masonic Hall, Wimborne, Dorset.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.

CRAFT LODGES.
253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, M.H., Grainger-street, Newcastle, 7.30.
119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.