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WE are in a position to announce that Wednesday, the 22nd May, has been appointed for the celebration of the 101st Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when we trust the Stewards who have undertaken to support Bro. Lord HENNIKER, P.G.M. of Suffolk, as President on the occasion, will be successful in raising a sufficient amount of money to defray the regular expenses of the year. Upon this point we shall take an early opportunity of speaking more fully, and describing in some detail the requirements of the Institution; but in the meantime we must express our regret that it has not been found possible to arrange that the Festival should take place, as usual, on the second Wednesday in May. Last year the Anniversary of the Boys' School was held on the 27th June, or within three weeks of the Girls' Centenary. We understand the coming Festival of the Boys' School is fixed for the 26th June, and therefore there will be an interval of only five weeks between the two celebrations—an arrangement which we need hardly be at the pains of pointing out is likely to prove detrimental to the success of the later Festival, and, as a matter of course, therefore, to the interests of the Boys' School, in whose behalf it will be held. We have not a word to say against the departure from the usual arrangements as regards last year, when the Girls' Festival was of exceptional importance, and held under the presidency of the Prince of WALES—who, in all probability, owing to the vast number of his engagements, would have been unable to take the chair on any other day than the one that was chosen. But there is no doubt this inevitable postponement of the Festival until the month of June had the effect of increasing the difficulties which the Boys' School Stewards encountered in their canvass, and it looks very much as if those difficulties would recur during the present year. An interval of only five weeks does not give the Stewards for the Boys' School a fair chance of obtaining subscriptions, and in that case must affect the Returns very seriously. Is it too late to advance the Girls' School Festival by a week, or, better still, by two weeks?

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DEATH is assuredly causing sad havoc in the front ranks of our Provincial brethren. It is only last week that we gave expression to the opinion, which almost everywhere prevails among Craftsmen, that by the deaths of Bros. J. A. BIRCH and W. NOTT, the Provinces of East Lancashire and Wiltshire, to which they respectively belonged, had sustained losses which it will be difficult—and only after a considerable lapse of time—to replace. In our current number will be found a short memoir of another distinguished Provincial Mason, who has just died, and who had won distinction, not only in private and Provincial G. Lodge and Chapter, but likewise in United Grand Lodge itself and Supreme Grand Chapter. We allude to the late Bro. JOHN WATSON, J.P., of Nottinghamshire, who had been a member of our Society for some 35 years, and Dep. G. Master of his Province since 1877, and who in 1885 was appointed one of the Senior G. Deacons in Grand Lodge and Grand 1st Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. The deceased had also presided over the fortunes of Mark Masonry in Notts as Prov. G. Mark Master since 1883, and to replace one who had figured conspicuously in so many responsible positions will be a severe strain on our Nottinghamshire brethren. We have no doubt, however, that when they have been able to realise the blow which has fallen upon them, they will face their difficulty manfully, and that a brother will be sooner or later forthcoming upon whom the mantle of the late Bro. WATSON will descend, and by whom the more important duties in connection with the administration of Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry in Nottinghamshire will be discharged. In the meantime it is becoming that we should tender our respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother as well as to his colleagues in Masonry in the Province with which he had been so long and so beneficially associated.

THE Scarisbrick Lodge, which has recently been added to the roll of lodges in the Province of West Lancashire, and of the consecration of which by Bro. W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., we published a report last week, appears to have started on its career under most encouraging circumstances. It is undoubtedly to be regretted that Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M., and G. Master of the Province, was unable to preside on the occasion; but his place was ably filled by the Prov. G. Secretary, than whom no brother is more capable of performing the ceremony of consecration with accuracy and impressiveness. Moreover, Bro. GOODACRE was well supported by sundry of the Prov. G. Officers, among them being Bro. the Rev. J. S. GARDNER, P.M., Prov. G. Chaplain, who delivered an excellent oration in praise of Masonry and its attributes, laying especial stress on the importance of the brethren illustrating on every possible occasion the great Masonic virtue of Charity. After the installation of the W. Master and the appointment of officers, the brethren present indulged in mutual congratulations on the success of the day's proceedings. It was also mentioned as showing the spirit in which the members of the lodge had acted, that the collars and silver jewels of the officers had been presented by Bro. J. WITHAM and another brother, that the silver working tools were the gift of the W.M. and the two Wardens, and that the lodge had determined on appropriating the whole of the initiation and joining fees to Charity. We congratulate West Lancashire and the brethren of the Scarisbrick Lodge on the success of their opening day; and we sincerely trust that the same harmonious and kindly feeling may be found to prevail always among the members.

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THE various statements of account which accompany the Report of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating children for the half-year ended the 31st December, fully justify the assertion contained in the opening paragraph thereof—that the record is one "of satisfactory and steady progress." There has been an increase in the number of Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Annual Subscribers, the office of Steward has been filled up in several lodges, and some unattached special Stewards have been appointed. The receipts from voluntary contributions amounted to 3920 rupees, and, though the income from capitation assessments realised only about one-half of the amount estimated, the deficiency is recoverable from the lodges, and there is every reason to believe it will be made good in the course of the half-year now current. The reports from the authorities of the various schools in which the children on the establishment are being educated are uniformly satisfactory, and considering that since the Association was started 61 children have been, or are being, educated at its charges, there can be no doubt that our Bengal brethren who founded and maintain it in a state of such admirable efficiency have exemplified to very good purpose their attachment to the principles of the Craft. As regards the future, the prospects are most hopeful. The invested funds of the Association amount to 65,000 rupees, the interest annually derivable thereon being some 2700 rupees, while the expenses of management are extremely moderate. The brethren, too, appear to be generous in their support, and under so capable a President as Bro. the Hon. H. T. PRINSEP, Dist. G.M., there is every reason to anticipate that the progress heretofore made will be well maintained. We warmly congratulate the Committee and officials on the position of an Association which has already done them so much credit.

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It was not to be expected that so momentous a change as that which has recently taken place in the Masonic community in New South Wales should have been effected without creating a certain amount of heartburning, or that every single member of the said community should have given in at once, and without any hesitation whatever, his adhesion to the new arrangements. We were under the impression, however, from the reports which reached us from time to time, that the establishment of the new order of things had been brought about constitutionally, and by the virtually, if not actually, unanimous wish of the members of the various Constitutions heretofore existing in the Colony. But it appears from a letter we publish in our correspondence columns, that one English lodge—the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656—or perhaps for the present we must confine ourselves to saying a section of its members, has resolved on remaining aloof from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and retaining its old allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England. The news will not seriously affect our original belief that the brethren of the various Constitutions were, as we have said, virtually unanimous in their desire for the change that has been brought about; but it makes it clear that the dissentient feeling is stronger than we had any reason to suppose, and that for so long, at all events, as Lodge No. 656 shall remain of the same opinion as, according to our correspondent, Bro. GEORGE ROBINSON, it now is, there will be two rival Masonic authorities in the

Colony, namely, that of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with upwards of 180 lodges on its roll, and the United Grand Lodge of England, to which this Lodge No. 656 is determined to continue its allegiance. Under these circumstances, and without expressing any opinion upon the case of Lodge No. 656, as described by Bro. ROBINSON, it seems desirable we should say a few words in explanation of the views which Bro. HUGHAN and we have from time to time expressed in the *Freemason* on the vexed question of jurisdiction. In the first place, our correspondent is wrong in imagining that there is any difference of opinion between Bro. HUGHAN and ourselves as to the right which every lodge possesses to remain in allegiance to its mother Grand Lodge. On the contrary, we are of the same mind as he is, that "if any object (to join the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales) to do so, they are distinctly within their rights, and will be upheld by us in this country." Indeed, we have more than once pointed out that so long as a private lodge continues to obey the laws of our Grand Lodge, as contained in our Book of Constitutions, the latter has no power to determine its existence. Thus, if No. 656, or any other lodge of English Constitution in New South Wales, elects to remain in its old allegiance to our Grand Lodge, instead of casting in its lot with the majority of its sister lodges, there is nothing to prevent its so doing, and our United Grand Lodge will watch over and protect its interests with as much care as if there were no such body in existence as the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. This is the position we have taken up during the whole of the differences and difficulties which have been forced upon our Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and so long as the three English lodges in Montreal are resolved on remaining as they are, so long will it be the duty of our Grand Lodge to protect and support them. But, in saying this, we must at the same time point out, for the benefit of Bro. GEO. ROBINSON, and the few of whom, we suppose, he is the mouth-piece, that higher interests may occasionally render it undesirable that a small section of a community should always and in all circumstances insist on having its full legal rights. In this particular case the higher interests involved are those of Freemasonry as a whole, and we have no hesitation in affirming that if those interests are consulted as they deserve to be, then every lodge of English Constitution in New South Wales will cast in its lot with the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, instead of remaining, as it is fully entitled to do, in its old allegiance. We wish further to remark, with reference to the expression—"insignificant minority"—to which Bro. ROBINSON so pointedly takes exception, that, though we cannot call to mind the particular occasion on which we used it, we have no doubt the context will show that the idea we were anxious to convey was that of *numerical* insignificance, or, in other words, that the minority as compared with the majority was, in respect of mere numbers, of little or no account.

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Proposed Grand
Chapter of
Victoria.

By the last Australian mail we are favoured with news of another important step being taken amongst the Freemasons of the Colony of Victoria, to bring about amalgamation and consolidation. This time it is the Royal Arch Masons who are taking action. A meeting of Present and Past Principals was held in Melbourne, on the 30th of January, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. JOHN JAMES, P.Z. 530, P.D.G.J. Victoria (E.C.), with the object of inaugurating a Supreme Grand Chapter, concurrently with the opening of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, on the 21st of March. In Victoria, at the present time, there are 11 chapters working under the English Constitution, and two others in course of foundation, also one Irish and one Scottish chapter. An insuperable difficulty, however, faced the promoters of a Supreme body at the outset, namely, the course to be adopted with regard to the members belonging to the three chapters unwarrantably and unconstitutionally chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, some time ago, which act of invasion, it will be remembered, produced a strong resolution of remonstrance from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England last year. The members of the three Canadian chapters referred happen to belong to the hitherto unrecognised Grand Lodge of Victoria, now allied with the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of the three British Constitutions, as a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. At the meeting in question, a letter was read from the Canadian chapters expressing their willingness to join in the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter for the colony, failing which it was injudiciously hinted that the alternative would be the immediate foundation of a Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria by the Canadian chapters. This naturally produced a feeling of resentment, and matters promised to proceed slowly and inharmoniously. Better feelings, however, eventually prevailed, and at a mutual conference five days later, the Canadians undertook to return their warrants and become joining members of the Washington Chapter, No. 368 (I.C.). All's well that ends well, therefore, and the Supreme Grand Chapter accordingly will be inaugurated on the very same day as the United Grand Lodge. We may here appropriately congratulate our Victorian brethren on the celerity of their movements, as compared with the neighbouring colony of New South Wales. The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was constituted, and Bro. Lord CARRINGTON installed M.W.G.M. last September, but at latest date no steps had been taken to form a Supreme Grand Chapter; indeed, the English and Scottish chapters were still working under their old warrants. Of course, Comp. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., the Grand Superintendent of Victoria, under the English Constitution, will be the first Grand M.E.Z. of the new Supreme Grand Chapter, to which we cordially tender "health, peace, and goodwill," and a prosperous and useful career.

The District G.
Lodge of Can-
terbury (N.Z.).

It appears, from the Reports which were presented at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, on the 17th January, that the position of the Craft in this part of our distant Colony, especially in matters financial, is most satisfactory. According to the audited statement of account for 1888, the year opened with a balance in bank of £100, and closed with one of £170, while the balance-sheet shows that, after making allowance for the proportions of moneys received and due to Grand Lodge and the Fund of Benevolence, but not yet appropriated, there remained to the credit of the District Grand Lodge £825, which included the balance of £170 as above from general account; estimated value—after deducting 10 per cent. for depreciation of regalia and furniture—£182; fixed deposit, P.I. and L. Association, £450; and cash at P.O. Savings' Bank and interest accrued on deposit amounting together to £62 10s. As regards the Fund of Benevolence, the credit to this is stated as amounting to £311, and the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER took the opportunity afforded him by the presentation of the Report and balance-sheet, which furnished those particulars, to congratulate the members of the Board on the successful manner in which they had administered the funds entrusted to their charge during the past year. We hope this District Grand Lodge will always be in a position to give as excellent an account of its proceedings as it has in this instance.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR CHARLES BRIGHT CHAPTER, No. 1793.

This chapter was consecrated at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, in the Province of Middlesex, on the 14th inst. The consecrating officers were Comps. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P., P.Z., P.G.S.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.Z., P.G.S.B., P.G.H., as H.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.J., as J.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., as D.C. Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E., acted most ably as S.E. (pro tem.)

The chapter having been opened, the founders, Comps. R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., M.E.Z. designate; C. Stevens, M.E.Z. 1423, P.P.G. Org., Second Principal designate; R. R. Collick, M.E.Z. 946, Third Principal designate; F. C. Austin, H. elect 177; H. Sapsworth, S.N. 946; E. Hopwood, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.S. 946; J. M. Marjason, and T. Covell, 946, were arranged in order.

Comp. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT having addressed the companions, the ceremony was proceeded with.

Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. SAUNDERS, M.A., delivered the following oration:

M.E. and Companions: From the earliest times it has been the custom amongst Freemasons, following the ancient example of the solemn dedication of the Temples of Solomon and Zerubbabel, to inaugurate a new lodge or chapter by a special ceremony of consecration, and, accordingly, to-day, we are assembled here to erect the Sir Charles Bright Chapter with solemn rites of dedication. Will you pardon me, M.E., if, in mentioning the name the new chapter is to bear, I make, in passing a personal, allusion? Many of you, companions, doubtless, knew our distinguished brother, Sir Charles Bright, well, and having learned to love him, have deeply felt his loss, and I, though I never had the privilege of knowing him personally, yet can claim a particular connection with him, which is shared also by Ex. Comp. H., which makes his and my presence here on this auspicious occasion peculiarly appropriate. Ex. Comp. H. as a Governor, and I as a Master of Merchant Taylors' School—the school in which Sir Charles Bright was educated—cannot but feel a warm interest in a chapter which is to bear the honoured name of an old Merchant Taylor. It is a name this chapter may rightly be proud of, and a Masonic Society does well to perpetuate and hand down to posterity the memory of a man of whom it can be said (I quote from the journal of a learned society of which he was a member and to which I belong) "the works he accomplished bear evidence of his skilful handiwork, his initiative knowledge and unerring judgment, and, as the great fabric of the modern telegraph system rises and spreads throughout the world, its foundations and superstructure bear evidence of the vital part played by him in their construction and formation." But I fear I have wandered from my text. M.E., at your command, I am to deliver an oration "on the nature and purposes of the Order," a subject so immense that in the brief time at my disposal I cannot hope to do it full justice, but I may, by confining myself to a few salient points and availing myself of the earnest sympathy of my audience, bring some useful thoughts to mind. First, then, Freemasonry is a system of morality—by no means a religion; and it is very important to remember this. But, though it is not a religion, Freemasonry is decidedly religious—its principles and precepts are most thoroughly in accord with religion; but it goes not beyond principles and precepts—illustrated and enforced, no doubt, by many noble examples. It sets the precepts before us, and counsels us to obey them; but it gives not the power to do so. And though in this exalted Degree we are taught the weakness of human nature, and admonished that we are unable of ourselves to help ourselves or to resist the powers of darkness, unless assisted by that help which cometh from above, yet the way of life, the means of obtaining the strengthening power and mercy of the Most High are not pointed out. I am not saying Freemasonry ought to take this ground, but I am urging the necessity, companions, of a recognition that Freemasonry does not bridge over the chasm which man's sin has placed between him and his Creator; and that, therefore, it is needful to have some religion beyond what we find in Freemasonry. But in the practice of our religion, Masonry, and in particular the Holy Royal Arch Degree, is a good Schoolmaster. It teaches us many useful lessons—it sets before us many ennobling principles. For instance, in the exaltation ceremony, what a magnificent example we have of religious earnestness and enthusiasm in the labours of the Sojourners—how clearly we see in the arduous search made by them that religious activity and zeal will always mean much that is sorely trying to flesh and blood, and will always require unflinching perseverance—and then again, when we hear of their success, and see them receive the rewards due to their exertions, and remember that their task when allotted to them was not considered one of dignity or importance, we clearly learn that our efforts, no matter how humble outwardly, and apparently insignificant, they may be, will, if they are prompted by true love to God and made for His honour and glory, be crowned with success and rewarded with the approbation of the Most High—"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Once more, how admirably is the spirit of reverence for things sacred interwoven with all the ceremonies of this Degree, so much so that the third Commandment may be said to sum up its teachings—"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." A most valuable testimony this in these days, when reverence, either for things human or for things divine, is fast tending to disappear. And we ought, companions, as members of the Holy Royal Arch, not only in ourselves to abstain from, but also in others to discountenance the use of, modes of speech and expletives which do violence to this sacred Commandment. Let us be true to our profession, ready to be made use of by the G.A.O.T.U. as He shall see good, thoroughly furnished with every good work, that when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, we may be found to have obtained mercy, and fit to be placed in the Heavenly Temple, where the Great Architect lives and reigns for ever as the Eternal Grand Master.

The ceremony having been fully carried out, the installation of the Three Principals followed. The following elections then took place: Comps. Austin, S.E.; Sapsworth, S.N.; Hopwood, Treas.; Simmonds, Principal Soj.; Marjason, 1st. Asst. Soj.; and Covell, 2nd Asst. Soj.

Votes of thanks were passed to Comps. Sir Francis Burdett, R. H. Thrupp, and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, and they were elected honorary members.

Votes of thanks were also passed to Comps. Walls and Lee. Several names having been handed in for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed, and the companions and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Comps. Gould, P.A.G.S.; Elsam, P.P.G.J. Surrey; Piller, P.G.S.B.; Poupard, Dare, J. T. Briggs, P.P.G. P.S., and many others. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Comp. C. Stevens, Collick, Poupard, Bros. E. and J. Hall, and Mr. Harry Middleton. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held on the 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. The following were elected Grand office-bearers for the ensuing year:

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| Comp. Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood | 1st G. Principal. |
| " Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart. | Past 1st G. Prin. |
| " William Mann, S.S.C. ... | Depute G. Prin. |
| " Frederick E. Villiers of Closeburn ... | 2nd G. Principal. |
| " The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun of Abernethy ... | 3rd G. Principal. |
| " R. S. Brown ... | Grand Scribe E. |
| " Dr. George Dickson ... | Grand Scribe N. |
| " William Officer, S.S.C. ... | Grand Treas. |
| " James Webster ... | Grand Recorder. |
| " James Dalrymple Duncan ... | Grand Chancellor |
| " George Christie, of Southfield ... | 1st G. Soj. |
| " Col. John Campbell ... | 2nd G. Soj. |
| " the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Haddington ... | 3rd G. Soj. |
| " James Crichton ... | Grand Swd. Br. |
| " William Black, C.E. ... | Grand S. of W. |
| " Col. P. Stirling of Kippendavie ... | 1st G. Std. Br. |
| " H. J. Coventry, W.S. ... | 2nd G. Std. Br. |
| " John Taylor ... | Grand Janitor. |

A charter was granted to a new chapter at Colac, Victoria, to be named the Mackersy.

Reports were received from Provincial Grand Chapters in Lanarkshire and Forfarshire, giving satisfactory accounts of the progress of the Order in these districts.

The following were elected members of the Supreme Committee in room of those who retire by rotation: Comps. W. Adamson, J. 56; Charles Baxter, W.S., Z. 40; Dr. John Falconer, H. 129; James Melville, Z. 118; and James Simpson, Z. 64.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY (N.Z.).

The regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 17th January. Bro. Henry Thompson, Dist. G.M., presided, and among the Grand Officers and other brethren present were Bros. Dr. Deamer, D.D.G.M.; H. Sawtell, D.S.G.W.; W. B. Allwright, as D.J.G.W.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; F. J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; W. T. C. Mills, D.S.G.D.; J. C. Revell, D.J.G.D.; J. G. L. Scott, D.G.S. of W.; George Buckham, D.G.D.C.; H. F. Arnold, D.G.S.B.; A. G. Raphael, as D.G. Org.; F. M. Warren, D.A.G. Sec.; E. U. Just, D.A.G.D.C.; T. Forrest, D.G.P.; H. A. Davis, Trev. Burns, and A. D. Fraser, D.G. Stewards; R. Stevens, D.G. Tyler; C. A. C. Hardy, C. P. Hulbert, S. Desbridge, Jubal Fleming, and Marcus Sandstien, Past D.G. Wardens, and others; and sundry visitors.

District Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the Quarterly Communication on 18th October last read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance from several brethren were announced.

The District Grand Treasurer's statement, showing a balance of over £683, and assets amounting to £865, was submitted and adopted.

The roll of lodges was called, and the Report of the Benevolence Fund, showing close on £311 to the credit of the Fund, was received, and the D.G. MASTER complimented the members of the Board on the successful work done during the past year.

The Report of the Standing Committee was submitted; and a notice of motion by Bro. E. JUST that an amendment by the D.G. Registrar was *ultra vires*, and should be expunged from the minutes, was defeated by a majority of nearly 2 to 1.

Bro. R. C. Bishop was unanimously re-elected District Grand Treasurer, and the following District Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed:

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| Bro. W. T. C. Mills | ... | ... | D.S.G. Warden. |
| " J. C. Revell | ... | ... | D.J.G. Warden. |
| " R. C. Bishop (elected) | ... | ... | D.G. Treasurer. |
| " F. J. Smith | ... | ... | D.G. Registrar. |
| " W. R. Mitchell | ... | ... | D.G. Secretary. |

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| " J. G. L. Scott | ... | ... | D.S.G. Deacon. |
| " George Buckham | ... | ... | D.J.G. Deacon. |
| " E. U. Just | ... | ... | D.G.S. of W. |
| " H. F. Arnold | ... | ... | D.G.D.C. |
| " F. W. East | ... | ... | D.A.G.D.C. |
| " George Davies | ... | ... | D.G.S.B. |
| " Thos. Forrest | ... | ... | D.G. Std. Br. |
| " R. T. Scarell | ... | ... | D.G. Organist. |
| " F. M. Warren | ... | ... | D. Asst. G. Sec. |
| " T. S. Foster | ... | ... | D.G. Pursuivant. |
| " C. E. Curtis | ... | ... | D.A.G. Purst. |
| " Acquilla Ivory | ... | ... | } D.G. Stewards. |
| " John Dobson | ... | ... | |
| " H. A. Davis | ... | ... | |
| " W. H. Baker | ... | ... | } D.G. Tyler. |
| " Richard Stevens | ... | ... | |

The members of the Standing Committee having been in part nominated by the D.G.M., and in part elected by D.G. Lodge, District G. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

MASONIC FICTIONS.

The much mooted question as to whether the Knight Templars compose a legitimate branch in Freemasonry is again disturbing the minds of some of our contemporaries, apparently unaware that this pretension is but the result of the Abbe Robin's advancement of a theory as to Freemasonry having been a prolongation of chivalry as instituted in the Middle Ages. The Abbe, in 1779, published a book, advocating his views, which undoubtedly was seized upon by some French enthusiasts as a pretext for re-organisation of Templarism in that country as an independent system in knighthood, to which was subsequently added other fictions relating their descent from the martyr De Molay. The Abbe's views were ingenious and plausible, but were evidently raised to controvert the theory of Bro. Enoch, whose *True Freemason* was published in 1773, and produced much excitement among the Fraternity as giving the remote origin of the Order. Bro. Enoch claimed that the first lodge of Freemasons was held among the children of Seth, immediately after Cain's fratricide, and was presided over by the Archangel St. Michael. Bro. Enoch, however, was not as venturesome as his contemporary, the Abbe Le Tranc, who, in his *Veil Uplifted*, assumes Freemasonry to have originated with Adam in the Garden of Eden. The traditions resulting from these vagaries have descended to us to be retailed by modern orators as the veritable history as to the remote antiquity of the Masonic institution.—*Masonic Chronicle*.

PERFECT RITUALISM.

When Grand Master Walkem visited St. George's Lodge, Toronto, he expressed the opinion that it would be wise for lodge officers to give more of their attention to the teachings of the Order, because a knowledge of the ritual was not all that was required, as there was something else in Freemasonry besides words and forms. *The Craftsman* has held that perfect ritualism is not the mainstay of Freemasonry, while it may be a very good feature in its way, believing that there are grander lessons to be learned from the teachings and traditions of the Craft than from the rehearsal, in a poll parrot style, of our ritual.

Comp. J. H. Brown, Grand Recorder of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, thus refers to what we may justly term "machine ritualism," as much of our work is imparted in such a slovenly and meaningless manner as not to make the slightest impression on a listener—"One thing is certain—parrot work will no longer satisfy companions, otherwise intelligent. Lecturers must be prepared to give reasons founded in truth, and clearly enunciated, for every doctrine inculcated. The why, the wherefore, must be made plain to each and every inquirer, else he will go away with the feeling that something has been wilfully withheld or that there is sham in the work, and give up the attempt to make further inquiry or attainment."

Grand Master Elliott, of Wisconsin, in his address to Grand Lodge, recently said—"The impression is too generally entertained that a 'bright Mason' is he who with glib tongue can rattle off the ritual, while the brilliancy of his brightness is too often measured by the length of his memory. That officers and members should be learned in our ritual is essential to the interests of our work, but, it should not be forgotten that the ritual is of modern date, while the principles it is used to illustrate are beyond the memory of man. To these principles that appeal not less to the hearts than to the heads of mankind, Masonry owes its wonderful tenacity of life."—*Canadian Craftsman*.

ENTICK, JOHN, REV., was an English clergyman of the Church of England, of whom not much is known, except that he was a Freemason and edited two editions of Anderson's Constitutions, 1756, 1767, and Mackey says also that of 1769. One octavo edition of 1769 has no mention of Entick, and we do not think, "pace" Mackey, that he had anything to do with the 1769 edition; Oliver only credits him with those in quarto of 1756 and 1767. He preached several Masonic sermons, some of which were published; and delivered a lecture, "A Free Representation of Free masonry," at the King's Head Lodge, Poultry, London, 1751. Printed in Cole's "Antient Constitutions," etc., 1751. Oliver says, in the "Revelations of a Square," that his "habits were grave and sober," that he was "good master and a fair disciplinarian, popular among the Craft, an expositor of Masonry in many printed works, and at the same time he preserved his status in the Grand Lodge." He "preached many sermons on Freemasonry," the Doctor concludes, "which ought to have been preserved, as they did honour both to his head and his heart." He also, as is known, published more than one dictionary, and few of us who have used either his Latin or English dictionary will perhaps have remembered that it was the work of our sound old Masonic teacher.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry*.

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To Correspondents.

QUERIES.

QUESTION 1.—Can the First Principal of a chapter retain office a second year without being re-elected and re-installed?—S.M.

QUESTION 2.—If the W.M. of a lodge is in receipt of a letter of withdrawal from a candidate can he proceed to ballot for that candidate?—S.M.

[As regards your first question we beg to point out that the Royal Arch Regulations require that the election—and this will of course include re-election of Principals—shall take place annually, but in the case of the same companion continuing in office during a second year, it does not seem necessary for him to be re-installed. As regards your second question, it would be absurd for a ballot to proceed in behalf of a candidate who had withdrawn his name.]

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Australian Keystone," "Keystone," "South Australian Freemason," and "Die Bauhutte."



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was considerably astonished on reading the table of statistics of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls published in your issue of the 9th inst., to find that, according to it, Lincoln subscribed nothing for the year 1888. Now, I myself took up as Steward in June of that year £116 11s., and five other Stewards took £85 11s. 6d., making in all £202 2s. 6d., and you will find those acknowledged in your own paper containing the amount of the Festival. Can P.M. 607 explain how he has missed these amounts, for if this is a sample of the care with which these tables are compiled I think the sooner this brother turns his energies in another direction the better.—I am, yours fraternally,
H. E. COUSANS,
Prov. Charity Steward Lincolnshire.

March 13th.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great interest the various articles and letters which have appeared in your columns, and we have to thank Bro. HUGHAN for his bold and manly expression—when referring to the loyal body, whom you unthinkingly term the "insignificant minority"—"if any object (to join the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales) to do so they are distinctly within their rights, and will be upheld by us in this country."

Like Bro. HUGHAN, I and others who are among the dissentients would have been pleased to have joined the majority could we have done so with honour, and in a legal, consti-

tutional manner; but as we did not, and do not yet, consider that the proper course was adopted in forming the Grand Lodge, we decide to remain English Masons, even should we be the only lodge in Australia.

The Cambrian Lodge, of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), though their charter has been detained by an unauthorised and—to us a foreign, and consequently a non-competent Masonic authority (see Rule 126)—unknown person, will not be at all likely to act other than in a perfectly Masonically legal manner, and we regret that you are apparently so poorly informed on the subject as to allude to the few true and loyal men as an "insignificant minority." I will simply ask here, how can a District Grand Lodge be dissolved? Was the District Grand Lodge (E.C.) in this colony dissolved in a proper and constitutional way? Is the said District Grand Lodge not actually in existence at the present moment?

So far as we are concerned we do not object to the Grand Lodge or to our members joining it, but we do object, and most strongly object, to our being forced to join it or any other body by any subterfuge or ruse whatever; and the wilfully detaining of our charter by the Secretary of United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is one of the most despicable actions of a body of men who ought to know better. Possibly our passive opposition leads them to believe that they will eventually force us to join them, but they reckon without their host this time. We are not afraid of the light of day on any of our transactions, and though the communications from us, which by this time has come before the Grand Lodge of England, makes no reference to the hardships, injustice, and great injury we have received at the hands of a few of our late members who kept (?) their Masonic oaths and installation charges, we are confident of receiving justice at the hands of our Mother Grand Lodge.

Believe me, sir, the Cambrians are not suffering from any imaginary grievance, but from one about which if you knew the whole of the circumstances you would speak very plainly indeed. I am sorry that Bro. T. B. Whythead has rushed into print on the subject, but he may rest assured that the Cambrian Lodge, 656 (E.C.), will never do any dishonour to Masonry.—Yours fraternally,
GEO. ROBINSON,
Cambrian Lodge of Australia,
No. 656 (E.C.)

February 4th.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

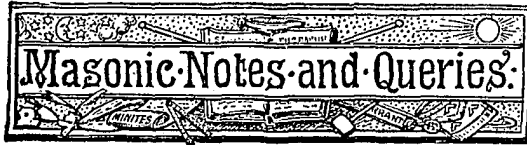
A year or two since I had occasion to draw attention in your columns to the inaccuracy, as far as the Province of Lincolnshire was concerned, of the Statistical Table appearing in your paper, and I had hoped that in any future returns of a similar kind, greater care would be exercised to ensure their nearer approach to correctness. I regret to say, however, that such does not seem to be the case.

Referring to page 148 of your edition dated 9th inst., this province is made to appear as not having subscribed anything to the Girls' School during the year ending 1888, and but £196 14s. 6d. for the seven years 1882 to 1888 inclusive. Further, on page 165 in the *Freemason* of the 16th inst., Lincolnshire is put down as having subscribed to the Boys' School £21 in 1888 and £34 for the seven years as above. Through the kindness of the Secretaries of the respective schools, I have been supplied with particulars of the amounts received from the province for the years in question which show that £457 15s. 6d. was subscribed to the Boys' School, and £327 1s. 6d. to the Girls, as against £34 and £196 14s. 6d. represented in the Tables. A sum of £202 2s. 6d. was subscribed to the Girls' School in 1888, in which year "P.M. 1607" says nothing was received.

Now, what can be said of statistics having no nearer approach to accuracy than this? They are worthless and misleading; and if "P.M. 1607" cannot come nearer to the actual facts, I would suggest to him that the compilation of statistics is not his forte, and that he had better try his hand at something else. Such Tables serve only as monuments of wasted time and energy, and as their accuracy has been called in question more than once, would it not be better, Mr. Editor, to insist that, in future, they shall either be more reliable or excluded from your columns?—Yours fraternally,

March 20th.

B. VICKERS, P.G. Sec.



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**THREE DEGREES AND THE PROV. G.L.
CORNWALL.**

Very many thanks to Bro. HUGHAN for his kind reply to my query published in your valuable paper re the minutes of the "Old Druids," Redruth. I have, according to his suggestion, written to Bro. Lieut. G. H. Baynes Reed, P.M. No. 95, Love and Honour, Falmouth, and find, from the extract of the minutes he has most courteously sent me, that Bro. HUGHAN's supposition is quite correct. The records of the Prov. Grand Lodge and those of "Love and Honour" are, so to speak, amalgamated. They were kept by the same brother. The one in question runs as follows: "31 Dec., 1787. Lodge of Emergency opened in ample form for the purpose of holding a Prov. Grand Lodge. Minutes of last Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. ——— proposed Major Jno. Lemon for initiation, seconded by Bro. Chrstr. Nicholls, ballotted for, and approved. Bro. ——— proposed Chrstr. Hawkins, Esqre.; seconded by Bro. Nicholls, and approved. The above persons were initiated, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Philip Oke and Bro. ———, by desire of the M.W.P.G. Master, were raised to the Degree of Master Masons. There were 59 members present." To me, it now appears peculiar that even in a Craft lodge persons should be proposed, initiated, passed, and raised on the same day; although I meet with the Three Degrees being given on the same day in the "Old Druids," yet they were proposed previously.

HUGH P. VIVIAN, P.M. 589.



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LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thomas Cohu, P.M., W.M.; W. H. Dowland, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M., acting S.W.; Robert Marke, J.W.; Henry Legge, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; George Goodes, S.D.; J. M. Mower, J.D.; W. H. Sherwin, Organist; John George Marsh, P.M.; Charles Arkell, P.M.; S. Lucas, P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; S. West, Robert Sarson, T. W. Fisher, Rob Stone, J. S. Fraser, G. Cobb, J. Hancock, and Jas. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. Purchase, 177; G. E. Banes, 1227; Major Penrose, John Dunbar, 142; F. Rickmonde, 1693; T. J. Cuthbert, J.W. 1815; Geo. J. Dawson, P.M. 1853; J. Bradley, 507; James Lucas, 79; J. Wellings, 1744; and A. Harcourt, 1076.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Cohu was installed W.M. by Bro. W. H. Dowland, I.P.M. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. H. Dowland, I.P.M.; Robert Marke, S.W.; George Goodes, J.W.; Henry Legge, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; and S. West, I.G. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. George Abbott, P.M., who is acting as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The brethren dined together under the gavel of the W. Master, Bro. T. Cohu.

The dinner, which was under the personal superintendence of Bro. Berther, the manager, gave great satisfaction.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, on the 14th inst., when there was a somewhat formidable agenda to be dealt with. The chair was filled by the W.M., Bro. Harry Hunt, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. S. Napper, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; A. Cox, acting as J.D.; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; R. Loomes, D.C.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. Baker, C. Hiller, W. G. Hiller, C. A. Chapman, W. Taylor, D. C. Ritchie, F. Simmonds, N. Amy, P. Faber, C. Weber, W. Jarvis, C. H. Stevenson, A. Snook, E. A. Beer, B. Bridgwater, C. J. Harrison, and G. A. Hull. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Sheffield, 1897; C. G. Gray, 1897; W. D. Church, J.W. 1365; W. Burgoyne Watts, 183; and J. Brusey, 1614.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Chapman and Weber were raised. Bros. W. G. Hiller, Taylor, Harrison, and Hull were passed. A ballot having been taken for Messrs. Camillo Louis Scipion Isler and George William Hooker, and resulting in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a very able manner. Two candidates were proposed for initiation and assistance voted to a distressed brother.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to dine.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and the speeches were interspersed with songs by Bros. Scarlett, Hiller, Stevenson, and Halestrap, P.M., and a recitation by Bro. Blinkhorn, Sec., the Tyler's toast bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Alderman J. Renals, W.M.; E. Anderton, I.P.M.; A. B. Hudson, S.W.; M. R. Webb, J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; John Larkin, S.D.; P. F. R. Saillard, D.C.; George Rawlinson, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; George Kenning, P.M.; and James Shotton. Visitor: Bro. Daley, Duke of Leinster Lodge (I.C.).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Committee of Finance was received and adopted. The sum of twenty-five guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Alderman J. Renals, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—Banquet to the Lord Mayor.—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, for the purpose of entertaining the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Gray, and Bro. Sheriff Newton, together with a number of other distinguished members of the Order. The meeting was presided over by Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., the Master of the year, who was supported by his officers and several members of the lodge, together with a large number of visitors, among them being Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Gray, Sheriff Newton, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Alderman Renals, H. Squire, Sir John B. Monckton, A. Barfield, G. Treas.; Dr. Wendt, G. Sec. of German Correspondence; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; G. Burt (ex-Sheriff), P.A.G.D.C.; Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; Hopekirk, G. Purst.; Augustus Harris, John Lobb, C.C., A. J. Altman, C.C., G. Stwd.; F. A. Jewson, Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey, S.W.; Col. E. T. R. Wilde, I.G.; W. A. Barrett, G. Org.; E. Boulnois, A. Peebles, H. Wright, P.M.; P. Clarke, M. Smith, H. Williamson, Capt. D. Cohen, G. A. Pickering, G. Singer, Rev. J. H. Smith, Chap.; E. F. Fitch, J.W.; H. H. Crawford, R. T. Wragg, Deputy J. E. Walford, Deputy Beard, W. H. Harris, Dr. W. B. Clarke, Dr. E. Clarke, H. P. Monckton,

Fitzgerald, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, F. Williams, G. N. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S.; Whiddington, D.C.; E. Bramley, Donald Ross, J. Carlyon Hughes, J. Cooper Quennell, P.J.G.W. Essex; C. W. Bowley, G. Kennedy, F. Hill, F. Green, P.G.D.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Major Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Frank Williams, J.W. 101; and Timmé, Steward.

The lodge was opened, and, deputations having been appointed to receive the distinguished guests of the evening, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, was admitted, and duly saluted. The Lord Mayor was next received, and was greeted in Masonic form.

The lodge was subsequently closed, and the company sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Master of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the repast, grace was sung, and then the W.M. proceeded to give the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was given, the W.M. describing the Grand Master as a zealous Mason, one who faithfully discharged his duty, and was an example to all his followers.

The next toast, the W.M. said, was one which called for earnest consideration—it was the health of one of the most distinguished guests it had ever been the good fortune of the lodge to receive—"The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland."

In reply, his GRACE expressed the pleasure he felt in being present. He believed this Alliance Lodge was intimately associated with the Corporation, and he felt it was none the worse on that account—indeed it was, he believed, all the better. He and the other guests that evening might feel that they had been entertained by angels unawares. On his right he had the Lord Mayor, on his left a past Lord Mayor, while it was quite impossible for him, as a stranger, to say how many others among them were entitled to equal rank, or how many would, in years to come, rise to a similar one. He could only wish it was possible for him, as Grand Master of Ireland—or, indeed, for the Master of any Irish lodge—to welcome as a guest the Mayor of the principal town of Ireland as the members of the Alliance Lodge had that night welcomed the Lord Mayor.

The toast of "The Grand Officers of Masonry" was next given, and was acknowledged by Alderman Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. of England. In the course of his remarks, Sir Robert referred to the great interest displayed by the heads of the Order—the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom—in all that concerned Freemasonry. For himself and the other minor officers, he could but say that there was but one feeling actuating them, and that was that they were all anxious to do all that lay in their power to promote the welfare of the empire and advance the interests of the Craft and its members.

In proposing the next toast, that of "The Lord Mayor," the W.M. said he was quite sure every member present would be pleased to change places with him at the present moment, for they were all loyal to the head of the Corporation. He spoke of the anxiety of a lover of plants who watched with interest the growth of a new importation in his midst, and compared it to the progress of an Alderman when he rose to the dignity of Lord Mayor. There were tens of thousands in the City who asked the question, what sort of Lord Mayor will he make? He became for the time being King of the City. His every action was recorded, and citizens watched his every movement. Few were aware of the responsibilities attached to the position, but it was not difficult to suppose that the Lord Mayor had daily many opportunities of asking himself if he had done the best in his power for the office he filled, for the City of which he was head, and for the country at large. The Lord Mayor, when he accepted the invitation to be present that evening, had said he was not much of a Mason, but the man who would feed a matter of 14,000 of the destitute around him, who would daily devote himself to the relief of his fellow-creatures as the Lord Mayor had done, was a Mason in more than name—he was a Mason born. Their Lord Mayor seemed to have brotherly love, relief, and truth so associated in his nature as to make him an acceptable brother in all assemblies of Masons.

In reply, the LORD MAYOR expressed the pleasure he felt in having the opportunity of expressing thanks for such a hearty reception as had been accorded him. He felt all the force of the Master's words when he had said he was not a member of the Alliance Lodge, and he felt as guilty as a Lord Mayor could feel, but he had one saving clause. Had he been a member of the lodge he could not have enjoyed himself as he had that night done as a visitor among them, and he felt that the continuance of the disadvantage might perhaps lead to his being again welcomed as a visitor among them. Their distinguished guest, the Grand Master of Ireland, had hinted at the reception he should meet with in Ireland at the hands of his Masonic brethren should he pay them a visit. He assured them that if his visit to Ireland—as a non-political Lord Mayor—would not be misunderstood by the varied political parties there, he would at once close with the noble duke. He would ask his noble friend at some future time if he could comply with those conditions, and if he would then renew his invitation he would endeavour to avail himself of it. Speaking of a subject which had been touched upon once or twice that evening—the question of Charity—he considered the Charities of the country were a marvel to the world, and no one probably knew more in regard to them than the Lord Mayor. So long as he had the opportunity of continuing in his present position he should endeavour to uphold the principles of Charity, and so maintain the reputation which had for years past been associated with the office he had the honour of filling. He considered that one of the characteristics of the Corporation was that it corresponded in many respects with the principles of Freemasonry, and it was one of the charms of his life that he was associated with a body which had so high and lofty ideas as at present actuated it.

The next toast was that of "The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex," and, in proposing it, the W.M. took the opportunity of remarking it was probably the last time such a toast would be proposed in a Masonic lodge, for on April 1st next those gentlemen would no longer be Sheriffs of Middlesex.

Bro. Alderman GRAY replied, returning sincere thanks for the toast. He was sorry his colleague in office was not then present in person at that moment, but he was sure he was with them in spirit. It seemed to him a singular and happy coincidence that both the Lord Mayor and the two

Sheriffs should be Freemasons. Personally, he was very proud of being associated with the Order, and he believed it had been the means of creating many friendships among them. He was very pleased to be with them that evening, and he only regretted his many other duties would not allow of his more frequent attendance on Masonry. The Sheriffs really had so much to do that they were very fortunate if they got a fair share of their proper rest.

The Duke of ABERCORN proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in the course of his reply, expressed the pleasure he felt in having his health proposed by a Grand Master of Freemasons.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. J. C. PARKINSON and A. HARRIS, after which "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were toasted, the proceedings then being brought to a conclusion.

The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson, the Organist of the lodge, who was supported by Bros. Arthur Weston, Musgrove, Tufnail, and H. W. Schartau.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The members present included Bros. H. Hooper, W.M.; H. Stokes, P.M.; A. Darch, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, G.P., Treas.; J. W. Hartley, I.P.M., Sec.; R. Forster, J.D.; G. Mordey, D.C.; J. Andrews, I.G.; W. W. Aster, Org.; D. K. Baldock, Asst. Org.; C. H. Phillips, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; Geo. R. Langley, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. Arnold, P.M. 1679; R. Brown, S.W. 1508; H. Dickey, P.M. 1744; W. S. Smith, P.M. 1158; R. C. Kledge, 2166; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. H. Lee, P.A.G. Sec. Middx.; J. W. J. Oswald, W.M. 1328; M. E. Stokes, I.P.M. 72; J. Bisset, P.M. 179; F. Symon, 179; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M. 1293; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; J. C. Woodrow, P.M. 1297; J. T. Cotton, 60; D. Jones, 1586; R. Prenton, 1319; A. Leonard, P.M. 720; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. W. J. Green and E. H. Wheeler were successfully balloted for as candidates for initiation, and impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. A. Darch, P.M., was next presented as W. Master elect, and regularly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Hooper. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. G. Mordey, S.W.; B. Forster, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., G.P., Treas.; J. W. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; R. L. Lawson, J.D.; W. W. Arter, I.G.; J. Lloyd, D. of C.; J. H. Worstencroft, Asst. Sec.; C. H. Phillips, P.M., and E. Singleton, Stewards; T. K. Baldock, Org.; and Chas. Sheppard, Tyler.

The customary addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Herbert Hooper, I.P.M. The W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform in carrying out the wishes of the brethren by presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. They hoped that for many years Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., would be spared to wear it, and that he would prize it as he himself was prized. The lodge also desired him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Hooper with a P.M.'s collar, which gift the members trusted would be appreciated. Bro. Herbert Hooper, I.P.M., briefly and appropriately returned thanks for these marks of their affection and esteem. All business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given and received with the customary heartiness.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said their lodge was not without a representative of the Grand Officers, for Bro. Hopekirk, G.P., was one of the founders and a P.M. of the Honor Oak Lodge.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk, G.P., returned thanks, and referred to the deep interest taken by the Earl of Carnarvon in the Craft and Masonic Institutions, and the great wisdom shown by the M.W.G.M. in selecting him for the position of Pro G.M. With reference to the Grand Officers of the past, a visit to Grand Lodge would show the merits of their M.W.G.M. by the selection of those brethren for Grand Office. The present Grand Officers were anxious to preserve the prestige of the Craft and their respective offices.

Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., said that for the first time in his Masonic career the duty devolved upon him of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Darch, their W.M., had already had experience in the chair, and their lodge would feel the benefit of that experience, for the W.M. would prove a credit to the lodge and the Craft in general.

Bro. A. Darch, W.M., in reply, said that not for the first time in his Masonic history, but for the first time in that lodge, he had the honour and pleasure, through their kindness in electing him to the position, of returning thanks as W. Master. Perhaps it might be expected that he should make a long speech, but he should not do that, as there were so many good things in store for them on the musical programme. He hoped there would be plenty of work during the year, which he undertook to do to the best of his ability, and nothing should be wanted to promote the good working of the lodge, and the welfare and comfort of the members. His whole attention would be devoted to the lodge in general and the brethren in particular. Those sentiments came from his heart, and he hoped the officers would assist him in carrying out his wishes. In order to save time he would place before them the next toast, always a pleasure to a W.M., "The Health of the Initiates." He was fortunate in having two brethren initiated that evening, as it would provide work for the next few meetings. He was convinced that Bros. Green and Wheeler would make good Masons, but he advised them not to be too hasty in showing the outside world they were members of the Craft.

Bros. Green and Wheeler having replied, The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and welcomed the visiting brethren present, remarking that there was a good quantity and excellent quality. Amongst the visitors was Bro. Wise, a prominent South London Mason, especially in lodges of instruction, from whom he had gained his Masonic knowledge.

Bro. C. Wise, P.M. 1158, responded, congratulating the lodge on the admirable manner in which the work had been carried out, and the excellent hospitality extended to

the visitors. He was pleased to hear the W.M. say he had gained a little instruction from him, and he had but reaped the benefit which all Masons must derive from constant visits to lodges of instruction.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, on behalf of the visitors, for whom Bro. Wise had not responded, expressed the gratification and pleasure they had received from their visit to the Honor Oak Lodge. They could not but be pleased with the way in which the work had been carried out. They had found the W.M. in the chair, after impressively initiating two candidates, fulfil his office by installing his successor, and he hoped the day would be far distant in that lodge when the W.M. would stand by and allow others to do the work. He and several others were present at the consecration of this lodge, and were therefore gratified at the work being done. The lodge was blessed with a Grand Officer who was the first W.M. and father of the lodge, and he was sure that those who had the disposal of offices in Grand Lodge acted very wisely in selecting Bro. Hopekirk for the position he now held. The W.M. installed that evening, having filled the office in another lodge, was quite capable of performing the duties in their entirety. He had been invited by the S.W., who had Masonry at heart, and whom he hoped to see installed in the chair a year hence.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," and said he could scarcely find words in which to express his admiration for the admirable working of Bro. Hooper, the I.P.M., and especially of his rendering of the installation ceremony that evening. With respect to the other P.M.'s, he was sure they would render him any support he required.

Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., said that having joined the ranks of the Past Masters it would be his earnest endeavour to work in the lodge and assist the brethren to the utmost of his power. He had taken trouble in the past to give satisfaction, and was amply repaid by the handsome marks of their appreciation presented to him.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

LA FRANCE LODGE (No. 2060).—Presentation to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 18th inst., when there were present: Members—Bros. E. St. Clair, W.M.; E. H. Thiellay, as I.P.M.; L. Clerc, S.W.; A. Sauvè, J.W.; H. Bué, Treas.; E. Monteuis, Sec.; A. Lacoste, S.D.; J. Desvignes, J.D.; E. Casabianca, D. of C.; E. Pouard, I.G.; L. Mallet, Stwd.; and many others. Membres d' Honneur: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. G. Purps.; R. Grey, Pres. Bd. of Ben.; and F. Richardson, P.G.D. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G. D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G. D.C.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; E. Cutler, P.G.S.; Dr. G. Weldon, P.G.S.; W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; R. Townsend, Prov. G. Std. B.; E. J. Thompson, P.P. G.O. Essex; W. Aldridge, P.M. 105; B. C. Robinson, P.M. 136; Lennox Browne, P.M. and Treas. 2108; C. Butler, 2098; G. Carrington, 1593; C. Arkell, P.M. 192; C. K. Higgins, 1076; S. Horton Dumbleby, 1670; W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503; W. P. Browne, P.M. 90; Alex. Baume, 150; Louis Polak, 11; C. Holloway, 1984; and others.

Altogether, upwards of 60 had come to do special honour to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who had consecrated the lodge some four-and-a-half years since, and who had from the first taken a deep interest in its welfare.

After the reading of the minutes and other business, which included the initiation of a candidate,

The W.M. said: Brethren, I must for once break the rule of this lodge, and make a few remarks in English. My reason for doing so is that I am about to refer to a period in the history of this lodge when English was still the order of the day, and I wish that every visitor present this evening may fully understand what I have to say. Brethren, on the 20th of October, 1884, seven good and true Masons, headed by Bros. Thiellay, Monteuis, and Bué, stood in this very room, awaiting the realisation of a wish very dear to their hearts, the official sanction to the formation of a French lodge in London. Our M.W.G. Master, having granted their request, deputed some of his most trusted and able Grand Officers to consecrate this lodge, and we had the privilege of the eminent services of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke as Consecrating Master. A vote of thanks was duly recorded at the time, but surely that was not enough, and we had long thought of presenting the jewel of this lodge to the distinguished brother who is our special guest this evening. However, the lodge had started with rather heavy debts, and the presentation was postponed until we had cleared all our liabilities. I am personally pleased at the delay, as it gives me, first initiate of the lodge, the privilege of making the presentation, which, moreover, gains in importance, coming as it does at present from a lodge in the full splendour of its success. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, I now beg you to accept this jewel, not as a recognition of services rendered, but as a memento of the gratitude of the members of this lodge to one who shows such a continued interest in its welfare. I feel certain that you, who have fought in the Crimea, side by side with our own brothers in flesh and blood, will be pleased to wear sometimes this jewel, offered by some of your French brethren in Masonry, whose desire is to stand by the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, coupled with an unflinching allegiance to the Almighty. May the G.A.O.T.U. give you many years of health and strength to come from time to time amongst us, and give us the benefit of your great experience and good advice.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke thanked the W.M. and brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented, and thought the small services he had rendered the lodge did not deserve such a compliment. It seemed but yesterday when he consecrated the lodge, and he must say that at the time he had doubts as to the results, although the founders were confident. He was pleased to see that their confidence had been amply justified, for with the fostering care of the first three Masters, and under the most able direction of the present Master the lodge had attained a position second to none amongst London lodges. He knew that they fully deserved their success, as they were careful as to who they admitted, and they had given many proofs that the working of the lodge could not possibly be excelled anywhere.

A mourning salute was paid to the memory of Bro. Gaulard, an eminent electric engineer, who died in Paris a few months ago. Bro. Gaulard was initiated in the Lodge La France.

Bro. Monteuis asked for permission to found a chapter under the name of the lodge. The proposed founders are Bros. Monteuis, Bué, St. Clair, Thiellay, D'Auguier, full members, and Bros. Fenn, Grey, Richardson, and Hopkinson, Membres d'Honneur.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, which was served in the best manner of the Café Royal, than which no better praise could be given.

The toasts were mostly given and responded to in French, Bros. T. Fenn, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir John Monckton, Lennox Browne, and others responding; but we may note here that Bro. Cutler's reply to the toast of "The Visitors" was a masterpiece of academical French.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and a very interesting feature at the banquet was the singing of the Entered Apprentice's song by Bro. Monteuis in French, translated by himself, and which was received with great applause.

BARNATO LODGE (No. 2265).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, the 18th inst. The meetings held by this lodge during its brief, but prosperous, career have been of the pleasantest nature; but the one under notice will long be remembered by the members and brethren present, from the unique nature of the proceedings and from the kindly and fraternal feelings evinced, and good wishes expressed, towards the W.M., who is leaving England for South Africa. Bro. Joseph Da Silva, W.M., has worked unceasingly since the establishment of this lodge to place it on its present footing, and has, by his courtesy and geniality, as well as by his perfect rendering of our beautiful rituals, endeared himself to all with whom he has been associated. He will carry away with him a substantial token of the appreciation in which he is held in the handsome jewel and diamond presented to him; but it is not too much to say that what he will regard of more value will be the kindly and genuine fraternal feeling evinced towards him, and the sincere wishes, mingled not unnaturally with profound regret, expressed at his departure from the scene of his Masonic labours.

The W.M., Bro. J. Da Silva, P.M. 205, was supported by Bros. M. J. de Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 1261, Sec.; Thos. Honey (W.M. 1017), S.D.; E. J. Acworth, J.D.; M. Bash, I.G.; S. B. Joel and I. B. Joel, Stewards; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B., acting I.P.M.; I. H. Gluckstein, H. Warner, A. Levy, G. Mayes, H. I. Barnato, R. Baker, H. Benjamin, J. Rosenthal, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, and 199; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M. 205; W. Wright, Org. 1897; W. Mundy, 1839; A. J. Henrichberg, P.M. 205, P.D.G.D.C. West Lancs.; L. M. Myers, P.M. 188; Isaac Myers, 188; R. L. Warner, 1987; G. C. Rivers, S.W. 1872; R. V. F. Seton, J.W. 1905; M. B. Rosenberg, 180; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; J. A. Gartley, P.M. 205; E. L. Thompson, I. G. 185; J. S. Hyam, 1409; Major W. H. Baker, P.M. 180; G. S. Hunt, 1585; J. Mylchris, Peace and Harmony, Detoitspan, South Africa; E. C. Howell, P.M. 610; J. E. Holden, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and the following brethren were successful at the ballot for joining membership: Bros. H. Van Staveren, 188; G. Mayer, 80; Lewis Davids, 188; and H. Benjamin. Bro. Hugo Warner was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. L. Tannenbaum and H. Walters were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies being given with the impressiveness with which the W.M. is capable of rendering the ritual. Bro. Jessop, Sec., said the next business was a notice of motion in his name. It was "That as Bro. Da Silva, W.M., is about leaving for the Cape, a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, be presented to him in token of the great interest he has taken in the lodge as one of its founders and the first W.M." This jewel was usually given in all lodges with a great deal of pleasure, but he confessed that on the present occasion he felt a great amount of regret that he should have to make the proposition, for it signified that their W.M. was about to leave them. He thought they would agree that during the W.M.'s term of office in the chair, Bro. Da Silva had proved himself eminently calculated to show the abilities a W.M. should possess. The S.W. seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. The Secretary said that it had been agreed amongst them that the jewel should be ready for presentation that evening. There was a brother present who had been intimately associated in business with the W.M., and who had expressed the desire of marking his appreciation of Bro. Da Silva by putting a diamond in the jewel. He would call upon that brother to make the presentation. Bro. A. Levy expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be deputed to present the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel. He had supplemented it by adding a diamond, which he hoped would shed lustre on the jewel, and on behalf of himself and the other members, he had to express their sincere regret at the loss they were about to sustain. The W.M. had guided their lodge—named after their worthy Bro. Barnato—to its present pre-eminent position, and they wished him every success this world could bestow. When Bro. Da Silva returned amongst them he hoped he would not regret having left London and their lodge, where he had rendered such eminent services, and that he would find in South Africa the El Dorado he wished. Bro. Da Silva, W.M., assured the brethren he could not express in words his feelings at that moment—not only his feelings and thanks for the kind words of Bro. Levy in making the presentation and the kind expressions of Bro. Jessop, but also his gratefulness for the hearty way in which his humble and poor services had been received. It had been with him a labour of love. From the time they were enabled to obtain the warrant for the consecration of the lodge, it had been his aim to make the lodge a great one. Although they had been in existence but a few months they had gained the first rung of the ladder. When the idea was first put before him of leaving London for South Africa he hesitated, and hesitated again. His hesitation was, what would become of the lodge without its leader; but a very little time elapsed before he saw that it would be safe in the hands of brethren of rank in the Order. He would not detain them longer, but thank the members of the lodge and assure them that although away in another country he should always remember with feelings of great emotion the magnificent way in which he had been treated.

The W.M. announced that his Stewardship, in conjunction with Bro. Barnato for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, realized £103, and also that there was a balance of £60 accruing from the lodge ball, which would be handed over to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. The name of Bro. W. H. Baker, P.M., having been proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed.

The brethren having partaken of a sumptuous repast, the usual toasts received due notice and were heartily received.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., in response to "The Grand Officers," returned thanks, and said they must allow him to depart a little from the ordinary routine on this occasion. It had afforded him personally a large amount of pleasure to give up an important engagement for the sake of being present that evening on the eve of the departure of their esteemed W.M. for a distant country. Whilst he was quite prepared to admit the unimportant rôle he held as a Grand Officer, they must regard him as the representative of a very large number who, to his knowledge, had enjoyed the hospitality of this lodge during its short period of existence under the kindly auspices and genial rule of the W.M., whom they had also met in another lodge where he had occupied for many years an important position. He hoped he might be taken as the earnest spokesman on their behalf, and the members of the lodge would join him in wishing the W.M. God-speed in his new venture, and a prosperous voyage, and they sincerely trusted to see him once again, at no distant date, in good health and increased wealth. That was a very simple and a very familiar combination, but a combination that went far to the achievement of the summum bonum of human happiness, for without health they could not enjoy wealth, but with health they could enjoy wealth. The brethren assembled would not wish him "good-bye," for there was something horrible in that; they would wish him "au revoir" and "bon voyage." On behalf of the Grand Officers, and especially in his own name, he (Bro. Binckes) conveyed to the W. Master all the good wishes he could possibly wish for himself.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M., said they all knew the toast devolving upon him, and the task was a very easy, and at the same time a very difficult one—a very easy task because no words of his were needed to enhance the enthusiasm which he was sure they would give to the toast when he announced it, and a very difficult one because he desired to say on their behalf, and also on his own, some words of God-speed to the W. Master in the journey before him. But, unfortunately, he had been preceded in the previous toast by a brother who was known, and had been known for so many years, as their Hercules. Bro. Binckes had said everything he himself wished to say, and although he (Bro. Hogard) had not a great flow of words, he felt a great duty devolved upon him in proposing "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Joseph Da Silva and he had worked for many years together in their mother lodge—the Lodge of Israel, No. 205—of which they were both P.M.'s, and of which he was W.M. for the second time. They had worked side by side in Arch Masonry, where Bro. Da Silva had just vacated the chair of M.E.Z., after having filled the office with great distinction to himself and eclat to the chapter. They had also worked together in another Degree, and during the time he had known their W.M. he had never known a brother work more arduously and more sincerely, not only for the good of the lodges or chapters to which he belonged, but whose heart had been so sincerely in that work, which they were told should be of such paramount importance in Masonry—namely, that of Charity. At no time during that brother's career had the claims of the Masonic Charities received from him either a cold or an unsatisfactory answer. The W.M. had served as Steward to the various Charities for his mother lodge, and had during the short career of this lodge served the office of Steward for the Aged People, when, of the very few brethren whose lists reached three figures, he took up no less than £103. Whilst he gave them the toast of their W.M., and whilst he gave it with bitter and sincere regret, that being the last occasion on which they would probably see him amongst them for the present, the step Bro. Da Silva was about to take was one they believed and prayed might redound, not only to his future credit, but was one that would make him such a position in the Colony to which he was going, that he would return blessed with those gifts which God was said to shower on those who helped themselves. The brethren would assist him in drinking the toast, and in wishing Bro. Da Silva God-speed, he could only hope, from what he had heard of the place to which their esteemed W.M. was going, that his absence would only be required for a short 12 months, when he would be able to return to them in the full possession of that without which, as Bro. Binckes had remarked, health was not much good. They could sympathise with him in that he was leaving a comfortable home, but they were not only pleased, but congratulated him that he had in his better half a lady who had shown a great deal of British pluck in deciding to go with him to that distant quarter. They knew that in that part of the world to which he was going wealth was to be found, but they also knew it was a part where life was of the roughest kind. When they found such a lady give up all the pleasing associations of friends and relatives, and throwing in her lot with her husband in making such a venture, the husband was to be envied. He (Bro. Hogard) could say more to them on this subject, but that he felt the toast required no addition. But there was one other point on which he would touch. It was that Bro. Da Silva was very fortunate in going out as the present W.M. of the Barnato Lodge, for, from all he had heard of the colonies in South Africa, that word alone would be an "open sesame" to him to be received with open arms, for that name had been for so many years a household word in Kimberley and Johannesburg. There had been, as they were aware, something said about the name of their lodge, but he had said and would maintain that, in having selected the name which they had, after due and careful consideration, they had selected the right one, and if proofs were wanted, they were to be found in the jewel presented to the W.M., and which he understood contained a stone brought from the Barnato Mine, the same place as those presented to the founders. He would not detain them longer, but simply ask them to drink to "The Health of their W.M.," wishing him God-speed and a prosperous future.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and accorded musical honours.

Bro. Joseph Da Silva, W. Master, in reply, said he really did not know how to express the feelings that animated him that evening. The kind words uttered in the lodge, the kindly utterances of Bro. Binckes, and what he might call the oration of Bro. Hogard, and the kind feelings of good will towards himself and his wife by every member of the lodge, had overpowered him; but he assured them that, although he was leaving them for a time, his thoughts would be with them. Although thousands of miles would part them, he should be in that colony with which their lodge was connected. He well remembered a distinguished Grand Officer present at the consecration of the lodge saying, in reference to it, that from what he saw around him, and from what he heard of the marvels of South Africa and the wonderful mines, he felt he was upon that hallowed ground so graphically described by Rider Haggard. He was going to that hallowed ground—the ground of King Solomon's mines. He felt he was taking with him the bond of Masonic union, and trusted to cement the fraternal feeling in those parts. He should mix in Masonic circles, and they in London would know the feeling existing in South Africa, and that everything would tend to strengthen their Masonic creed, and bring under their banner other people who were now strangers. The expressions of kindness shown to him he heartily thanked them for, and also for the magnificent jewel presented to him; and he had to thank Bro. Levy for the handsome addenda to the jewel in the diamond, which was the symbol of their lodge. This would be an example to the younger brethren and an incentive to them to gain that instruction, which was necessary for success in the Order. There was one important thing he must impress upon them. As the first W.M. of this lodge the charge was placed upon him during his year of office that he would see that the lodge was carried out with order and decorum. Up to that time he hoped he had performed the duty to the satisfaction of them all, but he was about to leave them, and, although they would have to rule them well-versed and proved brethren, he must ask them, one and all, members of the Barnato Lodge, to try and think of his words in his absence, and say—"We will continue the work commenced under the leadership of Bro. Da Silva, when this lodge was well received in Freemasonry and was carried out with order and decorum." He asked them all to emulate that example, to continue in that path, and, above all, to be united. They had not had any shadow of dissension, but time rolled on, and they knew not what might occur. He must ask them, as Freemasons, to think of the charge at the installation ceremony—that some must rule and teach, others learn to obey. There was one other and most important charge he laid upon them. It was of as much importance as the duty of being united. Unity was strength—that was their Masonic creed, but they had also another great Institution in Freemasonry, the foundation-stone of their whole structure, the true religion of the world—Charity. He charged them to remember that, and when they had calls made upon them which they knew to be true, they must exercise that virtue which they had professed to admire. He felt sure they would carry out those charges. The good feeling shown towards him, the unanimous support he had received from every member, enabled him to make some slight call upon them and would be his excuse for the words he had spoken. He thanked them once more. He hoped and trusted it would not be the last time he should have the honour of speaking in the Barnato Lodge, but wherever he was, whether he was in Africa or any other part of the world, when the day of their meetings came round, his spirit would be with them. He again thanked them for their kind expressions. Before he sat down he would ask them to drink "Success to the Barnato Lodge."

"The Visitors" was next given and responded to by Bros. Henochsberg, Pinder, and Mylchris.

"The Masonic Charities" was cordially given by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by Bro. Binckes with his customary eloquence.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. W. Wright, Org., presided with his usual brilliancy at the pianoforte, and several brethren conduced to the harmony of the evening by songs and recitations.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above ancient and interesting lodge took place at the New Masonic Hall, Plumstead, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and is remarkable for the unique fact that it is the first, and up to the present the only metropolitan lodge that has ever yet held its meetings in the same locale and habitat with a provincial lodge, or lodges, the Pattison and United Military Lodges in this case holding their meetings in the same hall. And why not? It is a grand building, and is a credit to the town and its promoters, and meets the requirements and necessities of the times admirably.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Tailby, W.M., supported by the following Past Masters, officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. 1472 (Hon. Member); J. G. Milbourne, I.P.M.; G. B. Davis, P.M.; E. Mills, P.M.; J. R. Moore, P.M.; H. Syer, P.M.; R. A. Smith, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Browne, P.M., Sec.; H. Grice, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; L. C. Chasteauf, S.D.; J. Matthey, J.D.; A. Deans, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; W. Lowson, J. Walsh, J. Templeman, R. Stanbridge, T. Hards, T. Crouch, A. Peaker, F. G. Moore, A. Walker, H. Davis, H. De Gray, W. Warren, J. Philcox, B. Tidy, W. H. Turton, B. Dixon, T. Campbell, H. Richmond, T. James, G. Denison, P. Vidgeon, C. Pilcher, W. H. Lush, J. Harper, F. Furgeson, W. H. Keeble, C. H. Howard, G. C. Chambers, G. G. Bishop, W. A. Anson, F. Davis, W. Matthey, H. Jacobs, W. Jones, H. Woodley, W. J. Crowdey, J. Jolliffe, O. Summers, D. S. Sandford, N. A. Steed, T. H. Sandford, A. Russell, J. Keeval, R. Tucker, J. W. Hancock, R. Harper, and C. Foss, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Gooding, I.P.M. 1536; J. J. Gould, P.M. 1685; E. Carter, P.M. 857; J. W. Miller, W.M. 700; D. Ledgley, 913; H. Pettifer, 700; A. D. Roberts, 1598; M. Harvey, 1536; D. Bridges, 334; W. Wren, 913; G. Jones, 184; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. T. Campbell was passed, and Bro. Joseph Harper raised.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren refreshed themselves.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Milbourne, said the toast that he had then to submit to their notice was one that he felt sure they would receive with all the enthusiasm it deserved, and drink with approbation; it was that of "Their esteemed W.M." Now, their W.M. was getting well into his year of office, and they could not help seeing how admirably he had carried out the duties of his high and important position, for which he had received, and was deserving of their warmest thanks. That night they met for the first time in a grand hall, which he trusted would be their home for many years. They were proud of it and their Master, and he asked them to signalise the event by drinking the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Tailby, in response, asked once more to be permitted to thank them for the very cordial manner in which they had that night, and always had, received the toast of his health, although he felt that, however he might have deserved praise in the past, he could not say that he had deserved it that night. It might be through his not being used to the hall, but somehow he certainly had not been at his best that night. He had the honour of representing the lodge at the last Grand Lodge meeting, and it brought to his mind a great joke about one of the Past Wardens of a neighbouring lodge giving his description of an attempt to visit Grand Lodge on a similar occasion. Well, he could assure them it was no joke on the last occasion, for not only was Grand Lodge crowded, but there was an overflow meeting also; and when he saw some fifteen or sixteen hundred Masons assembled together, he thought what a great power they would be in the country for good, should their services ever be required. Their own grand meeting that night was a representative one, and made him think what a great power they were, and might be for good in the district, because he felt sure they were united with but one feeling—"brotherly love," and a desire for the progress of Masonry. He thought with respect to the hall that they might induce the directors to put some heavy draperies over the windows, of the lower hall at least, so that outsiders might not see what was going on, and also to deaden the sound and light. Again he thanked them, and could assure them that he felt proud to be the head of such a lodge, and its prosperity would ever be his highest consideration.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. spoke highly of Bro. Milbourne's knowledge of the ritual, and of his robust health and delivery.

Bro. Milbourne thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. There was one thing the speech of the W.M. had taught them—by his reference to the misadventure of the brother at Grand Lodge—the necessity of punctuality. He supposed the brother's experience was caused through his being late; if so, it was a lesson on punctuality, for if that brother had been sooner at Grand Lodge, he would have got in; but the latest arrival in most cases must expect to go to the wall. Now with respect to himself, he felt the infirmities of age coming on him, notwithstanding the robustness alluded to by the W.M., and he felt that the time was coming when he should have to leave to the younger members the work now done by himself. Whatever he could do for Freemasonry he would do as long as he had health and strength to do it.

Bro. Spinks, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on its coming to the hall; it showed that the prophets who said provincial and London lodges could not meet in the same hall, and would not be allowed to do so, were all wrong. He thought it a good augury for the future success of the lodge and Freemasonry in the district generally.

Several other toasts followed, and some excellent songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings.

NEATH.—Cambrian Lodge (No. 364).—The annual festival of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were present: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; E. Grant, W.M.; D. L. Davies, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; Geo. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. A. Browning, P.M., P.P.A. G.S.; A. Peters, P.M., P.J.G.W.; T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Burnett, S.W.; A. George, J.W.; A. F. Mills, Chap.; W. Hopkins, Sec.; S. Phillips, S.D.; F. J. Kerr, D.C.; J. S. Church, Org.; J. E. Griffith, I.G.; M. Whittington and W. Bidford, Stewards; T. Wall, Tyler; Geo. Palmer, J. D. Porter, T. Williams, J. P. Reynolds, J. Pickover, J. H. Thomas, and J. D. Llewellyn. Visitors: Bros. J. Williams, W.M. 237, P.G.S.; W. G. Nicholls, S.W. 237; G. Jasper, Stwd. 237; J. Griffiths, 237; J. Legg, 237; A. Maslin, 990; J. C. Coath, W.M. 1752; E. David, Sec. 1752; J. Smith, P.M. 833, P.P.A. G.S.; J. Jones, P.M. 833, P.P.S.G.W.; H. F. Clark, I.P.M. 833; Lewis Jenkins, Sec. 833; J. H. Taylor, W.M.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Neil Leitch, I.P.M., P.P.I.G.; J. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and C. Row, all of 1572; Geo. Allen, P.M. 1323, P.P.J.G.W.; and E. Roberts, P.M. 192, P.P.G.W. Several other distinguished brethren were unable to attend.

The lodge was opened, and the Installing Master, Bro. Ernest Grant, W.M., performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. Having placed the newly-installed Master, Bro. A. Burnett, in the chair, the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. E. Grant, I.P.M.; A. George, S.W.; S. Phillips, J.W.; W. Whittington, Treas.; A. F. Mills, Chap.; J. E. Griffith, Sec.; W. Hopkins, S.D.; F. J. Kerr, J.D.; M. Whittington, I.G.; J. Church, Org.; G. Palmer, D.C.; W. Bedford and J. D. Porter, Stwds.; and Thos. Wall, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where they were joined by other brethren, including his Worship the Mayor (Bro. J. B. Davies), and sat down to their annual banquet, which the hostess, Miss Isaac, had provided in her usual recherché style.

After the good things were removed, and the usual toasts drunk, Bros. Grant, I.P.M.; G. Palmer, A. George, J. Peckover, F. J. Kerr, M. Whittington, W. Bedford, and J. Hughes enlivened the evening with some capital songs, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th instant, at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, S.D.; A. Vandervord, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. W. Cooke, I.G.; C. W. Barnard, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. J. Cumine, E. Cant, C. H. Bowmaker, G. F. Vandervord, E. F. Wood, and J. W. Steward. Visitors: Bros. G. Thomas, I.P.M. 1817; and J. Lightowers, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Steward was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. R. J. Smith initiated. Bro. N. D. Zucco was placed on the list as a non-resident member. A candidate for initiation was proposed.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STONEHOUSE.—Metham Lodge (No. 1205).

—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, to instal Bro. A. Trout, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Bros. H. E. Sitters, the retiring W.M.; W. Powell, P.M.; R. Dickson, P.M.; W. Kennedy, P.M.; and P. Dunn, P.M. Among the Board of Installed Masters present were Bros. the Rev. Thos. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Prov. J.G.W.; D. Cross, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, P.M., P.P.G.O.; I. Gibbons, P.M., P.P.G.O.; George Wilson, P.M.; T. E. Peek, P.M.; E. J. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Coath, P.M. 893; John Mossey, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.; John Hifley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; H. Langmead, P.M. 202; John Bray, P.M. 1212; T. B. Tresize, W.M. 1136; R. Selmon, P.M. 159; George Ellery, P.M. 159; A. W. Spinney, W.M. 105; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; and Charles Marshall, W.M. 159.

The officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. E. Sitters, I.P.M.; A. W. King, S.W.; R. L. Blight, sen., J.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., Chap.; D. Cross, P.M., Treas.; W. Powell, P.M., Sec.; G. Perring, S.D.; G. Perkins, J.D.; E. Hughes, I.G.; J. J. Facey, D.C.; C. L. Blight, A.D.C.; J. Soper, J. E. Skellern, W. H. Ambrose, and A. E. Maddock, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, P.M., Tyler.

The P.J.G.W. presented to the lodge framed photographs of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, May 4th, 1883, and of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, at the Down, Brighton, June 22nd, 1886.

The annual banquet was held at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Hall and Club.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—Presentation to Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-street. Bro. T. W. Morgan, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the I.P.M., Bro. T. Prust, Bros. John Dodge, P. Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; John Lane, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; and others. Bros. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D. of England, and John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P. Prov. G.D., Chap., supported Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, and Bro. F. Cooper, I.P.M., and John Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., who accompanied him in honour of the occasion. By desire of the W.M. and of the designer (and donor) of the certificate of honorary membership, Bro. HUGHAN made the presentation to Bro. Greenham, and, in introducing the subject, drew attention to the character and extent of the labours incident to managing a Masonic Exhibition. The first of the kind was held at York in September, 1881, when 180 lots were collected and duly catalogued, another being held in the same truly Masonic city in February, 1884, when 430 separately described articles were exhibited, the originator and editor of the catalogues being Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who has done so much to enrich the north of England with valuable Masonic material, linking his name with York so long as the Craft exists. In August, 1884, Bro. Geo. Taylor started a magnificent exhibition at Worcester, under the auspices of the Prov. G.M. and the mayor of that city, the large number of 1172 articles being interestingly described in a large quarto catalogue, a medal also being struck, and a splendid reception being tendered the visitors from far and near, the like of which has never been equalled in any part of England. Then in 1886 Bro. Greenham determined to have a Masonic exhibition in the Isle of Wight, which to many seemed about the most unsuitable and unlikely place for such a thing that could possibly be selected. Only eight lodges in the island, and being separated from the main land, even the patronage of the Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M. of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight did not appear sufficient to ensure success, and many thought that few works, medals, &c., of value, would be entrusted to the care of any Isle of Wight brethren, and failure was thought to be written on the project. But all of us had "reckoned without our Host," for Bro. Greenham, by his indomitable perseverance, by his persuasive letters which would take no denial, and by his ceaseless activity and zeal, contrived to have by far the largest and best Masonic Exhibition ever held in the world, and his catalogue has become one of the best Bibliographical and Medallic works in our language. The success has been due to Bro. Greenham, though, of course, he was assisted by Bros. Bailey, Cooper, and other friends, but without him no such Exhibition was possible, without him it would never have been projected, and without him the great distinction thus for ever connected with the Chine Lodge, Shanklin, would simply have been nowhere. No. 1402, Torquay, like No. 70, Plymouth, and No. 75, Falmouth, voted him honorary membership, and our esteemed Bro. Chapman, the founder of the Jordan, No. 1402, decided to present a certificate engrossed within a chaste and charming series of water-colours, indicative of the special circumstances, designing and presenting the souvenir to Bro. Greenham; as a member of No. 1402 and 1884, besides being, himself, one of the most generous donors to the Chine Lodge.

Bro. HUGHAN then handed the certificate (framed in oak, by Bro. Beer, of the lodge) to Bro. Greenham, amid the hearty demonstrations of applause from the members and

visitors, at the same time apologising for the poor state of his health which precluded his saying more.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, then rose and said: W.M., R.W. Bro. Hughan, W. Bro. Chapman, and Brethren,—In rising to thank you for the presentation this evening, and to express my appreciation for the honour you have conferred upon me in electing me hon. member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, I feel some anxiety that I may not convey to you how highly I esteem and value being enrolled among the members of your lodge, but if, for a few moments, I digress from the point it is only to lead up to the honour you have conferred on me, and point out to you that at the time of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition of 1886 I was a very young Mason, having been initiated in 1881, and that, whatever my zeal for Masonry might have been, I could not then refer to long years of service for the Craft, and in so far as I can remember this, so do I value in a commensurate degree the honour you have conferred upon me. Your members, whom I shall presently refer to, have been pleased to point out to you my services to Masonry, and most probably, Worshipful Sir, they have conveyed to you what I know in the consciousness of my heart is a far too flattering description. I was initiated in a lodge of 12 members who had committed themselves to building a Masonic Hall, which cost almost £1000 when furnished, and I took office as a first initiate immediately I was raised, and before the lodge was dedicated. Long before I came to the chair, I pointed out the serious position we were in, and the probability of the lodge being wrecked in the troubled waters of finance. You will therefore see, brethren of the Jordan Lodge, that with this conviction borne in upon me, that with a large debt it was impossible for the lodge to hold together, and when I came to the chair I threw myself into Masonic work with the hope of reducing that debt, and that was the lever that at first swayed me, and that was the motive that I had when I commenced the Exhibition. When I look back upon that time and to the feelings that animated me before entering upon it, I can only express surprise that I, with so little Masonic experience, with so little knowledge of the literature of Masonry, ever ventured upon so vast a labour, but I shall ever remember with gratitude that it was the means of bringing to light some of the noblest qualities of Masons, and prove how deep is the love for our great Brotherhood. We all have our conception of Masons and Masonry, and here and there we see shortcomings from our ideal. One loves the ritual, another the literature of the Craft, and we are all apt to favour our own ideas, we are all liable to be influenced by the particular phase of Masonry which comes nearest to our own views, and I confess to you, brethren, that the ritual of Masonry, beautiful though it is, fails to entirely satisfy my longings, and it is to the literature of the Craft that I go for much of my Masonic pleasure. I have thus, somewhat laboriously, brought you round to the point that, hand in hand with my idea of gain, for the Chine Lodge was my predilection for Masonic literature, and when I saw the interest taken in the Exhibition right through the country, when I saw it was going to surpass its predecessors in the number of its exhibits, I abandoned to a very great extent the idea of gain, and spared no expense to make it a Masonic success. You have been told how zealously I worked, you have been told that it was a marvellous undertaking for so young a member of the Craft, but you have never been told of the Masonic assistance I received, and without which I should have never carried it to a successful issue. I have had personal opportunities of thanking the Editor of the *Freemason* for his kind assistance, and also Bro. George Taylor, whose generosity and kindly actions in coming and helping to arrange the exhibits I am not likely to forget; but now I am taking the opportunity to thank one whom you all know, one whom the Masonic world admires, Bro. W. J. Hughan. I should have to speak at great length if I conveyed in detail the assistance he rendered me, but when I tell you that proof after proof and often revised proofs from the first to the last page of the catalogue went through his hands, that hundreds of letters, all suggesting, all helping, passed between us, and this, mark you, to a brother, to a stranger, to one whose knowledge was so limited, and to one with whom he had no personal acquaintance. If you cast your eyes up and down the country, and look through the length and breadth of the land, and call to remembrance the most eminent Masons, then tell me how many would have thus helped one who was so unknown and had so little to commend him. The appreciation of services, lie in the surrounding circumstances to some extent, and our after estimate of their value is governed by the need we felt of them at the time. When I consider my isolated position, then do I marvel at his unbounded generosity and kindness in helping me. Little sketches of his life have appeared from time to time, but when the last great one shall have been written, I venture to assert that for purity of purpose, for unselfish love of the Craft, the help he extended to me during the Masonic Exhibition of 1886 will shine as one of its brightest gems, and illumine a life full of noble actions. These are the deeds that redeem Masonry from many a reproach, these are the actions that stand out like a beacon's light, shedding its rays to lighten on many a Mason, who, for want of some practical expression of the teachings of Masonry might sink into a groove which so many often do, where pure Masonry is absolutely unknown, and, brethren, I do sincerely feel that I am under an obligation to Bro. Hughan that I shall never be able to requite; the honours I have received, inseparably connected with the Exhibition which will link my name to it as long as it is remembered in Masonic history, all flow as a consequence of that splendid generosity which characterise his kindly nature. Long may he live to look back upon the help he extended to me, and when that bright light is setting in its western horizon, I trust the contemplation in the evening of life of how much he did to render the Shanklin Exhibition a success—though the task was wearying and the labour heavy—still I hope the contemplation will always be a pleasure, because it will be sweetened by the knowledge that I and the brethren of my lodge will appreciate it as long as we live. The greatest impulses of one's life, the noblest thoughts and deepest feelings are stirred by such sacrificing actions, for there are few as great, I believe, even in Masonry, yet their influence will spread down the long vista of time, though the deed itself may be wrapped in the mantle of the past, it will be treasured in the records of renown. And now, brethren, let me say a few words to you, you who have passed the resolution conferring upon me this honour. I cannot but feel it a very high

compliment that Bro. Lane should have seconded that resolution, for his name is associated with a work which for vastness of detail and research has, probably, never been equalled in Masonic literature, a work that will ever keep his name in remembrance, therefore, I feel proud that Bro. Lane should have supported the motion, and to you, W. Sir, and the brethren of your lodge, I really do feel that with this honour you have blended much of kindness, but I can say with truth, there is no honour I am likely to get conferred elsewhere that I shall value as I do being enrolled as an honorary member of your lodge. And now, Worshipful Master, I have to thank Bro. Chapman, not only as the proposer of the resolution conferring on me this honour, but also for the highly artistic and beautiful manner in which the freedom of your lodge is enshrined. While I have not hesitated to express in the best language I have been able to use, my acknowledgment of services rendered me, I will not violate good taste in speaking of the good qualities of Bro. Chapman before his face, for it would be superfluous on my part to his Torquay brethren, but I may be allowed to say I had the honour of proposing him as a joining member of the Chine Lodge, and at a time when I wanted a little financial help for it. Bro. Chapman, at a risk to his own health, came several miles, and gave within the walls of Chine Lodge his lecture on the Great Pyramid. Every available seat was taken, and although the lecturer took you through a labyrinth of figures and calculations, it was done in such a masterly way that the attention of the audience was riveted, and it is spoken of now by many who are not Masons, and to-night I am under an additional obligation to him for the beautiful way in which my membership is illuminated, and I can assure him it will be treasured as one of my most valued gifts, and as often as I look upon it I shall remember the many kindnesses I have received from him, and it will be a lasting and most memorable souvenir of my visit to the Jordan Lodge. In conclusion, allow me to say that I am accompanied by Bro. F. Cooper, I.P.M., and Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, to whom I am much indebted for services rendered during the time I was promoting the exhibition. Bro. Bailey was I.P.M. then, and took the responsibility of the advertising and organising that outside work so necessary for the success of any undertaking. Bro. Cooper not only lent me one of his houses, but, from the time the exhibits arrived until they left, he spared no trouble to ensure their safety and to promote the interests of the exhibition. Bro. Bailey saw with me (and mainly packed) every exhibit safely wrapped and sent off, and by whose help, I am able to say, not one exhibit was lost. I was most loyally supported by them, and they are as proud as I am to see me receive the presentation.

Bro. J. B. Gover, P. Prov. G. Sec., P.M. and Sec. No. 70, wrote on behalf of St. John's Lodge, Plymouth, to congratulate No. 1402, on the interesting occasion, and to invite Bro. Greenham to attend a meeting of No. 70, soon as possible.

A candidate having been wery impressively initiated into Masonry by the W.M., to whom the J.D., Bro. J. Taylor, very ably and earnestly delivered the charge, the lodge was closed.

STRETFORD.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. There were present Bros. J. Walton, W.M.; A. Hope, S.W.; W. M. Boden, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Warburton, Sec.; W. R. Wild, S.D.; J. Morris, J.D.; T. Burrall, Tyler; J. Crosby, P.P.G.P.; J. B. Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Lewtas, I.P.M.; C. Cooper, P.M.; W. Davies, C. Branne, J. R. Evans, R. Schilling, J. Darling, Wm. Thompson, J. H. Bell, and Geo. Sam Smith, P.M. 1134.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Walton, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. Hurst for initiation, and also for Bro. Joseph Howarth (Wilton Lodge) as a joining member, both of which proved unanimous. Afterwards the initiation was performed by the W.M., and the work went very smoothly throughout.

After all business had been duly carried out, the lodge was closed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, I.P.M., in the chair, in the absence of the W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; G. Chapman, S.V.; G. Lamb, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; J. H. Shonksmith, S.D.; J. L. Spetch and F. W. Halliwell, Stewards; W. S. Child, Org.; P. Pearson, I.G.; A. Bellerby, F. H. Vaughan, T. Milner, J. Smith, R. H. Wisker, A. Archer, G. G. Pook, W. H. A. Coates, T. Masterman, J. R. Jackson, E. Thackray, J. E. Wilkinson, and others; and visitors: Bros. J. Todd, P.M. 236; S. Border, W.M. 236; A. Sample, 236; C. E. Wright, 357; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; G. Manton, 1991; and A. Sollitt, 1991.

Successful ballots having been taken for two candidates and a joining member, Bro. T. B. Whythead proceeded to deliver a lecture on Freemasonry and its progress, touching on the principal features of its advance during the last quarter of a century, indicating some of the weak points in its members as a body, showing some of the methods by which it might be made more effective for good, and warning his hearers against common errors and mistakes, which tended to mar the usefulness of the Society.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer followed, and the lodge was closed.

After supper some excellent speeches were made, and during the evening several brethren entered their names as Stewards for the North and East Ridings Educational Festival in May, an event which promises to be most successful from a financial point of view.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Viscount Torrington as a Lord-in-Waiting, in the place of Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) went to Windsor Castle on Monday for the purpose of placing the heraldic insignia of the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who has been recently appointed a Knight of the Garter, in St. George's Chapel.

INSTRUCTION.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—This lodge, after laying dormant for about five years, was removed from Leadenhall-street, and re-opened at Bro. Cambden's, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., on Monday, the 11th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Plummer, W.M.; Cambden, S.W.; Lucas, J.W.; Hooper, S.D.; Grammer, J.D.; Paton, I.G.; Eccles, Stafford, and Hooker.

The Second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Stafford as candidate. Bro. Stacey worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 4th Section of the First Lecture worked by Bro. Paton, assisted by the brethren. Bros. James Stacey, P.M., W. Cambden, and Grammer, P.M., were elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. The lodge was then closed.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge took place at the City Arms Restaurant on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, W.M.; Talbot, 65, S.W.; A. Valentine, J.W.; B. Da Costa, 1349, Deputy Preceptor; Cary, 1625, Sec.; L. Da Costa, 1349, S.D.; Fisher, 192, J.D.; Sarson, 192, I.G.; Haller, W.M. elect 65; and several others.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. D. Moss, the Preceptor, worked the Third Degree, Bro. Freyer, W.M. 879, being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Dyson, P.M. 65, then proposed, in an able speech, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Moss for his past services as Preceptor of the lodge. Bro. Roberts, P.M. 65, seconded the proposition, and spoke feelingly of the instruction he had received under Bro. Moss's tuition. The resolution was put by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Moss, P.M. 1275, Preceptor, thanked the brethren in a speech, during which he gave a resumé of the history of the lodge during his Preceptorship, which had lasted nearly ten years, and expressed his sorrow at having to resign owing to his acceptance of a post in South Africa. Bro. Haller, W.M. elect 65, proposed, and Bro. Dyson seconded, that the sum of one guinea should be voted to the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. Moss—carried unanimously. Bro. L. Da Costa then announced that he had received a large number of subscriptions to the testimonial, and handed Bro. Moss a sum, of which the total closely amounted to 60 guineas. Bro. Moss bade farewell to the lodge in a voice broken with emotion, and for the last time received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

A Masonic Benevolent Association was afterwards formed, which meets for the first time on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Turpin, W.M.; Dixon, S.W.; Varrall, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Mansfield, sen., J.D.; Tims, I.G.; Milbourn, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Prior, Fenrose, Amos, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was called off and on. The usual questions leading to the Second Degree were then answered by Bro. Amos. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Dixon, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. S. B. Nightingale, W.M.; V. Shaw, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; G. Wood, S.D.; J. R. Hill, J.D.; J. W. Belcham, I.G.; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; J. Page, H. W. Eastwood, C. Coleman, M. Friedlander, and A. E. Carter.

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. Eastwood candidate. Bro. Friedlander having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Friedlander candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the 4th Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The Secretary, Bro. Thomas, W.M. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers of the mother lodge to occupy their respective positions on that occasion. Bro. Baker proposed that a vote of sympathy be sent from the members of the lodge to Bro. Humtress, regretting that his continued affliction prevented him being amongst them, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. might be pleased to restore him to health again—seconded by Bro. Biorn, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, S.D.; J. Pattison, J.D.; J. Jobson, I.G.; E. Nash, F. Craggs, and M. Rice.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jobson being the candidate. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Aitman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Asst. Preceptor; H. Denane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essec, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; W. Matthews, J.D.; J. Woodman, I.G.; W. Jackman, Stwd.; G. March, W.M. elect 1300; E. F. Ferris, I.P.M. 1542; J. W. Curtice, C. A. Milnes, J. H. Taylor, E. R. Buckwell, and J. Smith. Bro. H. J. Inderwick, 834, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Buckwell being candidate. The charge was given by Bro. Cruttenden. Bro. Inderwick was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. At the request of the W.M., Bro. March assumed the chair, and invested the officers. Bro. Aitman then re-assumed the chair. Bro. Inderwick was unanimously elected a member, and, in acknowledging the compliment, said his intentions were to be a regular attendant, and become a good working officer. 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. Game, P.M. 511, who was one of the earliest members of the lodge, was passed. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when Bro. Walter Hancock, the Preceptor of the lodge, kindly consented to occupy the chair as W.M. The brethren present, therefore, experienced a treat in witnessing his excellent working, the ceremonies being rehearsed with that quiet impressiveness of manner and perfection of ritual which Bro. Hancock so eminently displays. The other officers were filled by Bros. J. Duncan, S.W.; G. Wheeler, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. M. Scariett, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; and R. Loomes, I.G.

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. Sheffield candidate. Bro. Gray 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. Gray candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Duncan was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, 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 14th inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; W. Hancock, acting as Sec.; W. Honeyball, acting as Org.; F. W. Cash, S.D.; R. J. Harnell, J.D.; J. Marshall, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; T. C. Seary, G. Reynolds, J. H. Meyer, G. S. Peachey, S. T. W. Barringer, J. P. Hughins, J. W. Buxton, John S. Cater, J. R. Harnell, G. Lyonison, O. Lamare, Charles Filhan, W. G. Dickenson, C. Shrege, J. H. Bullen, and A. L. Bullen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, worked the 1st Section, and Bro. R. E. Cursons, S.W., the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. S. T. W. Barringer having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. J. Greenway worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction—Bros. T. S. W. Barringer, 1614; John S. Cater, P.M.; and W. G. Dickenson, 1608. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. E. Cursons, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1567).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; G. Swann, J.W.; G. Read, P.M.; Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); J. Wiggins, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Marsh, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; W. Fayers, and A. J. Turner.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and Bro. Turner offered himself as a candidate for passing, and being found proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony duly rehearsed. Bro. Fayers then offered himself as a candidate for raising; he was, therefore, put under examination, and his answers being found very satisfactory, he was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. C. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. W. Fayers, W.M.; V. C. Williams, P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; M. R. Rice, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; J. Blake, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; and P. Skar.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a perfect manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jobson offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, the Six Grand Periods being rendered in a masterly style by Bro. J. Davies. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; T. Wilcox, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; W. Hyde, F. Craggs, H. D. Aslette, D. S. Long, W. Osborn, R. H. Wimpey, and E. Fox.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. Hyde offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. W. Hyde being candidate. The W.M. afterwards rendered the traditional history. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Biggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Stutfield, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Baddley, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Roberts, and Martin.

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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Martin, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Martin being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Stutfield was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Beaven, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Mitchell, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; Cochrane, F. Hill, Ellen, Folkard, Smith, J. Wright, Foote, Livett, Langdon, E. G. King, Cowland, Noble, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Livett, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Livett duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Moore, jun., 1585, was elected a joining member. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beaven was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Beaven returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The Prince of Wales arrived at York on Monday evening on a visit to the 10th Hussars, who are quartered at Fulford Barracks, and in which Prince Albert Victor holds a captaincy. His Royal Highness was met at the station by his son, and afterwards messed with the officers.

The anniversary of the production, and the 371st performance, of "Sweet Lavender," took place at Terry's Theatre on Thursday evening, on which occasion souvenirs were presented to visitors to all parts of the house. On the same day the company gave a matinée performance at Brighton, and partook of the anniversary dinner in a Pullman car on their journey to town.

Royal Arch.

HASLINGDEN.—Chapter of Wisdom (No. 283).—The companions of this chapter held their annual festival on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Grey Mare Hotel. Amongst those present were Comps. J. Collinge, Z.; W. V. Stallon, H.; W. Tomlinson, J.; J. Harlinge, P.Z.; J. Sutcliffe, S.E.; W. Halstead, S.N.; H. Patterson, Treas.; T. H. Hamer, P.S.; G. E. Nuttall, Janitor; R. Rushton, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; B. T. Gosling, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Jackson, P.Z., 274; S. Porrit, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; and S. Horrocks, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, P.G.H.; A. H. Jefferis, P.Z. 645, P.P.A.G.S.; and George Sam Smith, A.S. 645.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., who in his usual impressive style, assisted by Comp. Jefferis, installed the three Principals, and invested the other officers as follows: Comps. W. V. Stallon, Z.; W. Tomlinson, H.; W. Halstead, J.; J. Sutcliffe, S.E.; T. H. Hamer, S.N.; H. Patterson, Treas.; W. H. S. Gendall, P.S.; J. R. Hargreaves, A.S.; and G. E. Nuttall, Janitor. The addresses to the Principals and officers were delivered by Comp. Sillitoe, and to the companions by Comp. A. H. Jefferis, P.P.A.G. Soj.

MANCHESTER.—Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., M.E.Z.; J. Crowther, H.; F. R. Lange, J.; J. E. Lees, P.Z., S.E.; S. L. Lewis, P.S.; Geo. Sam Smith, A.S.; A. H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; S. Warburton, P.Z.; T. Griffiths, H. Edler, N. Heywood, J. R. Ashworthy, W. Weingenthal, and W. Sly, Janitor.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and immediately followed by the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the result as follows: Comps. Crowther, Z.; Lange, H.; G. Sam Smith, J.; J. E. Lees, P.Z., S.E.; Carl Götz, P.Z., Treas.; Griffiths, S.N.; S. L. Lewis, P.S.; N. Heywood, 1st A.S.; J. R. Ashworthy, 2nd A.S.; and J. Sly, Janitor.

After all business had been attended to, the chapter was closed.

SALFORD.—Starkie Chapter (No. 935).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when a goodly number of companions assembled, including Comps. Evan Williams, M.E.Z.; Charles Turner, H.; F. Armstrong, J.; F. W. Lean, S.E.; J. Williams, S.N.; P. H. Nicholls, Janitor; W. Dumville, P.Z.; James Sudren, P.Z.; William Cray Royle, A. Grice, E. Meggitt, F. Webberley, and E. Bradburn. Visitors: Comps. A. H. Jefferis, P.Z. 645, P.P.A.G.S.; Geo. S. Smith, Asst. Soj. 645; and James Hyde, 325.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Heaton, 325, and Bro. D. C. Lambert, 1011, which proving favourable, they were subsequently exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. Sudren, P.Z., in such a manner as to call forth the praise of every companion present. The ceremony was a most enjoyable one on account of it being choral throughout.

All business being completed, the chapter was closed by Comp. Evan Williams, M.E.Z.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 18th instant, when Comps. Kelland, Dewhurst, and Stock were respectively installed into the chairs of Z., H., and J. by Comps. Garnett, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Longman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; and Gregson, P.Z. The following officers were then invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. R. Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; Nuttall, S.N.; Relf, P.S.; McRait, 1st A.S.; Stanley, 2nd A.S.; Longman, P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; and Allinson, Janitor. On the motion of the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Gregson for his services to the chapter during the past year as Z. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the family of the late Comp. E. Simpson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., and Treasurer, expressing the deep sorrow of the companions with them in their bereavement.

The chapter was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Comps. R. T. Hill, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. T. Rowe, P.Z., H.; A. G. Boswell, J.; F. G. Baker, P.Z., Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, S.E.; Baker, S.N.; and R. H. Dillon, P.S.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Thomas candidate. Comp. Boswell was elected a member of the chapter. Comp. J. T. Rowe was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of R.A. Masonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, and adjourned to the second Thursday in April.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. H. Purdue, M.E.Z.; J. Sims, H.; J. H. Watts, J.; G. Read, P.Z., Preceptor; F. Craggs, S.E.; J. Davies, P.S.; Mickelburgh, P.Z.; W. C. Williams, and Pellatt.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The exaltation ceremony was rehearsed in due form, Comp. Pellatt acting as candidate. The by-laws Committee met, and drew up the by-laws, and the chapter was afterwards closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 477, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, H.; J. Cruttenden, J.; H. Dehane, M.E.Z. 890, P.S. 860, S.E.; W. H. Wadham, 1042, P.S.; J. Smith, P.S. 890; J. R. Allman, 890; and E. Ponsonby.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Smith being candidate. A vote of sympathy

with Comp. S. J. Humfress, J. 733, was unanimously passed, and the wishes of the companions that he might soon be restored to health and be amongst them again were expressed. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. Dean as M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Capt. R. J. Vincent, M.E.Z. 1777, M.E.Z.; Patrick, H.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. elect 169, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Briant, 1329, S.N.; Wingham, 25, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, A.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275; Grummant, P.Z. 1275; and Neeld, P.Z. 169.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and a vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Vincent for his able work as M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter. The S.E. reported that the annual supper would take place on Friday, April 5th. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

IPSWICH.—Albert Victor Lodge (No. 70).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and Bro. H. J. Wright was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. There were present Bros. H. J. Wright, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Flintham, J.W.; W. B. Hanson, J.O.; W. T. Brunger, C. Markwell, W. Brooke, G. T. Pick, and many others.

The installation was ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The officers for the year were installed as follows: Bros. J. Flintham, S.W.; W. Pearson, J.W.; Rev. R. Peck, P.P.G. Chap., M.O.; W. B. Hanson, S.O.; J. Napier, J.O.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Eng., Chap.; S. R. Anness, P.M., P.P. J.G.W., Treas. and D.C.; A. J. Grimwade, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Reg. of Marks and Sec.; F. C. Atkinson, S.D.; Rev. R. O. Davies, J.D. and Org.; J. A. James Peck, I.G.; and G. Gould, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and on the left by Bro. J. C. Norman, I.P.M.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The G.M.M.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers" were proposed by the Worshipful Master, and duly honoured.

Bros. Matier, Berridge, and Bryant responded for the Grand Officers.

The W.M. also proposed "Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Eng., Prov. G.M.," and "The Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded in an happy speech. Before sitting down, in complimentary terms, he proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in a neat and practical speech.

Bro. N. Tracy proposed "The Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. C. F. Matier, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded in an eloquent speech, in which he specially referred to the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he is the honorary Secretary, and said it was the proud boast of that Charity that no candidate ever came to them for assistance and was sent away dissatisfied.

The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, and responded to by Bros. Elwes and Bignold, "The newly-advanced Brothers" (Bros. G. T. Pick and Walter Brooke), "The Immediate and other Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn, on the 8th instant. Among those present were Sir Knights Col. S. H. Clerke, Great-Sub-Prior (Hon. Mem.); Capt. F. J. Stohwasser E.C.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Capt.; Wood, 2nd Capt.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg., acting Expert; L. Steele, C. of L.; N. Prower, M.A., Std. Br.; W. Maple, Herald; J. H. Dodson, I.P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A. P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; and others. Among the visitors were Sir Knights F. Philbrick, Q.C., G.C., P.E.P., &c.; Raymond H. Thrupp, G.R., P.E.P., &c.; W. Ganz, G. Org.; and others.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comps. Bell and Hawkins, and they, being in attendance, was impressively installed as Knights of the Order by the E.C. It was unanimously resolved that the summer festival in connection with the encampment be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 25th June next. Sir Knight W. Paas gave a notice of motion, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the funds and placed on the list of Sir Knight T. C. Walls, as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys' Festival in June next."

Letters of apology expressing regret at absence were read from Sir Knights A. Williams, P.E.C.; F. Binckes, P.E.C., &c.; Thomas, Herald; Kelly, F. Richardson, P.E.P., &c.; Major G. Lambert, P.E.P., &c.; Letchworth, P.E.P., &c.; and many others.

The banquet which followed was well served.

The usual toasts were given.

Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding for "The Great Officers," expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him and the other officers of Great Priory in being present that evening. He had been exceedingly gratified with the manner in which Sir Knight Captain Stohwasser had performed his work. The assistance given by the other officers of the preceptory deserved all praise. It was to be regretted that so old a preceptory or encampment had not in its possession the records of its early history. He firmly believed that the Mount Calvary was one of, if not the oldest, preceptory in England. They had records that it was resuscitated early in the present century, but when it was founded was lost in the dim past. The Mount Calvary possessed a very energetic Registrar of an antiquarian turn of mind, and perhaps he might be able to unravel the

mystery in connection with the early formation of their interesting preceptory.

"The Eminent Commander" followed, and, in proposing the toast, the I.P.E.C. paid a high tribute to the zeal and excellent qualifications of Sir Knight Captain Stohwasser.

The E.C. having replied, gave "The Newly-installed Knights."

Sir Knights Bell and Hawkins having expressed their acknowledgments,

The E.C. proposed "The Health of the Visitors." In the course of his speech he congratulated the encampment upon receiving a visit that day from such distinguished Knights Templar as Sir Knights Philbrick, Thrupp, and Ganz. The latter's assistance, both in the encampment and at the banquet table, had been most valuable and delightful.

Sir Knight Philbrick, in reply, made one of those happy and humorous speeches for which he is so well known. In concluding his speech, he also touched upon the masterly working of the preceptory and its undoubted antiquity.

Sir Knight Thrupp took the opportunity of saying many very complimentary things in connection with his visit that day.

Sir Knight W. Ganz modestly expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which his humble efforts had been received.

"The Past Commanders" was responded to by Sir Knight J. H. Dodson; "The Treasurer and Registrar" by Sir Knight Walls; and "The Officers" by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner.

Sir Knight Ganz charmed his hearers by his magnificent playing on the piano, and he also ably accompanied several vocalists, who lent their aid to enhance the general enjoyment.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—

The annual chapter of this preceptory was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when there were present, amongst others, Fratres W. Brown, E.P.; J. T. Seller, Constable; A. H. H. McGachen, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P., Registrar; Donald Grant, as Chaplain; W. B. Dyson, Sub-Marshal; W. H. Cowper, P., Capt. of Guards; J. Marshall, P.; F. W. Halliwell, and others.

The Provincial Prior, Bro. J. W. Woodall, was announced, and, a deputation having been formed, he was introduced, received under the arch of steel, and saluted. The Provincial Prior was accompanied by Frater M. C. Peck, Past Prov. Chancellor, and other visitors. Comp. W. H. V. Milbank, who was in attendance, was admitted to the Order, and installed a member by Frater T. B. Whythead, acting as Preceptor, Frater W. Brown acting as Sub-Marshal. Frater J. T. Seller, the E.P. elect, was then presented, and was installed in the throne by Frater T. B. Whythead. The officers were afterwards invested as follows: Fratres A. H. H. McGachen, Constable; W. B. Dyson, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P., Registrar; Donald Grant, Sub-Marshal; W. P. Cochrane, 1st Herald; W. Brown, P., 2nd Herald; J. Marshall, P., Beaucant; E. Simpson, P., Vexillum Belli; W. H. Cowper, P., Capt. of Guards. The alms were collected, and the precepts having been read by the acting Chaplain, the meeting was dissolved.

The fratres afterwards adjourned to dinner.

Royal Ark Mariners.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER LODGE AT IPSWICH.

Previous to the anniversary meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 19th inst., a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated, under the name of Henniker Lodge. A Royal Ark Mariners lodge was opened, Bro. B. R. Bryant acting as Commander N.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.M., as S.; and Bro. Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C., P.G.M.O., as J. The other Ark Mariners present were Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Eng., P.G.M. East Anglia; the Earl of Caithness, C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; N. Tracy, and the Rev. R. O. Davies, B.D., D.C.L.

After the opening of the lodge, the following brethren were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners: Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 70, P.G.C.; Harris Hills, 154; Major W. Dods, 317; Hugh W. H. Elwes, 317; C. A. B. Bignold, Geo. Abbott, 70; A. J. Grimwade, 70; J. A. James Peck, 70; J. C. Norman, 70; J. R. Geard, 70; Fred. C. Atkinson, 70; and Geo. Gould, 70.

The ceremony of the consecration of the new lodge was then proceeded with. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., was the consecrating N., the chairs of S. and J. being filled respectively by Bros. the Earl of Caithness and the Rev. R. Peck, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn acting as Chaplain, and Bro. R. Berridge as D. of C.

The petition and warrant having been read,

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN delivered an oration on the principles of Ark Masonry. He said the traditional history of Ark Masonry which the brethren had heard in the ceremony just being concluded showed it was derived from the traditional history of the great patriarch Noah, who, with his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japhet, were saved in the ark from the deluge which overwhelmed the rest of the world. Bro. Martyn pointed out the way in which the Degree emphasised the virtues of moderation, temperance, brotherly love, and Charity, and said if they endeavoured to carry out those virtues in their daily lives they would do something towards realising that grand ideal which ought to be the desire and ambition of all of them. He prayed that the Grand Commander of the Universe might bless them in their meetings there, and that the principles upon which the Order was founded would be transmitted through the Henniker Lodge from generation to generation.

The impressive consecration ceremony was then proceeded with. The dedication prayer was read by the Chaplain, and the invocation by the Consecrating N. The Presiding Officer and Grand Officers then formed a procession, and made a circuit of the lodge, bearing corn, wine, oil, and salt. These were respectively sprinkled upon the lodge board, and their signification explained by the Presiding Officer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, in

accordance with the prayer of the petition, Bro. Lord Henniker was installed as the first C.N.

Bro. Lord HENNIKER, in taking his seat, thanked the founders of the lodge for placing him in the honourable position of first Commander N. He was always very glad, as an old Suffolk Mason, to have a fresh link between himself and the brethren living in the province over which he presided, and particularly to have a fresh link connecting him with any lodge situate in Ipswich. He was very grateful to them, and he was sure the brethren would join with him in thanking the two brethren who had come down from Grand Lodge to help them in the consecration, Bro. Matier and Bro. Berridge. It had been his good fortune to work with them for a good many years in the Mark Degree, and he did not know two more valuable brethren. He also thanked Bro. Bryant for the admirable manner in which he presided over the lodge and elevated the newly-elected brethren. In conclusion, Bro. Lord Henniker expressed the hope that the Henniker Lodge of Ark Mariners would prosper to the same degree as the other lodges in the Province.

The officers of the lodge were installed as follows: Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, J.; N. Tracy, S.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, S.D.; Rev. R. Peck, J.D.; A. J. Grimwade, Scribe; H. W. H. Elwes, D. of C.; J. C. Norman, Stwd.; Rev. R. O. Davies, Org.; and G. Abbott, Guardian.

The Ark Mariners Lodge was then closed.

JUVENILE BALL OF THE LODGE OF UNITY, No. 1868, AT OLDHAM.

On Thursday evening, the 14th inst., a juvenile ball was held in connection with the Lodge Unity, No. 1868, at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street. The event was much looked forward to by the invited guests, through its being the first of the kind held in the town initiated by the Freemasons. It was a great treat to see the youthful guests arrive; they all looked pretty in their beautiful dresses. The hall was tastefully decorated, by Mr. Toppin, with rich hangings, lace curtains draping the windows. Several rare and beautiful plants were kindly lent for the occasion, and they added much to the beauty of the scene.

The members of the party arrived at the hall from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. At 6.30 a grand march was formed, and as the guests passed up the centre of the room they were presented by the M.C. to the W.M. (Bro. Clement V. Haworth), the S.W. (Bro. Broadbent), and the J.W. (Bro. Hilton).

They afterwards passed round the room, and the grand march was then proceeded with. Dancing continued during the evening, and various entertainments followed in rapid succession.

Professor Greenwood was engaged for the occasion, and he gave much amusement with his conjuring, ventriloquism, dark seance, &c.

Several songs and recitations were given by the juveniles. The little folks were in the best of spirits, and it was with many expressions of regret that the party separated at 11.30 p.m.

A quadrille band played for dancing. All the brethren present appeared in full Masonic regalia.

Bro. J. C. Toole acted as M.C., and Bro. Partington as Hon. Sec. Bros. C. V. Haworth, W.M.; J. Broadbent, S.W.; J. Hilton, J.W.; James Dawson, I.G.; A. Whitehead, Stwd.; and Thomas Wood, Treas., were the acting Committee. The following ladies also formed themselves into a Committee, and acted as stewards and superintendents during the evening: Mrs. C. V. Haworth, Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Toole, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Partington, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Marsland, Mrs. Hanson, and Miss M. Dawson.

The catering was under their charge, and everything connected therewith was satisfactorily carried out and in the best taste. The success of the gathering was greatly owing to the active interest the ladies took in the proceedings.

During the evening the W.M. delivered a short address, welcoming them all, and hoping they would one and all enjoy themselves.

The following are the names of the invited guests: Masters J. H. and H. Broadbent; Master James A. Buckley; Masters John and James, Miss and Misses C., M., and A. Cottam; Masters John T. and Benny, and Misses Edith and Margaret Dawson; Master John Dewhurst, Master Sydney and Miss Amy Edwards; Miss and Misses F. H. and N. Glover; Miss Hanson, Masters Vincent and James, and Misses Alice and Florrie Haworth; Master Arthur and Miss Annie Hilton; Misses M. E. and Ethel Hall; Masters Hamlet and James L. and Miss Ellen Lees; Master J. and Miss L. Marsland; Master H. M. and Miss A. L. Mitton; Misses Lizzie and Kate Ogden; Miss and Misses Florrie and Edith Partington; Miss Shaw and Miss Fletcher Shaw; Miss and Miss Jessie A. Street; Master Jim and Miss Toole, and Misses E. and B. Toole; Miss and Miss Amy Thorpe; Master Charlie and Miss A. M. Turner; Master John W. and Misses Fanny and Lizzie Wood; and Miss Whitehead.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. PITT.

At the recent meeting of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, a handsome presentation was made to Bro. J. Pitt, who was for eight years Secretary of it, and who, on account of pressure of business, was compelled to resign the position at the installation meeting in November last.

The presentation took the form of a handsome 18-carat gold double Albert chain, with a Past Secretary's jewel as a pendant; and, in presenting it, the W.M., Bro. MEARS, referred in eloquent terms to the long and faithful service rendered the lodge by Bro. Pitt.

Several of the Past Masters added their testimony to the merits and abilities of Bro. Pitt; and then, amid ringing cheers, the W.M. delivered the testimonial into the care of Bro. Pitt, wishing him many years of happiness and prosperity to wear it.

Bro. PITT was much moved in his reply, yet managed to thank the brethren for their magnificent present, which he declared was more than he deserved. He should always wear it with pride, and remember with pleasure the events of such an auspicious occasion.

With toast and song this prosperous lodge passed the rest of the evening in harmony.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

The annual banquet of the above lodge of instruction took place at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Woods, 212, with Bros. Bradford and Vinnicombe as S.W. and J.W. respectively. There were also present Bros. Alderman Hay, Alderman Govier, Alderman Worland, Alderman Barry, Councillor Pavitt, Councillor Wood, Councillor Vinnicombe, Councillor Hammond, Ex-Councillor Wagstaff, C. Winterton, Hon. Sec.; W. Musto, Preceptor; Burston, Heritage, Harnwell, McGinnis, Bennett, Leonard, Cramp, Boulton, Lowry, Evans, Pomeroy, Deeks, Riches, and many other brethren.

A most excellent banquet was served by Bro. Pavitt; after which the usual toasts were proposed, Bros. PAVITT and WINTERTON responding on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. MUSTO proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and was sure it would be received most heartily. Bro. WOODS returned his sincere thanks for the kind reception accorded the toast.

Bros. ALDERMEN HAY, GOVIER, and BARRY responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

Bro. MUSTO, Preceptor, and Bros. BRADFORD and VINNICOMBE replied on behalf of "The Officers of the Lodge."

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by some of the brethren, which were greatly appreciated.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOSEPH DA SILVA, P.M. 205, W.M. 2265.

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., some of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, met at the Cannon-street Hotel to wish Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M. and Sec., God speed on his leaving England for Johannesburg, and also to present him with a souvenir of their regard for him. The W.M., Bro. C. F. Hogard, took the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. A. M. Cohen, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; H. M. Harris, P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M.; J. A. Gartley, P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; J. Lichtenfeld, M. Bash, John Da Silva, Rev. M. Haines, I. White, J. Levy, and others.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, in opening the proceedings, said: Brethren, we are assembled together this evening to do honour to a well-known member of our lodge—to wish him a safe and prosperous journey, and, above all, in due time a safe return to his native land, and at the same time to show him that the brethren were desirous of showing him that they were not unmindful of his many services to the lodge. Bro. Joseph Da Silva, I cannot say that I address you with entire feelings of pleasure, because the pleasure is mingled with sadness at the knowledge that we are about to lose you from amongst us. So genial and kindly a brother is sure to leave a great void behind him; but, while we do feel sad at parting with you, we cannot but believe that a brother who has shown such energy here will meet with much greater success in that great field of industry to which you are going. We desire to show you the great affection and esteem in which you are held by us by asking your acceptance of this gold watch. We ask you to accept it in the same spirit in which we offer it, not for its intrinsic value, but as a bond of union between you and us, and while wishing you all the health and happiness you can desire, we also wish to express our admiration of the plucky way in which your good wife has torn herself from all her ties of relationship here to accompany you on your long journey. May the G.A.O.T.U. protect and prosper you both, and grant that you may return to us very shortly endowed with a goodly portion of this world's treasure. The inscription on the watch is as follows: "Presented to Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M., by some of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on his leaving for South Africa, with their best wishes for his prosperity. March 19th, 1889." and I trust that when you look upon this watch you will have in friendly memory those who present it to you.

Bro. A. M. COHEN and other BRETHREN having also addressed Bro. Da Silva in words of kindly sympathy,

Bro. DA SILVA, who spoke with much emotion, said that if anything could compensate him for the sorrow of parting it was the kindly reception he had met with from the members of his mother lodge, and their fraternal good wishes. For the very handsome present which they had made him, he tendered his most grateful thanks. He then gave a very graphic description of the place to which he was about to proceed, and said that the prosperity which had attended so many of his friends who had been to the South African diamond and gold fields he thought augured well for his own chance of success, and he hoped that he should not be very long away from them; but, that while absent, he should always think of their meeting, and on his return should only be too glad to come amongst them again.

The brethren then drank Bro. Jos. Da Silva's good health, wishing him a safe and prosperous voyage and a safe return.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

RESULT OF THE MASONIC BALL.

A largely-attended meeting of the General Committee of the annual Masonic ball for 1889 was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W., Chairman of the Committee, the vice-president's position being occupied by Bro. J. H. Tyson, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Sec., Bro. T. A. WITHEY, P.M. 1299, in the absence through illness of the Hon. Treas., Bro. R. H. Leake, submitted the final accounts of the festival, from which it appeared there remained a balance of £240 6s. 3d. to be handed over to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—the announcement of the result being received with great applause, as this is amongst the largest amounts ever realised. In recognition of his valuable Secretarial services, Bro. Withey was presented with a Life Governorship of the Institution.

The ballot for 11 Life Governorships amongst the Stewards was then taken, and the following secured the position: Bros. J. J. Ramsay, P.P.G.P.; R. H. Wells,

1505; J. Keet, P.M. 1356; W. F. Neilson, 32; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; W. H. Latham, 2114; J. Wylie, 673; T. Bush, 249; Robert Gladstone, 32; H. Harradon, P.M. 1675; and Dr. Samuels, P.P.G.D.

The SECRETARY read his report regarding the Festival, in which he stated that the total number of tickets sold was 453, and of Stewards' tickets 116; total, 569. Of these 440 were ordinary ticket holders and 100 Stewards, in addition to 28 complimentary ticket holders, making a total of 568 who were present at the ball. The gross receipts amounted to £415 15s. 3d., and the total expenditure to £175 9s., leaving a balance of £240 6s. 3d. in favour of the Institution. This result had only been exceeded on four previous occasions since the inauguration of the Festival some 40 years ago, so far as he could ascertain. He therefore ventured to congratulate the Committee not only upon the substantial result obtained but upon the renewed interest taken by the Craft in their efforts. They had had this year probably one of the largest arrays of Stewards ever present, viz., 117, and their fees, amounting to £61 8d. 6d., were nearly sufficient to purchase 12 Life Governorships in the Institution. A strong effort was made this year to popularise the ball, and to induce lodges to give their active assistance to their cause, and they had been to some extent successful, inasmuch as an increased number of lodges in the neighbourhood had rendered the Committee their support, and of those lodges six stand remarkable—32, 1013, 1299, 1505, 1547, and 1609—having furnished from amongst their numbers exactly 50 Stewards, 1299 heading the list with 14. It was exceedingly gratifying to be able to record the fact that the ball had on all sides been declared to have been a most enjoyable one, and to have given entire satisfaction. He could not permit the occasion to pass without reference to the late Bro. John Cobham, P.P.G.D., to whose generosity the Committee are indebted for the handsome donation of £10 10s. in aid of the ball funds, given only a very few hours before his lamented decease, and he believed this was the last act of his Masonic life. To the liberality of Bro. James De Bels Adam, S.W. 680, they were indebted for a very handsome donation towards providing the Stewards' badges, and to Bro. William Matthews for the gift of that portion of the printing, &c., usually contracted for.

Votes of thanks having been voted to the executive officers, and to Bros. J. De Bels Adam and W. Matthews for their generous help, the proceedings closed with a similar compliment to the Chairman.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATION AND RELIEF FUNDS.

A meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 9th inst. Bro. F. B. Westlake, 70, P.P.G.D., presided, and among the other members of the Committee present were Bros. J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.T., Treas.; J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.S., Sec.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T., and R. Hambly, 1855, P.P.G.S. of W., Auditors; W. S. Hearder, 105, P.P.G.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, 159, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Whitley, 156, P.P.G.O.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Hooper, 1212, P.P.G.S. of W.; N. Radmore, 159; T. Gray, 105; W. H. W. Macey, 1847; and H. L. Mallet, 1885, P.P.G.S.B.

The Auditors reported that during the past year the subscriptions and donations amounted to £225. In the previous year it was £303. That should meet the attention of the Charity Stewards of the lodges. There were several candidates for the benefits of the Fund. The Secretary reported that it was intended to elect two candidates on the Fund at the coming annual meeting in April. The Committee proceeded to examine the petitions from candidates, and to place such as were eligible on the list for voting. The result was two candidates who had been previously voted on were continued on the list, the first a son of a deceased brother of Lodge 39, who had 221 votes to carry on, the other a son of a deceased brother of Lodge 1247, who had 50 votes to carry on, and the following new candidates, children of deceased brethren, were placed on the list:

The daughter of a brother who had been a member of Lodges 1099 and 1247; the son of a brother of Lodge 39; the daughter of a brother of Lodge 230, who was drowned in H.M.S. Wasp; the son of a brother of Lodge 1885.

Bro. GOVER gave notice that he should move at the annual meeting that £5 be specially granted towards the advancement in life of a boy, the son of a deceased brother of Lodge 70. The boy has become ineligible for continuing on the Fund through his age.

A meeting of the Masonic Casual Relief Society was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided, and among the brethren present were also Bros. J. R. Lord, Almoner and Treasurer; J. B. Gover, Secretary; W. Wiggins, W.M. 1212, and Godfrey Evans, I.G. 1550, Auditors; E. Aitken-Davies, N. Radmore, T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G. Org.; C. Watson, 954, P.D.G.D.C.; H. R. Langmead, 202; W. Powell, 1205; W. King, 70; J. Goad, 70; J. H. Evans, 70; J. H. Turner, 230; and J. Gidley, 2025.

The Almoner and Treasurer's accounts showed that £22 had been received, and £25 5s. expended.

Bros. Lord and Gover were unanimously re-elected as Almoner and Secretary, and thanked for their services. A call of £1 each was directed to be made on the lodges.

THE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The report for 1888 of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, established for the help of widows of Freemasons, has just been prepared. It says: "The number of annuitants on the foundation of the Institution has been increased from five to seven during the past year, while there are two candidates waiting election as soon as provision can be made for them. Your Committee are aware that the extraordinary effort made by the province last year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has materially affected the income of this as well as the other Institutions of the province; and they feel that as the Masons of West Lancashire have shown their willingness to support the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions when occasion calls for it, they will do the same for our local Institutions, and contribute liberally during the coming year, in order that the candidates

now appealing for election may be successful. The festival, which was intended to have been held in June last, was postponed in consequence of the Girls' School Festival being held in the same month, but it is hoped that the Festival to be held in June next at Southport, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W., will be productive of such results as to justify the Committee in recommending the election of both the candidates. The Committee feel that as this Institution has been established for a purely Masonic purpose it would be a graceful act on the part of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge to recognise the efforts of those brethren who serve a Stewardship of this and kindred Institutions, by granting them (as has been more than once suggested by the Provincial Grand Secretary in his reports to Provincial Grand Lodge) the privilege of wearing a Charity jewel in token of the services rendered."

The total income, including balance, was £810 5s. 11d., of which £450 had been invested in dock bonds, raising the total invested capital to £2100.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following sums have been received since last week, namely:—

| LONDON. | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Lodge 1601 | Bro. A. Thompson, additional ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 2242 | „ E. G. Lewis, additional ... | 13 | 11 | 0 |
| PROVINCES. | | | | |
| HERTFORDSHIRE. | | | | |
| 403 | „ Rev. W. d'A. Crofton, additional ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 404 | „ C. E. Keyser, additional ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTHS AND HUNTS. | | | | |
| 442 | „ R. Payling, P.M.—a new Steward | 5 | 5 | 0 |

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The President's chair was occupied by Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; the Senior Vice-President's chair by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and the Junior Vice-President's chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.P., Junior Vice-President; Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee, represented Grand Secretary's office, and the other brethren present were Bros. F. R. Spaul, G. P. Britten, Hy. Garrod, Chas. Dairy, David D. Mercer, J. B. Grieve, J. H. Matthews, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, A. C. Woodward, W. H. Perryman, W. P. Brown, Frederick Binckes, Walter Hopekirk, John L. Mather, T. W. Whitmarsh, Geo. A. Cundy, R. J. Taylor, Eugene Monteuis, William Eckershall, George B. Chapman, H. Massey, B. Stewart, J. H. Brown, Charles G. Hill, Henry Cox, I. Botibol, J. S. Cumberland, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Yaxley, John Ochse, George Baxter, W. H. Myers, Henry Esling, W. Beavis, S. E. Anderson, G. Reynolds, Charles H. Freyer, Philip Sharpe, G. H. W. Grace, John G. Stevens, James P. Allen, W. McNaught, W. Silver Hall, Joseph Wall, G. M. Taylor, C. H. Canning, Vincent F. Murché, G. Hakewill, E. M. Levy, G. H. Goldschmidt, F. W. Koch, James Heaton, Herbert W. Roach, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. E. Frances, A. G. Bedwell, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

After the opening of the Board, the PRESIDENT informed the brethren that several letters had been received from petitioners for assistance, to whom grants had been made at previous meetings of the Board, and among them was one from a brother who was assisted out to New Zealand, couched in very pretty terms, thanking the Board for their aid, and stating that it had been the means of saving his life.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations to the M.W.G.M., made at the February meeting, to the extent of £380. The new list contained the names of 44 candidates for relief. Their qualifications were from London lodges, and from lodges at Hull, Crediton, Sunderland, Stockton-on-Tees, Bristol, Yokohama, Wymondham, Plymouth, Chaddle, Lowestoft, Cardiff, Twickenham, North Woolwich, Norwich, Leek, Richmond, Cheshunt, Woodbridge, Liverpool, Greenwich, Eccles, Taunton, Barnstable, and Newport (Isle of Wight).

Four of the cases were dismissed, and five were deferred, not being complete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1085. This sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and eight recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; three recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, and seven of £30 each; 10 grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one grant of £5.

MASONIC RECEPTION OF THE REV. J. M. MACGONIGLE.

The merits of Petrolia Lodge of Masons of this city, as an entertainer, has become too well established to need special commendation in this section of the Masonic circle. It only needs to be said that in the reception given last evening at their elegant lodge rooms in honour of the return from his European tour of their beloved Past Master, Rev. John MacGonigle, was in all respects worthy of the well-deserved reputation of the brethren of Petrolia Lodge. Some 200 of the members, their wives, daughters, sweethearts, and friends were assembled and enjoyed the proceedings.

The Committee of Arrangements, as usual, acquitted themselves well, both in their ample provision for the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and also in arranging for the evening an admirable programme. After an artistic solo on the piano by Miss Bessie Williams, and prayer by Rev. E. F. Pember, Senior Warden, Bro. A. Kline, of Petrolia Lodge, in a brief and well-conceived address, welcomed Bro. MacGonigle home again.

In his opening remarks the guest of the evening said that Bro. Kline had given him the best topic that could have been selected for his response in the two words, "Home again." This was the guiding influence, the dearest and best of the wanderer, and the one that his

mind and thoughts ever dwelt oftenest and fondest on. And in no part of the world that he had visited was the full sense of the expression more fully realised than here in Oil City, and among the large hearted people that constituted the general Oil Country communities. His tribute to these was fervent and eloquent. Alluding to this remark made by Bro. Kline, who said that their guest had no doubt "kissed the Blarney Stone" during his trip through Ireland, the speaker in response said that while in Dublin he expressed to some of his entertainers a desire to visit Blarney Castle and go through this time honoured performance. His friends assured him very sincerely that he could very well dispense with it, and so the audience decided. Bro. MacGonigle described in brief terms the hospitalities enjoyed at the hands of the Masonic brethren he met in Ireland and in England. He made special mention of the Anglo-American Lodge, of London, the Secretary of which is one of nature's noblemen, Mr. George Reynolds. This Masonic brother made it a special duty to look up the Masonic brethren of America and extend to them the kindest of fraternal courtesies. No mere outline can do justice to the excellence of this gentleman's remarks.

The address was listened to with profound attention and elicited hearty applause at its close.

Rev. E. F. PEMBER followed in one of his happiest efforts, and which the audience highly appreciated.

H. N. ARNOLD responded in his usual style, and his remarks took a wide range, and his allusions to persons and things were capital.

W. J. YOUNG, THOS. R. COWELL, T. B. SIMPSON, Past Master, Plympton; C. H. DUNCAN, Dr. TYLER, of Rouseville, and others made brief and well-chosen responses.

At the close of these remarks Bro. MACGONIGLE was called on, and related a remarkable cat story, or rather one that had such a conclusion, the same being that it became his pleasant duty, at request of the officers and members of Petrolia Lodge, through Bro. T. B. Simpson, to present to Mr. Geo. Lewis, as was usual at the end of the term of that position, a fine Past Master's jewel.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER made fitting response.

The programme was well rendered and afforded a very pleasant treat to all present.

A number of visitors were present from Titusville, Rouseville, and Tionesta.

At the close the company present adjourned to the banquetting rooms adjoining the lodge rooms, and there enjoyed an ample and elegant lunch provided by the ladies.

As a suitable and deserving welcome to Rev. MacGonigle and as a very pleasant social event, the affair was in all respects a success.—*The Oil City Derrick*, Jan. 30.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

Last Tuesday another entertainment given by Freemasons to ladies and others belonging to the outer world who are not Masons occurred. The entertainment in the present case was given by the enterprising young lodge whose name is at the head of this notice, and was given at the Cannon-street Hotel, where the lodge holds its regular meetings. The entertainment comprised a capital dinner, to which 114 sat down, and subsequently a dance in the big hall, which has a particularly good floor for dancing purposes. Everything that could be done for the comfort and pleasure of their fair guests was done by the brethren of the Chough Lodge. During the dinner Sargeant's band played a programme of music, including Watson's "Silver Wedding" march; Reiter's "Bagatelle"; "Clay's "Babes in the wood"; Dunkler's "Au bord de la mer"; Herman's "Diademe"; Desorme's "Serenade de mandolines"; and Stiles' "Doric gavotte."

The lodge is distinctly a musical lodge, having sprung out of the Chough Musical Society, and consequently it was not surprising to find that it was from members of the lodge itself and one of the lady guests that the musical contributions with which the speeches were interspersed were derived. For instance, the solo in the National Anthem was contributed by Bro. E. Piggott, I.G.; "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. C. Mussared, S.D.; the duet "Friendship" by Bro. Marcus, S.W., and Bro. Piggott, I.G.; "All in a garden fair," by Miss May Noad, a daughter of Bro. W. J. Noad, D.C. This young lady won an encore, and on her return excelled her first performance. Bro. Mussared also contributed "My sweetheart when a boy," Bro. Marcus also sang "Queen of the earth," and Bro. Piggott the popular "Longshoreman."

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. J. Turle Lee, who is the Organist of the lodge.

After the company had done ample justice to the bountiful hospitality provided at the dinner tables, a certain number of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and were enthusiastically received and honoured by the company. On any future occasion of the kind, however, it might be well to consider whether the toast of the evening—which on this occasion was undoubtedly "The Ladies"—should not come immediately after the M.W., G.M. instead of being placed last but one on the list.

Unfortunately, lack of space at this season of the year renders it impossible to afford more space than will suffice for a brief report of a meeting of this description, and therefore the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," "The W.M. of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge" must be passed over in silence, and the report confined to the two toasts particularly associated with the proceedings of the evening, namely, "The Ladies" and "The Stewards."

In proposing the toast of the evening, Bro. E. T. EDWARDS, W.M. of the lodge, gave play to his imagination in a fanciful and humorous speech. Commencing by saying it was obvious that they were all anxious for the moment when they should adjourn to the ball room, he said he should limit himself to a very brief speech in proposing the toast of the evening, namely, "The Health of the Ladies." He did not know whether any one present was aware of it, but during the evening a deputation of ladies had waited upon him to assure him of their loyalty, and to ask him for a suggestion as to how their sentiments on that point might be communicated to the lodge. He had pointed out to them that politics were strictly tabooed in Masonic gatherings, but they had urged him very strongly to assure the brethren that they were one and all for the union—to a man. The gentlemen, not to be outdone, had also

waited upon him and had intrusted him with a message to the ladies, to whom they wished him to say from them:

"Till the sea and the land and their bounds are as nought
'Tis our duty to seek you—'tis yours to be sought;
Till the days and the nights their courses have run,
'Tis our honour to win you, and yours to be won;
Till the earth and the heavens from their places have moved,
Our joy 'tis to love you, as 'tis yours to be loved."

That was the message he was authorised to give to the ladies. He could not improve upon it, and he would therefore only ask them to drink to the health and happiness of the ladies, with which toast he should couple the name of Bro. Noad, jun.

Bro. NOAD, jun., in reply, said that no greater pleasure could have been afforded him than to have to reply for this toast on behalf of such a variety of beauty as that which he saw before him on that occasion. He wished he had been better qualified to do so; but, unfortunately, he was still a bachelor, and, of course, he could not be supposed to know a great deal about the ladies. It was not necessary for him to detain them very long. The Worshipful Master had displayed that eloquence of which they were all so proud in proposing that toast, which no one would dispute was the toast of the evening. All would agree with him that this meeting contrasted very favourably with their ordinary lodge meetings, from which the ladies were excluded. Bro. Noad concluded by again thanking the Master for the way in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren and gentlemen for the way in which it had been received.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Stewards," said that on this occasion the toast was a very important one, and it was now his pleasant duty to express, in the name of the lodge and also on behalf of the ladies and other visitors, their approbation of the arrangements which the Stewards had made for the evening's entertainment. He had himself had a good deal of experience of public dinners, but he had never known of such an entertainment as that laid before the guests that evening which had proceeded, as this had, without a hitch of any kind; and it was the untiring energy of the brethren who had undertaken the office of Stewards which had secured the success that had been achieved. He gave them the health, happiness, and prosperity of the Stewards, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Mussared, the Senior Deacon.

Bro. MUSSARED, in reply, thanked the Master and the company for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He wished he could borrow from the Master some of that unbounded eloquence which flowed from him so readily. He was very pleased that the work of the Stewards had met with approval. He should have been rather surprised if they had failed, seeing that they had been called upon in another place in connection with the musical society, and they had never found themselves wanting. He need not say that their deliberations had been conducted with unanimity, and that what they had done had been a work of pleasure and a work of love; and from what he could see at the present moment that seemed to be what they were up to now. He could assure their fair friends that the lodge would do their best to make this an annual affair, and that they hoped to see their happy, happy faces round their board again in years to come. He thanked them all very much for the way in which they had received the toast of the Stewards.

This closed the proceedings at the banquet table, and after a short interval, the company re-assembled in the ball room, where dancing was kept up until about half-past twelve.

Among those present were Bro. E. T. Edwards, P.M. 788, W.M. 2264, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Ada Edwards, and Bro. E. T. Edwards, jun., 2264; Bro. Rev. W. Caseley, P.P.G. Chap. Herts, and Mrs. Caseley; Mr. D. Oughton and Mrs. Oughton; Mr. J. L. Grossmith, Mrs. Grossmith, and Miss Grossmith; Mr. Fredk. Helps, Miss Sparkes, and Miss Bower; Bro. Walter Marcus, W.M. 1839, S.W. 2264, and Mrs. Marcus; Bro. Banfield and Mrs. Banfield; Mr. and Mrs. Ingle; Mrs. and Miss Adamson and Mr. Barker; Bro. Dewsnap, W.M. 2272, Sec. 2264, and Miss Dewsnap; Bro. G. J. Judge, W.M. 1178, J.W. 2264, and Mrs. Judge; Misses Louie and Minnie Nottage; Mr. and Miss Skudder; Bros. C. G. and W. V. Jull; Mrs. Jull, and Miss Mabel Jull; Bro. Saxelby, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, Treas. 2264; Miss Shorthouse, Miss E. Shorthouse, and Mr. Cartwright; Bro. Deane, 657, and the Misses Deane; Bro. Ridley and Mrs. Ridley; Bros. W. H. Tomsett, W. J. Noad, D.C.; R. Thornton, Stwd.; C. Mussared, S.D.; E. Piggott, I.G.; and others.

Obituary.

BRO. E. SIMPSON, P.P.G.P.

We have this week to record the death of an active Masonic worker in the Province of West Lancashire in the person of Bro. Simpson, P.P.G.P., and the oldest Past Master in the list of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, which took place on the 12th inst., in the seventy-second year of his age. The interment of the remains of deceased took place in Lancaster Cemetery on Friday noon, the 15th inst., prior to which a short service was held in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. About 40 brethren were present, representing the various Craft and other Degrees, and whilst they were assembling Bro. Oglethorpe, P.M., P.P.G.R., played the "Dead March in Saul" on the organ. The hymn "Days and Moments quickly flying" was then sung, after which Bro. Shaw, the W.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, read a few sentences appropriate to the solemn event, and was followed by Bro. H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W., who gave an exhortation to the brethren. Bro. Kelland, R.M., then gave a resumé of Bro. Simpson's Masonic career, after which Bro. Longman gave another short address. Bro. Shaw then offered prayer, and repeated a few more sentences, and the service concluded with the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The ceremony was a most impressive one. The brethren, each wearing a sprig of acacia, then marched to the residence of the deceased, and accompanied the remains to the cemetery, the following brethren officiating as pall-bearers: Bros. John Hatch, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Kelland, P.M.; J. R. B. Pilkington, P.M.; H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Edward Oglethorpe, P.P.G.R.; and W. Duff, P.P.G. Standard Bearer. Bro. Simpson was

initiated in the Lodge of Fortitude on April 14th, 1847, and installed W.M. on February 13th, 1850. He then served two years at Treasurer, and in 1854 was appointed Secretary, an office which he held for 20 years, receiving a very handsome testimonial from the brethren on his retirement. His last appearance amongst the brethren was at the installation banquet to Bro. Nicholson, in December, 1887. He was also a member of the Rowley Chapter, in which he filled all the offices, and in 1875 was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in Provincial Grand Chapter. He was also a Past Officer in the Moore Mark Lodge, and in 1884 was admitted to the different Degrees of the Garnett Council, worked under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, and filled several offices in connection therewith. On the 26th March, 1888, he was installed as W.M. of the Garnett Council, and this was his last appearance in the lodge room, failing health preventing his appearing amongst them again.

BRO. JOHN WATSON, J.P., P.G.D.

Bro. John Watson, J.P., P.G.D. of England and D.P.G.M. of Nottinghamshire, to whose death we refer elsewhere, was a Mason of long standing, and in every branch of the Craft to which he had directed his attention had won considerable distinction. He was initiated as far back as 1853 in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham, and, after passing through the various offices, was elected W. Master. Having acted also for some years as Secretary of his mother lodge, and having been successively honoured with the appointments, firstly of Prov. G. Deacon, and then of Prov. G. Registrar of Nottinghamshire, he was, on the installation of the late Bro. Henry Pelham (5th) Duke of Newcastle, selected for the important office of Prov. G. Secretary, and while that distinguished brother remained at the head of the Craft in the county—that is, from 1860 to 1865—our deceased brother retained his post, discharging its duties in a manner which reflected additional credit on himself and won him the respect and esteem of all his Nottinghamshire brethren. On the translation in 1877 of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans from the Prov. G. Mastership of Lincolnshire to that of Nottinghamshire, Bro. Watson, than whom no more suitable brother could have been selected, was appointed and invested as his grace's deputy, and from that time forward till his death, Bro. Watson had carried on the administration of the province in a manner which had not only confirmed him in the high opinion of the local brethren, but had likewise won for him the still greater distinction of a Senior Grand Deaconship in the United Grand Lodge of England, to which office his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint him in conjunction with the late Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., in 1885. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Abbey Chapter, No. 47, Nottingham, and having subsequently joined the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 402, was, in 1881, installed as First Principal. In 1882, on the appointment of Comp. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., as Grand Superintendent of Nottinghamshire, Comp. Watson was appointed and installed Prov. G. H., and in 1885, he was appointed Grand 1st Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark in the Newstead Time Immemorial Lodge of Mark Master Masons in February, 1854, and on the erection of Nottinghamshire into a Mark province in 1883, Bro. Watson was chosen to fill the important rôle of Prov. G. Mark Master. He had also been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Nottingham Chapter of that Degree, while as regards our Charities, he was Life-Governor of the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School, and a Life-Subscriber of the Boys' School, having also served the office of Steward for the senior of the three Charities. Thus by the death of this distinguished brother, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans and the Province of Nottinghamshire are deprived of one of their ablest and most energetic supporters, while the Craft generally loses one of the brightest and most capable exponents of its principles.

BRO. J. A. BIRCH, P.P.J.G.W. EAST LANCS.

Bro. J. A. Birch, to whose lamented death we took occasion to refer last week, had been a member of our Society for just a little over 24 years, having been initiated in the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, Altrincham, Cheshire, on the 16th January, 1865, and installed its W.M. in 1868. In 1868 he joined the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1069, Manchester, and two years later was one of the founders of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1170, being subsequently elected W.M. In 1874 he joined Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, Manchester, all these three last being Manchester lodges. He was exalted to the Royal Arch on the 27th July, 1866, in the Chapter of Virtue, No. 152, was a P.Z., a joining member of Caledonian Chapter, No. 204, and a founder of the Stamford Chapter, No. 1045, Altrincham. He was likewise a Past Provincial Grand Officer, and had taken considerable interest in other branches of Masonry. But it will be chiefly by his services as Chairman of the Charity Committee of his province—to which office he was appointed a few years since in succession to Bro. J. Lancaster Hine—that Bro. Birch will be best remembered, and it is on account of those services that his decease will be so generally regretted throughout the Province of East Lancashire.

BRO. R. BROWN, PAST PROV. G. TREAS. WEST LANCASHIRE.

The funeral of Bro. Richard Brown, of the firm of Brown, Barnes, and Bell, photographers, of Liverpool, took place on Monday, at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, and was very numerously attended by the members of his family, and the brethren of the lodges to which he had belonged. The deceased was initiated about 20 years ago, in the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, and served as W.M. in 1875. He was appointed Secretary of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1830, at its consecration in 1872, and was afterwards for some time its Treasurer, though, owing to his increasing business engagements, he was unable to accept the invitation of the members to become their W. Master. He was also member of several other lodges, and Prov. G. Treasurer of West Lancashire in 1880, and in 1881, being presented on his retirement from the latter office with a valuable silver service in recognition of his services. He was also a P.Z. in the Royal Arch, a Mark Master Mason, a Rose Croix, a Knight Templar, but he will be best remembered by his services between 1874 and 1882, as honorary Secretary to the West Lanca-

shire Masonic Educational Institution, much of the success of that highly prosperous local Charity being due to the energy and ability of our deceased brother. Among the brethren present at the funeral were Bros. Captain J. Macnab, W.M.; W. McLachlan, S.W.; and several P.M.'s and members of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, as well as several Past Prov. G. Officers and members of other lodges. We beg to offer our respectful sympathy to the family and friends of one who had done much valuable service in his time to Masonry, and whose loss will be very generally deplored by our West Lancashire brethren.

BRO. WILLIAM NOTT.

Bro. William Nott, to whose lamented death we referred last week, had seen considerably over 20 years' service as a Mason, having been initiated in the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in 1864. He served the office of W.M. in 1869, was Secretary of the lodge, and was a P.P.J.G.W. of Wiltshire. He was P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, Trowbridge, having occupied the chair of First Principal in 1871, and again in 1880, was Treasurer of the chapter, and a P.G.J. and G. Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 178, Devizes, its R. of M. and Secretary, and a P.G. Steward of Mark Grand Lodge. But our deceased brother rendered his most valuable services to Masonry in connection with the Wiltshire Charitable Association, of which he was the Prov. G. Secretary, and the Central Charities, having qualified as a Life Governor of all the three latter, and served several Stewardships in their behalf. Lastly, he was Editor of the Masonic Calendar for the Province of Wiltshire, and it is a strange coincidence that last week, while, in one of our columns, we recorded his death, and endeavoured to the best of our ability to pay a just tribute of respect to his memory, we were, at the same time, but in another column, describing in terms of appropriate commendation his Wiltshire Calendar for the current year. It will be seen from this brief record of his career that Bro. Nott had done good suit and service as a Mason, and, as we stated last week, it will be a long time ere our Wiltshire brethren find one who will fill the offices now vacant by his death with the same or similar ability. The funeral took place on Saturday last, when the remains of our deceased brother were interred, in the presence of some thousands of spectators. The Masons assembled in full mourning regalia, and with the insignia of the Order, sixty-seven of the Craft being present from all parts of the county. A large number of officers and men from the Wiltshire Regiment, with members from neighbouring corps and representatives from various public bodies, were also present. There were twenty-five beautiful wreaths and crosses sent from the Masons, volunteers, and personal friends, as tokens of esteem and sympathy. The Masonic burial service was gone through by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The firing party then fired three volleys over the grave, after which all the Masons filed past the grave, and threw in each a sprig of acacia, and the Oddfellows a sprig of thyme, as a token of immortality.

MASONIC BALL AT LIMASSOL, CYPRUS.

The first Masonic ball in connection with the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, took place on the 7th ult. at the large new block of buildings built by Messrs. Rossides, and now in the occupation of that firm and the Imperial Ottoman Bank. Through the kindness of Bro. Rossides, a splendid ball and supper room were placed at the disposal of the brethren, and Bro. Christian was also kind enough to allow the rooms of the bank being used as cloak and card rooms.

At about 8.30 p.m. the company began to assemble, and at 9 o'clock dancing commenced to the strains of the band of the Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment. The floor was in excellent condition, and the ball room, thanks to the efforts of Bros. Greenwood and White, was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, flags, military trophies, &c.

At 1 a.m. a bountiful and recherché repast was served in the supper room, and too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Silvester, W.M., whose masterful eye soon saw that the wants and wishes of all present were attended to.

After supper, dancing was re-commenced, and was kept up with spirit until 5 a.m., when all dispersed, having spent a most enjoyable night at the first Masonic ball held in Cyprus, and the hope was expressed that this ball would become an annual affair.

Although there were about 100 persons present, there were not so many as were expected, and it is to be regretted that the Limassol races were not held on the day originally fixed, as several who would have liked to come to the ball were too tired to attend after having undergone the fatigue of the races.

Several of the visitors expressed surprise that the members were not in Masonic clothing, and it is hoped that in future authority will be applied for to allow them to appear properly clothed in the insignia of their noble Art.

The Craft Abroad.

AUSTRALIA.

The Executive Committee of the English, Irish, Scottish, and Victorian Freemasons, appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, met on Monday evening, January 14th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, under the presidency of Bro. John James. The Chairman reported that Sir William Clarke had expressed his cordial approval of the movement, and had consented to be nominated as the first Grand Master of the new Constitution. It was resolved that the United Grand Lodge be formally inaugurated on Wednesday, the 20th of March, in the concert-hall of the Freemasons' Hall, and that the installation of Sir William Clarke and the investiture of his first officers should take place the following day in the Exhibition Building, if the latter place be procurable for the occasion. Lord Carrington, the Grand Master of New South Wales, and Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia, are to be invited to perform the ceremony of installation.



The handsome window placed in the parish church of St. Mary, Cheltenham, by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, to the memory of their former Deputy Grand Master, the late Bro. John Brook Smith, was formally presented to the rector of the parish, Canon Bell, D.D., at a special service in the church. The presentation was made by the Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

On Monday next, the 25th instant, the Artists' Corps (20th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers), of which Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., is the honorary colonel, and Bro. Colonel R. Edis the commanding officer, will give a musical matinée and smoking concert in aid of their new Drill Hall, which will be opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting at Marlborough House on Monday of the Royal Commission of 1851, Bros. Lord Herschell and Sir Frederick Abel representing the Imperial Institute, and Sir George Grove, the Royal College of Music, being also present.

GOULD TESTIMONIAL.—The Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, at its last meeting, voted £5 5s. to this deserving fund; the Invicta Lodge, 709, Ashford, has also forwarded two guineas to Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Blackheath, who is acting as Hon. Sec.

The Prince Frederick William Chapter of Improvement now meets on the second Thursday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, October, November, and December, at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8 o'clock precisely.

Monday was the 41st anniversary of the birth of the Princess Louise, her Royal Highness having been born on the 18th March, 1848. The occasion was celebrated at Windsor with the customary honours.

Very general regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Bro. S. C. Hale, formerly, we believe, a member of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and a distinguished journalist and author. Bro. S. C. Hale was for many years editor of the "Art Union," and in that capacity rendered very valuable services to art.

St. Patrick's Day falling on a Sunday, the usual concerts in honour of the Patron Saint of Ireland took place either on the day preceding or the day following, the principal being the concert in St. James's Hall on Saturday last, and that in the Royal Albert Hall on Monday.

Sunday last, the 17th instant, being St. Patrick's Day, was very generally observed in London, the display of green emblems on the hat or coat being very considerable. The day was also observed in Liverpool and other large towns, where there are many Irish residents.

It is definitely arranged that the Queen will meet the Queen regent of Spain at San Sebastian, on Wednesday next, the 27th instant, leaving Biarritz at noon, and returning the same evening.

The Royal warrant for re-constructing the Honourable Artillery Company of London was promulgated on Saturday last, by his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of the Secretary of State for War. According to this document the Court of Assistants will have power to manage the property, finances, and civil affairs of the Company, while the Queen reserves to herself the right of appointing the Commissioned Officers and Sergeant-Instructioners, all the officers except the field officers and adjutant being members of the Company, while the Company shall comply with all the regulations of the Secretary of State for War in military matters.

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

DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR.—Bro. John A. Sherren, as the editor, printer, and publisher of the Dorset Masonic Calendar, has received no end of correspondence in reference to the edition for 1889. Copies, specially bound, were sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and to the R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G.M. of Dorset, for acceptance. The following replies have been received, and will doubtless be much appreciated.—"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 14th March, 1889. Sir,—I have had the honour of laying the copy of the Dorset Masonic Calendar which you forwarded to me before the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by His Royal Highness to convey to you the expression of his thanks for it.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, FRANCIS KNOLLYS. Mr. J. A. Sherren has received the following letter:—"Royal Dorset Yacht Club, Weymouth, March 13th, 1889. Dear Brother Sherren,—Allow me to congratulate you upon the way you have turned out the calendar which you have sent me, on the part of All Souls' Lodge, both externally and internally. The calendar for the year has been compiled with great care, and does you a great deal of credit. The binding and get up of the little volume which you have forwarded me is exceedingly effective, and as far as I am able to judge, is a very good and delicate piece of workmanship, and is worth handing down, as I shall do, to a future generation, to show what can be done in our day, and I doubt if the highest state of civilization of the future will be able to beat it if even they can do as well.—Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally, MONTAGUE GUEST."

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed of East London would thus be provided with work, instead swelling the ranks of pauperism.—ADVT.

The annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th April, at seven o'clock, Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, has kindly promised to preside.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. W. H. Saunders has been appointed Deputation Secretary to the Royal Alfred Seamen's Institution, of which the late Bro. Capt. the Hon. Bro. Francis Maude, R.N., and Bro. Francis Leon, R.N., were the founders a quarter of a century ago, at which time Bro. W. H. Saunders was working in co-operation with them.

The Annual Supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 9th of April next, when the chair will be taken by Bro. George Reynolds, who is W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge and Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, and Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191. We anticipate that, under the auspices of so genial a chairman, this annual event will be a very great success.

Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B., presided at the annual general meeting, at the Club House, 7, Albemarle-street, W., of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. A letter was read from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, expressing the regret felt by the Prince of Wales that he was unable to be present, and conveying to the members his sympathy with the club on the death of its Vice-Commodore, the late Bro. Lord Alfred Paget. The sailing programme for this year was adopted, and also the statement of account, after which the Prince of Wales was re-elected Commodore, and Bro. Lord Brassey Vice-Commodore, in place of the late Bro. Lord A. Paget.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at a meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund on Saturday last, when a new rule providing for a different mode of filling vacancies, which had been adjourned from a previous meeting, was carried by a large majority. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Benevolent Society of St. Patrick held its annual festival at the First Avenue Hotel, Holborn, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Erne, Bros. the Earl of Milltown and Captain Shaw being among the principal guests.

Bro. Walkem, M.W.G.M. of Canada, visited the Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa, on the 31st January last, and experienced a very hearty reception, and on the 5th February Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M. Canada, delivered an interesting lecture before the brethren of the Builders Lodge, No. 177. On the 6th February, Bros. Spry, P.G.M., and E. T. Malone visited Collingwood for the purpose of presenting to Bro. H. Robertson, Past G.M., the testimonial voted to him at the last annual meeting. The testimonial, which was accompanied by an address, consisted of a gold watch and chain—the watch bearing a suitable inscription—an epergne of silver and Bohemian glass, and a five o'clock tea set. The proceedings were public and were witnessed by a numerous gathering of the principal citizens, who gave Bro. Robertson a most enthusiastic reception and congratulated him on so conspicuous a recognition of his services.

Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore de Keyser, who is President of the Executive Committee of the British Section of the Paris International Exhibition, presided at a meeting of the Council, on the 15th instant, and stated that he had great pleasure in being able to give a favourable account of the progress which had been made. The Exhibition would be opened on the 6th May, and he hoped his friend, Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, would be able to be present at the ceremony, which would be unattended by anything in the shape of a political demonstration.

The Khedive of Egypt has subscribed £50 to the fund which is being raised in order to erect a monument to the late Bro. Col. Duncan, C.B., M.P.

At the meeting of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, at Bangor, on the 19th inst., there was an exceptionally large number of candidates for initiation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Mills, the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Henry Platt, D.P.G.M. of North Wales, P.M. 1849, also taking part. The banquet was served at the Station Hotel, a large party sitting down to a splendid menu provided by Bro. Taylor. The W.M. presided.

The task of converting Bacon's Hotel into the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been intrusted to Bro. C. H. Diver, who built the Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, and Bro. Robert Berridge. Although the general scheme of decoration is to be Italian, the two beautiful Queen Anne rooms are to remain intact. One is to be reserved for the use of the Prince of Wales, and the other will be assigned to his deputy. The works are to commence immediately, and the inauguration of the building will take place towards the close of the year.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Friday, the 15th instant. The members of the Royal Family present were Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and Prince Christian Victor. The diplomatic and general circles were very numerous attended.

An interesting presentation took place on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Coleridge Lodge, 1750, held at the Town Hall, Clevedon, on the occasion of Bro. Thomas Barnes attaining his Masonic jubilee, he having been initiated at Barnstaple in the year 1838. The presentation was made by Bro. Michael Clark, the W.M. of the Coleridge Lodge, on behalf of the brethren, a large number of whom were present. It consisted of a handsome silver goblet, engraved with the arms of the lodge and a suitable inscription.

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On Wednesday, the 13th inst., 250 of the poor of Margate were most bountifully entertained at the Foresters' Hall by the Margate Freemasons (Union Lodge, No. 127), this being the third time the aged folk have been similarly provided for by the Masons, and, from the remarks made at the gathering, there is every probability that, if this event does not become an annual institution, it will at least be continued next year.

Although the Freemasons' Hall at Park-street, Bristol, is one of the largest private halls in the kingdom, such a large number of brethren of the Bristol province and distinguished visitors have intimated their intention to be present at the installation of Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Prov. Grand Master, on the 27th inst., that it is quite inadequate for the purpose, and, therefore, the whole suite of the Victoria Rooms has been engaged for the proceedings of the day.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presided at the 13th anniversary of the Brixton Orphanage, in Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Monday, about 2000 persons being present. The institution, which has grown with marvellous rapidity, supports 300 girls, whom it maintains, clothes, and educates for domestic service.

From a short report we publish in another part of our columns it will be seen that the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, after having been dormant for some years, has been re-opened, and stands a very fair chance of continuing its labours with success. The Preceptor is Bro. Jas. Stacey, P.M., and the Secretary Bro. Grammer, P.M., both of whom we may be sure will exert themselves to the utmost of their ability in order to keep the resuscitated lodge of instruction in a condition of prosperity.

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Female aversion to Freemasonry has, for the last fifteen or twenty years, been a gradually diminishing quantity, and the cause is not far to seek. During that time the lodges that have given periodical entertainments to ladies have become more numerous, and at present there are many which "commit the enormity" every year of either a banquet or a ball, or a summer outing, participated in by the gentler sex. Lodge La Tolérance has just given one of these ladies' banquets, followed by a ball. Every lady on her arrival at the Freemasons' Tavern was presented with a bunch of orchid blossoms and the choicest of opening rosebuds. The Gallery Lodge (named after the Reporters' Galleries of the Houses of Parliament) is another lodge prone to the same heresy. From the time when it was consecrated by the Grand Secretary of England in 1881, it has annually permitted itself a ball every winter and a picnic every summer, and for the last two seasons has added to its questionable innovations by giving a series of enjoyable Cindre-la dances.—Daily Telegraph.

Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided at the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works on the 15th instant, when the lowest tender for the construction of the Blackwall Tunnel was accepted, after a long and animated discussion. Bros. the Hon. H. de Tatton, M.P., and Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P., were among the members present.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, CRYSTAL PALACE.—The great success which attended the inauguration of the above Exhibition last year, demonstrated beyond a doubt that a distinct want had been met, inasmuch as there had been no effort hitherto made to bring under one roof a sufficiently representative collection of apparatus and appliances in connection with the art of photography (for, be it known, this is pre-eminently an apparatus exhibition), whilst many of the picture exhibitions had fairly shown the perfection to which photography had attained from an art point of view. Additional interest attaches to this year's show from the fact of 1889-90 being to all intents and purposes the jubilee of photography; Fox Talbot, Daguerre, and others having almost contemporaneously given to the world various methods of producing a photographic image by the action of light upon the sensitive salts of silver. Although the processes were entirely dissimilar, one (that of Fox Talbot) was destined to be the precursor of most of the existing negative systems, whilst that of Daguerre died a natural death, because his images (being positives) were incapable of reproduction, and consequently, though costly, were of no lasting commercial value. An idea of the enormous strides, both scientifically and artistically, which have been made during the half-century under review, may be estimated by a visit to the Crystal Palace during the next few weeks, when those who are past middle life will be able to form an opinion upon the merits of a modern camera and lens capable of producing, in good hands, the beautiful pictures displayed in such abundance in the several Courts, as compared with the results produced by the instruments of former days. Looking at the splendid implements now shown, occupying as they do the entire length of the Grand Central Nave of this vast building, and then wandering through the Courts and admiring the artistic work, it is hard to say whether greater progress has been made in the scientific or the artistic branches of Photography. It will give some idea of the growth of this Exhibition, when we say that last year the amount of space occupied in the Apparatus division was under 3230 square feet, whilst this year it exceeds 8700 feet. In the Art division also a distinct advance has been made, and not only has the wall space covered increased from 3680 square feet to 8346 square feet, but a novel feature has been adopted, whereby a series of "one man" exhibits has been introduced, alcoves, or bays, forming little three-sided rooms, and suitably decorated, having been erected round the sides of the Courts. In addition to the above features, the daily Lantern Entertainments, which last year proved so great an attraction, will be repeated. A grand conversazione will be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., which promises to be very enjoyable for those who take any interest whatever in "the fashionable pastime."

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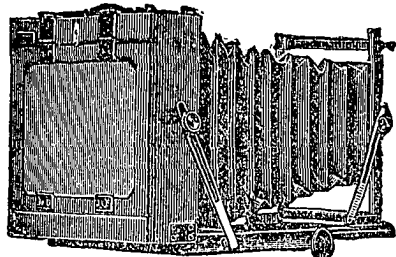
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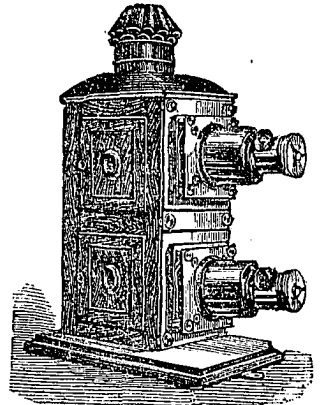
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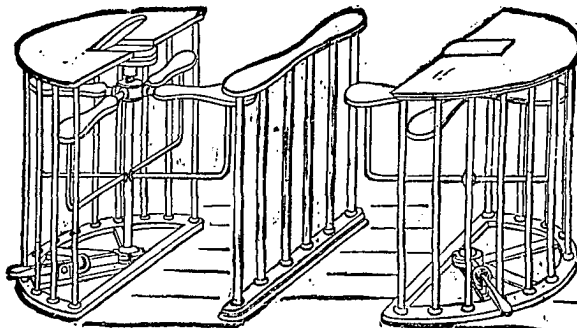
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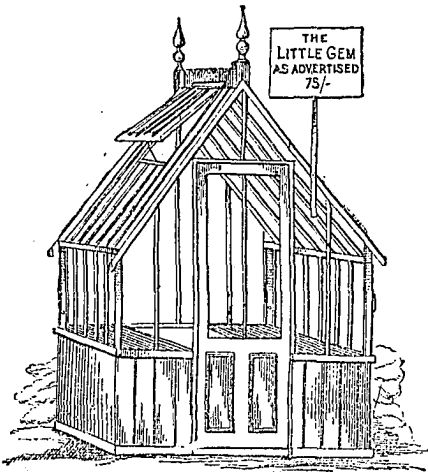
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 30, 1889.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
1679, Henry Muggerridge, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25.**CRAFT LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
222, St. Andrew's, The Albion Tavern.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Olympia, Kensington.
1910, Shadwell Clerke, 8a, Red Lion-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
188, Joppa, Albion Tavern.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.**CRAFT LODGES.**

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
92, Moira, The Albion Tavern.
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
165, Hanover and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms.
1157, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1348, Ebury, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
2108, Empire, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, at 8.
Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
226, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth, Greenwich.
2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.**CRAFT LODGES.**

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.

898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1818, Clapham, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1471, Islington, Railway Hotel, Highbury, Islington.
1624, Eccleston Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99, Shakespeare, The Albion.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
861, Finsbury, St. Botolph's Chambers.
871, Royal Oak, High-street, Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn Gate.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

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

MARK LODGES.

13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29.**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.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich, 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-street Hotel.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30.**CRAFT LODGE.**

1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 30, 1889.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.**CRAFT LODGES.**

43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
48, Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead.
62, Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
353, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent.
377, Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.
1110, Tyrian, Gildridge Hotel, Eastbourne.
1177, Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke-shire.
1210, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1258, Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool.
1325, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1752, Ogmere, Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
1753, Obedience, White Hart Hotel, Okehampton.
1991, Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York.
2068, Portsmouth Temperance, Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth.
2131, Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire.
2257, Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
2279, Thornham, Halfway House, Thornham, Lancashire, East Division.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Usbridge, at 8.
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 8.
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
1811, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.
889, Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston, Surrey.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1237, Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield.

MARK LODGES.

64, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
143, Preston, Bull Hotel, Preston, Lancashire.
177, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
235, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
317, Youell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.**CRAFT LODGES.**

253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299, Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford.
310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
564, Stability, Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge.
597, St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead.
943, Sincerity, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
1016, Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Alban's.
1566, Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead.
1609, Liverpool Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1636, St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
1650, Rose of Ruby, Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, Durham.
1675, Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1678, Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge.
1726, Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor, Sussex.
1834, Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Commercial-road, Landport.
1896, Audley, Victoria Hotel, Newport, Salop.
1942, Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staffordshire.
1958, Hundred of Bosmere, Masonic Hall, Havant.
2025, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.

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.
241, Merchants, Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, 6.30.
264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.
448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.
493, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
700, Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.
704, Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
726, Staffordshire Knot, Swan Hotel, Stafford, at 8.
855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.
940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
974, Pentalpha, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, at 6.30.
1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
1237, Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hall, Waterloo.
1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.
900, Sir George Elliot, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.

MARK LODGES.

11, Joppa, Masonic Chambers, 55, Argyll-street, Birkenhead.
39, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool.
130, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.
255, Robinson, Bell Hotel, Week-street, Maidstone.
342, Chelmer, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.

92, St. Margaret, Leicester.
103, Hubert de Burgh, Dover.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

3, Plains of Rama, Keighley.