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THE SUPREME COUNCILS OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

General satisfaction will be everywhere felt that the dissensions which for some time past have existed between the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, of the one part, and Scotland, of the other part, have been amicably settled, in a manner which reflects the utmost credit on both bodies, and especially on those among their officers, on whom has devolved the chief labour in determining the feud. As to the original cause of these unfortunate relations nothing need be said here. It has been mutually agreed that all differences shall be consigned to oblivion. What concerns us chiefly is the terms of the concordat, which has been most carefully drawn up, and will render the occurrence of future differences well nigh impossible. These terms, or conditions, are three in number, and may be summarised as follows: Firstly, it is provided That no private chapter under either of the aforesaid Supreme Councils shall confer the 18° for a fee of less than three guineas (£3 3s.), or upon a brother hailing from a sister jurisdiction, unless by special permission from the Supreme Council of the country to which his Craft lodge belongs. The second condition provides "That the 30° (or higher Degrees) shall not be conferred on any brother unless he is specially elected thereto by the Supreme Council of his allegiance; and that no Consistory abroad shall be held, except for the purpose of conferring the Degree on brethren so elected, and under special authority from the said Supreme Council." The third and last provision is to the effect "That a brother having sworn allegiance to either Supreme Council, shall not receive any of the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite from any other Masonic body without the permission of the Supreme Council to which he has originally given such allegiance." These terms are so clearly defined and so easy of fulfilment that any disturbance of the friendly relations thereby renewed between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland may be regarded as being, if not impossible, most improbable, and we gladly offer our congratulations to the brethren by whose diplomatic skill and ability this restoration of friendship between the two bodies has been effected, in a manner, as we have said, so satisfactory to both, and so likely to prove beneficial to the interests of the Rite generally. As a consequence of the renewed fraternal relations, Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, G. Sec. Gen., has been appointed Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for Scotland.

THE CRAFT IN BOMBAY.

It is evident from the published proceedings we have recently received of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, at its half-yearly communication in the spring of this year, that the Craft made satisfactory progress during the period to which they relate. In the various East Indian Districts there is generally a fair number of lodges, but the lodges themselves are not, except in a few cases, numerically strong. This is in a great measure to be accounted for by the fact that members are every now and then moved from one station to another, according to the exigencies of military or civil duty. Moreover, in up-country stations, the communities from which lodges are ordinarily recruited are by no means numerous. But, notwithstanding the disadvantages thus caused, the lodges in the District of Bombay appear to have not only maintained, but even to a slight extent to have increased their number during the six months to the end of March, 1889. In all other respects they seem to have done excellently well. Bro. HAROLD R. KING, P.G.D., D.D.G.M., who, in the unavoidable absence on duty of his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, D.G.M., presided at this communication, congratulated the brethren on the harmonious working of the lodges and the satisfactory state of the various funds connected with the District Grand Lodge, the accounts to the close of 1888 showing that an increase had taken place in the balances standing respectively to their credit. Thus the District Grand Lodge closed the year with 9548 rupees in hand. The Fund of the Bombay Masonic Association now amounts to over 30,151 rupees, the increase in 1888 being, in round figures, 2820 rupees,

while the Fund of Benevolence had increased by 1182 rupees, the total amount to credit being upwards of 9202 rupees. Again, as regards the Hall Committee's accounts, the Deputy District Grand Master was in a position to show that though "the Hall Committee is not supposed to make any profit out of the lodges that use the hall," there was an increase during the year of 141 rupees, the receipts having amounted to 9225 rupees, and the expenditure to 9084 rupees, the amount carried forward to the new account being 4978 rupees. There were other subjects referred to by Bro. KING in the course of his address, the steps it was proposed to take in order to carry out the scheme suggested some time previously for the extension of the Masonic Library in Bombay being one of them. He also alluded to the position of affairs as regards the proposed new Masonic Hall, the whole of the estimated cost having been subscribed, while the application for a site had been sent in to the Government, and the Hall Committee were anxiously awaiting the reply. Bro. KING then passed to subjects less pleasant to refer to, and paid an eloquent tribute of respect firstly to the memory of their late District Grand Master, Bro. E. TYRRELL LEITH, who died in December last, and whose virtues and great services to the district he was confident the brethren would always affectionately and thankfully remember; and then to that of the late Bro. LANG, Past Dep. G.M. of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, whom he described as "a Mason of singularly clear and straightforward principles," who, as he took leave to remind his audience, had rendered them most valuable assistance in relation to their proposed new hall only a short time previous to his death. Lastly, he stated in graceful terms that the English Craft were working on the most cordial terms "with all other Masonic bodies in India and in other parts of the world," but more particularly with their "immediate neighbours, the Grand Lodge of A.S.F.I., which is so ably presided over by its present Grand Master, Sir HENRY MORLAND." Therefore, as we have pointed out on several former occasions, whatever may be the evils or difficulties which are alleged to be inherent in the system of concurrent jurisdiction in other British Colonies or Dependencies, these evils and difficulties are not found to exist in the Bombay Presidency. However, this is a subject which does not concern us just now, and, therefore, we shall content ourselves with congratulating his Royal Highness the District Grand Master, his officers, and the brethren generally of this distant branch of English Masonry on the success which has attended their labours during the past year. May their future progress be as satisfactory!

THE GRAND LODGE OF LIBERIA.

It is not often that we are favoured with news about the condition of Freemasonry in this little African State. It is mentioned, indeed, in the report we have received of the Proceedings of its Grand Lodge during the year 1888, that "owing to a combination of untoward circumstances, the proceedings of our Grand Lodge have not been printed for several years past." Our readers, therefore, will no doubt excuse us if we have been silent upon a subject of which it was well-nigh impossible we could possess any knowledge, and will be of the same opinion as Hotspur when, addressing his wife on a certain occasion. He said, "I well believe Thou wilt not utter what thou dost not know." There is, however, a Grand Lodge of Liberia, a Grand Lodge on a very modest scale—if such a paradox be possible—as becomes a modest little State, whose political and commercial relations with other States we hear little or nothing about. It has also a full complement of Grand Officers, with Standing Committees on Foreign Correspondence, Finance, and Jurisprudence, though what knotty problems these several Committees may have to consider does not appear from the record with which we have been favoured. Certainly, the Finance Committee is not likely to strike on behalf of greater freedom from exacting duty and a lower degree of responsibility. There are six private lodges on the roll of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge tax fees due from them—but in respect of what service and for what period is not stated—is given as 131 dollars, or about 25 guineas of our money. At the Annual Communication on the 10th December last, the Grand Master delivered a long and somewhat poetic

address, from which we gather that, in his opinion, though "all things have not worked together for our good, and some of our lodges have not been able to work out all the plans laid down on their trestleboard at the commencement of the year, our Order is still on the increase in this Republic, and the condition of the lodges generally is flourishing." On St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December) there was a procession of Grand Lodge to Trinity Church, where a mixed Divine and Masonic service was held, the singing and prayers of the former being interspersed with a "Charge to Grand Officers," the "Grand Honours," the "Grand Master's Address," and an "Oration by Prof. A. B. KING" in somewhat high-flown language. Thus, Liberian Freemasonry appears to have about it most of the outward and visible signs of the Craft, while some of its observances are, to say the least, unusual among the earlier and more important branches of the Society. To judge, however, from some of the business set down for transaction at this Annual Communication, our Liberian brethren's notions would seem to be crude, nor does there appear to be any great amount of energy or anxiety to determine the questions submitted for decision. Indeed, some of these questions strike us as being somewhat peculiar to say the least of it. For instance, let us imagine the Grand Lodge of England, New York, or Pennsylvania being called upon to consider such a "business item" as "That Grand Secretary be assisted by the two Secretaries of Oriental and St. John's Lodge of Monrovia," and if we can bring ourselves to believe such a contingency possible, let us endeavour to picture to ourselves one of those Grand Lodges voting that the item "be laid over until time indefinite." The following questions also were submitted, namely: (1) "Are Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft Masons regarded as members of a lodge?" and (2) "Can a lodge compell Entered Apprentices or Fellow Craft Masons to pay monthly dues and Grand Lodge tax fees?"; and both of them were "voted to lie on the table for further consideration." Still some amends were made for these crudities when a recommendation "That there be established a Widow and Orphans' Fund in each and every of the subordinate lodges throughout the Republic, and that the annual amount contributed thereto by each member of the Craft be no less than one dollar, the said fund so accumulating in each lodge to be applied to the relief of the widows and orphans of its deceased members," was carried. Such a plan is not quite in accordance with our ideas in relation to this class of Fund or Institution, though it must be admitted that the payments to our Fund of Benevolence are compulsory; but it is possible to excuse what is crude and eccentric when we find the widows and orphans are well cared for. Later on, perhaps, we shall hear that the Craft in this African Republic has advanced still further on the road to prosperity.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

FIRST NOTICE.

We know as a matter of fact that whenever Bro. Hughan brings out a new book it means enough orders being placed in a few weeks to absorb the edition. It has been so with all the works that well-known writer has produced, for our experience extends back to his first issue in 1869, the whole of which was subscribed for prior to publication. A set of books of no other Masonic author of modern times fetches in the open market what Bro. Hughan's readily obtains, and there are always a number of collectors waiting for certain of the important series which are exceptionally scarce and valuable.

Of course, we would not presume to dictate to Bro. Hughan, but the time is surely come for second editions of such volumes as his "Constitutions of the Freemasons (1869);" "Old Charges of British Freemasons" (1872); and particularly the "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813" (1874).

The present issue, which is now ready, will be gladly welcomed by the large circle of ordinary readers who desire to possess a succinct account of "York Masonry," especially in relation to the Apollo Lodge, which had such an eventful career.

Its full title is as follows: "History of the Apollo Lodge, York, in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry; with brief sketches of its local predecessors and contemporaries; the 'Grand Lodge of all England' (York Masons); The Provincial Grand Lodge, and various lodges from 1705 to 1805, by William James Hughan, author of 'Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry,' and numerous other works; with valuable appendices. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C., 1889."

It will be seen that the author has undertaken a considerable task, and, certainly, one few would like either to attempt or could possibly accomplish. We need hardly say that Bro. Hughan has succeeded most admirably, and has written a history which may be fairly accepted as a model of its kind.

It is not a narration of a number of uninteresting details, undigested and unexplained, but a careful reproduction of all

needful and desirable minutes and particulars concerning the wide subject embraced by the title, accompanied by accurate and invaluable information, tersely expressed and interestingly described, with supplemental matter of considerable utility and significance.

Wherever York Masonry is known and respected—and where is it not?—this work ought to travel, and have the opportunity of telling its deeply interesting tale, and prove the means of removing the widespread ignorance that still exists in many parts with respect to the doings of the "Grand Lodge of all England" held at York, its subordinates, and also its local rivals.

The handsome volume is divided into five chapters, the first of which deals with Masonry in what Bro. Hughan aptly terms *the Masonic city of England from 1705*, not only as to the extinct Grand Lodge, but also in relation to an old lodge meeting at the Punch Bowl from 1761, about which he furnishes not a few details which are quite new to most if not all of us.

Chapters 2 and 3 concern the "Apollo" Lodge, 1773 to 1805, the revival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire in 1771-4, and lodges in that county under three Grand Lodges. An ancient hostelry makes a curious recital, the interest being added to by the frontispiece, which reproduces one of Cave's choicest pictures of that establishment—the noted "George Inn." The fruitful topics of Masters' lodges, appointment of Deacons and other officers are duly examined and dealt with. "A Family of Organists," "Numerous Presentations," "Divulging Masonic Secrets," "The Antiquity Manifesto," "Early Initiation of a Lewis," "Funeral of a Masonic Veteran," "The Tyler's Obligation," "Lodge Benevolence and Hospitality," "Storm in a Tea-cup," "Sermons and Festivals," "Indiscreet Solicitations," and "The Origin of the now Famous York Lodge" may be enumerated as a few of the many subjects alluded to in these two parts of the work.

To many students of our history, and assuredly all who are interested in the origin of Royal Arch Masonry, chapter iv will prove an especial boon and most welcome light on that subject.

Bro. Hughan evidently leans to the view that this Degree was arranged about 20 years after the "Revival of 1717," and considers existing evidence clearly points to its being worked so early as 1740. He does not clear up the question, however—doubtless because he cannot—of its exact origin, and can only quote three places as the earliest known where the ceremony was practised, viz., York, London, and Dublin.

So far the full solution of the problem appears to have been too much for Bro. Hughan, so we are quite content to leave it where he has, and we anticipate most of our readers will not only approve of our discretion but act in like manner.

The author's reference to the noted "Ancients" tends to suggest that they were not ancients, and beyond question he demonstrates the fact that they cannot be credited with the fabrication of the Royal Arch. Singular to state, the first minutes of a chapter (or lodge) yet traced of Royal Arch Masonry are to be found at York, and hence they are briefly described in the work, the period of the ceremony being absorbed by the then powerful Grand Lodge of all England being also noted. The "Five Degrees," recognised at York by that body in 1779-80, illustrate the fact that caution is necessary in fixing the date of origin for both the R.A. and K.T. Degrees. The Moderns (started about 1765) chartered a subordinate at York, 1779, and again in 1799, about which Bro. Hughan relates many particulars, which are not only new, but also true, although hitherto *terra incognita*.

The last chapter refers mainly to the Phoenix Lodge at Hull, which was supposed to have continued the warrant on the collapse of the Apollo. We are bound to say that although evidence, accessible of late years, pointed in that direction, the fresh light thrown on the subject in this volume has quite disproved such a notion. Bro. Hughan reproduces several of the old warrants to support his position, and besides which in the appendix has printed much valuable information, adding much to the usefulness of the history, and to the author's labours in the compilation. The volume is dedicated by permission to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. Copies may be had from the author or publisher (see advertisement), and we would advise English brethren who desire to possess the volume to lose no time in applying for it, as the edition is a very small one—much too small in our opinion.

WATSON'S MS. OF THE "OLD CHARGES."

As announced in the *Freemason*, of October 5th, another Manuscript has been traced, and, out of compliment to its owner, I propose to call it *Watson's MS.* It came into possession of Bro. Thomas Millican Watson, of Sunderland, quite recently, by purchase, from a non-Mason, who states that his grandfather was a member of the "Mystic Tie." Its history, therefore, as respects its custody prior to this century, is obscure, as with most of the old MSS., though it is quite probable that the Scroll was

used for operative Masonic purposes, that, doubtless, being the object of its transcription. I heard of its existence through my friend, Bro. Geo. Washington Bain, of the same town, who, by my desire, and to relieve my consuming anxiety, lost no time in seeing the present owner and soliciting from him the loan of the original MS., and likewise the copy he had made, in order for my careful examination of both, and due report in the columns of the *Freemason*.

This Bro. Watson most readily granted, and in the kindest manner forwarded me the Scroll and Transcript to make what use of them might seem to me desirable. I desire to gratefully acknowledge such practical evidence of sympathy with our Masonic researches, and feel assured that my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration will be warmly supported by the members of the "Quatuor Lodge," with whom I am intimately associated in all such matters, as well as by all Masonic students wherever located.

The Roll is written on six unequal strips of vellum, sewn together, and extends to 12 feet. Its width is a little over five inches, the margin being about one-third of an inch on the left hand side, formed by two or more rubricated lines, extending vertically throughout the MS. Lines of a similar character run horizontally for the guidance of the copyist, numbering on an average five to an inch. The caligraphy is good generally, but, though probably all by the same hand, portions were written apparently at different times.

What seems to me to have been the original Roll ends on the fifth strip, and concludes the MS., which, according to this estimate, ran to nearly 11 feet. Even then it was of exceptional length, and, so far as my memory serves me, I venture to declare the Scroll to be the longest document of the kind extant. All the five strips are about the same length, varying from 25 to 27½ inches, the final one, however, containing the "Prentice's Charge"—the gem of the six—measures but 13 inches, is of thinner vellum, the text differing in some respects from the preceding, and may be of a little later transcription; but all, to my mind, is of the latter part of the seventeenth century.

In nearly every word, Bro. Watson and myself are agreed, his copy being exceedingly well done. The slight departures I have made from his transcript have been satisfactorily explained to him, and so the following reproduction may be accepted as accurate throughout; the excellent condition of the scroll, and the good, bold hand of the writer, enabling me to determine all doubtful words with a fair amount of certainty. A few lines show signs of having been traced over, but for the period the document is in a good state of preservation. The double ff's I have given as capitals, and in only one or two instances is the v used for u, so the latter letter has been uniformly adopted.

As respects the Roll proper, it may be located with the "Sloane Family," according to Dr. Begemann's classification; though that being settled does not sufficiently indicate its full value and importance, because the additional strip of the "Prentice Charge" removes it from the ordinary series of some score or more of original MSS. and places it in the special class with seven others only. These are "*Harleian*, No. 1942" (British Museum); "*Melrose*, No. 2" (Old Lodge at Melrose); "*Hope*" (Lodge of "Hope," Bradford, Yorkshire); "*Colne*, No. 1" ("Royal Lancashire Lodge," Colne); "*York*, No. 4" (The "York" Lodge, York); "*Gateshead*" (Lodge of "Industry," Gateshead); and the "Wren" (present location is uncertain). These will be found reproduced in my "Old Charges of the British Freemasons" (1872), and "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (1871), or in the "Masonic Magazine" * and the *Freemason*. †

The invocation, which rightly begins the Roll, is not quite of the usual phraseology, as it reads

"The Mighty God, Father of Heaven."—

whereas the ordinary commencement is "The might of the Father of Heaven." Another different reading occurs almost directly afterwards, "*that hath been three persons*," which is the first departure of the kind known to me. In one or two others the Invocation varies slightly from the usual text, such as the "Atcheson Haven" ‡ and "Buchanan MSS." § which reads

"O Lord God Father of Heaven;"

but in nearly all the 60 or more copies of the "Old Charges," the Invocation in some form, is to be found, and was doubtless so read to the Masonic neophytes during the mainly operative period of the Craft down to early last century. Mr. Toulmin Smith draws attention to the fact that generally in the "Dedication" portion of the ordinances of most Guilds "the Father Almighty would seem to have been forgotten. No doubt what must strike every reader as so strange an oversight was not

* 1872, 1880, and 1885. † Christmas Number, 1887.

‡ Lyon's "History of No. 1, Scotland," p. 116. § Gould's "History of Freemasonry," Vol. 1.

intentionally so, but grew out of the habit and form of prayers of intercession."* It is singular—under these circumstances—that, without an exception, all the "Invocations" or "Dedications" in the Masonic MSS., from the sixteenth to the last century, refer most distinctly and individually to the "Three Persons in one Godhead," and represent much older originals. The "Aberdeen MS." describes this part as "A Prayer before the Meeting," in A.D. 1670.

The title "Master of Storyes" is more frequently rendered "Master of Historyes" (Colne MS., No. 1, &c.), and the wages noted as paid the Masons in St. Alban's time as amounting to "Three shillings and sixpence to their double wages," which accords with most of the "Sloane Family" is not in agreement with many of the other Scrolls, which in a number of instances quote 2s. 6d., with "three pence to their nonesynches" (*Buchanan MS.*), "their cheire" (*Grand Lodge MS.*), "Nonfinch" (*York MS., No. 1*), "For the Bearers of Burthens" (*Antiquity MS.*), and "Nuncion's" (*Papworth's MS.*).

The orthography resembles the "Briscoe MS.," as will be seen in relation to the "Land of Behest" ["Bethel" in "Briscoe," doubtless an error of the transcriber], now called amongst us the country of Hierusalem; and other instances; that printed copy of the "Old Charges" belonging to the same class of text, as respects the ordinary Roll.

The Latin clauses which follow the injunction "Here followeth the worthy and godly oath of such as are made Masons" † are translated in several of the MSS., that of the "York, No. 4," having the words "illi vel ille" represented by "He or she," ‡ the copyist evidently considering the last of the trio was *illa*. This curious blunder has led some hasty readers to assume that females were eligible for membership in the lodge at the period of the transcription of this MS. (A.D. 1693) just as in most of the Social Guilds for centuries. There is not, however, the slightest justification for such an absurd fancy, the singular text of the MS. in question being due to misapprehension or some other cause.

The "Charges" are not numbered, unfortunately, like "Colonel Clerke's MS.," and many else; but, in my opinion, the original before the transcriber was, as he begins nearly all the Rules with the first letter of "And" in capitals.

The definite article is omitted before "Greeke Hermermes," the previous sentence, as with the texts, generally ending with the words "were written in."

The ending of the original Roll agrees with most of the "Old Charges," the "Booke" referred to in the concluding sentence, and at the commencement of their recital being "Ye holy Scripture," as the "York MS., No. 1," declares § Another of the York MSS. (No. 6) has the additional words following the ordinary finale, "Doe all as you would bee done unto, and I beseech you att every meeting and assembly you pray heartily for all Christians—Farewell." ||

There are a few minor departures from the accepted text which are more amusing than important, such as "*Ghost* of Masonry," instead of "*Craft*." Possibly the substituted word was intended as an equivalent for spirit, but it is difficult to understand how such a mistake could have been made. Also 40 miles, in lieu of the ordinary 50, within which distance, attendance at the Annual Assemblies was obligatory.

The special value of the Scroll, in my eyes at least, is the "Prentice's Charge" on the sixth and last strip of Vellum. I believe it was copied from another MS., and added some little time after the original "Old Charge" was completed.

Throughout the latter, the term "*True* Mason" is used, whereas, in the Charge to the Apprentices, "*Free*-Mason" is exclusively employed, and occurs four times, just as with all the other copies which have those additional or supplemental clauses, excepting the "Gateshead MS."

The "Future Charges" (as they are called) in the "Wren MS." agree almost word for word with the "Prentice's Charge" of the "Watson's MS.," only the latter has "Peace" for "Prince;" an obvious error in transcription.

The Roll is kept in an old parchment bag of a unique character, which, originally, was tied at the top with a thong for safety, but the holes only now remain.

Bro. John Taylor (J.W. 1402) has kindly photographed two portions for me. These facsimiles are about half the size of the original vellum Scroll.

W. J. HUGHAN.

We propose to reproduce a transcript of the MS., together with the facsimile mentioned above, in our next.—ED. F.M.

* "English Gilds," 1870, Note to p. 172.

† Words in italics not the usual form.

‡ Hughan's "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," Part I. (§) ("The one of the elders taking the Booke, and that hee or shee that is to bee made Mason shall lay their hands thereon and the charge shall be given.")

§ Hughan's "Old Charges," page 38.

|| York MS., No. 6, by W. J. Hughan. "Masonic Magazine," March, 1880.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois celebrated its semi-centennial on the 2nd inst. Bro. GEORGE C. LORIMER, D.D., delivered the oration, from which we take the following extract:

"Worshipful Grand Master and Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, I have spoken these things to remind you and to inform the world that our Fraternity is not a mere social organisation for the pleasure of banquetings and processionings, having no practical bearing on the serious issues of life. We are not overgrown children, playing with gaudy toys and amusing ourselves with regalias and high-sounding names, but the custodians of an Institution whose object is to elevate and unify mankind. Let us realise the significance of our responsibility and be faithful to our trust. And if we shall feel the one, and be true to the other, we will outside the lodge remember what we have there been taught regarding the dignity of labour, and in private life we will sympathise with its aspirations and seek to lighten its burdens. Every Mason should be known as the avowed friend of the working-man, and if the multiplied thousands who bear that honoured name would only intelligently and generously espouse his cause the night of misunderstandings and alienations would speedily be forgotten in the morning of fraternity and love.

"Most of us have not many years left in which to perform this God-given task. Already this Grand Lodge is entering on its second half-century of history, and when the entire century shall be completed, the large majority of those here gathered shall have 'gone the way of all the earth.' Let us prize our present opportunity. If we shall be true to our traditions, when our successors shall assemble in their centennial, it may be in happier times than ours, and looking backward they may have reason to thank God that we ever lived and worked. Ah, sirs! though we may not be permitted to see the coming brighter day, if we shall strive for it and pray for it, we may close our eyes on the sun in peace, assured that it will not tarry. Through the mist of years and the dim haze of tears I already see the dawning, and hail with joy the certain blessed future—

"When crime shall cease, and ancient fraud shall fail,
Returning justice lift aloft her scale;
Peace o'er the realm her olive wand extend,
And white-robed innocence from heaven descend."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Grand Lodge of this province was held at Keswick, in St. John's Church Lecture Hall, under the banner of the Greta Lodge, No. 1073, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., through indisposition, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W., presided, supported by Bro. William Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M., and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the province, viz.: Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, as P.S.G.W.; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, P.M. 1073, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; H. Moser, P.M. 129, P.G. Reg.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; Dr. George Calderwood, P.M. 1267, P.J.G.D.; George Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.G.D.C.; W. D. P. Field, P.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, as P.G.S.B.; J. Jenkinson, W.M. elect 228, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 1257, P.G. Std. Br.; G. P. Abraham, P.M. 1073, P.G. Org.; Wm. Middleton, P.M. 129, P.A.G. Sec.; Thos. Allinson, P.M. 119, P.G. Purst.; Henry Ward, P.M. 1989, P.A.G. Purst.; Wm. Whitehead, Tyler 962, P.G. Tyler; F. A. Cooper, P.M. 1002, P.G. Stwd.; Dr. Chas. J. J. Harris, W.M. 110; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Sec., P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; J. P. Bennett, W. H. Chapman, H. Murphy, T. Wilson, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.W.; A. W. Hardy, J.W. 129; William Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Beaty, W.M. 310; Thos. Beaty, J. T. Graham, Sec.; J. Slack, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Wharton, J.W.; R. D. Clarke, J. F. Grant, W. S. Ponton, W.M. 327; W. Rawes, P.M. 339; Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; Thos. Mandle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jos. Abbott, P.M.; Rev. T. W. Melrose, Chaplain; J. Hodgson, Jos. Peters, J. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler; Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wood, J. Sewell, James Lawson, Isaac Dickinson, W.M. 962; J. Paterson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Brooker, P.M.; H. Irving, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. Cottier, Francis Smith, W.M. 1002; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hewson, P.P.G. Tyler; Thos. Atkinson, J.W.; T. C. Burn, S.W.; D. Sinclair, I.G.; W. H. Lawthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. Hodgson, W.M. 1073; J. Hall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. J. N. Hoare, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; E. Jackson, P.M.; Thos. Wilson, S.D.; W. J. Atkinson, Sec.; J. Scott, J. Gibson, J.W.; J. Martir, Rev. J. S. Ostle, Thomas Usher, P. T. Freeman, P.P.G. Org.; B. C. Waller, P.M. 1074; Wm. Armstrong, W.M. 1267; Richd. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. L. Towerson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Miller, John Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Bradley, P.M.; W. Lawrence, P.M.; J. Cook, P.M. 1532, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Hewitson, T. J. Richardson, Sec.; J. Morton, W.M. 1400; Henry Hartley, W.M. 1660; John McHarry, W.M. 1989; J. Bewley, P.M.; R. Walker, P.M.; Chas. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Heathcote, J. Telford, W. Wilson, J. Pattison, J. Sparks, T. Temple, W. Kewley, L. Rumney, J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, 2285, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Wilson, 775 (S.C.); and others.

It is just 15 years since the members of the Greta Lodge had the honour to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge. It was fully anticipated that it would have been held at Keswick last year, but the brethren graciously waived their claim in favour of Workington, there being a new lodge to consecrate and a corner stone to lay.

The Charity Committee met at 11 a.m., Bro. W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.S.G.W., in the chair, when the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and one candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was adopted, as previously agreed upon.

The Greta Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hodgson, W.M., and the acting P.G.M., supported by the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers of the province, was reported, and saluted according to rank.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges and Prov. Grand Officers were called. All the lodges were represented but two, and a few officers had tendered apologies for absence.

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting, held at Carlisle last April, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, and each brother present received a copy, which showed a balance of £52 16s. 2d. to the credit of the province, after voting £105 to the R.M.B.I. and other items.

On the motion of Bro. Col. SEWELL, seconded by Bro. G. W. KENWORTHY, they were unanimously passed as read.

Bro. J. C. THOMPSON proposed, and Bro. Rev. H. D. RAWNSLEY seconded, and it was unanimously confirmed, that Bro. R. J. Nelson be again Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. NELSON thanked the brethren for their renewal of confidence, and said he would like to have the united support of the province to enable him to have a larger balance in hand, it having been smaller for a few years than formerly. He should always like to see it not less than £100, and more, if possible.

The following brethren were then nominated and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Paterson, P.M. 962	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. W. Melrose, Chap. 371...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. S. Ostle, Chap. 1073	...	...
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Slack, P.M. 310	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. C. Waller, P.M. 1074	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Edwin Jackson, P.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Wm. Hodgson, W.M. 1073	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. D. P. Field, P.M. 872	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. Ormiston, P.M. 310	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John Nelson, P.M. 1267	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Wm. Lawrence, P.M. 1390	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. C. Johns, P.M. 119	...	...
" P. T. Freeman, Org. 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Middleton, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Maurice Williams, P.M. 1532	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Wm. Bradley, P.M. 1390	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" James Beaty, P.M. 310	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Jos. Abbott, P.M. 371	...	...
" W. S. Ponton, W.M. 327	...	...
" Isaac Dickinson, W.M. 962	...	...
" Henry Hartley, W.M. 1660	...	...
" John Bewley, P.M. 1989	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thos. Usher, P.M. 1073	...	...

The ASST. P.G. SECRETARY read the report of the Charity Committee, which was accepted as read.

Bro. MCKAY P.G. Sec., next read his annual report of the doings in the province for the past year, also a very interesting statement relating to the progress Masonry had made in Cumberland and Westmorland for the last 15 years, during which time several lodges and chapters had been dedicated, and the Union Lodge, No. 129, had received a centenary warrant, and the members are entitled to wear a jewel in commemoration thereof. It appeared to have escaped the memory of our worthy P.G. Sec. that the members of Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, have also a centenary warrant, and the brethren have been adorned with a jewel for nearly five years in commemoration of an event that they are all much elevated with. And while we admit the seniority of the Union Lodge, 129, of four short years, to that of 119, viz., 1764 and 1768, we, nevertheless, feel honoured that the two old lodges have been a credit to our province in the past, long may it continue, and may their glory never depart.

A vote of condolence was passed unanimously to Bro. Dr. Chas. Gore-Ring, P.P.S.G.W., on his recent bereavement, which accounted for him not being present.

This being the chief of the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren were marshalled in order of procession by the P.G.D. of C., and his Assistant, and proceeded to Crosthwaite Church, headed by the Keswick Volunteer Band, where a sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. H. D. RAWNSLEY, P.G.C., from the text 1st Kings, chap. 6, and v. 7. The sermon was an interesting description of the building of the Temple of Solomon. The preacher spoke with a knowledge derived from a personal visit to the city of Jerusalem, and said that to-day could be seen the excellent work of the men of Hiram and Solomon, who built the temple in "majestic silence." It was said that neither the clang of the hammer, the crash of the axe, nor the ringing of the tool of iron upon the stone was heard within the House of the Lord, the stone, it was said, had been prepared and brought thither from caverns which seemed to go right under the city walls, where now remain upstanding blocks, begrimed with the soot from the earthen lamps of the workers of 3000 years ago. The application of the sermon was that the Masons of to-day must build the temple of a good life, so as to be acceptable to the Great Architect in the building of the heavenly life. As in silence grew the old Temple of God, so in silence best grows the Temple of Freemasonry—peaceful, not much heard of, benevolent and helpful, but not much spoken of. He confessed to a hope that in future his brother Masons will have harder tests put upon them as they build and labour at their house of good fellowship. The joy of their handicraft kept the men of Hiram and Solomon together. Masons of to-day have much given them to do in the helping of the land, and are strong to spread handicrafts that will help the poor. Let them provoke each other to good works, so as to be acceptable to the Master Builder, a holy communion of happy fellow-Craftsmen, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of life in brotherly peace, deeds, and in brotherly love.

The prayers were read by Bro. Rev. J. S. Ostle, P.G.C., and the lessons by Bro. Rev. J. N. Hoare, P.P.G.C. Bro. P. T. Freeman, P.G. Organist, presided at the organ, and a collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities.

After service the brethren were marched back to the library to disrobe, and then proceeded to the Keswick Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared.

Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell presided, supported by the Prov. Grand Officers of the year. A long toast list was gone through, the usual loyal toasts being given from the chair.

Bro. MCKAY, P.G. Sec., proposed "The Health of the W.M. of Greta Lodge," who had provided for Provincial Grand Lodge, and had furnished and set out the room to meet in with such excellent taste.

In the absence of Bro. Hodgson, the toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Jackson, P.M., who briefly responded.

With other toasts a very pleasant evening was spent.

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street, and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First-class accommodation for residents, with a restaurant newly attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and à la carte.—C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of our brethren of Sussex was held, as usual of late years, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, but under exceptionally depressing circumstances, on Saturday, the 12th instant, when the chair which, in the absence in India of his Royal Highness, the Prov. Grand Master, would have been occupied by the late Bro. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M., was taken by Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Prov. S.G. Warden, Bro. Thomas Trollope, Past Prov. S.G.W., acting as Dep. P.G. Master.

There was a very large gathering of Prov. Grand Officers, both Present and Past, as well as the representatives of the several lodges, and when the minutes of the previous general meeting and the special meeting in December last had been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called, and a letter of thanks from Mrs. R. Crosskey for the vote of sympathy with her family on the death of her husband, Bro. R. Crosskey, Prov. Grand Treasurer, which had been passed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, was read.

Bro. W. H. Hallett having been unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the different statistical, financial, and Charity reports were read and approved. From these it appeared that the funds were in a healthy condition, that the number of subscribing members in the province had increased during the past year from 1179 to 1200, and that Bro. J. Eberall's resignation of the office of Steward of the Charities Committee had been tendered, and was accepted with regret, Bro. C. H. Haine being elected his successor. It was also decided that the publication of the Provincial Calendar or Almanack should be continued.

A letter was read from Mrs. Gerard Ford, who alluded in grateful terms to the deep interest taken by her late husband in the work of the province, and endorsed the following address, which our late respected brother had begun in anticipation of the annual meeting, but had not completed at the time of his death:

It seems hardly possible, Brethren, that a year has passed since I last addressed you. It has been, Masonically, a quiet, uneventful year in the province. But it is in the quiet uneventful years that real progress is made. It is in the stillness and darkness of the earth that the corn germinates and springs forth, not in the glare and roar of the busy highway. I believe that a steady advance has taken place in our beloved Craft in the province, and that the love of it and the understanding of it, as a rule of life and conduct, is higher to-day than it was last year. I draw this conclusion from many seemingly unimportant circumstances, the tone of our meetings, the increase in our numbers, and many pleasant talks I have had with my brethren, when I have learned what their feelings are with regard to our brotherhood; I have rejoiced to find their hearts in unison with mine. Masonry, I may truly say, is now the work of my life; the time I spend on other things is but a tithe of what I give to Masonry, and it is a most inspiring thought and one which gives me infinite gratification to know that my labour is not unrewarded. It rejoices my heart to feel, as, indeed, I have often felt this year, that when I visit the lodges I receive a welcome, not only as Dep. Prov. Grand Master, but as Gerard Ford, your fellow Craftsman and your brother. There have been times, brethren, during the past few months when the waters have seemed about to close over me, and I have doubted whether I should ever again stand here at your head and address you. During that time the beautiful words of the Third Degree have been often present to my mind, for it seemed that nature was about to present to me that "one great and useful lesson more," that last great lesson after learning which we may enter the Grand Lodge Above. Alas! my brethren, since we gathered here a year ago many breaches have again been made in our ranks; my dear Bro. Crosskey, whose absence we lamented so much a year ago, Bro. Smith, I.P.M., that good and worthy Mason, and many more. Bear with me, brethren, if my words are somewhat tinged with the hue of that dark valley into which I seemed about to enter. It is well, perhaps, sometimes that even at a joyful meeting like the present we should stand quietly apart for a moment from the bustle and stir of business and prosperity, and lift our hearts to the contemplation of the impenetrable mysteries of life. I think we shall return to our duties and our pleasures none the worse for those quiet moments when our thoughts were raised above the sordid things of every-day life. Ours is a complicated double existence, and it is as true to-day as it was more than 1800 years ago that "man does not live by bread alone." It was a great pleasure to me to receive a kind and gracious letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, our Right W. Prov. Grand Master. Before this time next year he will be again in England, but it is well that brethren should not expect too much personal attention from one whose exalted position gives him many high and difficult duties to perform, the execution of which he cannot relegate to a deputy. During my wanderings, and more especially since the heavy hand of affliction has been laid upon me, I have often felt cheered and comforted by the kind messages that have reached me from my brethren. Once on board a boat on the Rhine I had the happiness of meeting with a brother Mason, a German-American, with whom I had a long and interesting talk about the Craft on the other side of the world.

The ACTING PROV. G. MASTER, after briefly commenting on the affecting address they had just heard, remarked that the least they could do was to pass a vote of condolence with Mrs. Ford in the terrible bereavement from which she was suffering, and accordingly he proposed the following resolution, a copy thereof to be transmitted to her:

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to tender to Mrs. Gerard Ford the expression of our respectful and sincere sympathy with her in the distressing and heavy bereavement with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to visit her. They further desire to testify their deep and lasting gratitude to their late and much lamented brother and Deputy Provincial Grand Master (whose death has filled the hearts of all Sussex Masons with grief) for the full and well nigh perfect manner in which, with firmness, discretion, and impartiality he discharged the onerous duties, and maintained in undiminished lustre the honour of the high office to which H.R.H. the Right W. Prov. Grand Master had been graciously pleased to appoint him, and for the general courtesy and kindness he, at all times and on all occasions, evinced and showed to his brethren in Freemasonry. They desire also to thank Mrs. Ford for her truly Masonic letter, and the opportunity she has given them of hearing the touching words which he had prepared with the hope of reading them in lodge to-day. They form a fitting farewell to his earthly labours and a record that the interests of Freemasonry occupied his last moments. And they pray that T.G.A. O.T.U. will, of His infinite mercy, grant to those nearest and dearest to him grace and consolation in the hour of this, their heavy affliction. Dated this 12th day of October, 1889. Algernon Gordon-Lennox, acting Prov. Grand Master in the chair, R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary."

The motion having been seconded by Bro. W. MARCHANT, and supported in a very eloquent speech by Bro. W. DAWES, was unanimously passed.

The following brethren were appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Billing, W.M. 271	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.M. 1184	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Puttick, W.M. 40	...	...
" W. H. Hallett, P.M. 271	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Pidcock, P.M. 916	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Seymour Burrows, P.M. 811	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. L. Wallis, P.M. 916	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.

Bro. W. Balchin, jun., P.M. 1636	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Beaumont, P.M. 315	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. M. Betchley, P.M. 1619	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. W. Dean, P.M. 1110	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" B. Hughes, P.M. 1184	...	...	...
" F. J. Sawyer, Mus. Doc., 271	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Berry, P.M. 1821...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. E. Chapman, P.M. 311	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. Botting, P.M. 732	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. T. Cooksey, W.M. 851	...	...	...
" W. E. Morrison, W.M. 916	...	...	...
" A. Brazier, P.M. 1829	...	...	...
" J. Graham Edwards, P.M. 1466	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" L. R. Styer, W.M. 315	...	...	...
" H. Hughes	...	...	...

Prov. G. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Prov. S.G. Warden, the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, being interspersed with some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, under the direction of Bro. Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Prov. Grand Organist.

CONSECRATION OF THE REGENT'S PARK CHAPTER, No. 2202.

This chapter was consecrated on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. C. F. Matier, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Frank Richardson, and Dr. F. E. Pocock. The following founders were present: Comps. D. P. Cama, J. K. R. Cama, Dr. N. John Goodchild, E. C. Mulvey, Dr. N. Goodchild, Charles Sheppard, Dr. John Powdrell, Harry Rose, A. A. Nottingham, and H. E. Coffin. Visitors: Comps. John Fenwick, P.Z. 908, District Grand Sec. Queensland; G. S. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; W. J. Mason, S.N. 1328; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.Z. 749; H. Sadler, 169, G. Janitor; H. H. Shirley, H. 2; A. Scurrah, S.N. 2048; N. D. Francis, 255; D. E. Dhawar, 1158; J. Gladwell, P.Z. 948, P.P.G. S.B. Bucks; and J. Rawles, acting Janitor.

The chapter being opened by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by his officers and Principals, the other companions were admitted, and the Consecrating Officer addressed the companions on the object of their meeting.

Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF gave an oration on the Glory of God and the consequent frailness of man, and the necessity of Institutions such as Masonry can afford, to develop a healthy ambition amongst brethren to approach as near as man possibly can to the perfection of the Omnipotent.

The chapter was then consecrated by the Consecrating Officer with his usual masterly precision. The three Principals designate were then placed in their respective chairs—Comps. J. K. R. Cama, as Z.; N. J. Goodchild, H.; and E. C. Mulvey, J. The other officers having been elected, were invested by the M.E.Z. as follows: Comps. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., I.P.Z.; Dr. G. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, S.E.; Dr. John Powdrell, S.N.; H. Rose, 1st Asst. Soj.; and Nottingham, 2nd Asst. Soj.

The M.E.Z. then proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and the Consecrating Officers for their excellent services, and also proposed them as honorary members of the chapter.

This being seconded, was carried unanimously, and suitably acknowledged. A similar honour was done to Comp. Fenwick, of Queensland, by electing him an honorary member.

After a few propositions for induction, and "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a very elegant style, under the management of Bro. Holden.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said that the Queen-Empress, though not a Mason *de facto*, was indeed one at heart, of which fact they had a living proof in the members of her family being Masons.

Comp. J. K. R. CAMA then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z., &c., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," expressing his admiration for the excellent work done by some of the Grand Officers in assisting at the consecration.

The toast was replied to by Comps. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF and FRANK RICHARDSON in suitable terms.

"The Consecrating Officer" was then proposed, when the M.E.Z. went *seriatim* through the Consecrating Officers, dilating on the excellences of each. He had the pleasure of the company of some of them at a recent Masonic gathering where the Grand Scribe E. was pronounced by no less a personage than a P.G. Warden of England to be a "walking mass of eloquence." From his humble position, he would not dare to make any such statement, but he was impelled to describe him as the "moving essence of excellence," and those who had seen the excellent work done by him that evening could not help endorsing that statement.

The Consecrating Officer, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in replying to the toast, thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for the appreciation of his working, and dwelt at length on the high dignity of the Degree, and the importance of keeping it select and open to well-qualified brethren only. He also congratulated the M.E.Z. on having attained the highest chair in the Royal Arch Degree, and congratulated the companions on having selected a companion whose cognomen was a household word in English Masonry, and whose father held a high Masonic rank in Bombay. Finally, he would recommend them to look to quality and not to quantity, and would wish the new chapter he had launched into being a very prosperous and happy future. He would give them the toast of "The M.E.Z."

The M.E.Z., in reply, said he wished he could lay claim to half the good things that had been said about him. He was indeed proud to occupy the position he did, but would express his gratitude to the companions for the honour done to him by placing him so high on the ladder of Royal Arch Masonry. He had to thank two companions particularly—Comps. D. P. Cama and N. Goodchild. The former, being a P.G. Treasurer, had taken pains to bring him out in Masonic circles, and the latter had voluntarily offered him the first chair when he moved for a chapter to be attached to the lodge. He could not help thanking them from the fulness of his heart for their kind thought of him. He would thank the Consecrating Officers for having placed him in the Royal chair in a masterly manner, and for the high terms of eulogium he used in proposing the toast. He would endeavour to merit all and gain the goodwill of the companions.

"The Visitors" was then proposed by Comp. E. C. MULVEY, and duly responded to by Comp. FENWICK, P.Z., of Queensland, and others.

Comp. D. P. CAMA then proposed "The H. and J., Comps. Dr. N. J. Goodchild and E. C. Mulvey," who replied in suitable terms.

"The Officers" and the Janitor's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a happy termination.

The musical arrangements being under the direction of Comp. G. S. Graham, some comic songs, whistling accompaniments, &c., were given during the evening.

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The following communication, among others, unavoidably find over:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

On Saturday, the 2nd prox., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, with the assistance of his Prov. Grand Officers, will consecrate the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, Bushey, near Watford. The ceremony will take place at Bushey Hall, where the lodge will meet, and from which it derives its name, and, when it is over, Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M. 404, will be installed as its first W. Master. The members of the new lodge have our heartiest good wishes for their success.

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By this addition to the roll, the number of lodges in the province will be increased to 18, and we hear there is still another lodge in course of formation, which will meet at Barnet. We may judge, therefore, of the great progress which the Craft has made in this small but compact and well-organised province under the auspices of Bro. Halsey. When that respected brother was installed in office as Prov. G. Master in April, 1874, Herts could muster only eight lodges, and now by the end of the present year, or, at the very latest, in the early part of 1890, there will be 19 all told, the majority of them being strong and with every appearance of a prosperous future before them.

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It is by no means improbable that consequent upon the death of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., who had served as Prov. G. Master of Berks and Bucks since 1868, the province will be divided, and that henceforth there will be two separate Provinces of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire respectively. We know that the desire for such a re-arrangement of the lodges in these two counties has for some time past existed, not from any jealousy between the brethren of the two sections, but from a very natural feeling that each was strong enough to deserve and maintain a separate organisation. Berks, which is slightly the more numerous of the two, had 13 lodges on the joint roll at the beginning of the new year, and Bucks 11 lodges. Therefore, this contention is fully justified by the facts. Moreover, it was not till the year 1847 that the two counties were formed into one province under the late Marquis of Downshire, whom the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch succeeded, and as all the Bucks and nearly all the Berks lodges now in existence have been constituted since that date, there is a further and still more cogent reason in favour of the proposal. But, whatever happens, we may be sure that our Berks and Bucks brethren will do their duty as thoroughly and as successfully in the future as in the past.

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It is also rumoured that, in the event of the province being split into two, his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales, P.S.G.W., will be appointed to the Prov. G. Mastership of Berkshire by his father, the M.W.G. Master. It was not long since that the young Prince was spoken of as successor to the late Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, but the newer report seems more probable.

Those who intend being present at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held to-day (Friday), at Freemasons' Tavern, will do well to be in their places early. There is a full programme of most important business to be got through, and there is every reason to anticipate that the attendance will be on a far more numerous scale than usual, even when the contest for the election of candidates to fill the declared vacancies has been exceptionally keen.

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There will probably be some discussion about the election of a new medical officer, and, unless the questions addressed to the Chairman of the General Committee on the 5th instant were purposeless, there is little doubt there will be a debate as to the amount of pension to be awarded to Bro. Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary.

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As to the election of Boys, we remind our readers that the number of vacancies to be filled is 16, while the number of approved candidates is 70, of whom ten have only this one opportunity allowed them of securing admission into the School. If their friends fail in carrying them in to-day, their names will be struck off the list.

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At the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, to-morrow (Saturday), there is scarcely any other business to be transacted than the election of nine girls from an approved list of 49 candidates, of whom five, if they fail on this occasion, will have their names struck off the register for future elections.

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We learn from the *South Australian Freemason* that Bro. the Earl of Kintore, the newly-installed Governor of South Australia, has expressed himself as being not unwilling to accept the post of Grand Master, if elected, and that the report has been everywhere received with the liveliest satisfaction among our South Australian brethren. By this time, indeed, the election, which was fixed for Wednesday, the 16th inst., has taken place, while the installation was arranged for the end of the present month. Therefore, in the course of a short time we shall know what took place at the induction into office of the second M.W.G.M. of this new, but promising, Grand Lodge.

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That the scene on the occasion will be an imposing one, and that the solemn ceremony will have been carried out with all possible splendour, may be anticipated with tolerable certainty. We hear that Bro. Lord Carrington, M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales, has consented to perform the ceremony, and that his brother Grand Master of Victoria, Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., will be present. The Grand Officers of both Grand Lodges are also expected to be in great force, and the general belief appears to be that the scene will be a very brilliant one.

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Our South Australian contemporary understands that Bro. Chief Justice Way, who has just resigned the office of Grand Master, after a tenure of five years, is averse from receiving anything in the nature of a testimonial in appreciation of his services. It is of opinion, however, the brethren of the colony will not permit him to retire without in some way recognising the work he has done in behalf of Freemasonry.

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We learn further, from the same authority, that there is a scheme on foot in Melbourne to start a lodge of a literary character, the members to be chiefly of the various learned, literary, and scientific professions, while a similar project has been under consideration among the South Australian brethren.

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At the July communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, a letter was read by the Grand Secretary from our Empire Lodge, No. 2108, explaining its "distinctive colonial functions," its custom of entertaining distinguished colonial brethren when visiting London, and their desire to receive such members of the Grand Lodge as guests during their stay in the Old Country. The letter was ordered to be acknowledged with thanks.

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In the course of his address on the occasion of his installation for the second time as Grand Master of New South Wales, Lord Carrington referred to the Newcastle colliery accident, and expressed himself with every confidence that the widows and orphans of the deceased miners would receive substantial aid from the brethren in the colony.

The "Temple Maçonnique" at the Café Royal, Regent-street, was the scene, on Monday evening last, of a very remarkable Masonic ceremony. A large gathering, of "les tres Excellents Compagnons," assembled for the purpose of assisting at the consecration of a new R.A. chapter, which, like the lodge from which it springs, is open to French members only, although chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in French. Comp. T. Fenn, who has rendered such important services to "Loge La France," was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. A. Philbrick, Sir John Monckton, Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, and Frank Richardson, while Dr. E. M. Lott conducted the musical part of the ceremonies. Comps. Eugene Monteuis, Henri Bué, and Ernest St. Clair were afterwards installed in the respective chairs of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals, also by Comp. Fenn. The proceedings concluded with a banquet, which, like the proceedings in the chapter, was of a decidedly French character, as were the toasts and speeches. We shall publish a full report in our next issue.

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At the regular communication of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Natal, held at Maritzburg, on the 19th inst., the term of office of District Grand Mark Master, usually held for three years, being about to expire, it became necessary to make a fresh nomination to H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the choice again fell upon Bro. R. I. Finnemore, who has held the office since 1883.

Correspondence.

MASONIC ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel obliged if any of your readers who may be well versed in Masonic etiquette will kindly inform me, through your columns, whether any action, and if so, what, is incumbent upon me under the following circumstances:

A P.M. of the lodge was charged with withholding and appropriating to his own use part of a sum of money collected by him, on behalf of the lodge, for the benefit of the widow and daughter of a deceased brother. The money was collected chiefly from other lodges.

A special meeting was held to investigate the charge, and, after practically pleading guilty to this dastardly conduct, the brother was allowed to resign.

Although nearly two years ago, this brother is still visiting other lodges, and even Provincial Grand Lodge, and describing himself as a P.M. of his old lodge. As he has not joined any other lodge meanwhile, this is clearly a breach of Constitution No. 152, but is there any duty incumbent upon me as a private member of the Craft to call the attention of the authorities to the matter?

It is a public scandal that this man is still allowed to go about Masonically after such conduct. I may state that I have since left both the lodge and the province though still residing in the same neighbourhood.—Yours fraternally,

PRIVATE MEMBER.

October 23rd.

A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to the last paragraph of "Lex Scripta's" letter in your issue of the 12th inst., perhaps you will allow me to throw some light on the difficulty which has puzzled that well-known contributor to your columns.

Some years ago, as near as I can tell, speaking from memory, about the year '72, a communication from the Grand Lodge of England was received by the D.G.M. of Westland, N.Z., instructing him to confer the Degree (if it be a Degree) of Installed Master on any R.W.M. or P.M. of the S.C. who was desirous of obtaining the same. Accordingly, the late highly-respected Bro. Lazar, who then and for many years held the office of D.G.M. of that province, called a special Board of Installed Masters at Hokitika, and invited to it all the Past Masters of the three Scotch lodges on the West Coast. I, with several others, attended the Board, and duly received the secrets of an Installed Master, and at subsequent installations of lodges holding under the English Constitution in the province we were received at the Boards of Installed Masters on an equality with English Past Masters.

I was informed at the time that the action taken by the D.G.M. of Westland resulted from an arrangement come to between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and that under it a number of English Past Masters had been deputed to visit Scotland, and confer the Degree on certain Scotch Past Masters, who could then confer it on their brethren, and instructions had been sent to D.G.M.'s in the Colonies to pursue a similar policy.—Yours fraternally,

W. M. COOPER, P.M. 528 (S.C.).



Craft Masonry. Metropolitan Meetings.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—The regular meeting of this popular lodge took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; F. W. Cash, I.P.M.; J. H. Meyer, S.W.; C. N. North, J.W.; W. Cowley, P.M., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Rowe, acting S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; W. Borrett, I.G.; Li Calsie, Org.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.; C. Grassi, P.M., Stvd.; J. Rowe, Tyler; S. B. Bell, W. Avenell, H. P. Makeham, L. Azario, G. Barbaglie, T. Meetham, J. S. Targett, C. Howard, P. Frenguellucci, C. Guffanti, T. Waters, and E. Rouard.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. L. Azari and G. Barbaglie were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. S. B. Bell was raised to the Degree of M.M.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served by Bro. G. H. Boncey in his usual good style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in a hearty manner.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who made a suitable reply.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. E. Brooks, J.W. 766, and Bro. C. H. Kitson, P.M. 548, responded, saying they were well repaid by visiting the New Cross Lodge, not only by being present at the banquet table but in the lodge, where the work had been done in a very creditable manner by the W.M., and expressed a hope that they might come amongst them on some future occasion and receive as great a treat.

The remaining toasts were given, and replied to in a hearty manner, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings, which had been enlivened by piano solos and songs, the brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—At the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 5th inst., Bro. Isaac Dunn was installed by his predecessor in office, Bro. W. C. Page. The meeting was remarkably successful, and Bro. Dunn may well be proud of his position. The Board of Installed Masters numbered upwards of 30, and 96 brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet table.

Among those present were Bros. Isaac Dunn, W.M.; W. C. Page, I.P.M.; W. Jeffery, S.W.; H. G. Martin, J.W.; J. A. Kirby, Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; D. Rose, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Pullen, S.D.; S. J. Derham, J.D.; T. Pickett, I.G.; T. A. Pethebridge and A. Bishop, Stvds.; F. C. Choveneaux, Org.; T. Bowler, Tyler; Vickery, P.M.; Morgan, Salmon, Parr, Dr. Webb, Nicholson, Batchelor, Spurrett, Oldfield, Othwaite, Cross, Livsey, Temple, P.M.; F. Smith, Bridges, P.M.; R. J. Voisey, P.M., P.Z., S.E. 1329; V. T. Murche, P.M., Sec. 1641; Butt, P.M.; Williams, Price, C. H. Stone, 1641, Chapter 1275; Robotham, Reynolds, Brand, Chapman, Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.M., P.Z., H. 1329; Sugden, Dr. Cock, Warner, Wilson, J. Addington, P.M. 217, M.E.Z. 1275; Vickery, P.M.; T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z. 1275; Garner, Clapp, Towers, P.M. 15; Carl T. Fleck, P.M., P.S. 1275; Whitehead, Taylor, Cowley, P.M., P.Z. 1275; H. Roberts, Hamlyn, Davis, Hinton, C. Meierhoff, and others.

The work included the initiation of Messrs. J. Hay, W. E. Jeffery, S. W. Ballard, and W. Dawson, and it is needless to say that the W.M. did credit to the lodge by the manner in which he illustrated the ritual.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by a capital vocal entertainment, provided under the direction of Bro. Choveneaux, Organist.

Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Alderman 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.; J. Larkin, S.D.; E. B. Fuller, J.D.; G. Rawlinson, I.G.; J. Shoter, Stvd.; H. Thomas, Tyler; W. H. Froom, P.M.; Septimus Croft, J. S. Jarvis, and Thos. Benskin. Visitors: Bros. Ex-Sheriff Newton, 1827; H. Garle, P.M. 162; G. Sims, 101; G. Marshall, 1298; and F. H. Wells, W.M. 1402.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. proposed a friend for initiation at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably presided over by the W.M., at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. J. C. Radford, W.M.; J. F. Savory, S.W.; G. D. Lester, J.W.; G. Smith, Sec.; J. W. Willis, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, I.G.; C. W. Mapleton, Stvd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; Eugene Monteuis, G.S.B., I.P.M.; F. Sturgeon, H. J. Hill, F. E. Williams, C. W. Hughes, J. C. Drake Smith, and, as a visitor, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1326 and 1423, P.P.G.D. Middx.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The Secretary announced that since the last meeting Bro. H. J. Reynolds, P.M., P.G.S., one of the founders, had passed away, and that a letter of condolence had been sent to his family. Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. B. Adcock, late of 84, L.R.C., and A. Thorn, late of 49 and 91, L.R.C., were elected joining members.

The names of three new joining members having been proposed, and, after some formal business, the lodge was closed, and was followed by the usual repast.

Rye Lodge (No. 2272).—The second installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Public Hall, Rye-Lane. The lodge having been opened in the usual manner by the W.M., Bro. J. Dewsnap, and various routine matters disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. G. R. Phillips and to pass Bro. H. G. Reed, both of which ceremonies were ably carried out. Bro. F. Dunn, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. as W.M. elect for installation. This ceremony was performed with great impressiveness by Bro. Dewsnap. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, I.P.M.; W. Cock, S.W.; G. P. Nightingale, J.W.; G. S. Mansell, Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, Sec.; P. G. Philips, S.D.; W. Castledine, J.D.; T. G. Collier, I.G.; W. T. Warner, D.C.; W. R. Dunn and R. Bridger, Stewards; E. Pettit Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., was unanimously elected a joining member. After receiving the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a very good financial condition, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room to dine.

The W.M. presided, and amongst the visitors present were Bros. E. C. Davis, F. Williams, H. Lynn, Dr. Chabot, E. Devereux, F. Wint, M. T. Piggott, Jaggs, R. J. Voisey, W. Waller, J. N. Bate, Stone, and others.

During the evening the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, a Past Master's jewel as a slight token of their esteem and regard, and for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the lodge during his year of office.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Slawson, and the musical arrangements, under the superintendence of Bro. Pettit, gave much pleasure to the brethren.

Provincial Meetings.

ABERAVON.

Afan Lodge (No. 833).—The annual festival of this lodge took place at the lodge room on Thursday, the 17th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren from the province of the Eastern Division of South Wales and adjoining provinces, the occasion being the installation of Bro. H. Hayden as W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Deputy Prov. G.M.; and among the visitors present were the following: Bros. John Davies, 237; F. B. Evans, 1121; W. F. Gillett, W.M. 2031; Alex. Peters, P.M. 364; John Phillips, J.W. 364; J. H. Thomas, 364; J. D. Llewellyn, 364; A. Bennett, W.M. 364; R. Scale, S.D. 1752; Thos. Bowen, W.M. 1752; J. R. Davies, 1573, P.P.G.M.; Thomas Phillips, P.M. 364; D. M. Gitten, Sec. 1753; Rev. Thomas Walters, 1573, G. Chap.; F. C. Forrester, 1752; J. H. Taylor, W.M. 1573, P.G.S.B.; J. Hemming, P.M. 1752; T. Beha, P.M. 1752; W. W. Williams, W.M. 960; J. Munday, P.M. 960; and W. R. Dunn, W.M. 1575. The officers present were as follows: Bros. James Lovelock, W.M.; Francis Clarke, P.M.; Thomas John, P.M.; William Young, P.M.; J. H. Pugh, P.M.; John James, P.M.; B. A. Daniell, P.M.; D. E. Jones, P.M.; Henry Hayden, S.W.; John John, J.W.; J. M. Smith, Treas.; Lewis Jenkins, Sec.; T. H. Macey, S.D.; M. A. Roberts, J.D.; D. Williams, P.M., Org.; J. B. Baker, I.G.; and Thomas Jenkins, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. John Morgan, John B. Evans, David Russell, James A. M. Tucker, Watkin Morris, Henry Eccles, John Dunn, and Lewis James.

The following is a list of officers appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Henry Hayden, W.M.; James Lovelock, I.P.M.; John John, S.W.; Lewis Jenkins, J.W.; D. E. Jones, P.M., Treas.; T. Hyde Macey, Sec.; T. H. Lewis, D.C.; M. G. Roberts, S.D.; J. D. Williams, J.D.; D. Williams, P.M., Org.; John Morgan, Chap.; Herbert Eccles, I.G.; J. A. M. Farlane and J. B. Evans, Stwds.; and Thomas Jenkins, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Public Hall, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

A number of songs were rendered during the evening by the brethren.

BIRMINGHAM.

Howe Lodge (No. 587).—The first regular meeting since the summer recess was held on Monday, the 14th inst., and in more ways than one possessed a special interest for the members of this excellent lodge. Bro. Walliker, P.M., was recently appointed to the honourable position of Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Warwickshire, and received the congratulations of his brethren; and the date of meeting coincided with that of the golden wedding of the second senior P.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Jones, P.P.G.W., to whom an illuminated address of congratulation and good wishes was sent from the lodge, so that Bro. Jones, who was at home receiving the felicitations of his many friends, should know that he and his respected wife were warmly remembered by his Masonic brethren. A magnificent golden wedding bouquet was also sent by Bro. Walliker and his confreres in the post office to their esteemed brother officer.

There were present at the lodge and at the subsequent banquet Bros. A. W. Young, W.M.; E. F. Thorley, S.W.; W. A. Bindley, J.W.; E. B. Podmore, I.P.M.; H. Denne, P.M., Treas.; M. Hooper, P.M., Sec.; C. Rollason, P.M., Org.; T. Naden, P.M.; E. Wren, P.M.; J. Martin, P.M.; C. F. Rowe, P.M.; S. Walliker, P.M.; Whitworth Wallis, I.G.; W. Evans and R. J. M. Mackenzie, Stwds.; Dudley Docker, H. Margetts, J. H. Podmore, R. L. James, J. H. Elkington, G. H. Bindley, and Lieut.-Col. C. A. Cooper. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Jackson, 473; W. H. Richards, 794; W. J. Gell, 74; R. Simons, and P. W. Mackenzie, 1203.

After a raising, admirably performed by Bro. Denne, Mr. Geo. Herbert Bindley and Mr. William Lea Matthews were initiated by the W.M.

The lodge being closed, the members and their visitors adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with all honours, and the evening's entertainment was enlivened by song and recital, the rendering of "The Vagabond" by one of the initiates, Bro. W. L. Matthews, and the recitation of "The Marine Emotional," by Bro. Wallis, deserving special mention.

This lodge has a very high position in the province, a large number of the Past Masters bearing Provincial Grand honours.

BRIGHTON.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 811).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, on Saturday, the 19th inst. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the lodge and distinguished visitors, great interest being taken in the installation as W.M. of Bro. C. J. Pocock, P.M. 271, and P.P.J.G.W., the ceremony being most ably performed by that perfect master of Masonic ritual, Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes. The members of the lodge present included Bros. W. R. Wood, P.M., P.G.P., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Lainson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. E. Walker, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; L. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. Lomax, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. T. Shaft, P.M.; Seymour Burrows, P.M., Prov. G.S.; T. J. Lainson, I.P.M.; Rodriguez, Tamplin, Cohen, Dowson, Hart, Leo, Stephens, and Allen. The visitors present were Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D., President B. of G.P.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. in charge Surrey; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; and V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. The Provincial Grand Officers included Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Prov. S.G.W. in charge; T. Billing, W.M. 271, Prov. J.G.W.; W. H. Hallett, P.M. 271, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Kidd, P.M. 732, P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Lucas, P.M. 311, P.P.S.G.W.; Gen. C. W. Randolph, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Dawes, P.M. 341, W.M. 1842, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, P.P.J.G.W.; L. Bridgen, P.M. 732, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Davey, P.M. 732, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Pattick, W.M. 40, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.M. 1821, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain; L. D. Dowdall, J.W. 271, P.P.G.C.; Rev. F. J. Greenfield, P.M. 1465, P.P.G.C.; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, Prov. G.R.; H. A. Dowell, W.M. 2187, P.M. 1466, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Dennant, P.M. 371, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Whatford, P.M. 851, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. C. Woodman, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Stuckey, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Smith, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.B.; F. J. Sawyer, 271, Prov. G. Org.; A. King, P.M. 271, P.P.G.O.; G. Cole, P.M. 1036, P.P.G.O.; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 271, P.P.G.P.; S. Ridley, 732, P.P.G.S.; R. Clowes, W.M. elect 2201, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; S. A. Pocock, P.M. 414, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; F. W. White, D.G.D. Hong Kong; L. R. Styer, W.M. 315, Prov. G.S.; W. Jenkins, W.M. 341; S. Denman, W.M. 732; E. T. Cooksey, W.M. 851, Prov. G.S.; J. H. Wright, W.M. 1110; C. King, W.M. 1141; W. Wright, W.M. 1303; J. C. Caldwell, W.M. 1465; W. E. D'Albiac, W.M. 1466; G. Mitchell, W.M. 1619; H. R. Edwards, W.M. 1636; G. Campbell, P.M. 271; H. Langton, P.M. 271; H. F. Hauxwell, P.M. 732; F. C. Parsons, S.W. 271; W. H. Herbert, S.W. 173; G. C. F. Riviere, 271; Dr. Withers Moore, 271; H. A. Hotblack, 732; D. Menzies, F. W. Jowers, 271; Brown, P.M.; and W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton), 732.

Bro. C. J. Pocock having been duly installed, appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. G. Hallett, S.W.; J. W. S. Winter-Foster, J.W.; Rev. Jacobs, Chap.; H. Abbey, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; G. De Paris, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; E. G. Whittle, S.D.; J. Turton, J.D.; F. Holford, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; A. Poole, Org.; Dowson, I.G.; and E. J. Scott, Steward.

On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. E. Booth, whose catering was admirable.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Crawford J. Pocock, presided, and opening the toast list, proposed "The Queen and the Craft." Her Majesty, though not a Freemason, upheld, he said, the principles of the Craft and entered with great sympathy into the troubles and rejoicings of her people.

In submitting the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," the W.M. said they had all learnt with regret that their Grand Master had not recently been in the best of health, and hoped that he would return from the continent fully restored.

The Worshipful Master next gave "Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Eulogising the Pro Grand Master and his Deputy for their eminent services to the Craft, he expressed the great pleasure he felt in being supported by such illustrious Grand Officers as Bros. Fenn, Sir J. B. Monckton, F. West, J. C. Parkinson, and Kuhe, who, through the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges, maintained their great interest in Freemasonry.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in responding, said the Grand Officers were always glad to visit lodges that had gained high repute from the manner in which they upheld the principles of Freemasonry. He had been pleased to attend, not only because the installation ceremony had been performed by Bro. T. Fenn, an absolute master of Masonic working, but also from the high esteem he entertained for their installed W.M., Bro. Pocock. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast, so ably proposed, had been received.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson also responded, and said that while he endorsed all that Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton had spoken, he might add, as a postscript, that he experienced peculiar gratification in being present, from the fact that he had worked side by side with their W.M. in the Emulation Lodge of Instruction. He congratulated the Yarborough Lodge upon having so worthy a W.M.—one who was well qualified to check any errors that might arise in their Masonic working. In his keeping the traditions of the lodge would remain unshaken. The officers might think themselves fortunate in having such a W.M., and in being able to speak of their work as bearing the "hall mark" of Bro. Pocock's authority and commendation. As a Grand Officer, he had experienced no greater pleasure than being present that day.

Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M., P.G.D., briefly proposed "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master," remarking that but for those duties which engaged H.R.H. in India he would no doubt have been present.

Bro. G. T. Shaft proposed "Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Prov. S.G.W. in charge, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. T. Billing, Prov. J.G.W., in responding, congratulated the lodge upon their choice of W.M. He himself looked up to Bro. Pocock as his tutor. The latter, he said, never spared the rod, but yet ruled with fraternal love, and would, doubtless, enter into the duties of his office with energy, and with his whole heart and soul. He regretted the absence of Bro. Marriott, who had been called away.

The Prov. Grand Secretary also acknowledged the toast.

Bro. G. De Paris next, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said he had been acquainted with the late Bro. Gavin E. Pocock and with their W.M. for many years. The mantle of a worthy father had fallen upon his son, who possessed great strength of character, and a determination to zealously discharge his duties. Their W.M. was deeply imbued with the influence of his father and the Royal Clarence Lodge—a lodge that shared with the Yarborough the honours of the day. He believed the brethren would be impressed with the strong mind of their W.M., and said they were honoured in having him at their head. He trusted his Masonic knowledge of power would be put to the test during the year. It was the first time the Yarborough Lodge had been governed by one had been W.M. of another lodge, and he expressed the hope that Bro. Pocock would long live in the affection of Freemasons.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that after Bro. De Paris's speech he had nothing to say. He wished to assist them in their working, and should be pleased if his help affected any improvement. Thanking the visitors for their attendance, he remarked that he should endeavour to rule the lodge, not with a rod of iron, but firmly; and that he should strive to make friends, not enemies, so that on the close of the year they would not regret that they had put him in the chair.

Bro. the Rev. E. Walker proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. F. West, W. Kuhe, R. Clowes, and W. Sendall responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters." The W.M., he said, was the head of the lodge, but the P.M.'s were its backbone.

Bros. B. Lomax and Seymour Burrows acknowledged the toast.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," describing them as the sinews. He expressed the hope that they would well work happily together, and spoke in high terms of the excellent work of the Secretary, Bro. G. De Paris.

Bros. G. Hallett, S.W., and Dowson, I.G., responded. The toast of "The Initiate," proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Stephens.

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a pleasing programme of vocal music was sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Darlington, and Mr. C. T. West. Bro. W. Kuhe also contributed a pianoforte solo.

Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on the 17th inst., at the Royal Pavilion. Bro. J. Billinghurst was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. B. Burfield, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. H. Anscombe, I.P.M.; M. Leleu, S.W.; W. C. Newsome, J.W.; O. Emblin, Sec.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.P.G.C., Chap.; S. Peters, Treas.; H. Stair, S.D.; A. Loader, J.D.; D. Thomson, D. of C.; S. W. Markham, I.G.; J. Parsons and M. Wormald, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. J. Billinghurst. Among the visitors were Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S.; W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton); and F. J. Tillstone. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Adrienne Lester, Miss Evelyn Gates, Miss Violet Moss, and Mr. G. Marten Bulling, under the direction of Bro. H. S. Gates, P.P.G. Organist.

DAWLISH.

Salem Lodge (No. 1443).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 21st inst., when Bro. G. B. Avant, P.M., W.M. elect, was duly installed, the ceremony being most efficiently carried out by Bro. F. C. Hallett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following brethren formed the Board of Installed Masters: Bros. W. H. Discombe, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Horsham, P.M.; J. S. Whidborne, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Shapter, P.M.; W. Locke, P.M.; W. G. H. Ruth, P.M.; H. L. Friend, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Southwood, P.M.; G. S. Bridgman, P.M. 1358; and J. W. Valentine, P.M. 303, P.P.D.G.D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Shapter, I.P.M.; J. F. King, S.W.; E. W. Locke, J.W.; J. S. Whidborne, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; W. H. Discombe, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; J. E. Hearn, S.D.; D. C. Powell, J.D.; G. F. Webb, I.G.; A. G. Stevens, Chap.; A. Coles, Org.; J. Cole, D.C.; R. Williams and C. Hatcher, Stwds.; and R. G. Underhill, Tyler.

Bro. J. Shapter, the retiring W.M., was the recipient of a handsome jewel for his efficient services to the lodge for the past 12 months.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. R. B. Ferris's, Royal Albert Hotel, where the annual banquet took place.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

The banquet reflected great credit on Bro. Ferris, and the floral decorations were much admired. The brethren present also at the lodge and the banquet were Bros. T. Gamlin, W. Thomas, 189; C. Emmett, D.C. 1358; and S. A. Endacott, Sec. 1138.

GREAT STANMORE.

Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel. Present: Bros. R. W. Bilby, W.M.; A. J. Oliver, J.W.; J. Tickle, Treas.; Geo. Robinson, S.D.; E. H. Southgate, I.G.; John Hill, Sec.; E. C. Kilsby, P.M.; A. J. H. Goldney, W. Ramsden, E. C. Mulvey; and the following visitors: Bros. Milton Smith, 19, and H. Tompkins, 25.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were

read from some of the members who were absent on account of indisposition and other causes. The bad weather was understood to have deterred other brethren from attending. Mr. Wm. T. Blatchford was balloted for and unanimously elected a member, but his proposer, Bro. W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., being unable to attend on account of illness, the initiation is to take place at the next meeting. Bro. A. Wm. Anderson, 619, was elected a joining member.

Other formal business being transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, provided by Bro. Veal.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In the course of the remarks made by Bro. Tickle, he said that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, had always taken a great interest in the lodge, but was unable to come so often as he would like. He directed attention to the amount of purple the P.M.'s of the lodge were fortunate in possessing, and to the especial fact of so many of the visitors of the lodge becoming members.

The W.M. in the course of some of his remarks referred to the unusual small attendance that day, but echoed the sentiments of all present in saying that they were having a very pleasant evening. In his usual genial manner he expressed his good wishes for the members both absent and present, and as they would not meet again until the new year, gave a hope when they then met, that they would all have entered the new year with good health and prosperity.

A few words from the P.M.'s, officers, and visitors, as well as some musical and recitative pieces, helped to make up a very enjoyable evening.

HALSTEAD.

Joshua Nunn Lodge (No. 2154).—On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the George Hotel, when Bro. J. J. Cavill, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.D., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Vero W. Taylor, P.M. 1312, P.P.S.G.W. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. G. Kellett, P.M. 1312, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; Geo. Copus, I.P.M. 1312, P.G.S. of W., J.W.; Mark Gentry, I.P.M., Treas.; E. H. Inman, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.R., Sec.; Harris Hills, S.D.; Z. Hunt, J.D.; Woodward, D. of C.; Bromley, I.G.; Woodward, I.G.; and Pendle, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Vero Taylor for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony, especially as he was suffering from a fractured rib.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Mark Gentry, who, in acknowledging it, said, as a founder and resident in the district, he took a deep interest in the Joshua Nunn Lodge, and was pleased to do all he could for its welfare.

On the motion of Bro. Mark Gentry, Bro. Zach. Hunt was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and a suggestion was made that he should go up as a Steward to one of the Festivals during the coming year.

Between 20 and 30 brethren dined together at the George Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by the host, Mr. Turnell.

The visitors present included Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G. D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.W. Suffolk; M. L. Sanders, P.M. and Sec. 650; J. Fuller, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.P.; W. Lake, W.M. 1312; J. W. Case, 1312; and others.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 17th inst. Among those present were: Bros. G. Ransford, W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Scholding, J.W.; Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Bushell, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Robinson, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., and E. H. Trotter, Stwds.; R. Eales, I.P.M.; Plimsaul, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, as well as the minutes of an emergency meeting. Bros. Gummer, Hill, and Connell were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. C. H. H. Boyce initiated into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. and his officers. Several matters affecting the financial position of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

Bro. W. Spearing responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was fluently proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the able manner in which he had conducted the proceedings during his year of office. He (the I.P.M.) was also in a position to be able to congratulate the W.M. upon the number of initiates recently introduced into the lodge. The W.M. was himself an initiate of the lodge, and had filled all the minor offices well and worthily.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Boyce responded in a brief but pertinent speech.

"The Health of the Visitors" gave Bro. Harvey, P.M., an opportunity of praising in high terms both the working and hospitality of the lodge.

Bros. Eales and Wheatley acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Jessett and Walls replied to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary."

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Clark and Scholding, terminated the proceedings.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 14th inst. Among those present were Bros. R. Drummond, W.M.; E. Dare, P.M., S.W.; Sapsworth, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; T. Grant, S.D.; H. Bond, J.D.; Spooner, I.G.; J. Smith and R. W. Rice, Stewards; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; Simpson, Miles, Gilbert, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Miles was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Frank Figg, he was duly initiated.

Previously to the lodge being closed, the Secretary read

letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., and F. Chandler, P.M., P.G. Purst.

At the banquet which followed, Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then gave the toast of "The W.M."

The W.M., in reply, regretted that he had not been supported by a larger number of the brethren that day. He thanked the proposer of his health particularly for the many kind things he had said of him, and he would endeavour during the continuance of his year of office to fully warrant the confidence reposed in him by the members of the lodge generally.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. paid a very high compliment to both those officers. He said that the manner in which the financial and secretarial duties were carried out would reflect credit upon any lodge.

Bros. Featherstone and Peat having replied, a few more toasts were given.

The subsequent proceedings owed a great deal of their success to the excellent instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Figg, Grant, and Suggett.

HOUNSLOW.

Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726, W.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; E. Clare, Org.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Williams, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Cory, acting S.D.; C. G. Hatt, acting J.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; J. Doble, I.G.; J. M. Long, Stwd.; S. W. Keene, I.P.M.; Ensor, Gardener, Cory, Sidders, T. W. Barth, Boyce, F. A. Barth, Thos. Haynes, Robinson, Jos. Cox, Hatt, Emery, Essex, Nance, Murkett, Evans, Sansom, Pattenden, and Frank West. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Heath, S.D. 1642; C. B. Price, 1585; Valentine Wing, W.M. 1585; and R. Clinch, 901.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Essex was passed to the Degree of F.C. According to notice of motion, Bro. C. A. Walter proposed that a Committee be formed for the purpose of getting up a concert at the Town Hall, Hounslow, for the benefit of the funds of the Hounslow Cottage Hospital. The following brethren were elected to form the Committee, viz.: Bros. Causton, W.M.; C. A. Walter, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; J. M. Long, Stwd.; T. W. Barth, W. J. Gardener, A. C. Nance, W. Essex, and Frank Emery. It was proposed by Bro. Long, seconded by the Secretary, and carried unanimously, that five guineas be presented to the hospital funds. It was proposed by Bro. Hatt, seconded by Bro. Sidders, and carried unanimously, that the Auditors examine the cash statement produced, and have same printed by the next meeting. Notice of motion was given by the S.W. that he would propose an alteration of by-laws at the next meeting.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion, where the W.M. presided in his usual happy and affable manner.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The meetings of this lodge were resumed after the summer recess on Wednesday, the 16th inst., but, owing to a variety of causes, the attendance was below the usual average. The W.M., Bro. John DREWETT, P.M. 1638, P.P.A.G.P., having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. G. K. Martin and H. C. Ireland were raised by the W.M. with that correctness and impressiveness which can only be attained by a skilful Past Master of the Craft.

Nothing further offering for the good of the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment.

MONKWEARMOUTH.

Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, in the Masonic Hall, North Bridge-street, was quite an exceptional gathering, the meeting being the first since the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, held at Sunderland last month, at which the senior P.M. of the lodge, Bro. R. W. Halfnight, was elected as Grand Treasurer of the province, and the present W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Washington Bain, was appointed Grand Registrar of the Province of Durham. The attendance was a very large one, among the Prov. Grand Officers and Masters present from Sunderland and South Shields being Bros. R. Hudson, Past G.S.B. of England, P.G. Sec.; R. W. Halfnight, P.G. Treas.; G. W. Bain, P.G.R., W.M., in the chair; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; C. M. Wake, P.G.S. of W.; T. Atkinson, P.A.G. D. of C.; W. Liddell, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Shadforth, P.P. S.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.J.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.P.J.G.D.; Alf. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. B. Hall, P.M.; J. J. Atthey, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Nicholson, P.M. 80; James Hudson, W.M. 80; J. W. H. Swan, W.M. 94; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 80; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M. 240; T. D. Marshall, W.M. 1920; R. A. Brown, W.M. 2039; J. B. Wilkinson, P.M. 1389; A. Peters, W.M. 1389; M. Douglass, P.P.J.G.D.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Blake, S.W.; L. R. Davies, J.W.; J. S. Chatt, S.D.; L. R. A. Logan, Sec.; Simpson, I.G.; F. Wade, W.M. elect 1389; J. G. Marshall, W.M. 97; J. R. Cutler, S.W. 97; W. Birch, Sec. 97; and others.

After the regular business of the meeting, the proceedings at the recent meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the honour conferred upon Bros. Halfnight, P.M., and Bain, W.M., and thus upon the Williamson Lodge, were made the subject of the following resolution, which was proposed by Bro. F. Maddison, P.M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Liddell, P.M., and carried unanimously: "That the following minute be placed on the records of the lodge: 'The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, on Tuesday, the 24th of September, when a large gathering of Masons from the various towns in the province took part in the proceedings. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, appointed and invested the Worshipful Master of this lodge, Bro. Geo. W. Bain, with the collar of Prov. Grand Registrar. Bro. Richard Witham Halfnight, the Senior Past Master of this lodge, was duly elected by a large majority of the brethren as Provincial Grand Treasurer. Several other Past Masters of the various Sunderland lodges also received honours at the

hands of the R.W.P.G.M. An interesting feature of the meeting was a visit of the Provincial Officers from the Province of Northumberland, who were duly received and saluted in due form.'

After the lodge was closed, a number of the brethren sat down to an excellent supper.

Bro. G. W. Bain, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.S., and a large number of Past Masters and brethren.

"The Health of Bros. R. Hudson, R. W. Halfnight, P.G. Treas., and the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, P.G.R.," was heartily proposed and received, and responded to by those worthy brethren.

OLDHAM.

Unity Lodge (No. 1868).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th instant. There were present Bros. C. V. Haworth, W.M.; J. Glover, I.P.M.; J. Broadbent, S.W.; J. Hilton, J.W.; T. Wood, Treas.; W. Edwards, Sec.; J. Buckley, S.D.; P. Buckley, J.D.; Hamlet Lees, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; James Dawson, I.G.; Jno. Wilkinson, Org.; S. A. Thorp, Tyler; Whitehead, Buckley, Halstead, D. Grundy, Patterson, P.M.; R. Slater, P.M.; J. Potter, P.M.; Dewhurst, Marsland, Partington, Broadbent, W. Sell, Ben Sell, Embleton, Nash, Worthington, Sam Broadbent, Gartside, Wild, Mayall, Vickers, Bordsley, Hall, Bradbury, Ogden, Street, Taylor, Dawson, Jackson, Schofield, Wood, Haigh, and Wood. Visitors: Bros. E. Lees, 13; G. Smith, P.M. 1134; Marsden, 44; J. Greaves, P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. C. V. Haworth, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was an initiation, passing, and raising, all the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a remarkably clever manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimously in favour of Bro. Joseph Broadbent, S.W. The Treasurer and Tyler were elected, and the Auditors and Charity Representatives were appointed.

During the evening Bro. C. V. Haworth, W.M., presented to the lodge a most exquisite set of gavels, being of ivory, ebony, and embellished with silver mountings. They were accepted by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Glover, on behalf of the lodge in very graceful terms, and it was reported on the minutes that the best thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. Haworth for the very handsome present.

The gavels above mentioned were specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed.

SHIPLEY.

Airedale Lodge (No. 387).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Saltaire Institute, when there were present Bros. John Symonds, W.M.; C. W. Curran, S.W.; Jno. Tillotson, P.S.W., as J.W.; A. Marshall, as S.D.; Richard Knight, as J.D.; Geo. Morgan, I.G.; Wm. Oddy, I.P.M.; Henry Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; John Hey, P.M., Treas.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Edwin Bottomley, P.M., Org.; S. Minakin, P.M.; J. W. Taylor, P.M.; E. Heaton, P.M.; F. Lister, Tyler; Israel Cromack, Chas. Cromack, Jno. Cromack, J. Marshall, C. W. Ellis, Pickles, England, Last, Baumann, Raper, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. B. Stansfeld, W.M. 974; C. W. Lufton, P.M. 974, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Oddy, P.M. 974; Rev. B. Mayon, Chap. 974; Thos. Ibbetson, J.W. 974; H. Fearnside, Org. 1648; T. Norfolk, W.M. 600; J. Muggleston, 600; Pratt, 600; Hayes, 600; Nelson, 600; Clay, 600; J. Wilson, P.M., J.W. 2321; Craven, 265; Wildy, 289; Meyer, 439; Butler, 703; Suddaby, 1221; and Moxon, 600.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding monthly meeting (which included a resolution recommending the petition of the promoters of a new lodge to meet at Pudsey, between Leeds and Bradford), were read and confirmed. Bro. J. R. Holmes, one of H.M.'s Commissioners at the Gold Coast, Africa, who had been initiated some 18 months before, was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M. A notice of proposition of a candidate for Freemasonry was given, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors and brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, where an enjoyable evening, interspersed with songs and speeches, was spent.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; H. T. Gardiner, Past Prov. Asst. G.D. of C., I.P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, S.W.; S. H. C. Ashlin, J.W.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; W. G. Winter, S.D.; G. Kenyon, J.D.; A. Goodhind, Org.; T. Livingstone, Almoner; W. Martin, I.G.; W. Pickering, Stwd.; W. Walker, and C. W. Darley. Visitors: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; E. Newsome, 242; and Whitaker, 458.

A large attendance was expected, but the very inclement weather, together with being Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Huddersfield, with local attractions at Doncaster, the attendance was small. The W.M. having opened the lodge, introduced Bro. Whytehead, and briefly referred to his eminent services in the Craft. Bro. Whytehead proceeded to deliver a lecture entitled "Freemasonry and Freemasonry, or Two Sides of the Question." He spoke of the desirability of those newly-initiated forming a correct ideal, a matter of some difficulty in a lodge in which there were a considerable number of Masons. Sketching in a quaint and humorous manner the Masons who failed to approach the ideal standard, Bro. Whytehead held some of them out as a warning to brethren entering on a Masonic career, but proceeded to admirably depict the ideal Mason, in whose character they found blended the true principles of the Craft, and whose attention to lodge matters, combined with zeal for ritual and the Charities, rendered him a safe guide for all. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Constable, Sec., and supported by Bro. Gardiner, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Whytehead. In speaking on the motion, Bro. Constable referred to a communication he had that morning received from the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, in which Bro. Tew expressed his regret that he had been unable to attend.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The 94th meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th instant, at the Albany Hotel, when the following members were present: Bros. J. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; Wm. Faulkner, I.P.M.; D. Hart Davis, acting S.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Tallack, S.D.; F. W. Tallack, J.D.; H. T. Tallack, I.G.; H. T. Perkins, D.C.; H. Sannion, C. Kingsley Milbourne, G. L. Wingate, P.M., Sec.; and F. G. Mitchell, acting Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and other business discussed, Bro. C. Kingsley Milbourne was passed to the Degree of F.C. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer, it was resolved that the Tyler's fee of 15/- be reduced to 10/6, allowing him the sum of 2/6 for each initiate. The Secretary having read correspondence and the by-laws, the brethren proceeded to the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the votes proved in favour of Bro. A. E. Carter, S.W. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and the Auditors were duly chosen. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Gilbert tendering his resignation as Tyler, which was accepted. On the motion of Bro. Tallack, duly seconded, it was resolved that Bro. F. G. Mitchell be elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The necessary notice of motion was given to amend by-laws as to Tyler's fee, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment at the hotel.

Royal Arch.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The companions of this chapter met on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, and were in mourning for their late fellow in toil—Comp. Bumstead, P.Z. There were present Comps. Addington, M.E.Z.; Hilton, P.Z., as H.; Crook, J.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Fleck, P.S.; C. Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; T. Grumant, P.Z.; Cowley, P.Z.; North, Stone, Dr. Makeham, and Fry.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Comps. Crook, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; Carl T. Fleck, J.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; C. Meierhoff, S.N.; C. Woods, P.S.; Fry, 1st A.S.; and Dr. Makeham, 2nd A.S. Comp. Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E., very ably proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Bumstead, expressing the deep sympathy of the companions with her in her (and their) great loss. Comp. Cowley, P.Z., feelingly seconded the same, and it was carried with many marks of respect. The usual jewel was voted to Comp. Addington, M.E.Z., for his earnest work in the past year.

At the banquet which followed the only toast was that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

Provincial Meetings.

MOTTRAM.

Integrity Chapter (No. 320).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Junction Hotel, for the purpose of installing the Principals elect and investing the officers. Comps. F. Broadsmith, P.Z. 361, P.P.A.G. Soj., attended, and installed the Principals and invested the officers. He was assisted by Comp. Mark Billinge, P.Z. 361. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. Broadsmith in a very impressive manner, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the assembled companions. Comp. J. Wagstaffe, P.Z., P.G.D.C., was the retiring M.E.Z. The newly-installed Principals are Comps. Hadfield, M.E.Z.; Kinder, H.; and Walker, J.

After the ceremony the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared with great care by Mrs. Tinker, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

We are informed that the number of the members of the chapter is increasing, owing to some well-timed remarks made by Comp. Broadsmith some few months since, on the occasion of a visit paid by him and other distinguished brethren in Craft Masonry to the Loyalty Lodge at Mottram, in connection with which the Integrity Chapter is held, and we trust the chapter will go on and prosper.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 16th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., M.E.Z.; Lambert, P.Z., acting H.; A. H. Gurney, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; H. Jenkins, P.S.; A. Toulmin, jun., 2nd A.S.; and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the following elections took place: Comps. Dunkley, M.E.Z.; Gurney, H.; E. W. Jenkins, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Jenkins, S.N.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; Lambert, P.S.; Capt. Bunn, 1st A.S.; Toulmin, jun., 2nd A.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A. Communications, regretting inability to attend, were received from Comps. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H.; W. Taylor, P.Z.; W. H. Saunders, P.Z.; Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; E. W. Jenkins, S.N.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

The Common Council have voted a sum of £250 as a contribution to the fund now being raised by the Fruiterers' Company towards the encouragement of fruit growing in this country.

It is understood that Bro. Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to the command of Her Majesty's ship *Undaunted*, one of our Mediterranean Fleet, and that his lordship will leave England early in December to join his ship.

Mark Masonry.

HELSTON.

St. Michael's Lodge (No. 175).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when Bro. W. Trevenen was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Rosewarne, I.P.M.; J. O. Eva, S.W.; J. H. Willey, J.W.; J. W. C. Dudley, M.O.; W. J. Blackwell, S.O.; A. E. Ratcliffe, J.O.; J. M. Richards, P.M., Treas.; S. Roberts, Sec.; W. J. James, S.D.; T. B. James, J.D.; Hugh Stephens, I.G.; C. Hudson, P.M., Chap.; R. Dunstan, P.M., R. of M.; J. Willey, P.M., D.C.; R. Ralph, Stwd.; and R. James, Tyler.

A capital banquet was afterwards partaken of at Bro. Blackwell's, Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The first meeting of the above prosperous lodge since the installation of Bro. T. Ovenden as W.M. took place on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Mount Pleasant. The W.M., who is a P.P.G.D., presided, assisted by the following officers and others: Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Palmer, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.I.G.; G. Kenneday, P.P.G.R., S.W.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G., J.W.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., M.O.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.P.G.S.B., S.O.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Farrier, Asst. Sec.; J. Warren, S.D.; F. Reed, P.G.I.G., J.D.; E. B. Hobson, D.C.; Col. Vansittart, I.G.; G. Mallett, acting Tyler; G. H. Porter, C. H. Canning, H. Towns, and H. Syer.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. W. J. Crowdy, 13, who had already been approved, was advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. The lodge was then closed, and, amid toast and song, a few short hours were thoroughly enjoyed.

PLYMOUTH.

Temple Lodge (No. 50).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., to install Bro. George S. Storde Lowe, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Bros. James Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G.T., and H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G. Purst., and a Board of Installed Masters, among whom were Bros. J. B. Gover, P.M. 66, P.P.G.M.O.; S. Jew, P.M. 66; J. R. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Pengelly, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; George Whittle, P.M. 66, P.P.A.G. Sec.; George Sercombe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Sellick, P.M. P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. T. Christian, P.M. 251, Grand Std. Br. England; and W. Allsford, P.M. 16, P.P.G.M.O. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. T. Hocking, I.P.M.; A. W. Spinney, S.W.; W. H. Dillon, J.W.; W. King, M.O.; S. J. Daniel, S.O.; H. Reynolds, J.O.; J. B. Gover, P.M., Sec.; R. Pengelly, P.M., Treas.; R. Knight, Reg. of Mks.; E. Radden, S.D.; J. Goad, J.D.; J. Burton, I.G.; Townsend, D.C.; J. Keast, A.D.C.; George Whittle, P.M., Org.; A. H. Collings, Std. Br.; H. H. Searle and G. E. Sercombe, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment rooms at the club, where an excellent supper was prepared by Bro. S. Harvey, Stwd., and under the presidency of the W.M. a most pleasant evening was spent.

Among the brethren present were Bros. W. F. Westcott, S.W. 66, and T. Reynolds Chaple, 169.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; A. Pozzati, S.D.; W. T. Manktelow, J.D.; H. J. Thomas, I.G.; F. Devin, Stwd.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; N. Turner, P.M. 72; R. E. Cursons, A. E. Carter, L. Marks, E. Wehrle, J. R. Hill, A. Barrowdell, and W. Belsham.

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. Carter candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Marks having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Marks candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. F. Devin was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Mason, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. 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 Friday, the 18th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; J. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; G. Stockwin, I.G.; H. Purdue, P.M.; J. Pattison, C. J. C. Walker, R. Reed, W. J. Coplestone, F. Craggs, E. Lucas, G. Ebbetts, E. Fox, W. Hide, and T. Stonnill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Stonnill having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very able and impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Cummings was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked by the brethren in this lodge of instruction on Friday, the 15th prox. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; J. Davies, S.W. 269, Preceptor 1791, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 874, Preceptor 834, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Mason, W.M. elect 1324, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; A. Cadbury-Jones, Stwd.; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. elect 141; C. S. Mote, W.M. 1732; E. Storr, P.M. 167, &c.; D. Stroud, W.M. 1637, P.M. 55, 2045, and 2090; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 167, P.M. 2206 &c.; O. W. Battley, W. J. Millington, Major Ferris, A. B. Northcroft, H. Lindfield, W. Jackman, J. V. Woodman, J. N. Joseph, J. Corrie, T. Jobson, W. J. Stretton, H. J. Thomas, and W. R. Hatton.

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. The 2nd and 3rd Lectures were worked by the following brethren: 2nd Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. J. C. Conway; 2nd, Bro. W. J. Mason; 3rd, Bro. J. Davies; 4th, Bro. C. G. Wetzlar; and 5th, Bro. J. Cruttenden. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. C. S. Mote; 2nd, Bro. W. H. Chalfont; and 3rd, Bro. E. Storr. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bros. Read, Davies, Sims, and the brethren who had worked the Sections. The compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Davies. Bro. Scurrah was elected a member. Bro. Read announced that Bro. E. Storr would be a candidate for the office of Secretary (should a vacancy occur) of the Boys' School, and, as a very old member of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, was worthy of the support of the brethren. Bro. Storr expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the hearty way they had received the notification, and many promises of hearty support were given to him, and the good wishes of all for his success. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; J. E. Sheffield, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. M. Scarlett, S.D.; C. Hiller, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; C. Isler, C. Weber, E. A. Rönaasen, F. M. Sutter, C. J. Harrison, and C. G. Sparrow, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Rönaasen candidate. Bros. Rönaasen and Butter were elected members. Bro. Sheffield was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The balance sheet for the year, as audited by Bros. Loomes and Gray, was read, received, and adopted, and a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the year was proposed by Bro. Sparrow, seconded and supported by Bros. Scarlett and Sheffield. The officers were then unanimously re-elected as follows: Bros. W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; and C. M. Coxon, Sec. After a very kindly expressed compliment to the Secretary for the manner in which he had looked after the interests of the lodge, and mutual congratulations on its improved condition, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Lincoln, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; T. C. Seary, Org.; F. M. Noakes, acting Secretary; T. W. Buxton, S.D.; T. O. Fort, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Lawrence, F. W. Buxton, E. S. Berry, G. D. S. Rymer, C. Lambert, and Maurice Angell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Buxton assisted the Deputy Preceptor to work the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Berry having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. F. M. Noakes assisted the Deputy Preceptor to work the 5th Section of the Lecture. The Deputy Preceptor assisted the Preceptor to work the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Fruen, W.M.; Baldwin, P.V., S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Brown, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Linsey, I.G.; Vickers, P.M.; Nicholson, P.M.; Petit, P.M.; Wehnert, Davies, Oldenon, Lamon, Siebert, and Behrens.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Morgan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., seconded, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. occupied the chair for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; T. Treadwell, J.D.; H. Arimfield, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; T. Stentiford, A. B. Northcroft, and H. H. Burrington.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. H. Burrington candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, and the 2nd

Section by Bro. W. J. Mason, Secretary. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. C. Conway, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. A. J. Turner, W.M.; H. Oliver, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; J. H. Marsh, J.D.; C. E. Betts, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; G. A. Knight, J. Wiggins, J. H. Nevill, and W. Fayers.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very clear and concise manner, Bro. Knight acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge to the candidate on initiation. Bro. Nevill offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Oliver was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The election of officers will take place on Tuesday, the 5th prox.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; J. Arnott, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); A. J. Lathbury, P.M., S.D.; F. W. Woodard, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; E. Child, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791; W. G. Coat, D. S. Long, H. Nash, L. Cox, G. E. Higginson, G. B. Johnston, R. N. Larter, and Stevens.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very explicit manner, Bro. Stevens acting as candidate. Bro. Stevens having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, retired. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Long, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Child offered himself as a candidate for passing, and 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. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. D. S. Long, W. G. Coat, and T. S. Stevens were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. C. E. Everett, W.M.; P. P. Perry, S.W.; T. W. Heath, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, Treas.; F. Craggs, S.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a clear and impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Everett vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Collings, and a brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in Bro. Collings's best style. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Perry was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; T. Wicox, J.W.; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; F. Dusterwald, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; W. Hyde, I.G.; J. Wood, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Davies, A. Williams, R. H. Wimpey, F. Craggs, H. Moyle, L. Lee, H. Clark, and E. J. Hiscock. Visitors: Bros. J. Cox, 1585, and W. H. Tucker, 144.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Moyle offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Moyle candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor. On the usual risings, Bros. Cox and Tucker were elected members of the lodge, and Bro. D. S. Long was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975; M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; G. March, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Swann, 2nd A.S. 733, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, P.S.; J. Brandon, Z. 890; and J. Smith, P.S. 890. Comp. G. W. Fisher, H. 862, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fisher being candidate. Comp. Fisher was elected a member. The working of the first clause was deferred until next meeting. Comp. Williams was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Wingham, M.E.Z.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., H. 1329, H.; Carl Fleck, P.S. 1275, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275; Grummant, P.Z.; R. Davis; Capt. Stokoe, M.E.Z. 1329; and R. Millikin, 253 (I.C.).

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Millikin personating candidate. The

M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comp. Millikin, 253 (I.C.), was elected a joining member. The dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Capt. Stokoe, M.E.Z. 1329, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, he being heartily congratulated on his recovery from illness. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, when a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to him (Comp. Wingham) for his capital work as M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter. All business being ended, the chapter was closed, after Comp. Hilton had announced that an installation ceremony would be rehearsed at the next meeting.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Provincial Meetings.

HULL.

Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Daggerlane. Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30°, P.M.W.S., occupied the throne, and opened the chapter, assisted by the following officers: E. and P. Bros. W. C. Whiteside, as Prelate; S. W. Fisher, 1st Gen.; M. P. Hockney, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bros. M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Capt. Robert Watson, Raphael; G. W. Leng, Org.; F. Blackburn, C. of G.; and Bro. W. Clayton, Equerry. There were also present Ill. Bros. Gilbert Wilkinson, 30°; E. Kipps, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Capt. Hy. Darley, Col. H. F. Pudsey, E. A. Cousins, and others. Visitor: E. and P. Bro. Frederick Cleaves, M.W.S. 16.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Bro. T. H. White, 297, who was unanimously elected, and, being present, was perfected into this beautiful Christian Degree by the acting M.W.S. in a most impressive manner and proclaimed.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren retired to supper, and spent a truly happy and enjoyable evening.

Knights Templar.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Mount Calvary (D).—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, E.C.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Capt.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., P.E.P., Reg., acting Expert; L. Steele, Capt. of Lines; N. Prower, Std. Br.; Slater and Maple, Heralds; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C., as Prelate; J. H. Dodson, P.E.C.; and others. Sir Knights Loveland Loveland, Sub-P. of Hants, and W. Ganz, G. Org., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. H. Hills, Martyn Chapter, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most impressively installed as a member of the Order. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner was unanimously elected as E.C. for the year ensuing, Sir Knight W. Paas was re-elected as Treasurer, and Sir Knights Bell and Hills were elected Auditors. The resignation of Sir Knight C. Driver was received with regret. A Past Commander's jewel was voted to Sir Knight Capt. F. J. Stohwasser. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Col. S. H. Clerke, F. Philbrick, O.C., E. Letchworth, Frank Richardson, F. Binckes, Baron de Ferrieres, C. F. Matier, Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Major Lambert, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Wood, G. Graveley, Sir Love Jones-Parry, Bart., and others.

The encampment having been closed, the sir knights adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

Sir Knight L. Loveland responded on behalf of "The Officers of Great Priory," and Sir Knight W. Ganz for "The Visitors."

The latter provided a most excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music.

The Eminent Commander is to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements that have characterised his tenure of office both in and out of the encampment.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Ccttebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective positions. The other brethren present were Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. Grand Secretary, W. Dodd and W. H. Lee, representing Grand Secretary's department; J. L. Mather, David D. Mercer, W. H. Perryman, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. B. Grieve, George A. Cundy, H. Grice, Charles Belton, Henry Garrod, A. C. Woodward, L. C. Haslip, Thos. Cubitt, W. M. Bywater, William W. Hillbee, Charles Dairy, R. J. Taylor, George Read, Dr. N. J. Goodchild, Thomas Laurinson, C. H. Webb, Geo. R. Chapman, William H. Hedger, Charles Slaughter, George Clark, jun., Joseph Tydeman, Henry Clark, James MacIntosh, R. Leonard Wherry, E. Chamberlain, George Smith, jun., H. Massey, W. C. King, Geo. Wood, Alfred Ginger, Reginald Piper, Henry Cattermole, J. R. Thompson, W. Davey, V. C. Halkin, C. S. Mote, J. D. Wilkinson, F. W. Stamp, Hy. S. Friend, William Butcher, Lewis Lazarus, R. W. Forge, W. A. Scarlett, Thos. Weeks, F. W. Spurgin, John Petch, Harry Hunt, Valentine Wing, J. W. Howard Thompson, J. M. Chamberlin, Charles P. Bellerby, E. J. Acworth, H. C. Lambert, George Coop, Fredk. Kedge, Alex. Jones, E. C. Porter, S. H. Goldschmidt, Edward Blunkhorne, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended to the Grand Master at the September meeting to the amount of £60. The new list contained the names of 44 petitioners, whose qualifications for petitioning the Board were through lodges in London, Gravesend, Waltham Cross, Aldershot, Birmingham, Amble, Cardiff, Penzance, Harrogate, Sunderland, Torquay, Bath, Woolwich, Exeter, Windsor, Guernsey, Liverpool, Luton, Woodbridge, Umballa, Salford, Camborne, Witney, Stockport, Radcliffe, Shoeburyness, Constantinople, Malta, Reading, and Bourn. One petition was withdrawn, one was dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1005. This was made up of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £60, and three for £50 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and seven for £30 each; 12 grants of £20 each, six of £15 each, six of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

THE HAMER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The 16th annual report of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons has just been issued. The Committee say:—

"We have pleasure in stating that there has been a considerable increase in the amount subscribed to this Charity during the year. The total receipts amounted to £507 9s. 10d., as against £274 13s. 9d. last year, but the receipts are still below the previous year. The subscriptions and donations have reached the sum of £377 7s. 6d., compared with £181 17s. 2d. in the last report. We are pleased to be able to record this additional support from lodges and chapters and individual subscribers, the more especially as applications for the benefits of the Institution, both in the case of annuitants and also the casual application for specific grants, as provided for in the by-laws, have increased. During the past year just closed a thorough revision of the voting power from the foundation of the Institution has been completed, and the grateful thanks of all interested in this Charity are due to the Auditors for the untiring zeal displayed by them in assisting your present officers in this desirable work. In conclusion, we desire to state that the new by-laws before referred to are working very satisfactorily; and again we desire, on behalf of the Institution, as well as on our own behalf, to thank those who have assisted us during the past year, and trust that those lodges, chapters, and members of the Craft who are not represented in the present report will take care that in the next issue they will be."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

STONE-LAYING AT SOUTHPORT.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire was held on Saturday afternoon last, in the National Schools, Bispham-road, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of St. Simon and St. Jude's Church, a mission church about to be established by the rector of North Meols (Bro. the Rev. C. Hesketh Knollys, M.A.), to meet the wants of the growing district of High Park.

The P.G. Lodge assembled under the banner of the Lodge of Unity, No. 613, Southport, and was opened by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M., the acting D.P.G.M. being Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, G.C.; and the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers also supported the Prov. G.M.: Bros. E. H. Cookson (Mayor of Liverpool), P.S.G.W.; E. Segar, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Hesketh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; D. Jackson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. George, P.G.D.C.; Jos. Turnbull, P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Adams, P.P.S.G.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.P.G.O.; Jos. F. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Troughton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.J.G.W.; T. T. Ramsay, P.P.G.P.; G. S. Willings, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Thos. Clarke, P.G.R.; Jas. Pilling, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Webster, P.S.G.D.; John Peake, P.P.J.G.D.; John C. Robinson, P.A.G.C.; J. N. Patterson, P.G.D. of C.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.A.G. Tyler; John King and W. Turvey, P.G. Stwds.; Rev. J. Kirby Turner, P.G.C.; G. Nelson, P.G.S.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; Ralph Betley, P.A.G.S.; E. Kittler, P.P.G.S.; Thomas R. Jolly, Prov. G.T.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; John Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Yates, P.G.P.; J. Brindle, P.G.S. of W.; Alfred Cross; D. R. Armitage, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; R. Walker, P.P.G.D.; John Tunstall, P.P.G.P.; D. W. Caughy, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G.C.; Mark Newsome, P.P.S.G.D.; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; and others.

The brethren of the Liverpool, Southport, Preston, Wigan, and other neighbouring lodges attended in large numbers, totalling over 300.

Among the clerical brethren present, besides the rector and the others named, were Bros. the Rev. J. Pimblett, S.W. 113; Rev. R. J. W. Latimer, and the Rev. J. Ashby, W.M. Bro. J. D. Murray was the acting D.C.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER said as this Provincial Grand Lodge was met for a particular object only, he should dispense with calling the roll of lodges.

A procession was formed to the site of the new church at the corner of High Park-road and Newton-street, in a direct line with Bispham-road. The bands and corps of the Southport Battery of the R.N.A.V., and the 3rd V.B.K. (Liverpool) Regiment, and the 3rd L.A.V., playing "Prosper the Art," were followed by the visiting brethren, the lodges of the province, juniors first, the bearers of the vessels and emblems, and finally the Provincial Grand Lodge and heralds.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master was announced by a flourish a trumpets, and the officiating brethren took their stand on a spacious and high dais, the rest of the brethren and many ladies occupying galleries on three sides of the enclosure, and the Volunteers fringing the dais.

After the hymn (led by a choir conducted by Bro. W. Wilkinson), "In the name which earth and heaven,"

Mr. C. SCARISBRICK (representing the Scarisbrick trustees, donors of the site), presented the Earl of Lathom with a silver trowel, and requested him to lay the stone. He thanked his lordship for attending to perform the ceremony, and said that had he (Mr. Scarisbrick) been a Mason it would have added to the interest of the event. He trusted the building about to be elected would be blessed by the All-seeing Eye.

Lord LATHOM expressed his thanks, remarking that he took special pleasure in laying the stone, as the ceremony was being Masonically performed, and he only hoped the present gathering would show how truly Freemasons join in religious work, and wish for the health and strength of the churches in every possible way. He could but reiterate the assurance that he was always very glad to be of use in Southport, and particularly to one of his fellow-brethren in Freemasonry.

The Prov. G. Sec. having read the inscription on the plate, and the Prov. G.T. having deposited in the cavity a phial containing jubilee coins and papers, the Prov. G.M. ordered the stone to be lowered, and proved its just position with plumb-rule, level, and square. He then received corn from Bro. R. Foote, W.M.; wine from Bro. the Rev. J. Ashby, W.M. 1313; and oil from Bro. R. A. M'Feeter, W.M. 613, and strewed these symbols on the stone with the accustomed formulæ.

"Prosper the Art" (G. Hargreaves) was sung, and one of the architects (Bro. J. Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C.), presented the plans, and was desired to proceed with the completion of the work.

A collection was gathered towards the building fund, many ladies handing up purses, and the hymn "The church's one foundation" formed the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed.

The weather, which had been rainy until about two p.m., cleared shortly before the ceremony, and remained fine until it was nearly completed.

In the evening about 150 brethren and ladies dined at the Prince of Wales Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Sec.

The proposed church of St. Simon and St. Jude represents a new departure in Southport church work, being the first mission church, as distinguished from a mission room, in the district. Its design is a severe treatment of the early English style adapted to the materials to be used, Burnley bricks, terra-cotta dressings, and Welsh slates. The nave and side aisle will seat 648 persons, school children finding accommodation in the chapel and extra vestry. A low screen will divide the choir and sanctuary from the nave, provision being made for a reredos to be added. The doors will all open outwards, rather a novel arrangement in a church.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

A ceremony of interest to Mark Masons generally took place at York, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. when the Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire recognised in a practical manner the excellent services for so long rendered in the cause by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.O. England, P.P.G. Secretary. The presentation, which consisted of a handsome English gold keyless lever watch, accompanied by a neatly illuminated address, was made by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.M., in the presence of the following brethren: Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. G.M.; Col. R. G. Smith, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.C.; A. W. Walker, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Cowper, P.P.G.W.; M. Millington, P.P.G.D.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; W. Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Seller, P.P.G.W.; John Marshall, Prov. G. Treas.; Jos. Todd, P.P.G. Treas., P.G.O.; Geo. Lamb, Geo. Chapman, S. G. Crummack, W. Storey, E. K. Spiegelhalter, A. H. H. McGachen, F. W. Halliwell, and J. L. Spetch.

The brethren assembled at the De Grey Rooms at five o'clock, and partook of dinner, supplied by Bro. Halliwell. At the conclusion of the meal,

Bro. WOODALL submitted the toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Mark Masons, and the members of the Grand Lodge," "The Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Woodall remarked that it was a pleasure to see the affairs of the Province of North and East Yorkshire so ably administered as they were by Bro. Orde-Powlett, whose name he coupled with the latter toast.

Bro. ORDE-POWLETT responded. He expressed the great pleasure he had in meeting the brethren there, and trusted that the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire might go on flourishing, and be

one of the strongest Provincial organisations in England.

Bro. WOODALL said that, having disposed of the toasts which appertained to their Order, it became his pleasant duty to address them for a few moments on the object which called them together. Their province was now rather more than eight years old, and he trusted that it would continue to flourish and do good work. At the inception of the province, there was no one, he thought, who worked harder or did better work for it than their good friend, Bro. Whytehead. It was, therefore, with very great pleasure indeed that he rose to present him, in the name of those present, and in the name of the subscribers, with a gold watch, which had been kindly procured for them by Bro. Spiegelhalter, of Malton, and was, he believed, as good a watch of its kind as could be made. The inscription on the back was as follows: "Presented to Very Worthy Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.O. Eng., P.P.G.S.W., by the Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, as a token of esteem and regard, and in recognition of great services rendered by him in the formation of the province, and as Provincial Grand Secretary for a period of six years." He was sure they would all agree with him in saying that the gift was well deserved. Bro. Whytehead's skill and tact were never more evinced on any occasion as when helping to work up that province and place it in such a good position as it was. As their Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he could assure them that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to have to work with Bro. Whytehead, whose services had really been invaluable. Bro. Whytehead, concluded the speaker, allow me to present you with this watch as a token of our goodwill and esteem, accompanied by this address, which expresses the sentiments of the donors and gives the names of those who have subscribed to the testimonial. I hope you will be able for many years to carry on the good work you have done so well in Masonry, not only in this Degree but in others, and especially in the rôle you have taken up as an historian of the Craft.

Bro. the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT asked to be allowed to say two or three words with regard to the presentation. But for Bro. Whytehead's energy, ability, and tact, the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire might never have been founded, and on behalf of the lodge and himself he thanked Bro. Whytehead most sincerely for the trouble he had taken.

Bro. WALKER then read the address, which was in the following words: "We, the undersigned Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, with hearty good wishes and fraternal greeting, present to our very worthy Bro. Thos. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.O. England, P.P.G.S.W., the accompanying gold watch as a token of our esteem and regard, and in recognition of the excellent and highly valued services he has for so long rendered in the cause of Mark Masonry, and particularly for the zealous manner in which he assisted in the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge of the province and in fulfilling the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for a period of six years. We sincerely hope and trust that the Great Overseer of the Universe may vouchsafe to our highly esteemed brother a long life of continued prosperity and usefulness, and that he may long be spared to continue his connection with the province, and that he and his family may enjoy every blessing this world can bestow."

The names of the subscribers were appended.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, in acknowledging the presentation, said that there was a Masonic axiom which said it was the hope of reward which sweetened labour. He took it that the present was in the nature of a reward for labours rendered, but he could assure them that when he entered upon the task of assisting in the formation of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, it was with no other hope of reward save that of having the pleasure of taking part in the organisation of what he felt sure was of the very greatest importance to Mark Masonry in that part of the world. They saw provinces being formed all over England and the lodges under them doing very much better than those outside provincial organisation, and they felt that if they could get some such machinery to work there the lodges in the province would benefit by it. Having, in passing, acknowledged the great help he had received in the work from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, whom he regretted was not able to be present, but who had wired his congratulations, Bro. Whytehead said that during the six years he had had the honour to be Provincial Grand Secretary he had met with nothing but the greatest kindness and courtesy from every brother connected with the province, and the work of those six years had, therefore, not been one of labour, but a work of love and pleasure. The only reason which compelled him to discontinue the office was that there were so many other imperative claims upon his time. As they knew, he was connected with a great many Masonic Degrees, and his business and other engagements were very numerous. He had, however, the less reluctance in resigning the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, seeing that he knew that in his successor Bro. A. W. Walker, of Malton, the brethren would have one to look after their interests, who was not only well qualified, but whose energies would be thoroughly directed to the duties of his post, and the result had proved the wisdom of the Provincial Grand Master's choice. Alluding to the progress of the province, Bro. Whytehead said he had been delighted to observe that two or three lodges had been formed since they had had provincial organisation, and he believed he was

correct in saying that the whole of the lodges in the province were working regularly and successfully, that they were all in a practically sound position, and that they were making certain progress, in some cases, perhaps, slowly, in others very much more rapidly than they could have expected. At all events they might feel themselves a successful province. When they considered that the Grand Mark Lodge had over 400 lodges and some thousands of invested money, and that the Heir Apparent was its Grand Master, he thought they really must feel that they were a very important body, one that played no small part in Masonic work, and one that ought to be supported. From his heart he thanked them very cordially and very truly for their great kindness. Their gift would always remind him of many of the good Masonic friends he had. Many of the best and most cherished friends of his life had been Masonic friends. He thanked Bro. Woodall for his far too flattering expressions as to his services. They had been given with good heart and with good will, and if he had health and strength his best efforts would be still at the beck and call of his brethren. If there was anything he could do to promote the good of Freemasonry, especially of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, all he could say to his brethren was, "Command it."

Bro. Col. R. G. SMITH then proposed "The Health of Bro. Woodall," of whose services to the Craft and great support of the Masonic Charities he spoke in high terms.

Bro. WOODALL suitably replied, and, before resuming his seat, referred to the services of Bros. Walker and Spiegelhalter in regard to the testimonial, and asked the brethren to drink their health.

Bros. WALKER and SPIEGELHALTER briefly responded, and the proceedings terminated.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 271.

The centenary festival of the above lodge was celebrated on the 18th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The ceremonies, which had been admirably arranged by the W.M., Bro. T. Billing, Prov. J.G.W., and the Past Masters, were carried out with the greatest success. While the brethren were assembling in the Music Room, introductory organ solos were rendered in able style by Bros. Dr. A. King, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Prov. G. Org.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Billing, Prov. J.G.W., who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. F. C. Parsons, S.W.; Rev. L. Dowdall, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; T. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; C. J. Corder, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; H. Balean, S.D.; D. M. Ross, J.D.; G. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; C. A. Kendall, Steward; and H. Hughes, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; C. J. Pocock, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; W. H. Hallett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; Sir C. Raymond Bunch, Bart., P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; T. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; T. C. Woodman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. King, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. Dennant, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Campbell, P.M.; and H. Langton, P.M. Among the distinguished visiting brethren and members of the lodge were Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S.; W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton); Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. in charge Surrey; T. Trollope, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W.; B. Baker, P.G.D.; W. R. Wood, P.G.P., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. Terry, Secretary to the R.M.B.I.; C. G. Boxall, P.G.S.; W. Dawes, P.P.S.G.W.; T. S. Byass, P.P. S.G.D.; Sir F. Knowles, Bart., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Farncombe, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Gibson, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Noakes, P.P.J.G.W.; J. L. Brigden, P.P.J.G.W.; J. W. Stride, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Davey, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.P.G.C.; Rev. J. Puttick, Prov. G.C.; Rev. E. Walker, P.P.G.C.; E. Broadbridge, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G.R.; T. Francis, P.P.S.G.D.; G. De Paris, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Abbey, P.P.J.G.D.; J. M. Read, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Whatford, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Reed, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Daniel, P.P.J.G.D.; Seymour Burrows, Prov. G.D.; M. Hancock, P.P.G. S.B.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. A. Pocock, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; F. Holford, P.P. A.G.D.C.; C. F. Lewis, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Hallett, Edmund Yates, P.G.S.; Robson Roose, O. Lloyd, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Godfree, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. R. Legg, P.P.G.S.B.; Lake, P.M.; H. A. Dowell, P.P. J.G.D.; R. Clowes, W.M. elect 2201, P.P.G.W. Essex; and others.

The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," having been sung,

The SECRETARY (Bro. C. J. Corder, P.P.S.G.W.) read the centenary warrant.

The W.M., in a few words, gave a hearty welcome to the assembled brethren.

Bro. J. DENNANT, P.M., P.P.G.D., next read the history of the lodge, which he had carefully prepared from the available minutes of the lodge recorded during the past century. The history proved highly interesting, and, among many other local events, referred to the laying of the foundation-stones of St. Peter's Church, the London-road Viaduct, Brighton, the Adelaide Wing, County Hospital, and the Norfolk Bridge, Shoreham, with Masonic honours by the Royal Clarence Lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dennant for his excellent compilation.

Bro. Rev. J. PUTTICK, Prov. G. Chap., followed with a short address.

A very impressive rendering of the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was given by Bros. J. A. Brown, E. A. Dalzell, James Kift, and C. Ackerman.

Bro. V. P. Freeman was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The ceremony having concluded, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. presided.

The *post prandial* proceedings were of an enthusiastic character.

The W.M. opened the toast list with "The Queen and the Craft," briefly remarking that her Majesty had many virtues, and the Craft no vices.

The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." Freemasons, he said, were proud in having the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, and were grateful to him for devoting so much of his time to Freemasonry.

Bro. C. J. Pocock, P.P.J.G.W., then gave the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The Officers of Grand Lodge, he said, fully deserved their high preferment on account of their past services in the Craft. Their interest did not, however, cease on their appointment. They still worked actively in Freemasonry. He gracefully alluded to the honour conferred upon the lodge by the attendance of Bro. Parkinson and other Grand Lodge Officers that day, and to the late Bros. J. H. Scott and Gerard Ford and other members of the Royal Clarence Lodge who had been promoted to Grand Lodge honours.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., in responding, said nothing was more interesting in the Craft than the celebration of centenary festivals. It had been a source of pleasure to him to find the Royal Clarence Lodge prosperous and strong, and to see that the brethren, amidst other interchanges of fraternal sentiments, upheld the traditions of the Craft and the dignity of their lodge.

Bro. TROLLOPE, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., also acknowledged the toast, and, congratulating the W.M. on the success of the afternoon and evening, alluded to the pleasures he had experienced in visiting the late Bro. J. H. Scott. Thanking the Royal Clarence brethren for their hospitality, he expressed the hope that their lodge would again do great and useful work in the next century.

The W.M. proposed "The Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M." Coming nearer home, he said all present knew too well the interest the Duke of Connaught took in the Craft and how well he performed the ceremonies of his high office. Unfortunately for the province, his Royal Highness had been called away to India, where he took no less an interest in the Craft as the D.G.M. of that great empire. He had been two years away, and they all looked forward to the early part of next year, when they hoped to see him once more amongst them. He had not only sent letters through his Secretary, but had himself written to their late D.P.G.M., Bro. Ford, asking for information respecting the Province of Sussex. They also wished him health and happiness, and a speedy return to his native land.

Bro. G. CAMPBELL, P.M., proposed "Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.S.G.W., and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." It was pleasing, he said, to the brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge to see present so large a gathering of distinguished Officers of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge. The Royal Clarence Lodge was closely identified with the Prov. Grand Lodge, for the offices of Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master had been held by brethren of the lodge. He especially eulogised the efforts of their late Bro. Gavin E. Pocock in Freemasonry, that brother having done more than any other to resuscitate the Provincial Grand Lodge. By the kindness of his esteemed son, Bro. C. J. Pocock, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., the lodge had been presented with the cup which had been presented to him (Bro. Gavin E. Pocock) by the brethren of the province. In fitting and eloquent terms he referred to the eminent services of the late Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, J. H. Scott, and Gerard Ford. He regretted that Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott had been called away from their gathering, and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Sec., in responding, said that the officers, deprived of their leading directors, would all unite in promoting the interests of the province.

Bro. EDMUND YATES, P.G.S., was cordially received on rising to propose "The Worshipful Master." He said all present would realise his feelings when he said how happy he felt, after the week's heavy work and labour, to gain a little rest, and his pleasure in gliding from the stormy seas of controversy to the peaceful haven of the Royal Clarence Lodge. Leaving the public platform and diversities of opinion behind, he stood before them confident that there would be no divergence from his own opinions. No one would ask him pressing questions as to why he left his house, or whether he lived in the top room of a club. The term "boy" could not be applied to him, and all present would see that the hair on his head was visible. He had great pleasure, he said, in heartily proposing "The Worshipful Master." He had known Bro. Billing for many years, and, alluding to the past services of the late Bro. J. H. Scott, said no more fitting successor

to that distinguished brother could be found than their W.M. Bro. Billing was a hardworking Mason, and in no point was he deficient. He was a jolly good fellow, perfectly sound and sensible, with no fads, one of the most courteous of men, and always accessible. They had all seen how admirably he had discharged his duties that day, and he felt that the brethren of the lodge were honoured in having him as their Worshipful Master.

Bro. T. BILLING, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said "Out of the heart the mouth speaketh," but their kind reception had almost taken all words from him. He thanked Bro. Yates for the kind and flattering manner in which he had spoken of him and the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He deeply felt the honour of being their W.M. for the second time. The honour had not arisen from any self-seeking on his part, and he felt grateful to the brethren for their confidence in him. The Royal Clarence Lodge was one of the oldest and most influential in the province, and he felt additional pride in following such worthy Masons as those alluded to by Bro. Campbell. He gracefully alluded to the zeal and efficiency of their late Bro. Gerard Ford. His recent loss would remind them all that "Man proposes, but the Great Architect of the Universe disposes." Concluding his response, he said he should strive earnestly to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, that when weighed in the balances he trusted he should not be found wanting.

Bro. W. KUHE, P.M., P.G.O., in his customary facetious manner, proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. W. C. MORRISON (Mayor elect of Eastbourne) and Bro. W. SENDALL (Mayor of Brighton) responded, each speaking in high terms of the hospitality extended to them by the Royal Clarence Lodge.

Bro. PARKINSON proposed "Success to the Royal Clarence Lodge."

Bro. T. BILLING, W.M., responded, and thanked those present for assisting in the celebration of the lodge centenary. For 27 years the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, he said, had lapsed, and the Royal Clarence Lodge was called upon to undertake its duties. It was mainly owing to their late Bro. Gavin E. Pocock that the Provincial Grand Lodge was revived. The cup presented to that distinguished brother had recently been presented to the lodge by his son, Bro. C. J. Pocock, as a loving cup. With so large a gathering before him, the cup could not then be passed round, but he himself would drink to them all a hearty welcome to the Royal Clarence Lodge. He trusted the lodge would continue to prosper, that it would be happy in the choice of its members, and ever uphold its present high standard of honour and efficiency.

The W.M. proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Sussex," to which Bro. E. S. MEDCALF responded.

Bro. L. DOWDALL gave "The Past Masters," which Bro. C. J. CORDER acknowledged, with allusions to his own connection with the lodge for a third of a century, and referred to the work of the late Bros. Gavin E. Pocock and J. H. Scott.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," to which Bros. F. C. PARSON, S.W., and C. A. KENDALL, I.G., replied.

The Tyler's toast completed the very successful and enjoyable evening.

The musical programme, carried out under the direction of Bros. Dr. A. King, P.M., P.P.G.O., and Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Prov. G.O., proved most enjoyable. The vocalists engaged were Madame Antoinette Luck, Miss Minnie Freeman, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, Edward Plater, and C. Ackerman, who elicited warm applause by the admirable manner in which they gave their songs and glees, the latter, for the male voices, being an especially pleasing feature.

Bro. Kuhe delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo.

The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.

SERMON BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN OF ENGLAND AT WIGAN.

The last state visit to church of the present Mayor of Wigan, Bro. W. Rogers, J.P., on Sunday morning, was signalled by the brethren of Wigan and the district joining the procession in large numbers, the interest being enhanced owing to the consent of Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., P.M. 314, P.P.G.C. of West Lancashire, Grand Chaplain of England, to preach at Wigan Parish Church, his first Masonic sermon after accession to the Grand Chaplaincy.

Over 100 brethren assembled at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, among whom were the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., 113, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Brindle, 178 and 2269, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Betley, 1335, P.A.G. Sec.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.P.G.W., M. W. Peace, P.P.G.W., and R. A. Farrington, P.P.G.W., of 178; J. D. Murray, 1335, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. N. Patterson, 484, P.D.G. D.C. The Wigan lodges were all strongly represented, and visiting brethren attended from Preston (Bro. J. G. Christian P.M. 113), Southport, Ashton-in-Makerfield, &c.

In front of the Council Chamber a full procession was formed, headed by the band and members of the 1st V.B.M.R. (Wigan Rifles), the brethren coming next, and preceding the mayor, aldermen, and councillors. Thousands of spectators lined the route, and the parish church was crowded. The Rev. E. H. Broadhurst (curate) read the prayers and the first lesson, the

second lesson being read by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman (rector). The anthem "Oh Lord, how manifold are Thy works," was sung by the choir.

Bro. Rev. T. BARTON SPENCER, M.A., G. Chap., preached from Micah vi., 8—"What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." He said: The teaching of the Church in the Gospel for to-day, the 18th Sunday after Trinity, is our duty towards God and our duty towards our neighbour. These duties are pressed upon our attention by the prophet Micah in my text, and I have chosen these words as appropriate for our consideration this morning, when the Freemasons of this town are present as members of the Order. The text not only contains, though expressed in different words, the teaching of the Church in the Gospel, but it also contains, as it were, a summary of the teaching of Freemasonry. But, in the first place, methinks I hear some one say what is Freemasonry? "Well," I reply, "it is a peculiar or particular system of morality." "It is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue," for the morality it teaches is taken from the volume of the Sacred Law, the Holy Bible, which is always open in our lodges. Freemasonry is a religious society which does not enter into competition with Christianity, and I may illustrate this point by a reference to the case of Cornelius the Centurian, as recorded in Acts x. Cornelius was a man striving "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with his God," as Freemasonry teaches its members to do. It was said of Cornelius "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" (Acts x., 4). Yet it was necessary that St. Peter should be sent to him to preach Jesus Christ as his Saviour and to baptise him. As a religious society Freemasonry is a handmaid to the Christian religion, just as any other good society, such as the temperance, the White Cross, or any other society whose great end is to inculcate morality, is a handmaid to religion, while many of its degrees are known by the name of the Christian degrees. Having briefly explained what Freemasonry is, I pass on to show, in the second place, how it carries out the teaching of my text with regard to our duty towards our neighbour, for we are told "To do justly and to love mercy." We are to do justly. What is the meaning of this? Well, justice is requisite for the peace and happiness, nay, the very existence of society, for true liberty can only exist when justice is equally administered to all by the laws of the land, and all obey them. Justice is that virtue which impels us to give to every person what is his due; but in estimating what is due to any one, we must take into account the consideration that society is a whole, is one body, one divine family. To do justly, then, is to do justice to every one—it is to give every one his due. But to do justly also signifies to do judgment, to pass righteous judgment in all circumstances. In order to do this we must not judge others merely according to appearances, for these are frequently deceptive, and things which often have a bad look appear quite different when we know all the facts and the reasons thereof. To pass righteous judgment is to judge fairly and kindly of others. It leads us to remember how often we are blamed for the acts which we have done for the best of reasons and from the purest of motives, and so it may be with others. We are led to say, "Must not this man have a satisfactory explanation of his conduct, if I only knew all the facts and his reasons for acting in the way which he has done?" And before passing a severe judgment upon anyone, based upon something we have heard to his disparagement, we are led to put ourselves the three simple questions—"Is it true, is it kind, is it necessary?" And Freemasonry teaches us "to do justly." It bids us do justice to every one, for its command is, "Let justice be the guide of all your actions." It teaches us to give every one his due. It instructs us as citizens "to give cheerful obedience to the laws and a loyal allegiance to the Sovereign of our native land." And if Freemasonry were not loyal to the very core, it is not likely that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be our Grand Master, or that Prince Albert Victor and the Duke of Connaught would hold high office in the Order. If Freemasonry did not inculcate obedience to the constituted authorities of our land, your highly-esteemed mayor—who has discharged the duties of his high position in such an admirable manner and with such bountiful liberality that the termination of his office is regarded with a general feeling of great regret on the part of his fellow-townsmen—it is not likely that he would belong to our Order, or would have given it official sanction by permitting the Freemasons to form part of his procession to church upon this his last state visit. Freemasonry instructs us as individuals to be true and just in all our dealings towards society, our families, and ourselves. It teaches us to judge fairly of others, and so long as it is possible to judge kindly of others, for its bids us "maintain a brother's honour in his absence as well as in his presence, and carefully preserve it as our own, while we are boldly to repel the slanderer of his good name; and it teaches us that to the just and upright man death hath not terrors equal to the stains of falsehood and dishonour." The second part of our duty towards our neighbour, as set before us in my text, is to love mercy. We are not only to be just to all, but to be kind to all. Our mercy, like God's, must be joined with equity. "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." "And what is mercy?" you ask. It has been defined as having its name from misery, and that it is to lay a brother's misery to heart, while it shows itself in Charity. And does not Freemasonry teach us "to love mercy," seeing that it declares "Charity to be the

virtue which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart." Freemasonry teaches us to practise that Charity of which St. Paul speaks when he says (I. Cor., xiii.). "Charity suffereth long and is kind, it envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, thinketh no evil." This Charity can reprove, but its rebukes are gentle, though not the less efficacious because of the gentleness. It weeps while it warns. "It drops a tear of sympathy over a brother's failings, and would rejoice if that tear could wash them away," while it pours the healing balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted." Freemasonry teaches us also to practise that Charity which is ready to suggest and afford relief for the wants of our brethren, their widows and orphans, and, as far as lies in our power, to afford relief for the wants of others. And surely it has made most successful efforts to practise what it preaches in this respect. For see what it has done for its own members, and those dependent upon them. Take this great and important Province of West Lancashire, which is ruled with so much wisdom, tact, and success by our beloved Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and of which province your greatly respected neighbour, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, is the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. In our Province of West Lancashire we have the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the education of the orphans of poor Freemasons, and this educates 250 children at a cost of £2000 a year. We have the Hamer Benevolent Fund, which gives annuities to distressed Freemasons, at a cost of £173 a year, in order to brighten and cheer their declining days. We have also the Alpass Benevolent Fund, which does the same for eight poor widows of our brethren, at a cost of £220 a year. Other provinces, too, have their separate charitable institutions for similar purposes. Then in London there are the great cosmopolitan Charities for similar purposes, supported by the brethren in London and the provinces, the income of the three being in 1887 £61,258. And I may just mention that last year, at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, presided over by the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, the unprecedented sum of over £50,000 was presented as the contributions of the brethren to that one Masonic Institution, making the total sum raised last year for the London Charities £82,913. In addition to these permanent Charities, many thousands of pounds are voted each year by the Grand Lodge of England and the Provincial Grand Lodges to meet temporary cases of distress, while in most towns there is generally a Masonic almoner to relieve the needs of worthy brethren who are in want. But Freemasonry does not confine its Charity to its own Order. It contributed, for instance, £1000 to the Patriotic Fund in 1855, £1000 to the Indian Famine Fund in 1858, £1000 to the Lancashire Famine Fund in 1860, during a time of deep distress which many of us will remember; £4000 as a thank-offering for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India in 1877, and this was spent in building two lifeboats, to be placed at dangerous spots on our coast. How generous have been the contributions of Freemasons to many of our cathedrals and churches. I may mention, as examples, the cathedrals of St. Albans, Chester, and Peterborough, and the parish churches of Stratford-on-Avon and Bispham, near Blackpool. Then, how ready and willing are Freemasons to come forward and help any good cause by laying the foundation stones of cathedrals, churches, schools, and public buildings. Let us now notice, in the third place, how Freemasonry carries out the teaching of my text with regard to our duty towards God. My text tells us "To walk humbly with thy God." And what is the meaning of this? It is, in short, to walk in life as if the eye of God were ever upon us. And surely Freemasonry teaches us this, for it presses home upon our consciences this truth—"That wherever we are, or whatever we do, God is ever with us, and His All-seeing eye beholds us," and it urges us "that while we continue to act in conformity with the principles of the Craft we must not fail to discharge our duty to God with fervency and zeal." But do we always feel that God's eye is ever upon us? I remember reading some years ago of a man who was condemned to death for some strange crime, and in order to watch him while in prison a warder was always stationed at the little window in the cell door, so that never, even for a moment, could the criminal escape the gaze of the jailor's eye. And the condemned man described the mental torture arising from this as almost more than he could bear. Yet so it is with God and us. His eye is always beholding the good and the evil; and the darkness is no darkness to Him, for the night is as clear as the day in His sight. If we only realised this it would keep us free from all habits of sin. It would keep us comparatively secure against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, notwithstanding that we might be led at times into some sins of infirmity, or even be suddenly surprised into committing some sinful act, for man is not perfect here on earth. In conclusion, may we all seek God's help to carry out in our daily life the teaching of my text in reference to our duty towards our neighbour and our God, "To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." It is the uniform daily walk with God, serving Him in little things as well as in great, in the ordinary and everyday pursuits as well as in grave and important concerns, that forms in the truest sense the religious character. As the value of the cornfield is made up of separate little grains, as the mightiest avalanche that ever came thundering down from its alpine height, uprooting villages and forests in its course, is made up of tiny snowflakes, so it is with the religious character of

a man. It is the result of daily, nay, hourly, kindly actions, words, and thoughts, of struggles against temptation, of sacrifices for the good of others. These, like the blending colours in a picture, constitute the man. Then, having this religious character formed in us, we can look forward without dismay to the closing hour of our existence. When this may come we know not, for God has mercifully concealed it from our view. Yet, how often is it true—"There is but a step between me and death," as David said of himself; and how exemplified was this in the much lamented death of Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, our late Prov. S.G.W. "How often do we stand on the very brink of the grave which shall at last receive us into its cold bosom." Let us learn, as Freemasonry tells us, "to perform our allotted task while it is yet day," echoing the words of our Lord and Saviour, who said "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work" (St. John, ix., 4). And may God grant that while we act according to the law of our Divine Creator we may be able to look forward with a holy confidence, that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet, as we lift our eyes with faith to that bright morning star, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race; "and that when we shall be summoned from this sub-lunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever." So mote it be.

The offertory was for the local Charities. The return of the procession to the Council Chamber took place during a shower of rain.

THE LATE BRO. SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART., P.G.M. BERKS AND BUCKS.

The funeral of the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., of Clewer Park, Windsor, Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, took place on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 12 a.m., the interment being made in Clewer Churchyard.

Our late brother was one of the most remarkable and energetic characters of the present century. He was elected Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company in 1866, and held the post until his death, and it will be remembered that to him is chiefly owing the wonderful development of that large undertaking, for he was mainly instrumental in raising the finances of the company from the very low ebb to which they had become reduced to the magnificent position in which they now stand.

Our older readers will remember that the successful completion of the Atlantic Cable was largely owing to his enterprise.

Owing to the family desiring the funeral to be of a private nature it was decided that the Prov. Grand Lodge should not officially take part in it, but that the Masonic tribute of respect should be paid by the Windsor Castle Lodge, of which he was a subscribing member, summoning a lodge of emergency, and attending the interment, accompanied by any Masons of the province who might wish to attend.

Accordingly the W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, Bro. W. G. Nottage, summoned a meeting and invited all the W.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren of the province to attend. The lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Windsor, and opened in the Third Degree, when it was called off, and the brethren proceeded to the church. At the close of the burial service the customary sprigs of acacia were cast into the grave.

After the funeral, the lodge was called on, when a vote of condolence from the lodge was moved by the W.M., seconded by the senior Past Master, and supported in an eloquent speech by Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; it was carried unanimously, and ordered to be sent to Lady Gooch.

Representatives of most of the lodges in the province and several distinguished Freemasons were present, but, owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding, a paragraph appeared in the daily papers on the day previous to the funeral, stating that the Freemasons would not attend, and consequently a large number of Masons who had arranged to attend abandoned doing so.

It is probable that a Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Berks and Bucks, as successor to the late Sir Daniel Gooch, which rests with the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order, will be deferred to allow time for considering a suggestion which has been made that the two counties shall become separate provinces. It is generally hoped, if the proposal is carried out, that Prince Albert Victor may be appointed Grand Master for the Royal county of Berks.

Marriages.

HEWER—GARDNER.—On the 24th inst., at Chiswick Old Church, Arthur E. Hewer, son of Alfred Hewer, Esq., of Cromwell Gardens, South Kensington, to Ada Mary, only child of Bro. George Gardner, of Goldhawk House, Chiswick.

BOULTON—RAMSEY.—At Stratford Congregational Church, by the Rev. James Knaggs and the Rev. Joseph Boyle, Bro. James Boulton, W.M. of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, to Eliza, widow of the late James John Ramsey, of Stoke Newington.



At the Avenue has been produced a new opera comique, entitled "La Prima Donna," by a composer not unknown to English fame—Signor Tito Mattei. The libretto is by the late Mr. F. B. Farnie and Mr. Alfred Murray. The hand of the former is strongly marked throughout. The story may briefly be stated. It is that of an impecunious Grand Duke, who is about to receive a prince and his sister with a matrimonial intention, and on the very day the Royal guests arrive, his courtiers all quit the palace, as they cannot get anything from the treasury. The Grand Duke had in his travels invited a theatrical company to visit him, and they happen to arrive when the Grand Duke is in such a plight. He explains he cannot now give them payment, and the terrible predicament he is in. They offer to become the Court, and so help to receive the Prince. It will readily be seen this is capable of producing a good plot, but not so much fun is got out of it as might be. Signor Mattei shows himself likely to be a valuable addition to the ranks of comic opera composers, especially in the art of orchestration and part-song writing. We thought the singers even better than the music, for on the first night every one in the audience must have been agreeably struck with the lack of nervousness and the accuracy and precision with which each artiste sung. It might have been running for three months, so perfect was everyone, and so smoothly did the opera go. "La Prima Donna" introduces at least three new comers to the lyric stage, all ladies, Misses Sara Palmer, Amelia Gruhn, and Poltzer, of whom the first is in character and reality the prima donna, and the latter is hampered by a strong foreign accent. "A troupe of comedians are we," a duet by Delia and Florival, and the closing chorus, "Let's be gay," and Delia's "Bravo Bravissimo" are the best constructed melodies of the first act. Mr. Margravine's "Flirtation" song, and the quartette, "How charmed I am to meet you," well harmonised. Florival's romantic song, "Love, farewell," and the kissing duet are some of the gems of the score, which is published by G. Hutchings and Co., of the male singers. Bro. Alec Marsh is now well known as a prime Avenue favourite. He does justice to all his songs. Mr. Joseph Tapley, who shows much histrionic talent as well, got much applause, both in solos and part songs, by the excellent use of his fine tenor voice. Mr. Albert Chevalier has succeeded Bro. Arthur Roberts as the comedian at that theatre, and pleased everybody. He has what is known in stage parlance "a fat part." The allusions to the County Council, many of which were very humorous, were a little spoilt by being too numerous. Mr. Chevalier's song behind the scenes bids fair to become a popular ditty. The stage mounting for "La Prima Donna" having being put in the hands of Bro. Harris, nothing is left to be desired. As the singing of both solos, part songs, and choruses is so good, we should say that the career of the newest comic opera is likely to prove a prosperous one.

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Preparations are well advanced for Boxing Night at Her Majesty's, where is to be produced Bro. Charles Harris's pantomime, "Cinderella," written by Richard Henry. The lyrics, by Mr. Clement Scott, music by Mr. Alfred Cellier, Ivan Caryll, and some songs by Mr. Richard Martin (Killaloe). Mr. Edward Solomon is engaged as musical director. The services of Messrs. Telbin, Ryan, Hann, Emden, Perkins, and Craven have been called as scene painters. The costumes will be by Mdme. Auguste and M. Alias. The children are being trained for the ballet by M. D'Auban. Miss Minnie Palmer has been secured as chief artiste at a fabulous salary, and there can be no doubt she will prove a big draw, for not only is she very clever, but she is popular in London, and has not been seen here for two years. The rest of the large caste includes Misses Violet Cameron, Laura Linden, Irene Verona, Ella Chapman, Annie Vokes, Lila Clay, and Nellie Lennox, Messrs. H. Parker, F. Vokes, John Le Hay, Phil Barry, and Charles Coborn. In the hands of the present experienced directors, and the stage management of Bro. Charles Harris, "Cinderella" bids fair to be one of the most successful pantomimes ever played.

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At the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, this week, the patrons have been treated to a series of grand opera, performed by Mr. Valentine Smith's Company. Mr. Valentine Smith is well-known as a robust tenor, having a powerful voice of rich tone and extraordinary compass, and is well supported by Messrs. Parkinson and Renano, a very good company, and a strong chorus. Since Bro. J. Pitt Hardacre undertook the management of this theatre, the tone of the entertainments has undergone a wonderful change. In the place of second rate companies and never-ending melodramas, a constant recurring course of drama, burlesque and opera is provided, and the best travelling dramatic companies, including those from the Drury Lane, Adelphi, and Princess' Theatres are almost weekly visitors. The theatre has been artistically decorated and thoroughly cleaned. In fact, all that is possible has been done to please the eye, charm the ear, and gratify and educate the taste of all, be they gallery and pit, or circle and stalls, and we wish Bro. Hardacre every success.



The next monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 2nd prox.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Bro. Lord and Lady Burton are on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, at Floors Castle, Kelso.

The yield of the Queensland gold fields during the past nine months has amounted to 558,000 ounces, or 76,000 ounces more than the yield for the whole of last year.

Bro. Samuel Pope, O.C., was among those who attended the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance held in Manchester, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., M.P.

The Prime Minister, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are among the Ministers who have accepted invitations to be present at the Lord Mayor's dinner at the Guildhall, on Saturday, the 9th prox.

The "Father" of the House of Commons, Mr. C. R. M. Talbot, M.P., who was first returned as Member in 1830, has forwarded a cheque for £1000 to the Secretary to the Home of Rest for Invalids and the Distressed Poor at Porthcawl.

Bro. Sir Edward Baines, who is in his 90th year, has latterly been ailing owing to chill, and at one time the case appeared to be very serious, but the latest reports are favourable, the improvement which took place on Saturday last having been well maintained.

It is announced that the first of the series of Cabinet Councils which are usually held at this season of the year to arrange the programme of measures to be submitted to Parliament during the next Session will take place at the Foreign Office, on Thursday, the 7th prox.

Major-General Sir F. Grenfell, K.C.B., Sirdar of the Egyptian army, has left England in order to be present at Alexandria when the Prince of Wales arrives there on Saturday, the 2nd prox. Sir Francis will sail from Brindisi in the P. and O. steamer Britannia on the 27th inst.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will honour Lord and Lady Wimborne with a visit at Canford Manor on the second week in January, it being the first occasion on which their Royal Highnesses have been to Canford, though they have more than once stayed at Cichel House, the neighbouring seat of Lord and Lady Alington.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, in response to an appeal which has been made to him to open a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the widows and orphans of the miners who perished in the Longton colliery accident, last week, has expressed his willingness to forward to Longton any sums that may be remitted to him for the purpose.

Monday was the 84th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, fought on the 21st October, 1805, and in accordance with annual custom, the Victory, which some time since was put through a complete course of repairs, was decorated with laurel, the cabin, the cockpit, and the place where Nelson fell being especially distinguished this way. There are still, we believe, one or two officers on the Navy List who are survivors of this great and glorious victory.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* reports that Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Yeomen of the Guard" will be given at the Residenz Theatre at Dresden just before Christmas, and during the Christmas holidays in Berlin. Certain alterations, however, have been made in the text in order to give the story a German character, and Bro. Sir A. Sullivan has made some alterations in the score, and also some additions in order to suit the new character of the piece.

A gathering of more than ordinary interest took place a few evenings ago in connection with the Blackley Cricket Club. Bro. John Waring, P.M., the highly-esteemed and respected Secretary of the club, left the neighbourhood to reside at Bolton, and in consequence had to relinquish the position which for so many years he had so admirably filled. After a sumptuous tea, Bro. J. Waring was presented with a very handsome marble timepiece, mounted with bronze figures, and also two beautiful side ornaments in bronze.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Masters, Wardens, and Courts of Assistants of the Shipwrights' and Fanmakers' Companies at a banquet in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on the 18th inst. The guests, including ladies, numbered about 250, and among them were Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and Lady Reed, Bro. Sir Alfred and Lady Kirby, Bro. Admiral Sir George and Lady Willis, Bro. Sir E. A. Inglefield, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Knill. In proposing the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," his lordship announced, amid general cheering, that the sum he had succeeded in raising for the Metropolitan Volunteers would suffice to provide them with the necessary equipment for active service, and enable them, in case of necessity, to take the field at a moment's notice.

CORNISH'S AMERICAN ORGANS.—In connection with an advertisement that appears in our columns under the above heading, it will be only necessary for us to inform our readers that Bro. Johnston Cornish is a prominent Mason, and a member of the De Molay Commandery of Knights Templar, to assure them that the advertisement is thoroughly bona-fide. Any personal application to Bro. Johnston Cornish by a brother Mason will receive immediate attention. Messrs. Cornish are noted for their chapel and lodge organs, and special terms can always be arranged.

Among the latest houses supplied with Austin's Sanitary Cylinders are those of Peers, Judges, Doctors, &c. They are used in Hospitals, Clubs, Hotels. Names will be given on application and Testimonials sent. They are odourless, non-poisonous, and cheap (a Cylinder lasts a year). Used for all household disinfecting purposes, waterclosets (being automatic in action no attention required), for ozonizing baths, &c. Prices: 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 9s., and 18s. A. S. Cylinder Company, 181, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Can be obtained of all Chemists.

Bro. Colonel, Mrs., and Miss North are staying at the Hôtel Métropole until their new home at Eltham is ready.

Bro. Lord Londesborough, who is establishing a herd of Galloway cattle on his farm in Yorkshire, has purchased a number of animals from Sir R. Jardine, M.P.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey has been elected to succeed Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., as W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827. The installation ceremony will take place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, November 6th.

At the harvest services at St. Clement Danes, on Sunday last, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., a former rector, preached in the morning, and the Rev. Thomas Moore, M.A., rector of Allhallows-the-Great and Less, in the evening.

His Majesty the King of Portugal died, after a long illness, on Saturday last, and is succeeded on the throne by his eldest son, Dom Carlos, who at once issued his proclamation announcing to his people his accession to the throne. The late king was born in 1838, and was, therefore, 51 years of age.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 31st instant. Bro. Joseph Greenway, W.M.; Bro. J. Hemming, S.W.; Bro. Dr. J. Powdrell, J.W.; and Bro. George Reynolds, W.M. of the mother lodge, Secretary.

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by the Lord Mayor to the Volunteers of all arms in the metropolis, especially in the matter of equipment, it has been decided by the commanding officers to make a presentation to his lordship at an early date. The form that the presentation will take has not yet been decided.

A meeting of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Goole, when Bro. Dayson, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, and there was also a large attendance of members and visitors. Bros. Whitaker and Boulton were raised, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Bray, P.M.

The members of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., intend rehearsing full musical ceremonies on the fourth Saturday in each month, at eight p.m. The first will take place to-morrow (Saturday), when the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed with complete musical service, rendered by an efficient choir with organ accompaniment.

A meeting of the subscribers of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, Pinner, was held on Wednesday evening at the Saracen's Head, Snow Hill, E.C. Mr. Alfred Machin presided, and stated that there were now in the schools 368 orphan children of commercial travellers, showing an increase of 41 inmates within the last three years. The recent rapid growth of the schools had imposed serious responsibilities on the board of management.

On Wednesday, the annual exhibition of the Turners' Company was opened at the Mansion House. It consists of articles worked by turners in wood, glass, and metal. There are very few metal exhibits, but there is a considerable collection of fine specimens of turnery in wood. Some of the ornamental vases and other ornaments in wood are beautiful pieces of workmanship. There are also some fair specimens of turned glass.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson had last week a narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident. On his way to speak at the temperance meeting at the Mansion House, he fell under the wheels of a passing cab. Fortunately, he escaped with nothing worse than a shaking. Strangely enough, that very morning the doctor had thought of writing to the Lord Mayor suggesting that a platform should be erected in front of the Mansion House, so that foot passengers might cross with safety.

As was anticipated would be the case, the Corporation, with practical unanimity, have cordially given their support to the movement for making a presentation to the Lady Mayoress, in recognition of the graceful way in which she has presided at the Mansion House during her husband's year of office. The presentation is to take the form of a very handsome and unique bracelet. The ceremony of asking her ladyship's acceptance of the gift will in all probability take place in the course of the next fortnight.

A large and thoroughly representative meeting was held on Friday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the annual Masonic ball and festival in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. J. Houlding presided at the commencement of the proceedings, his place being afterwards taken by Bro. James De Bels Adam, who was unanimously and enthusiastically elected Chairman of the Ball Committee. Bro. W. H. Leake was chosen Vice-Chairman; Bro. T. A. Withey, Treasurer; Bro. G. H. Harriden, Secretary; and Bro. H. M. Molyneux, Master of Ceremonies. It was resolved, subject to the new Mayor's convenience, that the ball should be held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1890.

A new crown has just been completed by the order of the German Emperor. The work has been carried out by Humbert, the Berlin jeweller, from a design by Doepler. The crown is set with diamonds and pearls of great worth from the family jewels of the Hohenzollern; it is three pounds in weight, the diamonds alone weighing 750 carats. The design is carried out in solid gold. On the broad gold band are eight diamonds the size of walnuts, of rare brilliancy, and set round with pearls. The eight symbolic leaves are composed of huge diamonds, and are linked together by a chain of 28 smaller stones. The Imperial Globe is represented by a huge sapphire, crowned by a cross of 18 diamonds. The whole effect is heightened by the purple velvet with which the crown is lined, and which sets off the colours of the stones to perfection.

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, to the great injury of our own working people, 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.—ADVT.

The Royal Commission on Vaccination met again on Wednesday, at 8, Richmond-terrace, Whitehall, and further examined Dr. Barry, author of the Sheffield small-pox report.

The National Thrift Society held the fifth of a series of open-air meetings on Wednesday at Loughborough Junction, when the speakers were Mr. Bowden Green, Mr. William Mist, and Mr. Robert Payne.

The oldest clergyman in the Church of England is Archdeacon Jones, late of Liverpool. He has attained the patriarchal age of 98, and was ordained in the year when Waterloo was fought.

A grand Masonic ball was given by the officers and members of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, on Thursday, the 24th inst., at the Town Hall, Stratford. The proceeds are to be devoted in aid of the funds of the West Ham Hospital.

In France the telephone rate in future is to be a fixed charge of 50 centimes for five minutes' conversation for every 100 kilomètres. This will cause an increase in the charge between Paris and Rouen, Havre, Lyons, Marseilles, and other towns. The rate between Paris and Brussels remains unaltered.

The Printers' readers have now been considered by a warm-hearted friend of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Corporation—viz., the Rev. F. A. Jacox. This gentleman has (the *City Press* says) remitted to the Corporation the sum of £2066, which will be sufficient to provide for the establishment of three pensions for aged indigent readers.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Ferdinand Dunkley, the only son of Bro. W. S. Dunkley, P.M. 1777, P.P.G.O. Middx., has succeeded in obtaining the prize offered for competition at her Majesty's Theatre for an orchestral suite. There was a large number of competitors, among them being several rising musicians of great talent, and the honour which results to Mr. F. Dunkley is for this reason the more worthy of being appreciated.

The Paris Académie de Médecine has been investigating the effects of absinthe upon the health of habitual consumers, and has come to the conclusion that the terrible results so often observed are due, in reality, to the small proportion of absolute absinthe contained in the "liqueur verte." In fact, if a bottle of absinthe was all absinthe it would be rather less harmful than milk and water. 'Twas ever thus—not the punch, but the turtle; not the sherry, but the salmon and cucumber.

The Cope Lodge, No. 1357, Brooklands, held the Festival of St. John, on the 18th inst., at the Brooklands Hotel, Sale, when Bro. C. Neale was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were also invested: Bros. W. Campbell, I.P.M.; O. Reuss, S.W.; J. S. Law, J.W.; I. D. Simcock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; A. Griffiths, P.P.G.O., Sec.; H. Miller, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; R. A. Anderson, S.D.; T. Travis, J.D.; E. J. Bradbury, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. S. Coppock, I.G.; Dr. G. Wright and W. T. Rylance, Stewards; and W. Grove, Tyler.

The Festival of St. John, in connection with the De Taton Lodge, No. 2144, was held at Bowden, on the 14th instant, when Bro. George Bowen was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Simcock, P.P.G.S.B., and the following officers invested: Bros. Eli Morgan, I.P.M.; Alfred Ingram, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Frederick Johnson, J.W.; Edwin G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Josiah Drinkwater, P.M., Treas.; Alfred J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; J. Massey Simpson, Charity Representative; John T. Goulden, S.D.; Wm. Morris, J.D.; Ernest L. Kenyon, I.G.; William Forster, Org.; J. Crawshaw, W. Moody, W. A. Doherty, and A. R. Jury, Stwds.; and James Harrison, Tyler.

"Playgoers will find much to interest them in 'Hood's Annual,' for 1890—notably an amusing skit on Ibsen's play, called 'Bogies,' written in Ibsen's Mind, and cleverly illustrated by the author, Mr. J. W. Houghton. Another author-artist is Mr. J. B. Partridge (Bernard Gould), who has a diverting parody of the 'palace-lifting-to-eternal-summer' speech in 'The Lady of Lyons,' descriptive of the horrors of squeezing into the pit. Miss Clo Graves illustrates in verse an incident in the life of Rachael; Mr. J. J. Hewson sings of 'The Villain of the Play,' and among other theatrical contributions is an entertaining story by 'Richard Henry,' called 'The Marriage Tie,' in which fun is made of the theory that married players ought always to act together."—*Globe*.

The first sitting of the National Temperance Congress took place in Birmingham, on Tuesday. The president, Bro. Dr. Richardson, occupied the chair, and delivered his presidential address upon the scientific aspect of temperance. He accepted this as a fitting opportunity for offering congratulations to medical abstainers from alcohol. It was not his wish to boast of triumph, because triumph was not complete, and if it were it had better rest on its own merits. He was himself the president of a society consisting of 400 medical men actively engaged in practice, and of 100 students earnestly engaged in their student work, every one of whom were total abstainers from alcohol in deed as well as in word. Bro. Dr. Richardson claimed the right of the physician to prescribe alcohol like any other remedy, but as alcohol, and always as a weapon of precision. These were the views which far and wide were now permeating the world of medicine on the subject. The most hopeful sign was that the young in medicine were interested above all others in the question. A series of interesting papers were read on subjects connected with the great temperance question, and in the afternoon there was a conference of ladies, under the presidency of the Mayoress. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, and addresses were delivered by Bro. Dr. Richardson and others.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT are remedies which should invariably be taken by travellers in search of health, pleasure, or business. Many deleterious influences are constantly at work in foreign climes, tending to deteriorate the health; these and the altered conditions of life will entail on those who travel the necessity of carefully attending to early symptoms of disease, and they will find the use of these remedies to be highly necessary, the action of the Pills being purifying and strengthening, and of great service in cases of fever, ague, and all inflammatory diseases, whilst the Ointment is a sovereign cure in cases of piles, bad legs, bad breasts, wounds, and ulcers. Holloway's remedies do not deteriorate by change of climate.