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A CLERICAL DEFENCE OF FREEMASONRY.

The oration which Bro. the Rev. W. QUENNEL, Prov. G. Chaplain of Hertfordshire, delivered recently at the consecration of the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, and which was reported at length in our columns last week, has come most opportunely at this moment, when we are engaged in criticising the "objections to Freemasonry" which the Rev. Canon KNOWLES has thought it consistent with his duty as Principal of the Theological College at St. Bees to lay before the young men who are there studying for Holy Orders. Bro. QUENNEL, as a Mason, has the advantage of Canon KNOWLES, who is not. The former speaks with a full knowledge of his subject; the latter in profound ignorance of, at all events, what we have elsewhere described as the inner life of Freemasonry. Bro. QUENNEL speaks no doubt with partiality of the tenets of Freemasonry, while Canon KNOWLES, if he is not personally prejudiced against us, seems to be going the right way to work to create a prejudice in the minds of others. At all events, to use a familiar expression, Bro. QUENNEL is able to quote chapter and verse for the opinions he has uttered in our favour, while the Canon's statements rest only on such feeble and untrustworthy support as is to be obtained from hearsay evidence. However, as we are necessarily giving a certain amount of publicity to the Canon's objections in the criticisms we are passing upon them, we shall probably be doing the Craft, and even Canon KNOWLES himself, a service, if we give additional prominence to the remarks in our favour of the Rev. Bro. QUENNEL, who is a brother Mason of ours and a brother clergyman of the Canon's.

Bro. QUENNEL expresses his belief that "in its nature" Freemasonry "enters into the deepest, and highest, and eternal elements of our life; and in its purposes, and we may add in its fulfilled purposes, it ennobles and enhances it." These "deepest and best parts of our life," he says, "are concerned with (1) religion, which binds us to the Supreme; (2) duty, the recognition of authority and the bond of mutual consideration in our relation with one another; and (3) the law of self-control, which regulates our inner personal life." He defines "the perfect man" as "one who lives soberly, righteously, and godly," and he argues that it is "this perfection in man" which "our Institution tends to form and strengthen," the substance of his argument being as follows: (1) As regards religion, "in all our meetings, in all our ritual, the name of God is invoked; the work of His almighty hand is recalled by the very name by which we address Him. . . . The book of His revelation lies open among us in the most honoured place. . . . If then our Craft speaks to the heart and conscience of each of its members on that holy subject, his personal religion, it says to him, 'In all thy ways acknowledge God, and He shall direct thy paths.'" (2) As regards duty, he points out that within the lodge "we find all meeting on a common ground of brotherhood, each with an equal share of privilege and of responsibility; each bound to recognise and protect those equal rights of all; but at the same time the most profound reverence, the most perfect obedience to the Worshipful Master, the most respectful acknowledgment of his authority and that of the officers under his control and direction by and with whom he rules and guides his lodge. . . . And if its first motto be 'Fear God,' the others, 'Love the Brotherhood, honour the King,' follow hard upon it." (3) As regards self-control, he points out that "a man cannot duly recognise his brother's claim unless he has also acquired the habit of self-control, and the opposite of selfishness is Charity. Charity, both as a habit of mind and as an active practice of life, is ever to the front in our undertakings. I may affirm that no meeting of a lodge ever takes place but that sacred word is uttered and something done or proposed under its name." He then sums up the argument in favour of Freemasonry thus: "This then is the nature and this the purpose of our Institution, the perfection of man. He who is a good Mason, true to the principles it inculcates, careful of the daily duties it enjoins, hopeful of the eternal privileges to which it points, is also a good

man, ruling himself, loving his neighbour, honouring his God, and looking forward to the higher and eternal service of the life to come."

Thus speaks the Rev. Bro. QUENNEL, a member of lodges in Hertfordshire and Essex, and a Grand Chaplain of both Provinces, who knows us, the principles we profess, and the manner in which we endeavour, each to the best of our ability, to observe those principles. The Rev. Canon KNOWLES'S objections, so far as we have criticised them, are also on record, so that our readers have a better opportunity than is usually afforded them of studying the arguments in favour of and against our ancient and honourable Society.

THE CRAFT IN QUEENSLAND.

The movement for the establishment of a separate and independent Grand Lodge in Queensland does not seem to progress quite so satisfactorily as its promoters could wish. The Irish and Scotch lodges appear to be in favour of the proposed change, but the English, which constitute nearly one-half of the Masonic community, are well content to remain as they are, and have no desire to form part of any other Grand Lodge than that to which they already belong. They see no reason why they should effect a severance from their parent Grand Lodge. In their present position they have all the advantages, with none of the responsibilities, of independence. Beyond the remittance annually of a small sum in fees for registration and warrants, in return for which they are entitled to participate in all those advantages which belong to Masons under the Grand Lodge of England, there is nothing required of them towards the expenses of the parent body. They are allowed to manage their own affairs, subject, of course, to the Book of Constitutions; they dispense their own funds as they please; they recommend for election the brother whom they desire to preside over them; and, in short, they are, as we have said, virtually independent; and, to judge from the information which reaches us, it is in this comfortable position they desire to remain. No doubt, sooner or later, when the Colony is more thickly populated, and the Masonic community is, in their opinion, better able to stand firm on its own legs, they will prefer to have a Grand Lodge of their own, but they are well off now, and they believe the time for any such change has not yet come.

In the three Australasian Colonies, which have already become Masonically independent of the Old Country, the movement in favour of such a change was gradual. South Australia led the way, and so easily was the transition from dependence to independence managed in that Colony, that we at home heard of the design and execution at about one and the same time. In the case of Victoria and New South Wales the circumstances were different. In both these Colonies disaffected members of the old Masonic communities had combined together and set up Grand Lodges of their own, and when our Pro Grand Master, the Earl of CARNARVON, visited Sydney, he found a kind of internecine war on a small scale raging among the brethren, the establishment of a New South Wales Grand Lodge having made what was confusion already still worse confounded. On this, his lordship suggested an amalgamation of the various Masonic communities, and the result of that suggestion now appears in the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. So with the Colony of Victoria, which also had its separate Grand Lodge, and with the same result. But while in South Australia the movement was practically unanimous, and in Victoria and New South Wales was justified by the disorganised condition of the Masonic community, there is in Queensland a marked division of opinion as to the desirability or otherwise of making any change, while up to the present time we have never heard of anything in the nature of strife. But supposing the Irish and Scotch lodges press their point for a Grand Lodge of Queensland, while the English lodges remain of their present opinion, in that case we may anticipate that instead of the three Constitutions working, as they have done heretofore, amicably together, we shall have a

reproduction of the rivalry and strife which formerly prevailed in New South Wales. But is this desirable in Queensland any more than it was in its sister Colony? Have we not the right to expect that the less numerous Irish and Scotch sections—though taken together it is possible they may muster more members than the English lodges—shall respect the wishes of the English branch of the Fraternity to the extent, at all events, of not pressing the movement in favour of a united local Grand Lodge, until the English brethren, who are content that things should remain as they are, are inclined to regard it with favour? It does not seem to us to be just that the most numerous body should have forced upon it the alternative of accepting a change they do not desire, or becoming the rivals and even enemies of those with whom they have always lived on the friendliest terms.

A CLERICAL ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

In our former article on this subject we cited the third and fourth of Canon KNOWLES'S objections of Freemasonry, the former of these being to the effect that "in theory, and partly in practice (in spite of the respectability of its English members), it is one with foreign societies which are honeycombed with infidelity and socialism." To this we reply variously as follows. In the first place, as we have shown already, the principles of Freemasonry, as they are set forth in the authorised version of its Constitutions, are directly and explicitly opposed to infidelity and socialism. It is impossible that anything can be more clearly stated than the condition laid down in the Old Charge concerning God and Religion that, though a man may profess what religion he chooses, it is indispensable that, in order to be accepted as a Mason, he should "believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth;" nor can there be the slightest doubt as to the meaning of the passages in the second Old Charge that a Mason "is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation." In this argument we are assuming that "infidelity" in this objection of Canon KNOWLES means "Atheism," and that his "socialism" is one and the same with the creed of those revolutionary people who impartially set themselves in opposition to every known form of settled government. At all events, whatever *his* meaning may be, ours is clear enough, and it is evident from the passages we have quoted that, if the principles of Freemasonry are rightly understood and practised, the admission into its ranks of "infidels"—that is, "atheists"—and "socialists"—that is to say, professed and professing "revolutionaries"—is an utter impossibility. In the second place, it is as unjust to condemn Freemasonry, because there are "foreign societies"—by these we presume the Rev. Canon means "foreign Masonic Societies"—"which are honeycombed with infidelity and socialism," as it would be to condemn Christianity itself, because there are hundreds and thousands of professing Christians who openly and deliberately violate its principles almost every day of their lives. In his memorable speech at the installation of the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, the Earl of CARNARVON regretfully expressed his belief that Freemasonry as practised in some foreign countries was not one and the same with Freemasonry as defined and practised in this country. Again, in 1877, when the Grand Orient of France resolved on eliminating from its Book of Constitutions the canon requiring all candidates prior to their initiation to declare their belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and the doctrine of a future state, the United Grand Lodge of England at once determined its intercourse with the said Grand Orient, and resolved that no French Mason who refused to declare his belief in this essential principle of Freemasonry should be admitted into its lodges. The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, our offshoot Grand Lodges in British North America and the United States, and the Grand Lodges in Germany, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, and other European countries, have followed the example of England in this matter, and, therefore, with all due deference to our reverend assailant, it is untrue that Freemasonry as understood and practised in English-speaking and many other countries is "one with foreign societies which are honeycombed with infidelity and socialism." Lastly, by way of disposing finally of this objection, CANON KNOWLES must be logician enough to know that it is contrary to "the theory and practice" of logic to argue from particulars to generals. Were the principles of Freemasonry, as a whole, infidel and socialist, it would be just to argue that its several branches were of the same character. But the proposition is absolutely untenable, that because some of its branches in foreign countries are "honeycombed with infidelity and socialism," therefore the whole institution itself is imbued with these doctrines. We have shown that our principles are neither infidel nor socialist, and, in evidence of this fact, we have cited the course pursued by our Grand Lodge towards the Grand Orient of France when the latter eliminated belief in a Supreme

Being from its essential articles of faith. For these reasons, we hold that the third of CANON KNOWLES'S objections has no force or efficacy.

As regards his fourth objection, that "the prayers of its formularies are un-Christian," *i.e.*, not offered in the name of "JESUS our Lord," it is manifest that the Rev. Canon does not know or understand anything of the constitution of our Society, or the purposes for which it was established on its present basis. Had he known that Freemasonry, as constituted in 1717, was intended to be composed of men of every kind of religious and political faith, he would never have committed the grave mistake of condemning "the prayers of its formularies" on the ground of their being unchristian. He would have recognised at once that Christian prayers would be necessarily unacceptable to Jew, Mahomedan, and Parsee members, just as the prayers of the latter would be unacceptable to Christian members. The founders of our modern Masonic system lived in an age when political and religious animosities were especially rife, and it was their belief—a belief which has since been amply justified—that Freemasonry was capable of being constituted on such a basis as to allow of men of every religious and political faith enrolling themselves under its banner. It became necessary, therefore, that the prayers introduced into its formularies should be neither Christian nor Jew, Mahomedan nor Parsee, and yet at the same time that they should be expressed in such language as would command the respect and reverence of all without injuring the susceptibilities of any. However, our prayers are offered reverently to the Supreme Being in whom men of all religions believe, and we humbly venture to think that such prayers, if they are preferred in a right spirit, are not preferred in vain. It is for this reason, also, that we emphatically object to the Canon's Use of the words "un-Christian," in describing these prayers. They are prayers in which everyone may join without showing the slightest want of respect or reverence for the particular creed or belief he professes. They are, therefore, both in the letter and in the spirit as little un-Christian in the sense of being contrary to the doctrines of Christianity, as they are un-Jewish, un-Mahomedan, un-Brahmin, &c., but undoubtedly they are non-Christian, as they are non-Jewish, &c., in the sense that they do not contain any of those special forms of invocation which are employed by men of those particular religious faiths. But possibly, Canon KNOWLES may have a mind to condemn all prayers addressed to the Supreme Being which are not Christian. In that case, further argument is useless.

His fifth objection is to the effect that Freemasonry "is under this dilemma: if a secret is either (1) worthless to mankind, *then it is a humbug*; or (2) valuable, *then it is most selfish*." To this our reply is necessarily brief. Nothing is easier than to condemn a secret which may not be divulged, while those who attack the secret-holder are sure of commanding a large amount of sympathy among the general body. As, however, it is only by divulging our secrets that we shall enable Canon KNOWLES to determine whether they are (1) worthless or (2) valuable, we must content ourselves with repeating our former statement—that our secrets concern only ourselves in our relations to each other, whether within or without the sacred precincts of the lodge. The principles which govern us in our relations to the community at large are known of all men, or easily ascertainable, and so, likewise, is the manner in which we observe those principles. Moreover, whether the secrets of Freemasonry are valuable or otherwise, the Society itself enjoys a legal existence by virtue of its special exemption from the operation of those Acts of Parliament which have at different times been passed for the suppression of secret societies. Thus, our status as a secret body has been clearly recognised and allowed by the Estates of the Realm, which we may reasonably assume were at the pains of satisfying themselves, both from our published declaration of principles and the testimony of responsible Statesmen who were members of the Craft, and though we most willingly concede to Canon KNOWLES his right of private judgment as to the righteousness or unrighteousness of our Order, we consider he has exceeded his duty as Principal of a Theological College in exciting a prejudice against Freemasonry in the minds of his pupils. We object to his conduct in this respect on two grounds. In the first place, to his private and personal opinion about our Society, which is unfavourable, we are able to oppose the opinions of a host of Anglican and other clergy which are favourable; and in the second place, the State itself has sanctioned what he condemns.

As regards the secret or secrets and the propositions contained in the Canon's dilemma, we can only deny the latter in general terms. It does not follow that the keeper of a secret which may be worthless to others is "a humbug," that is, a mere counterfeit or impostor. There is nothing counterfeit about Freemasonry, whose aims and objects are as well known as its principles. Nor is he selfish who keeps to himself knowledge

that might be valuable to others, if it is his deliberate judgment that its value to others is increased by its being so kept. It is the firm belief of every true Freemason, not only that he is more useful to the general community of which he is a member by adopting the system peculiar to his art in preference to other systems, but also that his system would be less efficacious and its usefulness curtailed if its peculiarities were made generally known. This is not selfishness, nor is it humbug.

The remaining objections of the Rev. Canon must be dealt with in a third and concluding article.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on the 6th inst., at Seaton. The weather was very genial. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and the members of the De la Pole Lodge, No. 1181, made every requisite provision for the accommodation of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The first business was that of the Committee of Petitions, which assembled at the Masonic Hall at noon. Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112, D.P.G.M., and P.G.D. of England, the Chairman of the Committee, presided.

Among the representatives of the lodges the following were present: Bros. J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G. Sec., and Secretary of the Committee; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Jew, 2258, P.P.G.T.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.J.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.T.; J. G. Kevern, 1550; John Lane, 1402, P.P.G. Reg.; M. Emdon, 105, P.P.G.D.; H. Cole, 1091, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Griffin, 2025, P.P.G.D.; A. R. Lethbridge, 1847, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Powell, 1205; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Littlejohn, 372; H. J. Tretthewey, 159, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. B. Harvey, 1255; T. W. Atherton, 248; H. Welch, 202, P.P.G. Purst.; F. Sanders, 1294, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Watson, 954, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Fowler, 1212; R. Pengelly, 70, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Parkhouse, 1125, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. B. Avent, 1443; S. Jones, 112, P.P.I.G.W.; J. Stocker, 39, P.P.G.T.; W. K. Michell, 156, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Orchard, 164, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, 328; W. Burd, 1753, P.P.S.G.D.; Major G. C. Davie, 251, P.G. Sec.; A. P. Reece, 494, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Evans, 1181, P.P.S.G.D.; Major J. S. Swann, 847, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Maye, 710, P.P.G.D.C.; and S. B. Harvey, 1255.

The SECRETARY reported that the votes received from the province were:—October, 1888—Boys, 545; Girls, 300. April, 1889—Boys, 560; Girls, 335; total, Boys, 1105; Girls, 635. Last year there were 983 and 537. Increase—Boys, 122; Girls, 98. May, 1889—Men, 531; Widows, 609; last year 580 and 589; Men a decrease of 29, Widows an increase of 20. Total votes for last year 2689, this year 2900, an increase of 211. So that the voting power of the province was about 400 more than it was two years since, and that without taking out about 850 votes which Bro. Whittlely secured from outside sources. The province was free from debt before the present October election. It now had to its credit some 900 votes. One lodge, that of Kingsbridge, and one chapter, 954, Devonport, had not sent their votes to the Committee.

Bro. C. WATSON, the representative for Chapter 954, declared that the votes for that chapter had been duly forwarded to Bro. Whittlely, the London representative.

The London representative of the province, the Rev. Wm. Whittlely's, report was taken as read. It showed the statistics of the voting of the province, and regretted that many votes were received too late to be polled, and that several were marked for other candidates than those adopted by the Committee. At a time when many questions as to the great Masonic Charities were exercising the minds of the brethren it might not be out of place in that report for the London representative, as a member of the Provisional Committee for the Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to assure the brethren that everything possible was being done to render that Institution worthy of their continued and increased support. The nine petitions for relief were then considered, present relief and future recommendations decided thereon, and the following report to the Provincial Grand Lodge agreed upon:

The Committee of Petitions, in submitting their annual statement, have again the pleasure to report that their efforts have been as successful as on any previous occasion. For this year they have received from the province 2900 votes, an increase of 211 over the previous year, and of 400 over 1887. This increase is largely due to a great effort made to support our P.G.M., who accepted the Chairmanship at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.J.G.W., who, by his personal donations of 285 guineas this year to the Charities, in addition to former subscriptions, is now Vice-Patron of each, and possesses the largest number of votes in the province. Bro. the Rev. W. Whittlely, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. Devon, by his admirable management was enabled to secure the election of the widow of the late Bro. C. Godtschalk on the Widows' Fund, and Fanny C. Campbell to the Girls' School. He also helped largely to secure the elections of the widows of the late Bros. Franklyn and H. J. Ward. It should be remembered that a greater number of votes is required now at each election to elect a candidate than before. Every lodge and every brother is therefore earnestly invited to keep their votes for Devon candidates, and it would much facilitate the arrangements if all votes were sent to the Secretary as soon as received. Some lodges and chapters require two or three reminders, some send at the last moment, some too late, some not at all; but it is a pleasure to say that only one lodge, No. 1486, and one chapter, No. 954, have withheld their votes this year. The Fortescue Fund and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund are doing good in relieving deserving Masons and the children of Masons, and each fund deserves a larger measure of support. In these Institutions there are no paid officers, consequently no pensions, and the money goes directly to the purpose for which it was given.

At the meeting of the Committee in Exeter, January 29th, £5 was granted to the widow of a brother ten years a member of Lodge St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter; £5 to the widow of a brother seven years a member of Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth; and £5 to the widow of a brother six years a member of Lodge Friendship, No. 202, Devonport. At the meeting held here this day at Seaton, the Committee have granted to the widows of a brother of Lodge St. John the Baptist, No. 39, and of Lodge Friendship, No. 202, Devonport; and to a subscribing member of 7½ years to Lodge Metham, No. 1205, Stonehouse; a subscribing member six years to Lodge Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth; a subscribing member seven years of Lodge Friendship, No. 202, Devonport; a subscribing member 15½ years of Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth; a subscribing member 30 years of Sincerity Lodge, No. 189; a subscribing member 16 years to Lodge Harmony, No. 156, Plymouth; a subscribing member 28 years to the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, Totnes, £5 each. The Committee recommended the further grants of an additional £10 each to the widows, and the further grants of £5 each to the other seven petitioners. The Committee also recommend the grants of the additional moieties of £20 10s. each to the lodges which had applied to the Provincial Grand Secretary under the by-law for lodges obtaining Life Governorships in the London Charities.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Beach House, where the large assembly room of the hotel was fitted up for the occasion.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided; supported by Bros. W. G. Rogers, 112, D.P.G.M.; Major M. Tracy, R.A., 1247, P.G.M.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. R. Tyacke, 1181, P.G. Chap.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G. Treas.; C. G. Barnett, 1435, P.G. Reg.; Major J. C. Davie, 251, P.G. Sec.; G. C. Searle, 248, P.S.G.D.; B. J. Fisher, 444, P.S.G.D.; T. C. Lewarne, 223, P.J.G.D.; J. Moass, 1284, P.G.S. of W.; C. Watson, 954, P.G.D.C.; J. Kingdon, 421, P.A.G. Purst.; J. Algar, 39, H. M. Imbert-Terry, 112, A. P. Reece, 494, J. Drennan, 710, Capt. W. H. Ivimy, 1135, and W. Adams, 1181, P.G. Stwds.; and F. Shorter, 112, Prov. G. Tyler. In addition to those officers and the other representatives of the Committee of Petitions in attendance, the brethren present also included Bros. F. Pollard, 1284, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G.O.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.; John Chapman, 1402, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Jefford, 494, P.P.J.G.D.; L. H. Powys Maria, P.P.G.C. Devon and Surrey; H. L. Friend, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. R. Baskett, 327, 1367, P.P.G.R. Dorset; T. N. Webber, 494, P.P.G.O.; D. Cross, 1205, 2258, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Michell, W.M. 156; E. T. Fulford, 1254, P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G.O.; H. W. Pengelly, W.M. 1099; S. Pile, P.M. 1181; G. D. Templeman, 814; L. Stevens, W.M. 1138; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; W. A. L. Paul, W.M. 494; J. S. C. Stevens, P.M. 494; A. W. Oakley, P.M. 1181; W. Reed, W.M. 1550; R. Carter, W.M. 202; R. W. Pitcher, P.M. 230; B. S. Johns, P.M. 159; G. Whittlely, 156, P.P.G.O.; E. Chapple, P.M. 1181; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; E. H. Littleton, P.M. 230; F. R. Thomas, I.P.M. 189; E. H. Wilton, P.M. 1181; J. Templeton, P.M. and Treas. 1332; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; J. Daniel, W.M. 1255; G. H. Selleck, P.M. 1550; W. F. Westcott, P.M. 70; W. King, W.M. 70; W. R. Northway, jun., W.M. 282; J. B. Crabb, P.M. 1125; G. Hall, W.M. 1125; A. Andrews, P.M. 1125; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; J. Shapter, I.P.M. 1443; J. Horsham, P.M. 1443; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; R. Dickson, P.M. 1205; A. Trout, W.M. 1205; J. Oldfield, J.W. 202; J. W. Foster, J.W. 1099; J. J. Leonard, J.W. 1212; R. Bassett, S.W. 1212; and others.

The P.G. Sec. reported that there were in the province 2871 Masons, an increase of 127 over the preceding year. During the year 281 brethren had been initiated, an increase of 50. There were 670 Past Masters on the books of the lodges. The number of brethren returned in arrears was 329, an increase of 21 over the previous year. The sums of 10 guineas each, the moiety of the sums necessary to obtain Life-Governorships in Royal Masonic Institutions, had been received from each of the following lodges: For the Girls' School, from the Lodges Semper Fidelis, 1254, Exeter; Brent, 1284, Topsham; and Ashburton, 2189, Ashburton; for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, from Lodges Fortitude, 105, Plymouth, and Ashburton, 2189, Ashburton.

The P.G. Treas., Bro. J. R. LORD, reported receipts £590. The balance in hand, after paying the votes to the petitions and Charities, was £288 10s. 2d. The usual application had not been made to him on behalf of the Fortescue Fund, which was entitled to about £88, which would leave a net balance of about £200.

The Hon. Secretary of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, Bro. F. POLLARD, presented the report of the Governors. There are now six annuitants on the Fund, a brother from Lodge No. 156, elected in 1871; a brother from No. 106, elected in 1878; a brother from No. 710, a brother from No. 248, a brother from No. 39, and a brother from No. 710—all four elected in 1888. The Governors had considered it expedient to revise the regulations of the trust. The principal alterations are—First, instead of giving to the P.G.M. any votes in respect of the sums paid over to the fund by the Provincial Grand Lodge, which have hitherto been treated as donations, the new rules provide that each lodge shall have votes annually in proportion to the amount of its quarterages paid to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The P.G.M. approves of this arrangement. Second, facilities are afforded for inquiries into the position of applicants, and provision is made for excluding from the voters' list the name of any brother not considered to be in a position entitling him to become a recipient of the fund. Third, an endeavour is made to secure the right of electing annuitants to bona-fide donors and subscribers only.

The TREASURER of the Fortescue Fund reported—receipts, £336; expenses, including payments to annuitants, £270; capital account—Consols, £1114 10s.; Exeter market bonds, £500; Exeter Asylum, £750; Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, £193; total, £2558.

The reports were received and adopted, and the by-laws of the Fortescue Annuity Fund were confirmed. The report of the Committee of Petitions, and the proposition of Bro. W. POWELL that 20 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, and placed on the list of Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.J.G.W., were unanimously adopted.

Bro. S. JONES proposed Bro. J. Templeton, P.M. 1332, and Bro. D. CROSS proposed Bro. W. Powell, P.M. 1205, for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer.

Bro. J. B. GOVER advised Plymouth brethren not to use their power as a giant, but support Bro. Templeton, proposed by the Exeter brethren in accordance with a previous understanding.

Bro. Templeton was elected by a large majority. Bros. John Stocker and E. T. Fulford, of Exeter, were elected Auditors. The Prov. G.M. invested as the officers:

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" H. M. Imbert-Terry, 112	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Capt. W. H. Ivimy, 1135	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. W. Hamilton Gell	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. P. Hood	...	...	...
" J. Templeton, 1332	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. H. Selleck, 1550	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. C. Guppy, 251	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. C. Hallett, 303	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. Banks, 156	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. R. Northway, 282	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Algar, 39	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Taylor, 328	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Adams, 1181	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" A. P. Reece, 494	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Captain G. S. Strode Lowe, 1855	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Drennan, 710	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Oakley, 1181	...	...	...
" E. S. Griffiths, 847	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. B. Avant, 1443	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Kingdon, 421	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. W. Pitcher, 230	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" B. S. Johns, 159	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Stapleton, 666	...	...	...
" R. Dickson, 1205	...	...	...
" S. Sampson, 1254	...	...	...
" J. Keverne, 1550	...	...	...
" S. G. Tapley, 1885	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Shooter, 112	...	...	...

A discussion ensued on the appointment of a new Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was unanimously resolved to entrust the votes of the province to Viscount Ebrington. An unanimous vote was passed protesting against the proposed pension to the Secretary of the Boys' School, and recommending its reduction.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Beach House Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master in the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

By invitation of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, the annual communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Loughborough, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of the P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers. In consequence of the accommodation at the regular place of meeting of the lodge being inadequate for the anticipated large attendance, a dispensation had been obtained by the local brethren for their assembling on this occasion at the Town Hall, and great praise is due to them for the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the P.G.M. and his officers and for the convenience of the meeting generally.

The following were present: Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; G. Toller, P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M.; T. A. Wykes, P.S.G.W.; W. A. Musson, P.J.G.W.; Rev. C. J. R. Scriven, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. Colquhoun Faithfull, P.G. Chap.; R. Waite, P.G. Treas.; T. Colman, P.G. Reg.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.G. Sec.; G. Newsome, P.S.G.D.; T. Corcoran, P.J.G.D.; M. J. Walker, P.G. D. of C.; F. G. Boden, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Symington, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Goodwin, P.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Simpkin, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Birch, P.G. Org.; and others.

The Craft lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Master and his officers entered in procession, and the usual salutes to the principal officers were given.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the usual preliminary business, including the reading and confirmation of the minutes, was proceeded with, after which came the presentation of reports from the Committee of General Purposes, the Provincial Charity Committee, and the Prov. G. Registrar. The former made interesting reference to the recent celebration of the jubilee of the initiation into Freemasonry of Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., and also to the occasion next year of the centenary of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, and then dealt mainly with matters of local interest.

After discussion with reference to an unauthorised publication in local newspapers of Masonic proceedings at one of the local lodges, the report was adopted.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was of a very satisfactory nature, alluded specially to the support given by the province during the year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was of a most gratifying character, and having regard to the trying and adverse conditions under which the Charity had of late been placed, the handsome contributions from Leicestershire and Rutland had, doubtless, proved very acceptable. The Committee in their report very warmly acknowledged the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, P.M. 1007, P.P.A.G.D.C., through which the successful result referred to had been achieved, his list having amounted to £530 5s. The report concluded by recommending the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as the Charity to be specially supported by the province in the coming year, and the appointment of Bro. A. McTindall, P.M. 1330, P.P.J.G.W., as Charity Steward, to represent the province at the next festival of that Institution.

The report was adopted, as was also that of the Prov. G. Registrar, on which much trouble had been expended in setting out in tabular form the annual returns and reports from the several lodges in the province. According to the latter report, the total membership of the province appeared to be 541, being a net increase of eight over the returns of last year.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's account having been received and adopted, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services.

Bro. R. Waite, who has for several years past ably discharged the duties of Prov. G. Treasurer, was again unanimously re-elected to that office.

The following were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1007	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" B. A. Smith, P.M. 523	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. J. B. Scriven, 1265	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. W. Willson, 1391	...	...	...
" R. Waite, 279	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. B. Fowler, P.M. 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.M. 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Lead, P.M. 2081	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Maurice Williams, W.M. 279	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. K. Morris, W.M. 1265	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.G.
" W. J. New, W.M. 1130	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Key, W.M. 2028	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. J. Thompson, P.M. 779	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. Kemp Smith, P.M. 1330	...	...	...
" T. B. Laxton, W.M. elect 1007	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. C. Oliver, W.M. 1007	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. B. Starkey, P.M. 1391	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. S. Preston, W.M. 50	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. Silverthorne, 1007	...	...	...
" C. L. Ferneley, 1130	...	...	...
" J. Chambers, 1265	...	...	...
" J. G. Bower, 1391	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. W. Everard, 2028	...	...	...
" J. Tauser, 279	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Charity Committee, Bro. Tindall was duly appointed Charity Steward; Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, Prov. S.G.W., and G. Jessop, P.P.G.S.B., were elected as representative members on the Committee of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

Reference was made by a brother present to the proceedings at the recent Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the subject of the intended retiring pension to the Secretary, but no notice of motion having been given, the Provincial Grand Master ruled that any discussion thereon would be out of order.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER suggested that if a desire were strongly on the part of any considerable number of the brethren that the subject should be further considered, a requisition could be sent to the Provincial Grand Master to hold a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose, but he strongly deprecated the adoption of any hasty or immature action on the question.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his willingness to convene a meeting, if such a requisition as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had suggested were submitted to him.

A letter was read from the W.M. of No. 279, inviting the Prov. Grand Master to hold the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for the year 1890 at Leicester, under the banner of St. John's Lodge, it being the completion of the 100th year of the lodge's existence.

A communication was also read soliciting contributions for the erection of a Masonic stall, or stalls, in the newly-restored choir of Peterborough Cathedral, and a contribution of two guineas from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge was voted to that object.

Some other business of a formal character having been disposed of, and letters of apologies for absence read from several distinguished brethren, including one from Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the state of whose health prevented his attendance, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Bull's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided. Bro. Earl Ferrers presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"WATSON'S MS." (17th CENTURY).

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the Intent thereof was found, and there was a book Commanded to be made thereof, how the Craft was first made and found, and it was Commanded that that should be read and told when any Masons should be made, And to give him his Charge, And from that day to this Masons have been kept in that order and form as well as men might govern it. And furthermore at divers Assemblies have been putt and added many Charges more and more by the best advice of Masters and fellows—

Here followeth the worthy
and godly oath as such as are
made Masons—
Tunc unus ex seneoribus teneat
Librum, et illi (vel ille) ponant
(vel ponat) manus super Librum,
et tunc præcepta debent legi.

Let every man that is a Mason take heed right well of this charge, if he find himself guilty of any of these things, that he may amend them again, and Espetially those that have been Charged, must take heed that they keep this Charge, for it is Great perill for any man to forswear himself upon a Booke.

The first Charge is, that you must be a true man unto god and the holy Church, and that you use noe heresy nor error by your understanding or by the teaching of discreet men, Alsoe you shall be true leigemen to the King, without Treason or falshood, And that you know noe treason but that you discover it, or else warn the King or any of his Councill thereof, Alsoe you shall be true one to another (that is to say) to every Master and fellow of the Craft of Masonrye that have been Masons allowed, that you doe to them, as you would they should doe to you, Alsoe that Every Mason keep true councill of Lodge, Chamber, and all other Councill that ought to be kept by way of Masonrye, and alsoe noe Mason shall be a theefe, Neither in Company, as farr forth as hee shall know, And alsoe that you shall be true to the Lord and Master whom yee serve, and truely to doe all things to his profit and advantage, And alsoe that you shall call Masons your fellows and Brethren, and noe other fowl Names, nor you shall not take your fellows wife in villanye, nor desire his daughter [4th Strip ends] ungodly, nor his servant to his wife, And you shall pay truely for your table and meat where you shall goe to Board, and alsoe that you doe noe villany in the house whereby the Craft is slandered. These bethe Charges in Generall that every Mason should hold, both Masters and Fellows. Rehearse I will now other Charges singular, both for Masters and Fellows—

First, that noe Master shall take upon him any Lords worke, nor other work but that he know himselfe able and cuning enough to perform the same, so that the craft have noe dis-workmanship thereby, But that the Lord may be well and truely served Alsoe, that noe Master take any worke but that he take it Reasonably, soe that the Lord may be well and truely served with his own good, And the Master to live honestly and pay his fellows truely their pay as the manner of the Craft doth Require, and alsoe that noe Master or fellow shall supplant other of their worke (that is to say) if he have taken a worke, or stand Master of a Lords worke, you shall not put him out if he able of cuning for to end the same, and alsoe that no Master take noe apprentice to be allowed for his apprentice but in seven years, and that the apprentice be able for his birth and limbs as he ought to be, and alsoe that noe Master or fellow take noe allowance to be made Master without the assent of his fellows, and att the least five or six, And that he that shall be made Mason be free born, and of a good kindred, and noe bondman, And that he have his right Limbes as a man ought to have, And alsoe that noe Mason put noe Lords worke to such as are wont to goe on journeyworke, And alsoe that noe Mason shall give to his Fellows any pay but as he shall deserve, soe that he be not deceived by false Workmen, And alsoe that noe fellow slander falsly another behind his Backe, to make him loose his good name, or his worldly goods, And alsoe that noe fellow within the Lodge nor without, yeild any Answers ungodly to another, without Reasonable Cause, And alsoe every Mason shall preferre his elder and put him to Worshipp, And alsoe that noe Mason shall play att Hazard, nor any other play whereby they may be slandered, and alsoe that noe Mason shall be a common riball in Lechery, to make the Craft to be slandered, And that noe Mason goe into the towne in the Night time where is a Lodge of fellows, without a fellow that may bear him witness that he was in an honest place: And alsoe that every Master and fellow Come into the assembly if they be within forty miles about him, If he have any warning thereof, And stand att the reward of Masters and fellows: And alsoe that every Master and fellow if they have any wayes trespassed, should stand att the Reward of Masters and fellows, and Make them accord, If they may not Accord then to goe to the Common Law, And alsoe that noe Mason make mould squares, nor Rule to any Rough Layers, And alsoe that noe Mason sett a Layer within the Lodge, nor without to hew Mold Stones with any Mould of their own Makeing; And alsoe that every Mason shall Receive and Cherish any strange fellows when they come over the Country, And sett them on worke as the manner is (that is to say), if he have mould stones he shall Sett them a fortnight on worke att the least, And give him his hire, If there be noe stones for him to worke, he shall Refresh him with Money to bring him to the next Lodge, And Alsoe ye shall every Mason serve truely the workes, and truely make an end of your worke, be it taske or be it journey worke, If you may have your pay as you ought to have.

These Charges that you have Reckoned and all other that belongeth to Masonrye you shall be bound to keep faithfully—so help you God and holy Doome and by this Booke to your power. [5th Strip ends.]

Here Followeth the
Prentices Charge—

First that he shall be true to God and the holy Church, the peace [prince], And to his Master or Dame whom he shall serve, he shall not steal the Goods of his Master or Dame, nor Absent himselfe from his service, nor goe from them about his owne pleasure by day or by Night, without the Lycence of one of them, And that he doe not Commit Adultery or fornication in his Masters house, with the Wife, Daughter, or Servant of his said Master, And that he shall keep Councill in all things that shall be said or done in the Lodge or Chamber by Master or fellow, Being Master or Free Mason, And that he shall not Hold a Disobedient Argument against any of them, or Disclose any secreets, Whereby any Dissention may arise amongst any Masons their Fellows or Prentices, but Reverently behave themselves to all Free-Masons, being Sworn Brethren to his said Master, and not to use Carding or Dicing, or Any other unlawfull Gameing, Nor to Haunt any Tavern or Alehouses there to Wast any mans Goods, without Lycence of his Master or some other Free-Mason, and shall not Commit Adultery or Fornication in Any mans House where he shall worke or be Tabled, And that he shall not purloyn nor Steal the Goods of any person, nor willingly suffer any Harm or Shame to be Done, or Consent thereunto During his Apprentishipp; Butt to withstand the

same to the utmost of his
power, and thereof to Inform
his said Master or some other
Free-Mason with all
Convenient possible
Speed.

[Certified to be a correct Transcript by W. J. Hughan.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer, presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune; P.G.P.; C. Kempton, Charles Lacey, J. Norton, W. J. Murlis, William Clarke, P.G.P.; David D. Mercer, A.G.P.; E. West, Hugh Cotter, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. H. Tatteshall, S. Brook, John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Woods, R. Griggs, Chas. Daniel, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Webb, W. Belchamber, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Halbert, T. B. Purchas, Fred. Mead, P.G.S.B.; A. Forsyth, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. A. Scurrah, A. Durrant, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. H. Making, J. Dixon, Thos. G. Bullen, G. Std. Br.; W. J. Crutch, and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of five annuitants (four men and one widow), and read a letter from a widow annuitant resigning her annuity, as she had inherited some property.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also a letter from the Secretary of the Inland Revenue abandoning its claim to assess the Institution to Corporation Duty. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. A. Farnfield for his services in obtaining this result.

The following report from the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Secretary's office was presented, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, the 11th September last, "to enquire into the working of the Secretary's office," have to report that they have held two meetings, namely, on the 31st of October and 5th of November respectively, and the Secretary produced the minutes containing the report of the Sub-Committee defining his duties and emoluments at the time of his appointment in 1872, and the dates of the minutes showing the various changes in the latter that have been made, also the minutes containing the appointment of a permanent clerk, as well as the report of the Sub-Committee defining the duties and emoluments of the Collector on his appointment, all of which were fully considered and due enquiry made as to whether each had faithfully performed his allotted task. The Sub-Committee have much pleasure in stating that they found such was the case, and that, at the instance of the Secretary, the office hours had been extended from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., such extension having been rendered necessary in his opinion by the ever-increasing work of the Institution.

In view of certain statements that had been made, that the Collector had received commission on sums which had not been received by him, the Sub-Committee desire to call particular attention to Clause 9 of the report of the Sub-Committee appointed on the 9th June, 1880, to consider the duties to be performed by him, and the commission to be paid, and which report was approved at a Special Committee on the 22nd of June, 1880. Such clause is as follows:

9. "That he be paid a Commission of 5 per cent upon all sums received by him, with the exception of those paid on the day of the Festival and up to and inclusive of the settling day, and also excepting any amounts paid into the office, and for which receipts are given by the Secretary or Clerk."

On enquiry of the Secretary, he pledged himself that in no case had moneys sent to him after the settling day been handed over to the Collector, in order that he should receive a commission on them, unless the person so remitting the money requested that it might be so handed over, and as no member of the Sub-Committee (even including the mover of the resolution upon which the Sub-Committee was appointed) was able to name any one case upon which enquiry could be made, and as no complaint had been received at the office, your Sub-Committee are of opinion that all moneys which the Collector had been paid he was fully entitled to, in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

Looking at the fact that the Committee of Management had lately had so favourable an opinion from Bro. Smith, the Grand Lodge Auditor, as to the mode of keeping the accounts, your Sub-Committee do not think it necessary to again travel over that ground.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1889.

Applications were made by two widows for the half of their late husbands' annuities. In one case the application was granted, but in the other it was deferred for the necessary certificate.

Ten petitions (six male and four widows) were then considered, with the result that four of the former were accepted and two refused, and the four latter accepted, the names being ordered to be placed on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1890.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

The marriage of Mr. W. C. B. Beaumont, eldest son of Bro. W. B. Beaumont, M.P., with Lady A. Vane-Tempest, youngest daughter of the late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, was solemnised at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Tuesday, among those present at the service being the Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Cork, and Lord Alcester.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., Lady Whitehead (the Lady Mayoress), accompanied by her two daughters and Miss Soulsby, paid a visit to the Institution, and was received by Bros. Sir John Monckton, Col. James Peters, Edward Letchworth, and Frank Richardson, and conducted over the premises. The children went through their calisthenic exercises and military evolutions, and afterwards sung several part songs. Upon leaving, her ladyship expressed the utmost gratification at all she had seen and heard, and stated her intention of paying another visit at a future date.

MASONIC CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT HUDDERSFIELD.

In connection with the celebration of the centenary of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, between 400 and 500 members of the Order, from the various lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, attended Divine service at the Huddersfield Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bardsley, M.A., vicar, on Sunday, the 10th inst. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, and walked from thence in procession to the church. Masonic clothing was worn, and the sight, as may be imagined, was a very imposing one. Fortunately the weather was gloriously fine, and a large number of people witnessed the spectacle, the most attractive part of it being the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who brought up the rear. They were headed by the P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, who was preceded by a sword bearer, and supported by the two standard bearers and Bro. Henry Smith, Dep. P.G.M.

On arriving at the gates of the church the brethren drew up on each side of the street, in order to allow the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge to walk through, each of them saluting the Provincial Grand Master as he passed. The brethren filed in afterwards, and followed the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge into church. At the gates the procession was met and preceded into church by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, wearing his surplice, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Alfred Sykes and W. H. Armitage), each of whom bore his staff of office. The service, which was commenced by the singing of the processional hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was intoned by Bro. the Rev. C. Dudley Lampen, vicar of St. Andrew's, Huddersfield, and Prov. Grand Chap. of West Yorkshire. The first lesson—1 Kings, viii., 22 to 54—was read by Bro. A. H. J. Fletcher, M.A., Chap. No. 275; and the second—1 Corinthians, xiii—by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, M.A. Litany was said by the Rev. W. H. Norman, M.A., curate. Under the superintendency of Bro. J. North, the choir ably led the musical portion of the service. The Jubilate Deo was sung to Sullivan's service in E, and the anthem "Behold how good and joyful" (Clarke-Whitfield), was also rendered, the solos being given by Bro. W. Riley and Masters Binns and Easter.

After the singing of the hymn "Nearer, my God, to Thee,"

Bro. the Rev. P. F. J. PEARCE, Past Prov. Grand Chap. West Yorkshire, preached an eloquent sermon from the words—"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith" (Galatians, vi., 10). The celebration of the centenary of the Lodge of Harmony might, the preacher said, seem to some a matter of indifference, but it was not so to the members of that lodge, to the revered chiefs of the Order, and a numerous following in the Province of West Yorkshire. After an appeal to the Masons present to let that celebration infuse them with fresh zeal to pursue the high objects of the Order, the reverend brother said that Freemasonry was necessarily very little understood by the uninitiated, and there were no doubt, as they might expect, many errors in circulation concerning it. For some of these Masons themselves were perhaps responsible; for, whilst the well-known saying was perfectly true that no one who was a good Mason could be a bad man, it was also true that with all the care exercised by the Order in reference to the initiation of new members, unworthy men did sometimes obtain possession of their secrets and privileges, and it was moreover true that some, whose characters were without cause for rebuke when admitted to the Brotherhood, had, through the neglect of Masonic teaching, fallen into evil practices, and these, greatly to the dishonour of the Fraternity, had misrepresented the Order, and caused outsiders to form a wrong estimate of its work and worth. They admitted none to their fellowship but those whom they were assured lived lives of virtue and morality, and there was nothing in their Constitution which Moses and Christ did not fully allow and generally sanction. Those who presided at the initiation of their candidates must either be deceived by others or betray their sacred obligations if unworthy men were ever admitted to the distinguished privileges of the Fraternity. And if such were admitted one of two things must surely soon come to pass. Either a man's character would be improved, or the open and frequently cited Word of God, the repeated prayers to the Almighty, the earnest exhortations to faith, hope, and Charity, and every Christian virtue must make the lodge room as unpalatable as the devotional service in such a church as that. Masonry was truly the sister of religion. The central

point of all her innumerable lines, squares, and circles was the love of God, as it was of true Christianity. He maintained the close connection between Freemasonry and revived religion. He did not claim for Freemasonry that it was a religion or that it was simply Christianity under another name. It did not profess to be either, and its advocates made no such assertion. But he did most distinctly affirm that it was a high social institution, whose practice was in harmony with the spirit and faith of Christianity. He denied the statement that a man could not be a true Mason and a sincere Christian at the same time, or that the tendency and teaching of Masonry were opposed to revived religion. The teaching of Freemasonry was to seek above all things the attainment of the highest excellence of character, and that not only for personal advantage, but also for the good of others. The Bible was ever open in the lodge room, and was frequently read and recited in their lectures and ceremonies. It seemed to him that the Bible and Freemasonry were distinctly alike, in that they taught men to live and labour for their own moral improvement and for that of others, and this, not with the cold formality of those performing duties they dared not neglect; not with the forced zeal of transient or exaggerated emotions, but with the grand enthusiasm of a heart that had learnt from the ever Blessed Giver of all good gifts that the only true blessedness was in blessing others. Both recognised that he who attained the highest personal excellence must be the greatest benefactor to his fellows. Freemasonry pointed men to the goal towards which they must run. It readily admitted that those who attained to the highest excellence of character, and did the most for God's glory and the good of mankind, were those who had taken the supreme earthly degree, and had become livingly linked to the Most High by virtue of the mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Freemasonry gave them a creed which, so far as it went, was both true and beautiful. But if it gave them a creed it did not profess to give them a Christ, and it was Christ who saved the soul. It was Christ who filled the heart with true love to God and man. It was the reception of Him, and the full development of His light in them which transfigured Freemasonry, grounded its most blessed teaching of truth and morals, and gave perfection to the schemes and to the lives of men.

An offertory was taken on behalf of the Huddersfield Infirmary, and realised between £31 and £32. When the bags had been taken to the west end of the church they were placed on the alms dish, and the Prov. Grand Master, preceded by the churchwardens, and accompanied by his Sword and Standard Bearers, carried the alms up to the Communion rails and presented them.

The service shortly afterwards concluded, and the procession returned in reverse order (the Provincial Grand Lodge in front) to the Masonic Hall, where light refreshment was provided, and the brethren separated.

BANQUET AND BALL OF THE ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

On Friday, the 1st inst., a meeting of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, was held at Freemasons' Hall, the work consisting of passing Bros. R. E. Baker and S. H. Lloyd to the Degree of F.C.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, the feature being the presence of lady friends of the members, at the special invitation of the W.M., in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of his admission into Freemasonry.

Many excellent speeches were given, notably that of Bro. Foreman, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Barrett," at the same time presenting him with a silver cigar case and Mrs. Barrett with a superb bouquet from the officers of the lodge.

A dance brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Amongst those present were Bro. J. Leach Barrett, W.M., and Mrs. Barrett; Bro. A. T. Foreman and Mrs. Foreman; Bro. Amsden and Mrs. Amsden; Bros. Let and H. P. Anley; Bro. Beazley and Mrs. Beazley; Bro. Chauffourier, S.W., and Mrs. Chauffourier; Bro. J. R. Davis and Mrs. Davis; Bro. Frölich and Miss Frölich; Bro. Hawkins; Bro. Haworth and Mrs. Haworth; Bro. Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., Mrs., and Miss Lloyd; Bro. R. H. Lyon, J.W., and Miss Lyon; Bro. Lockyer and Mrs. Lockyer; Bro. Jos. Mander, P.M., and Mrs. Mander; Bro. Munday, P.M., and Mrs. Munday; Bro. Pedlar and Mrs. Pedlar; Bro. Restall and Miss Restall; Bro. Richardson, P.M., Org., and Mrs. Richardson; Bro. Surrudge, S.D., and Mrs. Surrudge; Bro. A. E. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Surrey, Sec., and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. J. H. Watts; Bro. Baker and Miss Easton; Bro. and Mrs. Tatum; Bro. Gartley and Miss Vincent; Bro. and Mrs. Arliss Andrews; Miss Dews; Bro. John Maclean; Bro. and Mrs. Chas. Cooke; Bro. E. A. W. Taylor; Bro. Allengame, Mrs., and Miss Long; and several others.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. Isaacs presided for the first time at the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, and having thanked them for the kindness they had invariably shown him in the past, expressed a hope that they would extend to him the same kindness during the period of his Mayoralty. On the motion of Bro. Sir W. Laurence, the Court unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whithead, Bart., for his distinguished services during his term of office, and it was ordered that the address should be engrossed on vellum and presented in the usual manner.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A., in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885.) Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar in 1881, since when I have practised up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300, and £1400, will in 4 years have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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9th November, 1889.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

As the announcement of the retirement of Bro. Frederick Binckes, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, may now shortly be formally announced, and as other candidates for this post have issued their addresses and advertisements, I take the present opportunity of stating that I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the appointment.

I was initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, in which Lodge I have acted as Secretary, and am now J.W.

For the past two and a half years I have held the honorary appointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary to my Brother, Charles Greenwood, Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey (35 Lodges and 12 Chapters), of which Province my late father (Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.), was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and for 30 years Provincial Grand Secretary.

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I am 26 years of age, and am prepared to devote my whole time to the duties of the office.

I can furnish the highest testimonials as to my capacity and experience from many distinguished persons.

Should you do me the honour to elect me, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability towards the advancement of the best interests of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys.

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE GOVERNORS.

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13th November, 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Secretaryship, it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the post, and I trust to be honoured with your support.

I am a solicitor, 37 years of age, a member of the Incorporated Law Society, and for the last eleven years in practice at Evershot and Yeovil, in partnership with my Father.

My Masonic career is shortly as follows:

Initiated, 1112, Shirley, Hants, in January, 1878, Joined 1367, Beaminster, and 329, Yeovil, Somerset, 1878; Member of 1168, Sherborne, and Member of the Correspondence Circle, Quatuor Coronati, 2076.

Exalted, 707, Bridport (since removed to Beaminster), 1883, and at present Z. P.G. Reg. (R.A.) Dorset, in 1887. Joining Member of 329.

Advanced in Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, in August, 1884, at present J.W. Joined No. 162, Yeovil, and at present S.D.

Took the 18° in Weymouth Chapter R.C., in June, 1884; at present First Gen.

Served as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the Girls' School in 1887; as Steward for the Province of Somerset for the R.M.B.I. in 1888; and as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the R.M.B.I. in 1889 Life-Governor Girls' School; Life-Governor R.M.B.I.; Life-Subscriber Dorset Masonic Charity.

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Robey Villa, Hornsey, N.,
November 7th, 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

As there is a probability of a vacancy occurring before long in the Secretaryship of above, I beg to inform you that it is my intention, at the proper time, to offer myself as a candidate for the post. I am, of course, aware that no vacancy at present exists, and I am unwilling to commence an active canvass that may appear premature, but inasmuch as similar steps have already been taken in other instances, I have no hesitation in submitting for your kind consideration my business qualifications and Masonic credentials, a few particulars of which I append.

In soliciting the honour of your valued co-operation, I shall esteem it a personal favour if you will allow me to add your name to the list of my supporters, which will be printed and circulated in due course, and I beg to assure you that, if elected, it will always be my constant endeavour to uphold the honour of our noble Institution to the very utmost of my power.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN STORR.

I am 37 years of age, and have passed 20 years of active business life, 15 of which were passed with the London and County Banking Company, and nearly four as manager of accounts, &c., to Messrs. James Pain and Sons.

In Masonry I hold the following positions:—

CRAFT—P.M. and Secretary St. John's Lodge, No. 167; Member of Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

ROYAL ARCH—P.Z. Belgrave Chapter, No. 749; Founder and Z. Camden Chapter, No. 704.

MARK—W.M. Brixton Lodge, No. 234, and Grand Steward.

ARK MARINERS—W.C.N. No. 234.

ROSE CROIX, 18°—Founder and Marshal Shadwell Clerke Preceptory.

RED CROSS—Premier Conclave.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Grand Masters' Council, No. 1; Past Grand Marshal.

SECRET MONITOR—Founder Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, and P.S.R.

Am Life Governor of the R.M.I. for Boys, to which I have twice served the office of Steward; Life Governor of the R.M.B.I., to which I have also served a Stewardship; and am Life Subscriber to the R.M.I. for Girls and the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The voting being by proxy, personal attendance at the election is not necessary.

Communications may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. M. STILES, P.M. 1507, 1732, 1744, &c., Committee Room, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

To Correspondents.

In our report of the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys last week, Bro. Binckes was made to say that they had received up to that date £13,325, leaving £275 to come in. The latter figures should have been £1700.

A large number of Reports and Communications stand over for want of space.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

It is satisfactory to know that the non-friendly relations for some time past existing between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England have been brought to a close. The Grand Master of Quebec has directed the withdrawal of the proclamation issued in 1885 against the Grand Lodge of England and forbidding intercourse between the members of the two bodies.

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The reason for this step is that Grand Master Walkem, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was authorised in July, 1888, to offer his mediation between

Quebec and England, and it being held that the withdrawal of the edict against England would materially strengthen the hands of the mediator, the edict has now been formally withdrawn under the proclamation dated Montreal, the 23rd October, 1889.

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We sincerely trust that the mediation of Bro. Walkem will be successful, and that the G. Lodges of Quebec and England will speedily be on the best of terms. We do not think the G. Lodge of England is to blame for what has happened, but we are sure it will recognise the kindly spirit which has prompted Quebec and its G. Master to remove the edict against it.

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However, as matters are restored to their old footing as prior to 1885, there ought to be no difficulty in adjusting matters in dispute between them, and we trust the two bodies will soon be interchanging representatives. We shall have more to say on the subject next week.

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The meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, on Tuesday, was attended by a large number of members and visitors. "The Profession" was in great force, both the Dramatic and "The Services." Bro. Admiral Inglefield occupied the chair of W.M., and the Lord Mayor that of S.W., while Bro. Fernandez was J.W. It is hardly necessary to say that Sir H. A. Isaacs was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year, on the nomination of Bro. Edmund Yates, supported by Bro. J. C. Parkinson. The Lord Mayor expressed his thanks for the honour, and remarked that had he been consulted on the matter, Bro. Yates was of all men the brother he would have chosen to nominate him. The Secretary, Bro. Broadley, referred to the candidature of Bro. Augustus Harris for the office of Grand Treasurer, and announced that he had received the names of nearly 2000 brethren who had promised him their support.

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The *Baltimore Sun*, in its report of the Catholic Congress now being held at Baltimore, says that the most radical resolution adopted at the Congress related to secret societies, it appearing that the opposition to the Church to all such associations will be withdrawn, except in regard to the Freemasons. This is a distinction the Craft should be proud of.

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We learn from the *Australasian Keystone* that at the August meeting of the Board of Benevolence of Victoria, only the President and five members attended, and we quite agree with our contemporary that it is on all accounts desirable the members of this Board should be regular in the discharge of their duties. It is also clear that if the attendance is scanty that necessary inquiry into the cases which come before the Board becomes almost impossible, or is indifferently made. On the occasion referred to only six cases were on the agenda, so that the President and his five faithful coadjutors were able to do what was necessary. But had there been 60 cases instead of six it might not have been possible to get through the work.

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We see no objection to the constitution of the Board, which is modelled upon the same lines as our Board of Benevolence, that is to say, it consists of a President, all Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, the Masters of Lodges, two Vice-Presidents, and 12 Past Masters, to be elected in December. Out of such an array of members as this there ought to be no difficulty in obtaining a full and sufficient attendance. If, however, only a few attend, there is a likelihood of the cases submitted being relieved either insufficiently or excessively. It is ridiculous to suppose that a small number can be so thoroughly posted in all the details as to be able to determine the just measure of relief that should be given in every case.

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We trust, however, that whether the attendance at the Victorian Board be scanty or full, it will insist on the Master, or a P.M. or Warden, as his representative, attending from the lodge to which the applicant for relief belongs or has belonged. It is to his lodge that the Board must look for information respecting the merits of a distressed applicant, and no case should be disposed of finally unless a representative of the lodge is present to furnish the requisite particulars.

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We agree with our *Australasian* contemporary that it will be just as well if the question of precedence in the Grand Lodge of Victoria is settled as speedily as

possible. But it strikes us that the best way to settle it will be to appoint a Grand Director of Ceremonies, a brother who understands the duties of the office. For the present the Grand Lodge of Victoria is working under the Constitutions of our Grand Lodge, and in them the Table of Precedence of the members of Grand Lodge is set forth so clearly that no G.D. of C. has any excuse for ignorance on the subject.

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But we fail to see why a prominent brother who held the office of Prov. G. Registrar in England should have intervened to "test the right of every Past Grand Lodge Officer to enter with the Grand Master." The only Prov. Grand Officers who are included in our Table of Precedence are the Provincial and District Grand Masters, and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, and then in rank in the order of precedence, after Past Deputy Grand Masters and before the Grand Wardens. The other Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Officers have no status as such in our Grand Lodge, and if or when they attend Grand Lodge, it is not in virtue of their Provincial or District rank, but as Masters, Wardens, or Past Masters of private lodges.

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It seems to us, therefore, that this "prominent brother who held the office of Provincial Grand Registrar in England," had no *locus standi*, unless, indeed, he considers that Past Grand rank having been conferred by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria on all Present and Past District or Provincial Grand Officers of Victoria, the rule would apply to him as the Past Grand Registrar of a Province in England. The position is not as clearly defined in our contemporary's article as we could wish, and, therefore, we are unable to offer a precise opinion. However, two things are evident (1) the Table of Precedence should be settled at once; and (2) it must be so settled that nothing in connection with it is left to the discretion of the Grand Director of Ceremonies or any other Grand Officers.

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The Combermere Lodge, No. 752, one of the two English lodges in Melbourne that did not join the local Grand Lodge of Victoria, has on its roll over 100 members in good standing. A steady increase of eligible candidates, also joining members, is noted at every monthly meeting. The initiation fee and annual subscription have been on a higher scale than the great majority of the lodges in the colony for some years past. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., the M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, is still a subscribing member of the Combermere Lodge.

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We have received almost at the moment of going to press the mournful news of the death of Bro. Frederick Davison, P.G.D., P.G. Treas. and P.G.W. of the Mark Grand Lodge, &c. A full account of our deceased brother's services will be published in our issue of next week.

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Bro. the Rev. G. Warburton Weldon, M.A., vicar of St. George's, Bickley, upon whom the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was pleased to confer the brevet rank of Past Grand Chaplain at the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on the 13th June, 1887, died, we regret to say, in the early part of the present week, and of his services, also, we shall furnish an account in our next issue.

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The London Scottish Rifles Lodge will have a busy night on Thursday next, when it meets for the first time since its consecration in May last. The names of five gentlemen appear on the agenda for initiation, besides several joining members.

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West Lancashire is about to add another lodge to its already large roll. "The Horwich" is to be consecrated in a week or two, and it is hoped that the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Lathom, will perform the ceremony.

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We have received from a correspondent at Reading a report of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, on the 30th October, by the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, which we regret we are not able to find room for, but the description of the building shall appear next week.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Jabez Hogg, who is at present in Rome, has met with an accident while exploring the Colosseum, having injured his leg by making a false step. We trust the injury is not a serious one.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you have thought proper in the exercise of your discretion to give admission, without note or comment, to a letter signed "E. V. Greatbatch," I am constrained to avail myself of the earliest opportunity of replying to this latest attempt to mislead, and to complain of the unscrupulous manner generally in which the personal attack upon me has been conducted. The purport of the statistics given in the letter referred to is to induce your readers to believe that I have been in the receipt of a salary of £700 per annum from this Institution from the time of my entering on my duties in June, 1861, to this date, whereas the *known fact* is that my commencing salary was £150 per annum, and that it is only during recent years that it has reached the present amount.

As an instance of unscrupulous assertion note the item—"Average annual grant from Stewards' Festival Fund, £125"—corrected by actual figures this would be a little less than £50—which, by inquiry, could easily have been ascertained. Again, "Salary as Grand Secretary Grand Mark Lodge, £250"—true, that amount *as my salary* was as stated; but here inquiry would have resulted in proving that from this I have regularly applied one moiety towards payment of the necessary assistance to obviate the necessity of an attempt on my part "to be in two places at once"—so that the candid and impartial critic, who generously disclaims being actuated by "malignity," wilfully or wantonly credits me with, at least, £200 per annum in excess of the amount actually received. It may, perhaps, interest him and others to know that *if this excess had been realised*, there would be a "not unreasonable hope" that I had made some provision for myself. Unhappily for me, with a *necessitated* annual expenditure of, at least, £100 per annum in association with official positions, from litigation, and unfortunate investments, that hope must be abandoned. I could add to what I have written much that ought to be, and probably at no distant date will have to be, stated; but I forbear. I will, however, take this opportunity to beg, in all fairness, if this unhappy controversy is to be continued, that those who have assumed the duties of prosecutors, or persecutors, will be content to "speak of me as I am; nothing extenuate, nor ought set down in malice." This conceded, I may endure, though without being unmindful of, the undeserved censure so recklessly directed against me.—Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

November 12th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the "Masonic Notes" of your issue of the 9th inst., I desire to draw your attention to the fact that the brother who at the recent Quarterly Court "called upon the brethren to subscribe to a fund of £500 to carry the question to the Chancery Division of the High Court" was not present at the General Committee held on the 2nd inst.

In that Committee it was I who asked the Chairman whether, under Law 34, the resolution of the recent Quarterly Court voting Bro. Binckes a pension of £350 per annum, for life, being a resolution for a grant of money, did not require confirmation at the next Quarterly Court. The Chairman having courteously informed me that the Provisional Committee were considering the matter, and would report upon the construction they placed upon Law 34 on the first opportunity, I rose, and explained that I put the question in consequence of a rumour that proceedings were to be taken to contest such resolution, and that, in common with several brethren, I should have liked an answer to my question in order that the necessary steps might be taken by the opponents of the pension to prevent such resolution from being carried into effect by the Provisional Committee. I added that if the resolution had to come before the next Quarterly Court, as I anticipated, we should then know what steps to take.

The steps I intended advising the opponents of the pension to take were to send out a circular to the *whole* of the Subscribers to the Institution, calling their particular attention to the matter, and asking them to attend at the next Quarterly Court, and vote against the confirmation of the resolution. I neither threatened the Provisional Committee with Chancery proceedings, nor mentioned the word Chancery. Bro. Cumberland subsequently, in addressing the Committee, stated that I had "threatened proceedings in Chancery against the Committee," and I asked the Chairman if Bro. Cumberland was in order in imputing words to me that I had never uttered. Bro. Cumberland at once expressed his regret for the mistake he had made, and withdrew the words, and the matter ended.

I have read with great interest the able letter of Bro. Greatbatch in your issue of the 9th inst., and his reasons for opposing the grant of the pension to Bro. Binckes seem to me unanswerable.

A large number of the opponents of the pension, myself amongst them, are opposed to a pension being

granted out of funds subscribed by the charitable for an entirely different object. This £350 a year if allowed to pass will prevent 10 or 11 sons of Freemasons from being maintained, clothed, and educated in our Institution. (I am of course inferring that the cost for maintenance, &c., per head should be from £30 to £35, or thereabouts, and not £50 16s.)

It appears to me that the resolution ought not to be sustained for the following reasons:

1. The object of the Institution, as prescribed by Law 2, being to receive under its protection, and to maintain, clothe, and educate certain of the sons of Freemasons, the funds should be strictly devoted to this purpose, the cost of management being kept as low as possible, and that the application of any part of such funds for the maintenance of retired officers of the Institution is contrary to Law 2.

2. No notice of motion for a new law in the place of Law 2, or for the abrogation or alteration of Law 2 has been given, and until such a notice of motion is given, and the motion carried, the object of the Institution, as prescribed by Law 2, cannot be departed from. Such notice should have been served on the whole number of Subscribers, and as the effect of the passing of such resolution would be to leave the Institution entirely devoid of any income from invested funds, it was imperative in convening the meeting that this important fact should have been expressly brought to the notice of the Subscribers.

3. The Chairman of the Quarterly Court refused to accept an amendment to the motion for the pension, although such amendment was duly proposed and seconded.

4. No method of ascertaining the qualification of the persons attending the meeting was adopted, except the inefficient one of requiring attendance sheets to be signed before entering the room in which the meeting was held. As 384 persons signed the attendance sheet, although 433 voted upon the resolution, there were 49 persons who voted on the resolution who may or may not have been duly qualified.

And 5. Upon the division, the names of those voting were not taken, whereby it was further rendered impossible to ascertain whether the persons voting were duly qualified to vote or not.

To my mind, a resolution claiming to be passed, which, if carried into effect, is practically a misappropriation of trust funds is a distinct breach of faith, and I consider it the duty of the Subscribers to do their utmost to prevent the resolution being confirmed at the next Quarterly Court, and, if confirmed, from being carried into effect. The opinion of some Equity Counsel of eminence ought to be obtained on the various points raised, and if, in his opinion, the resolution granting the pension is illegal, or if, in his opinion, the manner in which such resolution was proposed and passed, is improper, then, no doubt, the Provisional Committee will take the requisite steps to have the matter set right.

In any event, if it be intended to propose at the next Quarterly Court the confirmation of the resolution (which confirmation, it must be borne in mind, must be a distinct approval of the resolution passed at the recent Quarterly Court, and not merely the formal assent of the Court that the minutes of the last Court are correctly entered), the whole body of the Subscribers of the Institution should be asked to attend the next Quarterly Court, and vote against the confirmation of a resolution which, if confirmed, will work irreparable injury to our noble Institution.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH,
November 13. Life-Governor.

PROVISIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you kindly insert in your next issue the names of the Provisional Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.—Yours faithfully,

LIFE-GOVERNOR.

[We are very pleased to comply with the request of our correspondent.—Ed. FM.]

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A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to the letter of "Lex Scripta," which appears in your issue of to-day, I regret that, owing to my having for many years severed my connection with lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution, I am unable to say whether it is considered obligatory to hold a Board of Installed Masters at the installation of the R.W.M. of a Scotch lodge or not, but I imagine that in either case it is the usual practice to do so.

Whether the arrangement between the two Grand Lodges was temporary or permanent I am also unable to say, but doubtless the records of the Grand Lodge of England would show, if reference was made to them, exactly what the scope of the arrangement was.

In response to the last paragraph of "Lex Scripta's" letter, I beg to say that I shall be most happy to correspond with that (may I say) learned brother, of whose knowledge and judgment I have formed a high opinion from reading his communications in your columns. My address is Charmouth, R.S.O., Dorset.—Yours truly and fraternally,

W. M. COOPER.

November 9th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to correct an error which has crept into my last letter. It should read—"that the confirming of the 'Degree' of 'Installed Master' (Art. 4) is optional, but not obligatory."—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

November 11th.

THE CHURCH TIMES AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to the letter of Bro. Emra Holmes, 31^o, K.C.T., in your issue of 2nd November, in which he points out what he is pleased to call "the changed attitude of the High Church party towards the Craft," I beg to say that I never knew that the High Church party *quid* party are antagonistic to Freemasonry. There may be individuals amongst High Churchmen, as there are amongst the Evangelical party, who are opposed to Masonry, but I am sure High Churchmen have never issued a protest against the Craft. One of the strongest evidences of this is that the Earl of Limerick, P.G.W., and P.P.G.M. for Bristol, has for many years (I think since its inception) been one of the two Vice-Presidents of the English Church Union, which is well-known as the chief High Church Society. On the other hand, we have Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, one of the leading men of the Church Association (the Society of the Low Church party), as a distinguished Mason.

To my mind the vast comprehensiveness of Freemasonry is one of the greatest of its many beauties.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY WRIGHT.

November 10th.

THE PROPOSED UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was surprised to see in my *Freemason* of July 27th, just received by the 'Frisco' mail, a letter of mine to the *New Zealand Herald*, reproduced under the statement of the promoters of the proposed United Grand Lodge; at the same time, I was very glad to find that the misleading nature of the latter was as promptly rectified "At Home" as here.

Now that the so-called "United Grand Lodge" is verified as an accomplished fact, allow me to inform your readers that the state of matters is unaltered.

I do not believe that any lodge under the English Constitution will be taken over as such. There are, I believe, but three lodges (two small country ones and one in the city—that one the junior), of which any considerable proportion of members will be likely to secede. I use the word *advise*, because I believe that in each instance it will be "secession," as members enough will be left to retain the warrants.

The same arguments that you employ in your article of August 10th have been promulgated by the District Grand Lodge here, although such a course seemed

hardly necessary, no English Masons of standing giving the proposal of severance a moment's serious thought.

The District Grand Lodge of Auckland is too well aware of its prestige as a branch of the Grand Lodge of England to dream of objection, were it not possessed of sufficient inherent loyalty to keep it firm in its allegiance to its parent stem.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM TEBBS, 1338, Auckland;
P.M. 285, P.Z. 285, P.J. 540, P.Z. 1338 and
1720; P.P.G.C. Somerset; P.P.G.C., P.P.G.R.,
P.P.J.G.W., and P.P.S.G.W. Auckland.

MASONIC CAREER OF SIR WALTER SCOTT.

To the Editor of the "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Could you favour the world with any information respecting the Masonic career of Sir Walter Scott, Bart.? Any one who has been enlightened, and read "Ivanhoe," cannot fail to have many suggestive thoughts come into his mind when reading what is said about the "Templar," and also in "Anne of Geierstein," the "Vehme" Secret Society flavoured much of a knowledge of Craft Masonry. If you could give a little more light to one who has been so far enlightened as to be conscious of much darkness yet, you would much oblige,

F. W. L.

October 26.

[Sir Walter Scott was initiated in the St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, March 2nd, 1801. The great novelist, however, does not appear to have taken an active part in the Craft, though evidently in full sympathy with it.—Ed. F.M.]



DEVON MASONIC REGISTER.

The old saying "Last, but not least," is true of this very useful if not timely publication, which, as respects typography, arrangement, and general contents, can scarcely be excelled. Bro. W. Frank Westcott (the esteemed successor to his lamented uncle) is making a good and painstaking editor, and doubtless will be introducing new features from year to year. If we were called upon to state one or two desirable additions, we confess to a difficulty, as so much is given in the excellent annual. Possibly a little statistical information would be welcomed by the subscribers, so as to show, say, during this decade, the number of members returned by the 52 lodges in each year. We note that the numbers have not always been forwarded to the editor, but they can be obtained by application to the Prov. G. Sec., who has the "returns." For the past official year, we see there were 2871 members, and those of previous years could be secured from the annual reports. Then again, why not furnish a list of all the lodges in the province having *centenary warrants*? We see that Bro. Hughan has kindly supplied a roll of "lodges formerly existing in the Province of Devon," and could easily add a list accordingly, so as to show all the lodges so distinguished. Bro. Westcott does not confine the register to the Craft only, for all the other Degrees are as fully noticed—Arch, Mark, Knights Templar, Rose Croix, &c. We are not aware of any other province in England in which Royal Arch Masonry is so popular, or at all events none more so, as there are *twenty-eight* chapters at work in the county. The province has nearly 2500 votes in the Central Masonic Charities—of which a carefully compiled list is inserted—and the local Charities are also duly noted. As copies may be had of Bro. Westcott, Frankfort-street, Plymouth, for *thirteen penny stamps* (though bound in cloth and running to over 130 pages), we need only say that brethren wanting more information as to the contents of this capital annual can easily be gratified by remitting accordingly.



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This prosperous transpantine lodge held a regular meeting at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th instant, when there were present, among others, Bros. Foalé, W.M.; Westley, S.W.; Heard, acting J.W.; George Everett, P.M. 177, &c., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Sec.; J. La Feuillade, S.D.; Davies, J.D.; Lundee, I.G.; Burn, Hon. Org.; Lingley, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Dr. Millsom, Burrows, Buxton, and others. Bro. Barnett, J.W. 2192, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Richards was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being well performed. Letters from absent members having been read, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his thanks to Bro. Lingley for the very flattering remarks he had made. It was his intention to make his year of office in every way successful. He could not hope to equal the working of some of the old and distinguished members of the lodge who had passed the chair, but he had endeavoured, and would continue, to discharge all the duties appertaining to his office with care and zeal.

"The Health of the Visitor" followed.

Bro. Barnett, in reply, said that it was not his first visit to the lodge. On a former occasion he had witnessed some excellent working in the lodge, and at the banquet had heard some beautiful singing. He was pleased to say that on the present occasion he was equally as well pleased and entertained. Among their members they had two or three Past Masters who were personal friends of his, and were well and deservedly known in Masonic circles, notably Bros. George Everett and T. C. Walls. From what he had seen and heard, he believed the Kennington Lodge to be the most prosperous lodge on the south of the Thames, and long might it continue to be.

"The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Lingley, came next in order.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. congratulated Bro. Everett upon the success that had attended his efforts as Treasurer. The Treasurer was a brother who at the banquet table was invariably on the alert; he appeared always to be looking after the comfort of every one. In the councils of the lodge his opinion was valued most highly, and he was at all times ready to assist in its working. Bro. Stuart, the Secretary, had been very ill, but he (the W.M.) was pleased to see him again at his post discharging his duties in a manner that had won for him universal respect.

This toast having been received with more than usual warmth,

Bro. Everett, in his speech, touched kindly upon the merits of the absent Secretary, who had left early. Upon his own behalf he expressed himself modestly. He said that his poor services had been sung so often in the lodge, not only by members, but by visitors, that he was at times quite at a loss to adequately express his thanks. His very good friend and brother, their sole visitor that night—Bro. Barnett—had said so many flattering things about him that he positively blushed. In conclusion, he would try to continue to deserve the encomiums that had been showered upon him since he had held the office of Treasurer of No. 1381.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of the genial S.W., Bro. Westley, terminated the proceedings.

The enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by the instrumental, vocal, and dramatic efforts of Bros. Burn, Burrows, Davis, Buxton, Everett, and Webb.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 6th instant. Present: Bros. V. Wing, W.M.; Harding, S.W.; Sandalls, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, I.P.M., Sec.; Oliver, S.D.; Coombes, J.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Wright, I.G.; Grundy and Fayers, Stwds.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Gordon, Asst. Org.; Walkley, Tyler; Pardoe, P.M.; Collick, P.M.; and a good muster of members. The following visitors were also present: Bros. March, W.M. 1360; Lyon, 185; Spong, 2020; Tucker, J.W. 144; and Joyce, 1158.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Saines was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Colverd, Lloyd, and Metherell were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Woodward, L. Nathan, R. Ambler, and W. I. Richardson, and they were initiated. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Robinson, P.M., late Secretary, for his non-attendance; also a letter of thanks from the widow of a late brother acknowledging receipt of relief from the lodge. A letter was also read from Bro. Hatfield, P.M. 1360, forwarding a copy of "Liber Musicus" for the use of the lodge, and begging its acceptance. It was unanimously decided to accept the gift, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the kind donor. On the motion of Bro. Pardoe, P.M., seconded by Bro. Grundy, it was unanimously decided to present Bro. Robinson with a jewel to mark the esteem of the brethren, and to commemorate his services as Secretary.

There being no further business to transact, the lodge was closed.

At the dinner table the W.M. proposed in brief, but befitting, terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily received.

Bro. Williams, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," to which the W.M. replied.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next proposed, and responded to.

"The Health of the Visitors" followed, and each of them, in response, spoke in glowing terms of the excellent working of the lodge, especially commenting on the rendering of the Three Degrees by the W.M. that evening.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening's enjoyment.

The singing of Bros. J. Colverd, Green and Lyon, the reciting of Bro. Joyce, and a pianoforte duet by the Misses Silcock, daughters of the host, added greatly to the pleasure of those present.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present: Bros. A. H. Jakins, W.M.; C. H. Cox, S.W.; J. T. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. Bladon, S.D.; J. Culver, J.D.; Trego, I.G.; Foot, Stwd.; Bowler, Tyler; W. B. Marcus, I.P.M.; J. S. Perrins, W. T. Perrins, Davies, Ensworth, Simmonds, Wright, Heinekey, Dixie, Garrett, Davidson, and Bennett. Visitors: Bros. Hunter, W.M. 1685; Edmonds, Grand Stewards' Lodge; Marden, 171; and Burdett, 1261.

Bro. W. T. Perrins was raised. The ballot for Mr. A. W. Humphreys proving unanimous, he was initiated. The matter of the annual ladies' banquet and dance, usually held in January, was discussed and decided upon, and a Committee appointed to carry out details. It being the

evening of the Lord Mayor's Day, and the anniversary of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master's birthday, telegrams of congratulation were forwarded, the name of the lodge being one of H.R.H.'s titles. Letters of apology were received from various brethren.

The brethren afterwards dined in the drawing room of Freemasons' Tavern.

Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. Dr. Griffiths, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, I.P.M.; Herbert Wright, S.W.; W. T. Perkins, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; T. Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; Basil Cooke, J.D.; E. E. Peacock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; Percy Wallace, Org.; W. Macdonald, A.D.C.; F. W. Pattison, Stwd.; H. Bussey, P.M.; J. C. Manning, J. Allan, H. J. Sanderson, S. James, R. S. Masson, L. F. Gowing, Jas. Walker, T. G. Scott, G. Wishart, and J. Robins. Visitors: Bro. Wood and others.

Bro. H. Wright, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Massey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very, Tyler. Mr. Frank Whelan Boyle, who had been previously elected, was initiated, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Massey.

The brethren afterwards enjoyed a substantial supper.

The W.M. elect, in responding to the toast of his health, informed the brethren that he hoped to have the usual ball in January and the summer picnic in July, and trusted that he should have the cordial support of the lodge during his year of office.

The toast of "The Initiate" was duly proposed and responded to.

"The Health of Bro. Macdonald," who is about to leave England to join the Sydney press, was especially proposed, and drunk with great cordiality.

During the evening the W.M. and Wardens signed the petition to the Grand Master of the proposed Duke of Fife Lodge, to be held at Clapham, as the recommending lodge, the subject being introduced by Bro. Wood, the temporary Secretary. The petition was signed by the Duke of Fife, who has promised to be an honorary member of the new lodge.

Lodge Quatuor Coronati (No. 2076).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 8th inst. Present: Bros. V. Simpson, R.I., W.M., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, J.D.; Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G.; E. Machean, Stwd.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; J. Finlay Finlayson, E. C. Castle, O.C.; Dr. B. W. Richardson, W. M. Williams, C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E.; C. Kupferschmidt, and Sydney T. Klein, F.L.S. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. L. Brayshaw, T. H. Pattinson, S. Richardson, G. W. Taylor, C. B. Barnes, C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. A. Elliot, W. M. Graham, H. Tipper, Rev. Dr. R. Morris, R. A. Gowan, J. B. Mackey, J. Newton, F.R.A.S.; Robert Roy, B. A. Smith, J. W. Manley, E. T. Edwards, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; and W. F. Sheppard. Also the following visitors: Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary; G. Powell, P.M. 142; B. W. D. Montgomery, P.M. 10, Belfast; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M. 92; and W. G. T. Gilbert, P.M. 257.

The following brethren were admitted to the membership of the lodge, viz.: Bro. Sydney Turner Klein, the Red House, Stanmore, Fellow of the Linnean Society, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, &c., &c.; initiated in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in 1888; author of "Thirty-six hours hunting among the Hymenoptera and Lepidoptera of Middlesex," "Appearance of Ephestia Kühniella in London, and the remedy provided by Nature," and other papers read before scientific societies; and Bro. Benjamin Ward Richardson, 25, Manchester-square, London, W., M.A., M.D., LL.D., Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Member of the Imperial Academy of Natural Sciences, Member of the Philosophical Society of America; initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1864, W.M. in 1868, joined Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, in 1885, W.M. in 1885 and 1886; author of "Hygeia, a Model City," "Diseases of Modern Life," "The Guild of Good Life," "The Common Health," and various biographical memoirs.

The following 34 candidates were elected members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Kingston Lodge, 1010, Hull; Denison Lodge, 1248, Scarborough; Lodge of St. John, 2280, Sangor, India; Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.; Bros. Rev. E. Y. Dixon, P.M. 2113, Mount Ayliff, East Griqualand; A. H. Williams, P.M. 1886, Kokstad, East Griqualand; Rev. C. H. Malden, District Grand Chap., Madras; Col. S. W. Brooke, 2280, Sangor, India; J. C. Budd, P.M. 1555, Penang; A. Hüttenbach, P.M. 1555, Penang; A. Gundersen, 609, Christchurch, New Zealand; W. F. Lamonby, 752, Past G. W. of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria; R. J. Nunn, P.M. 15, Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A.; W. F. Carmon, P.M. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne; J. A. S. Scott, 1427, Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. T. Gardiner, P.M. 458, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Yorks, Goole, Yorks; W. Forrest, 37, Bolton, Lancashire; F. W. Broadbent, 37, Bolton, Lancashire; Capt. J. Booth, P.M. 37, P.A.G. Soj. East Lancashire, Bolton, Lancashire; A. K. Cannington, 2289, Liverpool; H. C. Reynolds, 2289, Liverpool; H. B. Browne, P.M. 1350, P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Egremont, Cheshire; W. F. Sheppard, 859, P.G. Stwd. Cambridge, Trinity College, Cambridge; A. Hope, 39, Exeter; W. Mason, P.M. 446, P.P.G.D. Cornwall, St. Austell, Cornwall; T. H. Lukes, P.M. 496, St. Austell, Cornwall; W. Nettle, P.M. 510, Liskeard, Cornwall; R. Carter, P.M. 75, Falmouth, Cornwall; W. Cock, P.M. 1597, &c., P.G. Stwd. Middx., Peckham, S.E.; A. B. Alexander, 2029, Welbeck-street; G. A. Wilson, 5, Stockport, South Australia; T. J. C. Hantke, Asst. G. Soj. South Australia, Adelaide; S. G. Jones, 32, Adelaide; and Dr. Danford Thomas, Paddington. This brings the list up to 751, and shows that 305 new members joined the Correspondence Circle during Bro. Simpson's year of office.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., was then presented for installation by Bro. Walter Besant, P.M., Treasurer, after which the ceremony of his induction into the chair was carried out by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year are Bro. W. Simpson, R.I., I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, S.W.; Prof. T. H. Lewis, R.I.B.A., J.W. (in whose unavoidable

absence the duties of the office were performed by Bro. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.); Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.D.; Rev. J. C. Ball, J.D.; E. Machean, I.G.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; W. M. Williams, Steward; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The W.M. delivered an excellent inaugural address, reviewing the work of the lodge during the past year, and suggesting the development of which it is still capable. The record of the literary labours of its members in both Circles since the accession of his predecessor was a remarkable one, showing no less than 19 publications of varying importance, but all of solid merit.

The paper of the evening was by Bro. W. H. Rylands on the picture of "Night," by Bro. Hogarth. Bro. Rylands was, unfortunately, only able to read extracts of this highly interesting paper owing to the lateness of the hour, a cause which also prevented any serious discussion. This is of less importance than it might otherwise be, as the members of the lodge and Correspondence Circle will have the benefit of receiving it printed in full in "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," Part III., for 1889.

Bro. Williams exhibited a ticket for a series of nine Masonic concerts in 1783 at Freemasons' Hall, designed by Bartolozzi, and engraved by Cipriani. This will also be reproduced *fac simile* in the "Transactions."

At the subsequent banquet, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

Bro. Simpson said: It is now my duty, and a very pleasant one, to propose to you the toast of the evening—that of "Our W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt." In doing this, I shall follow the custom which has already found acceptance with us, and give you, not a biography exactly, but a short account of some of those things which our W.M. has accomplished. It is at no time a very pleasant matter to listen to a history of your own doings, and I know that our W.M. is sensitive on this point; but he must on this occasion consent to suffer, as the relation will be of interest to all of us, and it is important that the brethren of the lodge, as well as those of the Correspondence Circle, should know something of the merits of the brother who is to rule us for the time being. Our W.M. is a soldier, a Lieut.-Colonel in a high and honourable profession; he comes of a family of soldiers; his father held staff appointments, as well as a military command in time of war; he was also a Mason. Thus our brother comes to us, bringing with him associations of our Craft, descending from father to son, in many respects, a good soldier should be a good Mason. This idea was impressed upon me at the installation of our M.W.G.M. It is now a number of years since that took place, but I have never forgotten the impression produced. The capacious Albert Hall was filled with a great concourse of people who had never met before, but though unknown to each other during the ceremony, the whole body acted as one person, and moved in conjunction with the accuracy of a crack regiment. It then dawned on me that we are a drilled body, obeying orders, and moving at the word of command. Moreover, obedience in other matters is early instilled in us, and unhesitating obedience is the motto of a good soldier. I then formed the opinion that a good soldier should be a good Mason, and that a capable officer must make a good W.M. Now in Bro. Pratt we have the good soldier and the capable officer, a good augury for the future of the lodge under his guidance. It is curious that our rulers thus far have been soldiers. Bro. Woodford, our lamented first I.P.M., began life in the Coldstream Guards. Our first Master was Sir C. Warren; then came Bro. Gould, late of the 31st Regiment; and although I was never a soldier, I have, as a war correspondent, shared in many of the military campaigns, beginning with the Crimean war. We have now Col. Pratt at our head, the fifth in order, and there were just five soldiers in the nine martyrs who composed the Quatuor Coronati. Our W.M. belongs to the artillery, which has always been considered one of the educated branches of the service, but our brother stands still higher, for he has occupied the position of teacher in this higher branch. He has served in that capacity on the educational staff both at Sandhurst and Woolwich. To this must be added that he is the author of works connected with military education. One of these, entitled "Military Law," has gone through no less than five editions, a proof it was fitted for its purpose, and when I add that it was favourably reviewed in the *Saturday Review*, you will appreciate its merits. Another work, on "Field Artillery," our W.M.'s own branch of the service, was reviewed at great length in the *Times*, and has gone through a number of editions; but perhaps the highest compliment it has received has been its acceptance as a text book at West Point Military Academy on the Hudson River. We may safely assume some "grit" in a book when the Americans have adopted its teaching. Our W.M. has also written a *précis* of the Franco-German War, besides a variety of papers and notes on subjects connected with military history and art, and he has also acted as one of the Government examiners. These details of literary work will justify our W.M.'s right to take his place in the ranks of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. But his services have not been all of this peaceful character. The smell of powder has been familiar to him on the fields of battle as well as on the practice ground. He has served in India, and took part in an expedition into Bhotan in 1864-65, a rather tough piece of work. Bhotan is in the Himalayas, to the east of Darjeeling, a country of mountains covered with dense forests, where it was difficult for troops to move, and still more for artillery. Such a region gave the enemy, who were mountaineers, great advantage, one being the opportunity offered for surprises and night attacks, of which they availed themselves on more than one occasion. The campaign was no child's play, but one of great danger, entailing heavy marching and a great deal of hard fighting. But there was another and more terrible anxiety. The Deb Rajah, or divine king, who ruled the Bhotanese, sent a letter to the brigadier commanding the British forces, warning him as to what would happen if he continued the attack. Among other threats the missive contained the following: "I shall send the divine force of twelve gods, *as per margin*, who are very ferocious ghosts." The Rajah must have had some Baboo in his pay who had been a regimental clerk in our service, the phrase "*as per margin*" betrays this. It became quite a stock form among the Baboos, who at one time scarcely ever wrote a letter without introducing it. A story is told of a Baboo who wrote to his commanding officer that he could not come to his work one day "*owing to a large boil, as per margin*," which was on a certain part of his body. In the face of all difficulties, and with the very gods of the locality against them, the force pushed on. The fort of Dalimcote was perched on a high hill, the

artillery was brought up, and breached the walls; it was stormed and taken, our W.M. being prominent in the attack. He also took part in the actions at Chamurchi and at the Bala Pass. For his services he was repeatedly mentioned in dispatches. To all this I may add that he was distinguished with the gold medal of the Royal Artillery Institution in 1871, and subsequently obtained the Staff College Certificate. By thus placing before you what our W.M. has done in his military and literary capacities, you will be able to form some idea of what he may achieve in the duties upon which he now enters. I feel sure that he will rule and guide our lodge well, that he will encourage us in the labours which are peculiar to the Quatuor Coronati, and that, as we are a young body, with much yet to do in many ways, in order to carry out the objects we have in view, he will use every exertion to foster and help our studies to the best of his ability.

The remaining toasts were "The Founders and Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Simpson, I.P.M.; "The Correspondence Circle," by the Secretary, who called for replies from Bros. Dr. Morris and J. Newton; "The Visitors," replied to by Bro. Wilkinson in a speech of great humour; and "The Officers," in giving which the W.M. pointed out that he measured the willingness of all by the proofs given by Bro. Macbean, who habitually travelled up from Glasgow to carry out the duties entrusted to his care. X

Tivoli Lodge (No. 2150).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, by dispensation from the M.W.G.M.; the alterations of the building from whence the lodge derives its name not being completed. There was a very large attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. James Stephens, W.M. elect, the company numbering about 80, of whom 63 were visitors—a high compliment to the hospitality of the members. There were present: Bros. G. R. Bolton, W.M.; M. S. McDonnell, I.P.M.; James Stephens, S.W.; J. J. Thomas, J.W.; J. T. Lacey, Treas.; H. W. Davie, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; R. Schreiber, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; E. H. Brown, P.M.; C. Hurter, W. C. Pritchard, R. Avros, A. Lachmann, A. Romano, and others. Visitors: Bros. Edward Terry, G. Treas.; John Aird, M.P., P.G. Stwd.; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; R. Harvey, W.M. 77; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; Haswell Turner, P.M. 1608; B. Kauffmann, P.M. 1732; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; John King, I.P.M. 1692; N. Turner, P.M. 72; Jas. Blythe, P.M. 173; F. Hoxley, P.M. 173; A. G. Boswell, I.P.M. 1339; Harry N. Price, W.M. 2308; E. Rogers, G. Stwd., P.P.J.G.D.; Wm. Drew, W.M. 733; H. R. Grover, W.M. 1135; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; Geo. Wood, W.M. 1681; J. S. Terry, P.M. 507; Edward White, P.M. 1305; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 1441; John Dillon, P.M. 1567; W. W. Lee, 1897; and many others.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the audit report received and adopted. The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with, and Bro. James Stephens duly installed as W. Master by the retiring Master, Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., in the presence of an unusually large Board of Installed Masters. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. J. Thomas, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; J. Turk Lacey, Treas.; H. W. Davie, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Schreiber, S.D.; A. T. Lachmann, J.D.; J. A. Crawley, I.G.; and C. Hurter, Stwd. The Installing Master, Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., then concluded a capital rendering of the ceremony by an impressive delivery of the addresses.

Propositions having been received, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Venetian Room, where an excellent banquet was enjoyed, the newly-installed W.M. presiding with his customary geniality.

There being an admirable programme of music—ably executed by Miss F. Wright, Madame J. Lennox, Miss A. Sampson, Bro. Cole, and Messrs. C. Toy, J. Gawthrop, and H. Pope—the usual toasts were given and responded to with commendable brevity.

Bro. E. Rogers, G. Stwd., returned thanks for the kind manner in which "The Grand Officers" had been proposed and received. It afforded him a great deal of pleasure to respond on that occasion, the J.W. having kindly invited him, and enabled him to see an old friend placed in the chair. The majority of the brethren present were well acquainted with the duties of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. Bro. Edward Terry, G. Treas., who had been obliged to leave, would have responded in a more able manner for that toast, but not more heartily than he did. He congratulated the lodge on its prosperous condition, and wished the W.M., in the name of the Grand Officers, a successful year of office.

Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., then rose and said the W.M. having entrusted him with the gavel, the brethren would know the object was that he should propose a toast which was most agreeable to them. It was "The Health of their W. Master," who was desirous that they should enjoy the fragrant weed, and he would not, therefore, detain them with a long speech. He could not, however, place that toast before them without mentioning that Bro. James Stephens, the W.M., was one of the founders of that lodge, and had taken, year by year, the offices required of him, until they had placed him in the position he now occupied. An honourable position the W.M. thought it, and the brethren knew it to be, and they also knew he was deserving of it. They placed him there with every confidence, knowing he would discharge his duties ably, with kindness and consideration. The regard in which their W. Master was held was proved by the very large number of W.M.'s and P.M.'s present that night. It was unnecessary to say anything further, and the brethren would therefore join heartily in drinking his health, and wishing him a successful year of office.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, W.M., in reply, said that if the I.P.M. had said nothing complimentary of him the reception given him by the brethren would have more than made up for it, but, unfortunately, Bro. Bolton had spoken far too flatteringly. Their I.P.M. had said he was everything that was good, but he himself, perhaps, did not think so. He, however, thanked the I.P.M. most heartily for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their spontaneous reception of it. He was very proud indeed to think that his installation that night in the Tivoli Lodge should have been crowned with the success it had, and he thought he could say they had had the largest number present since the

consecration, although the number of members had been smaller than usual. They only numbered about 23 members, but that evening they sat down numbering 83. He looked forward hopefully to the future when they would return to their head-quarters, from which the lodge derived its name, and where, he believed, they were making splendid accommodation for Masonic lodges. They had been knocked about, but those members left were thoroughly good and true Masons, and he believed the brethren could say that, although they had never sat down at so large a gathering where the members mustered so small, yet they had never visited a lodge where greater unanimity prevailed, for they were united in one fraternal bond of friendship. He was, therefore, confident his year would be a successful one, and hoped they would get back to their quarters before its termination. In conclusion, he again thanked them for their kindness.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., had during the past year acted with kind hospitality towards the members, and finished with a good balance. In his Masonic experience, he (the W.M.) had heard the installation ceremony worked in as good a manner as most Freemasons, but he did not think he had ever heard it worked in a more perfect manner than the I.P.M. had rendered it that night. The brethren at the last meeting voted Bro. Bolton a jewel in recognition of his excellent services, which he had extreme pleasure in attaching to his breast, and might he live long to wear it in the Tivoli Lodge.

Bro. G. R. Bolton, I.P.M., thanked the brethren very deeply for their reception, and the members in particular for presenting him with the jewel by which he could be recognised as a P.M. of the Tivoli Lodge. They were a young lodge, and he was proud of their lodge. His reason was that it was a small one, and he should be reluctant to have it made a large lodge. During the past year it had been one continual round of pleasure, and he hoped to be spared to see their lodge become old and perfect in the ritual, for those who understood and acted up to the principles of Masonry would certainly not forget the Masonic Charities.

"The Visitors" was proposed in felicitous terms by the Worshipful Master, who accorded the visiting brethren a very hearty and fraternal welcome, and, after referring to the Masonic qualities and services of the majority present, concluded his remarks by coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Seager Hunt, M.P.; W. Drew, W.M. 733; Grover, W.M. 1135; Guy; Geo. Wood, W.M. 1601; and Harry N. Price, W.M. 2308.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M., replying, said that, when he saw the grand array of distinguished Masons ansting up in response to the call of the W.M., he felt somewhat chagrined by the thought that he was not nearly so high up in Masonry as many around him, and he also thought that precedence would not be given him to respond. As reference had been made by the W.M. to the fact that he had expressed a wish to go away, he would explain that he had given an undertaking to look in at an entertainment with which he was connected, and the brethren would therefore forgive him. Reference had been made to the smallness of that lodge. It was his good fortune to be present at the consecration, and he was then certain from the way in which the work was performed, and from his own knowledge of those who had undertaken the offices then put upon them by the W.M., that that lodge would become distinguished. From the way the work was done that evening, he was certain those of the brethren who were not members of the lodge would say that, go where they would in the Masonic world, they would not see the work performed with greater ability than in the Tivoli Lodge. He was sure they would say that the Past Master who installed the W.M. performed his duties in a way they would like to equal, and they would all agree that the W. Master who had been so installed, from his past experience and great knowledge of Masonry, and his determination to carry out thoroughly any work he undertook, was one calculated to raise the reputation of any lodge. Those who were initiated into that lodge during the ensuing year would be impressed by the manner in which the ritual would be brought before them, and would go away deeply impressed with the beautiful doctrines of the ritual. The visitors were therefore sure that that lodge had a great and bright future before it. Speaking for himself and for that section for whom it was his duty to respond, he thanked the members for their kindness in inviting them, for allowing them to witness the ceremony, and afterwards for giving them that refreshment which had proved that, although the number of the members was small, their hearts were large, and which had afforded the visitors an exemplification of one of the qualities which ought to belong to every Mason.

Bro. W. Drew, W.M. 733, also returned thanks, and was followed by the brethren whose names had been coupled with the toast.

Other toasts were given, the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

The menu cards and programme of music, which were prepared with great care by the W.M. in the early English style, afforded considerable amusement and enjoyment to the brethren, by whom they were keenly appreciated.

Provincial Meetings.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The 110th regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 5th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. C. Toleman, W.M.; R. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, S.W.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., D.C., acting J.W.; James Andrews, Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; R. England, J.D.; W. Oxley, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., Stwd.; J. Reed, Tyler; J. S. Webb, P.M.; Chas. Hann, P.M.; S. R. Baskett, P.M.; and E. Woodbury, 346, Toronto, Canada, North America.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. read a letter from Bro. Baskett, announcing that after consultation with the Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Mark Master, he had decided to offer himself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and asking for the support of the lodge. Bro. Baskett then explained the position of affairs at some length, and said that his chances of success very largely depended on the hearty support of his friends. Bro. J. S. Webb, P.P.J.G.W., as the oldest

P.M. of the lodge, in a few appropriate observations, proposed "That this lodge desires to record its high opinion of Bro. Baskett, and considers him, from the active part he has always taken in the cause of Masonic Charity, eminently fitted for the post of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and pledges itself and the brethren individually to support his candidature by every means in its power, and authorises him to add the name of this lodge to the list of his supporters." The resolution was seconded by the W.M., supported by Bro. J. Andrews, P.M., and, on being put to the brethren, was carried *nem. con.*

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

BERKHAMPSTEAD.

Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Friday, the 8th inst. Bro. J. G. Robinson, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. S. R. Timson, S.W.; Charles Bullock, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; F. A. Lane, P.M.; Foster, P.M.; Hobson, P.M.; A. W. Voisey, S.D.; Wm. Lowndes, J.D.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D. of C.; Austin, Clarke, Bunker, Dwight, Hill, and Pearson. Visitor: Bro. J. A. Miller, W.M. 228.

Lodge having been opened, and the summons read, Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. T. Rowe, and Bro. Clarke was raised by the latter to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably and correctly carried out. The Committee appointed in September to make arrangements with the new landlord of the hotel for increased accommodation, handed in their report, which was considered satisfactory and adopted, and, on the motion of Bro. Pearson, seconded by Bro. Voisey, S.D., it was unanimously resolved "That the sum of £100 be paid out of the lodge funds on fulfilment of the terms arranged by the Committee."

Lodge was closed, and the brethren then dined together, a pleasant evening being the result.

BEVERLEY.

Constitutional Lodge (No. 294).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Register-square, when, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. Sydney Smith. There were also present Bros. T. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Kemp, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. Goulding, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. D. Blackman, P.M.; Thomson Foley, S.W.; G. Shaw, J.W.; J. Cooper, Treas.; J. Edgar, Sec.; D. Morley, S.D.; G. Robshaw, J.D.; T. Dixon, D.C.; J. R. Lane, I.G.; R. Pape, Stwd.; J. Westerby, Tyler; F. W. Adams, T. Wood, J. Knight, H. Wray, G. A. Herring, W. Green, and others. Visitors: Bro. L. Brekke, 250; W. R. Watson, 1040; and R. Smith, 1040.

The lodge having been opened, the brethren received the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.S.G.W., in due Masonic form, and after the customary salutations, he delivered a conversational lecture on "The Craft, its Ancient and Modern condition." In the course of the address was given an outline of the history of Freemasonry from its supposed origin to the present time, interspersed with amusing illustrations and anecdotes. He also exhibited the military commissions and Masonic diplomas of Bro. Acklam, the founder of the Constitutional Lodge in 1793, which, being handed round for inspection, induced some instructive and interesting remarks from several present upon the many curious antiquities belonging to the lodge and its ancient records.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, which was enlivened by the fine singing of Bro. Robshaw and other brethren, accompanied by Bro. Goulding, P.M., and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., Bro. Henry Hartley, P.G. Stwd., W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec., as S.D.; J. Singers, J.D.; J. Pickering, I.G.; C. Bland, Tyler; J. Webb, W. Shaw, W. Barwise, J. Richardson, S. Haistings, J. McHarry, W.M. 1989, J. Tilford, W. Wilson, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, two candidates were balloted for and initiated, and on the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., and supported by the W.M., it was unanimously resolved that Bro. Dalrymple's Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be supported, and that the two Wardens' chairs be endowed.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 872, 1267, and 1989, the lodge was closed.

HITCHIN.

Cecil Lodge (No. 449).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Sun Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. Franklin, W.M.; Hales, S.W.; Shilcock, J.W.; J. H. Gilbertson, S.D.; Albert Gilbertson, J.D.; R. S. Brookes, I.G.; C. B. Coope, I.P.M.; Fitch, P.M., Sec.; R. Shillitoe, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; F. Shillitoe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Wm. Sworder, P.M.; Durrant, P.M.; Shirley, P.M.; Brookes, jun., R. H. Baker, F. J. Fordham, Hawks, Fuller, and Worsley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Ward and Nash.

Bro. Coope, I.P.M., having opened the lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Simpson, 159, was balloted for and elected a joining member. Bro. Short was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Hales, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. Shillitoe re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Fitch proposed, and Bro. Fuller seconded, that Bro. F. Shillitoe be appointed representative of the lodge on the Provincial Board of Finance. Bros. Fordham, Brookes, and Fuller were added to the Audit Committee, which was re-appointed. Bro. Worsley was elected Tyler, and Bro. Short, Asst. Tyler. The resignations of Bros. Harold Cooper and Balding were received with regret. A brother having been proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed.

LEIGH.

Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—

The installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th inst., when Bro. T. Yarwood was duly installed by Bro. J. Jackson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C., the addresses to the officers being given by Bro. G. A. Mort, P.M., P.Z., D.C. The brethren of the lodge mustered in good force, and the visitors present were Bros. Betley, P.M. Lindsay Lodge, Prov. A.G.S.; Bennie, Makerfield Lodge; Clayton, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Cornish, Merchants Lodge; and Partington, Worsley Lodge.

The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. Dickinson, S.W.; Davies, J.W.; Williams, Sec.; Gregory, S.D.; Walshaw, J.D.; Green, I.G.; and Travers, Mather, and Tydesley, Stewards. The brethren had previously elected Bro. Starkie, Treasurer, and Bro. Shaw, Tyler.

After the installation, the brethren dined together at the Courts' Hotel, the repast being served in Bro. R. Greenough's usual excellent style.

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

The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, said it had been remarked by a previous speaker that the Past Masters were the backbone of a lodge. He admitted the truth of that to a certain degree, but thought that the officers were also part of the backbone, and hoped they would assist him in the work of the lodge, and also that the Past Masters would attend regularly to give him their advice when occasion arose.

The evening was spent in a pleasant manner with songs, toasts, and social intercourse.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held at the Three Crowns, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Bro. C. H. Canning, W.M., presided, being supported by the following officers: Bros. A. T. Ives, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. Wood, S.W.; B. Curtis, J.D., acting J.W.; C. Powling, S.D.; J. Glading, I.G.; J. Delo, D.C.; and some 50 members of the lodge and visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. C. F. Hingst and H. Hayes, and proved unanimous, and Mr. Hayes being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bro. Laughlin, an initiate of the Corinthian Lodge, was, at the request of the W.M. of that lodge, passed, and Bro. Wooster, of the mother lodge, raised, the whole of the Three Degrees being worked by the W.M. and his officers without a single hitch.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb little supper, admirably served by the host, Bro. W. Richardson.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured, being interspersed with some excellent harmony.

PARKGATE.

Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Union Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Jas. Clarke, presided, and there were present Bros. Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M., P.P.D. G.M. British Columbia; S. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. Barnes, P.M. P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. B. Richmond, I.P.M.; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Hawkins, S.W.; and a large attendance of brethren.

The principal business of the evening was the presentation of a handsome marble timepiece to the I.P.M., which had been subscribed for exclusively by his Masonic sons, of whom there were ten. During Bro. Richmond's year of office, the Dee Lodge had vastly improved its position, for when he was elected to the chair a considerable debt was due by the lodge, whereas at the end of his term this had practically ceased to exist. His rendering of the ceremonies was most impressive, and will not soon be forgotten. His Masonic children conceived the idea of themselves presenting him with a mark of their esteem, and accordingly subscribed to the presentation, which was made at the last meeting. The timepiece was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription: "Dee Lodge, 1576. Presented to Bro. George B. Richmond, I.P.M., by his ten Masonic sons, as a token of their filial appreciation of his Masonic skill and worth. Parkgate, 7th November, 1889." The presentation was made by Bro. Dr. Madden, one of the initiates, in an appropriate and feeling speech. The W.M. and the Treasurer (Bro. J. Morris) spoke of the pleasure it gave them to see that mark of appreciation of Bro. Richmond's services, and said the lodge generally would have been most happy, had they been allowed, to subscribe also. Bro. Richmond, who on rising to reply, was most cordially received, said the honour which had been conferred upon him was a unique one, for, so far as they could discover no such presentation had been made to a Past Master before. Other Past Masters had had presentations made to them, but he believed no other Past Master had had a presentation subscribed for exclusively by his children. He felt very proud indeed of so great a distinction, and he felt very proud also to think that he had such initiates. By that presentation they had taken the lead in a new departure in Freemasonry, for the example they had set was sure to be widely followed. He should always highly prize their handsome gift, which he should value not alone for its monetary value, but chiefly because he believed it represented on the part of his initiates a promise and a pledge that throughout their Masonic career they would use their utmost endeavours to promote the prosperity of their mother lodge, in whose welfare they were all so profoundly interested.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, served in Mrs. Acton's best style. A pleasing feature of the after dinner proceedings was the reception given to Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.M., who was recently appointed Senior G. Deacon of the province, and whose name was coupled with the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

This is the last meeting of the lodge until March next, and was a most pleasant conclusion of the year's Masonic work.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi-street, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. There was a very numerous attendance of members and

visitors. The installation of Bro. T. McClelland, S.W. and W.M. elect, by Bro. Samuel Ayland, P.M., seemed to cause special interest. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ayland, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was submitted to the brethren, and was found to be very satisfactory, having a considerable balance in hand, and not a single subscription owing. Bro. McClelland, S.W., having been presented by Bro. John Waring, P.M., to the Installing Master, he was duly installed into the chair.

The Worshipful Master invested his officers, and they were addressed by Bro. John Waring, P.M. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas; to the Wardens by Bro. Hy. Mainwaring, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. Wm. Nichol, P.M. The working tools were presented respectively by Bros. Nichol, Barker, and Ayland; and the proclamations and salutations were conducted by Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., in a most praiseworthy manner. In fact, the whole of the work throughout was of such a standard as is rarely met with, and great praise is due to all who took part in it. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. said his first duty was a very pleasant one indeed, and that was to ask Bro. Samuel Ayland, I.P.M., to accept from the brethren a most beautiful Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the great energy and zeal he had shown for the lodge, not only during his year of office, but for many years previous, and asked him to accept it in the same spirit in which it was offered, not for its intrinsic value, but as a bond of union between him and every member of the lodge, all of whom had willingly contributed towards it with great pleasure, and wished him long life to wear it, and that he might have every happiness.

Bro. Ayland, who spoke with much emotion, thanked the brethren for the handsome present, and he said they must accept the will for the deed, as his feelings would not allow him to say what he really felt. He had also presented to him by Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., a Past Master's collar and handsome silver jewel.

The following is a list of officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. Ayland, I.P.M.; A. H. Duffin, S.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; E. Webb, S.D.; B. Eccersley, J.D.; John Waring, P.M., D.C.; Charles Driver, I.G.; A. K. Boothroyd, Jas. Green, and John Simpson, Stwds.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler.

The Past Master's jewel alluded to above was a very elegant 18-carat gold one, of exquisite design and finish, and was manufactured specially for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. T. D. Marshall, presided, and was well supported by his officers and brethren. The P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., accompanied by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec., and many of his Prov. Grand Officers, paid his first visit to the lodge. The other Prov. Grand Officers present were Bros. T. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; C. M. Wake, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Morton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Athey, P.P.D.G.D. of C.; N. K. Brown, P.P.D.G.D. of C.; W. Ross, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Robson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Heppell, P.P.D.G.D. of W.; M. J. Wheatley, P.D.G.D.C.; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M. 240; R. Purvis, jun., P.M. 240; T. Potter, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Sedcote, P.M. 1119; Lax, W.M. 1274; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; and J. G. Marshall, W.M. 97.

Upon the lodge being opened, the P.G.M. and officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were received in due form by the brethren, and the P.G.M. took the chair. After some preliminary business, the W.M., Bro. T. D. Marshall, in most respectful terms, welcomed the P.G.M. to the lodge, and asked his acceptance of an illuminated and handsomely framed address. The lettering and adornment was very tasteful. The name and number of the lodge, with a picture of Hadrian, was upon the design. The address was read by Bro. Marshall.

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., acknowledging the welcome and the address, congratulated the lodge upon its steady progress, its excellent balance-sheet, and their assistance to the Masonic Charities, particularly the Durham Masonic Education Fund. He assured them that he felt great pleasure in visiting the lodge, and he was more pleased, if possible, because he had received a very pleasing surprise in the valuable address they had given him. Nothing could give him more satisfaction than to find that his efforts were well received by the brethren.

The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Ross, then took place, Bro. Walter Ross, P.M., acting as installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following officers for the year: Bros. T. D. Marshall, I.P.M.; J. H. Penney, S.W.; George Harland, J.W.; Sinclair Oates, Chap.; T. Coulson, P.M., Treas.; D. Walton, Sec.; J. W. Henderson, S.D.; R. H. Copeland, J.D.; J. J. Athey, P.M., D.C.; J. Tate, I.G.; W. Thomas and R. Farmer, Stwds.; and T. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and in the evening the annual festival took place, the W.M., Bro. J. T. Ross, in the chair.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, I.P.M., as W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, S.D.; A. Vandervord, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. W. Barnard, as I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. M. Peacey, J. A. Hobday, E. J. Bowmaker, J. Pritchard, R. J. Smith, F. J. Cumine, L. Warren, and A. Adams. Bro. Rev. Theophilus Bennett, M.A., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. was unable to be present through illness. Bro. Adams was raised.

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

Royal Arch.

Provincial Meetings.

BEAMINSTER.

St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, with Comps. S. R. Baskett, as Z.; C. Hann, as H.; and R. Toleman, as J. Comp. J. S. Webb, P.Z., P.P.G.H., proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Comp. C. Hann, supported by Comp. R. Toleman, and carried unanimously:—"That this chapter desires to record its high opinion of Bro. Baskett, and considers him, from the active part he has always taken in the cause of Masonic Charity, eminently fitted for the post of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and pledges itself and the companions individually to support his candidature by every means in its power, and authorises him to add the name of this chapter to the list of his supporters."

The chapter was afterwards closed.

Mark Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

DEVONPORT.

St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 64).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. T. Parsons, was installed, Bro. C. Watson, 64, P.P.G.D., being the Installing Officer. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. T. Crosley, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. R. Dugdale, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. L. Lavers, P.P.G.P., all of 64; E. Aitken-Davies, 96, Prov. J.G.W.; S. Jew, 66, P.P.G. M.O.; J. Oldfield, 16, P.P.A.G. Sec.; T. C. Lewarn, P.P.G.D.C.; E. J. Knight, 16, P.P.S.G.D.; and P. Goodyear, 76, P.P.J.G.D. The officers invested were Bros. H. S. Best, I.P.M.; A. J. Willcocks, S.W.; W. G. Watson, J.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Past G. Chap. of England, 31, and P.S.G.W. in charge of the province, Chap.; J. T. Allingham, M.O.; T. Easterbrook, S.O.; J. Grimes, J.O.; J. Crosley, Treas.; T. Payne, Sec. and R. of M.; J. S. Worth, S.D.; T. Dewstone, J.D.; J. Sullivan, D.C.; C. Newton and T. Hall, Orgs.; C. Farthing, I.G.; T. Maynard and S. Fox, Stwds.; and W. Henderson, Tyler. Bro. C. Watson, on behalf of Bro. Lemon, who was absent unavoidably through another Masonic engagement, presented the lodge with a handsome framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.M. The presentation was received, and a courteous vote of thanks to the donor unanimously passed. The photograph was the only picture taken of that the greatest event in Mark Masonry in England.

LIVERPOOL.

West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. John C. Spurr, W.M.; J. L. Houghton, S.W.; John C. Robinson, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; Wm. Hewson, M.O.; J. B. Parker, S.O.; Richard Owen, J.O.; John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Treas.; James Pittaway, R. of M.; R. Shacklady, Sec.; D. C. Davison, S.D.; Edward Routledge, J.D.; A. S. Ramage, Org.; Wm. H. Ball, Tyler; D. Davies, P.M.; David S. Cangle, P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; Robt. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; John Molloy, P.G. Std.; W. H. Scott, Joseph Price, A. Pedersen, James Mitty, James Keet, Thomas Holmes, Edward Griffiths, Arthur Brookes, Wm. Rawsthorne, D. Crawford, Jas. Martin, John Geo. Barratt, Joseph Getrey, E. A. Davies, Robt. Forbes, and Thos. Grimsditch. Visitors: Bros. James Pilling, Prov. A.G.D.C.; William C. Erwin, W.M. 393; W. Goodacre, S.G.D. England; J. D. Johnston, 192; and Wm. Hudson, late 65.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three brethren, who were declared duly elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. John L. Houghton, was then presented by Bro. W. Goodacre, S.G.D. England, to Bro. John Hayes, Installing Master, who performed the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John C. Spurr, I.P.M.; John C. Robinson, S.W.; Wm. Hewson, J.W.; J. B. Parker, M.O.; Richard Owen, S.O.; James Pittaway, J.O.; John Hayes, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Shacklady, Reg. of Mks.; D. C. Davidson, Sec.; E. Routledge, S.D.; Wm. Rawsthorne, J.D.; A. Pedersen, I.G.; John Molloy and Robt. Foote, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The W.M. proceeded to advance Bros. Latham and Parker.

The ceremony being completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool and London).

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; W. Chapple, S.W.; B. A. Griffin, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; A. Pozzati, J.D.; F. Devin, I.G.; R. T. Redfearn, Stwd.; W. T. Manktelow, J. R. Hill, and E. Wehrle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Manktelow, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Manktelow candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second

Degree. Bro. Griffin was elected a joining member. Bro. Chapple, S.W., 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 8th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; H. D. Aslett, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; C. J. C. Walker, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; and F. Totton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Totton being the candidate. Bro. Craggs vacated the chair in favour of the S.W. Bro. Barth, having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the usual rising, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on the 22nd inst., the ensuing meeting, viz., the 15th inst., having been set apart to work the Fifteen Sections by the brethren, as announced.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Death, W.M. 511, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, 1425, S.W.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; A. J. Barradell, J.D. 1425, J.D.; H. Guntrip, I.G.; W. J. Cuff, P.M. 862, W.M. elect 511; C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425; J. S. Hayes, and O. W. Battley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened up to the Third Degree, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. G. Read (Preceptor) and H. Dehane were unanimously re-elected as Treas. and Secretary respectively for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Dehane thanked the brethren for their renewed confidence. Bros. Allman, Battley, and Mason were elected Auditors. In accordance with custom the by-laws were read. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The above lodge held its third annual meeting on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C. Present: Bros. W. F. Packer, W.M. of the mother lodge, W.M.; Martin, P.M., S.W.; Smith, P.M., J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Carlton, S.D.; Faulkner, J.D.; Ives, P.M., I.G.; Carey, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Westfield, P.M.; Antunovich, Williams, Kemble, Dormer, Hole, Wells, Meadows, Langford, Watts, Larter, Ashby, Perrott, Purkiss, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The reports of the Hon. Sec. and Auditors of the lodge and Charitable Association funds, showing the steady progress the lodge had made, were read and received by the brethren, and cordial votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; and Williams, R. D. Smith, and Minett, the Auditors, for the able manner in which they had carried out their duties. Those respective brethren having acknowledged the same, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The annual supper was afterwards held, the chair being taken by Bro. Packer, the W.M. of the mother lodge. After the brethren had well enjoyed the fare placed before them by the worthy host, Bro. Lewis, P.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Preceptor," "The Hon. Secretary," "The Hon. Treasurer," "The P.M.'s," and "The Visitors" were duly acknowledged.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Packer, Lewis, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Duffield, P.M.; Martin, P.M.; Kemble, Williams, Antunovich, and Langford. After spending a pleasant evening, votes of thanks to the W.M. and host brought the proceedings to a close.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. Woodmason, W.M.; R. C. Green, S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; T. W. Heath, S.D.; E. Rogers, J.D.; W. R. Hatton, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; G. Gardner, D. Belinfante, H. D. Smith, J. Bartlett, T. Harrington, J. C. Conway, W. Middleweek, H. Foskett, H. Armfield, J. H. Taylor, and M. Peters.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. Bro. H. Armfield answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. W. Middleweek candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor. The S.W., Bro. R. C. Green, was presented and obligated as W.M. elect, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having invested his officers, the charges were given by Bros. G. Davis and Parkhouse. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. T. W. Heath was elected a joining member. The officers for the ensuing meeting being already appointed, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; F. W. Woodard, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); L. Cox, S.D.; G. E. Higginson, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; T. S. Stevens, Stvd.; J. Sims, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; H. Cotton, H. Nash, F. Dusterwald, J. B. Cory, T. W. Barth, C. J. Walker, W. P. Brown, and W. J. Tatton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in Bro. Davies' well-known style, Bro. Dusterwald acting as candidate. On the second rising, Bro. Woodard was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. On the third rising, the election of officers took place, the result being as follows: Bros. E. Austin, Treasurer; W. H. Chalfont, Secretary; and John Davies, Preceptor. Bros. Craggs, Higginson, and Woodard were elected Auditors. Bro. W. J. Tatton, 2016, was elected a joining member. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Present: Bros. Klingenstein, W.M.; Hardinge, S.W.; Dixie, J.W.; W. Belchamber, Preceptor; G. S. Miller, Sec.; Culver, S.D.; Davison, J.D.; Foot, I.G.; and several other brethren.

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. Jakins acting as candidate. Bro. Bladon having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bladon acting as candidate. Bro. Martin, assisted by Bro. Belchamber, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. P. P. Perry, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Heath, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; C. E. Everett, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The ceremony in the Second Degree was also rehearsed. Bro. James Sims having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of this lodge was also held at the above address on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. J. Sims, P.M., W.M.; T. W. Heath, S.W.; P. P. Perry, J.W.; Jessa Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, S.D.; G. McCrow, J.D.; J. B. Cory, I.G.; T. W. Barth, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the usual manner in the First and Second Degrees, 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 a masterly manner. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. Bro. T. W. Heath was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Dusterwald, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; H. D. Aslett, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Cox, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; T. W. Biggs, I.G.; J. Jobson, Stvd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. Davies, T. Wilcox, L. Lee, A. Williams, F. Craggs, R. H. Wimpey, and H. Clark.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Jobson offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Jobson candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the usual rising, Bro. W. Hillier was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor gave notice that he would rehearse the ceremony of installation on the last Saturday of this month. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Comps. S. B. Abrahams, M.E.Z.; S. Poltezer, H.; J. A. Gartley, J.; H. J. Phillips, Preceptor; J. W. Harvey, Treas.; E. H. Norden, S.E.; D. M. Davis, S.N.; J. Lichtenfeld, P.S.; Gravatt, 1st A.S.; S. Lichtenfeld, 2nd A.S.; G. Deaton, D.C.; W. Wingham, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Gravatt having offered himself, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a very impressive manner by Comp. S. B. Abrahams. Comp. Gravatt was elected a member of this chapter of improvement. Comp. H. J. Phillips gave notice that at the next convocation he would propose the sum of 21s. be placed on the list of Comp. Vallentine for the R.M.B.I., in accord with By-law 8. He likewise announced that the ceremony of installing the Principals would take place next Monday evening at the hour of 7. The convocation was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. C. Williams, H. 733, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, S.N. 733, H.; E. C. Mulvey, J. 2202, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, J. 733, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, 1st A.S.; D. Stroud, M.E.Z. 157; and G. Swan, 2nd A.S. 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Swan being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. J. Davies as M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Mulvey for his excellent rendering of the duties pertaining to the J. chair. Comp. Stroud was congratulated upon having attained the distinguished position he now holds in Chapter 157. Both companions expressed their thanks. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

The Hospital Sunday Fund closed its financial year on October 31st with a total of £41,744 12s. 11d., being an excess of £1137 5s. 3d. over any previous record.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at 33, Golden-square, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, 30°, M.W.S.; George Graveley, 30°, Prelate. F. W. Driver, P.M.W.S., acting 1st General; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., 2nd General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, G.M.; Grimwood, C. of G.; J. H. Hawkins, A.D.C.; Dr. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; Nelson Prower M.A.; H. Hills, W. Maple, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. John Henwood Thomas, P.M. 101, P.Z., &c., and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending to receive the honour of perfection. The resignation of Bro. Charles Belton, 30°, was received with regret. Communications, regretting inability to attend, through other engagements, were received from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; E. Letchworth, F. Binckes, P.M.W.S., 30°; Dr. E. M. Lott, 30°; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; Ex. Bros. Pigache, Tayleur, P.M.W.S.; A. Pears, T. Lamb-Smith, W. W. Codd, L. Steele, W. Hayworth, W. Fisher, W. Hale-Hilton, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was partaken of.

The customary loyal and other toasts received full justice, the M.W.S. being pertinent but commendably brief in pre-facing the long list of toasts.

Invicta Chapter (No. 10).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, M.W.S.; V. Ill. Bro. Geo. Lambert, 33°, P.M.W.S.; Bros. Bywater, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Mickleby, M.A., M.D., 31°, P.M.W.S.; Lovegrove, 30°; Webster Glynes, 30°; Woodford, 30°; Rev. Hirsch, 30°; and Powell, 18°. Visitor: Bro De Manby Sergisson, 18°.

Bro. T. J. Houghton was a candidate for admission, and having been duly balloted for and elected, was regularly perfected to the 18°. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Criterion, Ill. Bro. J. Read, M.W.S., presiding. A pleasant evening was brought to an early close.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—An excellent gathering of this old conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, Holborn, on Monday, the 4th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights W. Lake, M.P.S.; Heard, V.E.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.G.; T. Cubitt, P.S., P.G.J.G., Treas.; John Mason, P.S., P.G.J.G., Recorder; C. Keyser, Prelate; Purrott, Prefect; J. Marsh, P.S., P.G.J.G., (Hon. Member); E. H. Thiellay, P.S., &c.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.S. G.A.; Dr. Mickleby, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.S.; L. Steele, E. Storr, Scurrah, and others. Sir Knight Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.S. Jersey, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the resignations of Sir Knights Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., and Ward were received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Baron de Ferrieres, G.V.E.; W. W. Codd, S.G.; G. Graveley, J. N. Frye, and others.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts followed.

Sir Knight Capt. T. C. Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and Sir Knight Shirley for "The Grand Senate."

"The Health of the M.P.S." was briefly proposed by Sir Knight Lardner. He said that unfortunately there had been no candidate for installation that night, consequently their M.P.S. was unable to give them a taste of his very excellent quality. Sir Knight Lake during his connection with the conclave had rendered himself exceedingly popular with all the members, and he (the speaker) believed that the M.P.S.'s year would be as prosperous and as successful as the respective tenures of office of those who had preceded him in the chair.

The M.P.S. having replied, gave "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Sir Knight Dr. Lott, who acknowledged the toast in a speech of some humour.

"The Health of the Past Sovereigns" came next, and was duly replied to by the I.P.S., Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, who, in the course of his speech, called the attention of the members to the fact that the Degrees of K.H.S. and St. John would be worked as fully as possible by some of the Past Sovereigns at the next meeting in January, when he hoped that there would be a good attendance to do honour to one of the chief exponents of the ritual, Sir Knight H. H. Shirley.

The toasts of "The Treasurer" and "The Recorder" were responded to by Sir Knights Cubitt and Mason.

The toast of "The Officers," acknowledged by Sir Knights Heard, Prower, Keyser, and Purrott, terminated the proceedings, which were eminently successful.

The Prince of Wales completed his 48th year on Saturday last, and the occasion was celebrated in Windsor and London in the usual manner, the royal tradesmen dining together and the West End clubs and streets being brilliantly illuminated.

We regret to announce the death on Friday, the 8th inst., of Lady Plunket, wife of Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin and Grand Chaplain of Ireland. The funeral took place in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, on Tuesday, and was numerously attended by the relatives of the deceased lady.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Alfred Meadows Conclave (No. 1).—

A meeting of this conclave was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R., acting S.R.; J. Collins, P.G.C.; C. J. M. Bastone, P.G. Gdr., G.; R. Gross, M.D., P.G.Gdr., Sec.; I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.S.B.; Dr. G. Harley Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; Dr. Kempster, Dr. Samson, and many others. A telegram from the S.R., Bro. Col. Perry Godfrey, was received, regretting his unavoidable absence through indisposition.

The conclave having been opened, the Secretary read a letter announcing the death of Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G.V.D. The S.R., in moving that a letter of condolence be sent from the conclave to the bereaved relatives of the late brother, spoke in feeling terms of Bro. Weldon's connection with the Order, and how he threw into it all the devotion and energy of his character, never omitting an occasion to recommend in his own fervid eloquence the principles of disinterested friendship, which it is the peculiar object of the Order to inculcate.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, presided over by the acting S.R., Bro. Lewis Thomas, supported by the G.S.R.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

A most interesting and successful meeting of this Society was held at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The occasion was looked upon as one of special importance, as the Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England, had intimated his intention to be present, in order to identify himself with the Society, which we are pleased to hear is showing great vigour, and to deliver an address from his chair as President. Bro. Tew, ever wishful to promote and extend true Masonic principles, ever ready to help by hand or heart any movement having for its object the advancement of the Craft, over whom he is so able and popular a ruler, at once, when invited to do so, accepted the office of President of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society. Unfortunately, owing to his absence on the Continent, the P.G.M. was unable to be present at the May meeting, but declared his willingness to inaugurate the winter session. It was to do this that the Society met.

Amongst those present, in addition to the President, were Bros. H. Smith, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; A. W. Stanfield, P.P.G.R.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Oxley, P.P.G. Treas.; H. France, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; the W.M.'s of the three Wakefield lodges: Bros. Bolton, 154; Hargreaves, 495; and Ash, 1019; together with a numerous body of brethren from Wakefield and neighbourhood.

The proceedings were commenced by Bro. MATTHEWMAN, who briefly explained the circumstances of the election of the President in May last, and his inability to come amongst them until that day, and concluded by offering, in the name of the members, a hearty welcome to Bro. Tew on his first appearance as their President.

Bro. Tew then took the chair, and conducted the business part of the proceedings.

The minutes of last meeting were read by one of the Secretaries, Bro. H. A. CHILDE, and letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were mentioned.

The PRESIDENT then gave the following address:

Brethren,—Permit me to assure you that I am deeply sensible of your kindness in according to me so friendly a welcome to your Masonic Literary Society. I esteem it a great compliment to be invited here this evening to address so learned and erudite a body of Masons. I recognise with gratitude the compliment you have paid me in asking me to take a part, although a very small one, in the proceedings of your Society. It appears, at the instigation of Bro. Matthewman, a resolution was passed in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 1019, in March last, for the purpose of calling a meeting of the Wakefield Masons, numbering some 140, to consider the propriety of forming a Masonic Literary Society. Resolutions were passed instituting the Society, and laying down the basis upon which it should be conducted, and a President, Vice-Presidents, and Committee nominated, Bros. J. Matthewman and H. A. Childe acting as Secretaries. As your nominal President, let me say I deeply sympathise with the objects of this Society. They aspire in large measure to foster those ideas which for the past 14 years I have, with my Provincial Grand Officers, tried in the Provincial Grand Lodge, addresses, lectures, and consecration orations, to promulgate in the minds and hearts of the brethren of this province, to take Masonry out of its ruddy and dry routine of the formal ritualism of the various Degrees, and to stimulate a burning desire to inquire into the history, archæology and essence of Masonry, to endeavour to solve or explain the many anachronisms and difficulties which are constantly presenting themselves to the minds of thoughtful Masonic students and searchers after light and truth and knowledge. I have found many a novice who joins our Order has perhaps not the time or accessible means to master the speculative and symbolic meanings of the various Degrees. To him the ritual seems all that Masonry has to offer. It begins with ceremony in darkness and ends at the social board, and in time, tired of its monotony, or wearied by the failure of those W.M.'s who rush the ceremonies through without dignity or impressiveness,

he first declines to attend his lodge, then gets into arrears, and then leaves the Fraternity a disappointed Mason. To make him realise the idea of true Masonry, that it is beautiful in its allegories, profound in its speculative teachings, as well as operative in its practices in its manifestations to the outside world, and that its morality is love to God and love to man, that it "would make the whole world a lodge and every man a brother," is the very essence of the Order; and add to this the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart, Charity, which, "like its twin sister Mercy, blesses him that gives as well as him that receives." Then in these wide fields of thought of speculative and philosophical Freemasonry is there, not enough to entrance the novice's mind, and if he be disappointed may not the fault be in his lodge and W.M. neglecting to use every opportunity to place him in possession of means of enabling him to become enamoured of our system of brotherhood, morality, and philanthropy. To satisfy the Master Mason after he has gone through the Three Degrees should be the bounden duty and study of every W.M. of a lodge, and by interesting him in the ancient archæology and history of the Craft, and the symbolisms of the Order, he and the Masonic body could not fail to retain the sympathies of such newly-made Masons, whom they might otherwise have lost. To enable W.M.'s to accomplish this important end, and to get out of crabbed and narrow text-books, which are the bane of Masonry, I and my officers are trying hard to follow the example of the Grand Lodge of England and the Lodge Quatuor Coronati by the establishment, at the secretarial office of West Yorkshire in Wakefield, of a valuable and comprehensive library for reference and study, and for the acquisition of historical and archæological Masonic knowledge. The importance of a lodge library has long been recognised by all Masonic students. This need has at last been felt in English Masonry. Our German and American brethren are ahead of us in this respect. Libraries have been established in various places, and societies, of which this in Wakefield is amongst the very earliest in West Yorkshire, have been founded, one of our great pioneers in this direction being Bro. T. B. Whytehead. If "Masonry is a progressive science," it must follow the march of intellect, and in this inquiring age must extend its researches "into the more hidden mysteries of nature and science," and become an association of brethren for the advancement of science, philosophy, and symbolism. The Wakefield lodges are alive to these matters. I am glad that Wakefield Masons are taking an intelligent share in Masonic intellectual inquiry. Wakefield being the centre of the province, having the secretarial office and library here, offers important facilities for the perusal of Masonic study and research. To the studious and thoughtful Mason, lectures, addresses, and essays delivered intelligently, accurately, and modestly, are of inestimable value to young and old Masons alike. By their aid the true principles of Masonry can be clearly mastered, and much that is puzzling to novitiates rendered interesting and significant. By these means the brethren can qualify themselves for office in the Craft, especially for the highest and most responsible position in the lodge—that of W.M. Thus they may learn that virtue, honour, and mercy, in one word, brotherly love, divinely inspired, is the spirit of a Mason's profession, and thus they may attain that intellectual tone which should pervade every member of a lodge so that he may become worthy of those of whom King Solomon said, "O! worthy Masons!" It is a proud satisfaction for your Prov. Grand Master to realise in such an influential gathering as is here assembled, that Freemasons in Wakefield are doing so much to cultivate and disseminate Masonic knowledge. Since I laid the foundation-stone of this hall on the 26th May, 1880, the prosperity of the Craft has been very marked, not only by the increase in the number of lodges, but in the larger attendances at the provincial meetings. I have ever tried to make these gatherings interesting to every one of you, and no more successful Prov. G. Lodge has been held than that in the Town Hall of this city in April, 1888. Another instance of the prosperity of the Craft in this province is that, during the past 14 years, I have been connected with you, numerous lodges, which previously met at outside places, have obtained halls or rooms of their own. We have now 75 lodges, and I am proud to say that with all this increase the homogeneous individuality of the province is perfect and complete, its harmony sublime, and its benevolence unbounded. If public opinion be "the nearest approach to irresistible power" does not the Craft in this province exhibit to-day the spectacle that "Unity is irresistible strength?" The strength of Masonry lies in the determination of every individual member to make the philosophy and morality of the Institution an education to his character and a discipline to his mind. But do we Masons know anything about education, physical, intellectual, and æsthetic, of which the ancient Greeks have not taught us at least the rudiments? Are we really more educated than they were? They were masters of the seven liberal arts and sciences of our Second Degree. Are there not some of these branches of education which they perfected once and for ever? Have they not bequeathed to us the famous mysteries of Ceres, the same in relation to Iris in Egypt, and did they not divide these mysteries into the greater and the lesser? These, especially the greater, were mysteries of probation, and they have left us modern Masons to fathom and to master, to follow or not to follow their example of imitation and probation alike in their organisation and reception. Pythagoras discovered the true system of the Universe, and the founda-

tion of all proportional geometry, and Plato has conveyed to us the knowledge of his doctrine by means of geometric symbol. To produce health—that is harmony, sympathy, proportion, and grace in every faculty of mind and body—that was their notion of education. These heroic souls in old times had no more opportunities than we have, but they used them. There were daring deeds to be done—they did them. Are there none now? Sacrifices to be made. Are there none now? Wrongs to be redressed. Are there none now? Charity and Benevolence to be exercised to the widow and the orphan. According to their philosophy they did them. Let every Mason follow their examples, and so educate his mind and train his heart in these days of philanthropy and philosophy, that he may do what is right and nothing else, and it will not be long ere his brow is stamped with all that goes to make up the heroic expression, with noble indignation, noble self-restraint, great hopes, perhaps great sorrows; in three words he will realise what is meant by "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." The Greeks had sacrificial ritual; so have we ceremonial ritual. They had operative works—so have we. They had speculative philosophy—so have we; but our speculative Masonry is to master their inductive reasonings. They used architectural symbols; so do we use our working tools symbolically in our lodges, and apply them to our morals. What is Masonic ritual? It is said we have 108 rites and 1400 grades; but many of them are clearly only quasi-Masonic, and some not Masonic at all. Here is a wide field for Masonic research into the origin and history of solemn ceremonials. The day is not far distant when there may be but one ritual for all Anglo-Saxon Masons. This is worth striving after, and societies like this should aim for the unification of ceremonial in all Degrees. In the beauty and perfection of their temples, the Greeks showed operative and constructive genius of the most sublime order; and their statuary attained the highest degree of sublime ideal perfection and excellence. They exerted in these departments of science their knowledge of power, physical, mechanical, and moral, which, in later times, operative Masons have done well to imitate and follow. In secret and mystic fellowship we were in the middle ages banded together, and raised mighty buildings in our country and elsewhere, at which we marvel even now. Are there not sermons in symbolisms latent, in everyone of their carved stones and images of saints? But as Masons are not so much operative, but rather "free, accepted, and speculative," we apply the working tools of the ancients to our morals. Speculative Freemasonry, after many struggles, proclaims, with unfaltering tongue, the great lessons which Worshipful Masters should ever teach of religious reverence, toleration and benevolence, and asserts the absolute necessity of moral living, and the ceaseless claims of open-handed Charity. Let novitiates realise that it declares itself to be a cosmopolitan, loyal, peaceable, Jehovah-fearing, law-abiding brotherhood, the resort of good men and true, and let Worshipful Masters make the lodge a centre of intellectual light and devout aspiration after "whatsoever things are honest and of good report," the then newly-made intelligent Masons would not find Masonry a weary monotony, or the attendance in lodge a misery. Of religious education, in our sense of the word, the Greeks had none. They knew not "the unknown God." But in the application of the working tools of the Master Mason's Degree to our morals, we are admonished the "Holy writings," which are records of Masonic light, and can guide us into all truth. We are to learn from them, and teach others how to form our bodies into temples of happiness by reducing to practice the whole duty of man. Masonry teaches this, that the first and last business of every human being, whatever his station, parts, creed, capacities, tastes, duties, is morality, virtue, virtue always virtue. Nothing that man can ever invent will absolve a Mason from the universal necessity of being good, as Jehovah is good: just, as Jehovah is just: holy, as Jehovah is holy, so that being of mature age, the Mason may be a just, moral, and upright man—perfect in all his parts. After these things, ritual, operative and speculative Masonry, and the philosophy of Masonry, comes the theory of symbolisms. To give light and meaning and connection to acknowledged facts, whether abstract or material, with which we have to do. The symbolism of the news, so largely imparted into our ceremonies, was one of the most striking features of their religion. Symbolism in the Old Testament was the "mine of the fathers." Symbolism with Masons is a principle and a passion. Masonic symbols carry us from the thing itself to the thing signified. As, for instance, in the Royal Arch, "the glory on the centre," the symbol of glory, and represented also by the blazing star, symbolising the irradiating glory of T.G.A.O.T.U. Are there not seven symbolic lodges terminating in the 33rd Degree of "Supreme Council?" We, to-night, in the Three Degrees, form the first of the symbolic lodges. Take the first grade in Masonry where the novice pledges himself under the care of a W. Master for instruction in art, science, and philosophy: herein he is moved to exercise those moral and social virtues which become mankind as the servants of the Great Architect of the World, in whose image we were formed at the beginning. The Entered Apprentice has put upon him the apron, the peculiar badge of the speculative Mason. Its origin is of deep and mystical signification. Here there is much instruction for a W.M. to give to his Entered Apprentices. Even the word "lodge" deserves a lecture to itself. May the word not be Roman in its original use? Does it symbolise the ark of the covenant, or, as I think, the ark of Noah pro-

bably? Pentalpha Lodge, Bradford, has a most beautiful model of one planned by our late Bro. Edward Walker Shaw. Take the two pillars J. and B., they are symbolic of strength and durability, and symbolise that "the pillars of the earth are the Lord's." (I. Sam., v. 2, 8.) The author of the splendid volume now in your library, on "Solomon's Temple," takes a view of the position of these pillars well worthy of discussion, that B. should be on the left of the building, and J. on the right, when facing the building. There are no less than 48 subjects in the furnishing and the furniture of the lodge for the W.M. to treat upon and interest the Entered Apprentices. Time would fail me to do more than suggest you might have lectures on each of them—the floor, serpent, stars, eye, G, columns, tassels, chains, pedestals, tools, wands, officers, the altar, and the ark. They serve to show you how wonderful a science is speculative and symbolic Masonry. They serve to show how much the Mason may be stimulated in zeal for the acquisition of the knowledge of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Science and knowledge are bounded by no space, since Masons can travel from east to west in their pursuit. But, although science is great, she is not the greatest; she is an instrument, not a power, beneficent or deadly, according as she is wielded by the hand of virtue or vice. But her lawful mistress, the only one which can use her aright, the only one under whom she can truly grow and prosper in a lodge of Masons, and prove her Divine descent is virtue, the likeness of T.G.A.O.T.U. and the principles which actuate the pursuit are highly conducive to virtue and morality, the attempt to rule and subdue the passions, and, lastly, where candour cannot commend, their silence will, at least, avoid reproach. Here I must stop, having, I fear, wearied you with too long an address. I have, whilst elucidating nothing novel or startling, simply pointed out that the old symbols and allegories of our system, still veiled many of them in mysteries, and shrouded by antiquity, are but waiting for exemplification by patient research into their origin, uses, and meaning. I have tried to show how P.M.'s and W.M.'s can make a lodge meeting anything but a weariness to the flesh, or a monotony to the newly initiated. They can also invite learned and erudite Masonic thinkers and writers and students to come to them and give them help by papers on abstruse Masonic subjects. They can invite discussion upon Masonic difficulties and anomalies, whilst a Society like this, and with the aid of a good Masonic library, can aid their researches by literature, and keep them well informed as to the progress of Masonic inquiry. You have already 70 members; you have taken a broad view of this Society's labours; you have invited others than Wakefield Masons to join you; and you have met with response from Leeds, Dewsbury, Bradford, and other towns. In these practical days, men outside our mystic circle estimate value by results, and it remains with us Masons whether they shall regard our Craft as one "continually given to all good works," or a mere mummery profession and childish playing with things and names, if not something worse; or they shall be compelled to admit that it is something demanding the approval and confidence of honest, serious, and intelligent men, who yearn after brotherhood, love, and friendship. Brethren, I ask you to leave not this lodge without a distinct and earnest resolution as to which, as far as lies in each one of us, Masonry shall be in this city and province. So mote it be.

The President's paper was listened to with the greatest attention and appreciation, and at its close a most cordial vote of thanks was awarded on the motion of Bro. A. W. STANFIELD, seconded by Bro. BOLTON, and supported in eulogistic terms by Bros. C. L. MASON and H. OXLEY.

The PRESIDENT, who, on rising to respond, had again a hearty reception, repeated his acknowledgments to the members of the Wakefield Literary Society, and assured them that he was proud to hold the position in which they had placed him, that he hailed with great satisfaction the formation and firm establishment of this Institution, and that he would render them all the aid he could command, and be delighted to come amongst them as frequently as possible.

Bro. MATTHEWMAN then called attention to Rule 7, which permits members to suggest subjects for discussion, and intimated that he would be glad to receive such communications, which, on obtaining the sanction of the Committee, would be duly discussed. Questions also were invited.

The SECRETARY, before the meeting closed, also informed the members that they would shortly have the pleasure of hearing Bro. G. W. Speth, the Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, whose labours, Masonic and literary, were so generally known. Bro. Speth's paper would probably be given in January, 1890.

This closed the evening's proceedings.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE CRAFT.

PROCLAMATION—THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. AND A.M.

Office of the Grand Master, Montreal, P.Q., October 23rd, 1889.

To all Brethren of obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, and to all whom the following may concern—

Whereas,—On the first day of January, 1885, M.W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, then Grand Master of this Grand

Lodge, issued his proclamation forbidding all brethren acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to hold any Masonic intercourse with any member or members of any lodge existing in this province, enrolled on the register of any foreign Grand Lodge, in so far as ancient Craft Masonry is concerned.

And Whereas,—On the fifth day of July, 1886, M.W. Bro. James Frederick Walker, then Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, issued his proclamation and edict ordering that all Masonic intercourse be suspended and cease between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and brethren in obedience thereto, and commanding all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of England.

And Whereas,—The Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, at its annual communication, held at the City of Toronto on the eighteenth and nineteenth days of July, 1888, authorised by resolution, its Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, to offer his mediation to both the said Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, which mediatorial offer was accepted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

And Whereas,—The Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its annual communication held at the City of Montreal, on the 30th and 31st days of January, 1889, passed the following resolution: "That with regard to the withdrawal of the Edicts of this Grand Lodge heretofore issued against the Grand Lodge of England, and its lodges in this city adhering thereto, this Grand Lodge fully recognises the necessity of strengthening the hands of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in his mediation between this Grand Lodge and the said Grand Lodge of England and her lodges, and hereby authorises the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who may be in office at any time, at the request of M.W. Bro. Walkem, to withdraw the said edict."

Now therefore be it known to you all that I, Isaac Henry Stearns, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Quebec, by virtue of the power vested in me as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and at the request and desire of M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, acting in his capacity as mediator as aforesaid, do hereby withdraw the before-mentioned proclamation and edict of non-intercourse and interdict issued by the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge of date of 1st day of January, 1885, and also the one issued by the Grand Master of date of 5th day of July, 1886, and the said proclamations and edicts are hereby withdrawn.

Of all which you and all others, whom the said proclamations and interdicts may in any way concern, will take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the attestation of the Grand Secretary thereof at Montreal, P.Q., this 23rd day of October, A.L. 5889, A.D. 1889.

ISAAC H. STEARNS,
Grand Master.

[Attest,]

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary G.L. of Q.

Scotland.

KILWINNING LODGE.

A meeting of the Building Committee was held in the lodge room, on the 28th ult., for the purpose of taking steps to erect a new lodge. The meeting was largely attended, and amongst others present were Bros. the Hon. Thos. Cochrane, of Dunkeith; Hugh Wallace, of Cloncaird; Patrick Burns, of Auchenhavie; J. D. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow; James M'Cosh, Dalry; D. Sneddon, Kilmarnock; J. B. Wilson, Glasgow; John Armour, jun., Irvine; William Scott, Kilwinning; and Robert Wylie, Secretary Mother Kilwinning.

Bro. William Scott was called to the chair. Bro. R. W. Cochrane-Patrick, R.W.M., sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present; also apologies from Bros. Alex. White, Edinburgh; J. Fleming, Skelmorlie; and Wm. Jack, Glasgow.

It was agreed to appoint Bro. James Stirling to go through the lodges in Ayrshire on behalf of the Building Fund, and it was arranged that subscriptions should be asked from different brethren throughout Scotland on a more extended scheme after the annual meeting in December.

Australia.

A correspondent sends us the following:—"At the consecration of a new lodge in Melbourne, under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, recently, an incident occurred that in some parts of the world would be considered an undesirable innovation. After the installation of the W.M. designate and the investiture of the officers, &c., the lodge was 'called off.' None of the officers, however, left their posts, the three 'emblematical lights' were exposed, and the lodge in every way wore the same aspect as it did before the order to 'call off' was given, when a deputation of ladies was admitted for the purpose of presenting a banner to the lodge. Several Grand Officers were present, including the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the V.W. Grand Secretary and President of the Board of General Purposes, the W. the Director of Ceremonies, the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, and the V.W. President of the Board of Benevolence, the two latter of whom, to mark their disapproval of

the proceedings, retired. After the ladies had left, the lodge was 'called on' and finally closed. To the foregoing may be added a perhaps more inexplicable incident that happened on the occasion of the installation of Sir William Clarke as M.W. Grand Master of Victoria in the Town Hall, Melbourne, last March. While the Grand Lodge was open and at work, a party of photographers—non-Masons—were admitted, and took a view of the proceedings. It was only discovered, when too late, that the artists were 'cowans.'



Miss Grace Hawthorne, the lessee of the Princess's Theatre, is just now one of the busiest women in London, for, in addition to her arduous labours in connection with her newly-decorated theatre in Oxford-street (which shortly re-opens with Brandon Thomas's new play, "The Gold Craze"), she is daily rehearsing Sardou's celebrated play, "Theodora," with which she opens her provincial tour at Brighton on the 18th inst. She has been for the past month studying the rôle in Paris, under the immediate instruction of the author, M. Victorien Sardou. The English adaptation of this play is by Mr. Robert Buchanan, and the entire production is staged under the personal direction of Mr. W. H. Vernon. The dresses, jewels, armour, &c., were manufactured by M. Duquesnel, the director of the Porte St. Martin Theatre, in Paris, and are very elaborate and expressive, having cost the management £5000. The dresses, jewels, &c., worn by Miss Hawthorne alone are valued at £1500, and she said by connoisseurs in art to be the most magnificent costumes ever worn in a stage production.

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Mr. Barnum will not find any one who will attempt to dispute his title to call his entertainment "The Greatest Show on Earth," for verily it is colossal. The proprietor has not exaggerated anything. The 15000 people who assembled at Olympia on Monday last to welcome the (another) Grand Old Man gave him vociferous cheers as he drove round the arena twice in his Victoria and pair, looking the picture of health and happiness. We can only liken the company present to that of half a dozen theatrical first-nights, with a few additional thousands thrown in. Fashion, art, the drama, literature, commerce, politics, and certainly Freemasonry—all were strongly represented. We believe it will become for the next few months the thing to dine and spend the evening at Olympia. The show proper did not commence until 8 o'clock, but two hours prior to that were easily spent in looking round the various other shows the enterprising Barnum has provided. The monstrosities—or freaks of nature we prefer to call them—had enormous crowds around them. There are a dwarf, aged 18, who is perfect in form, and can easily stand on one's hand, two giants from Texas, good looking men, a child with two heads, four arms, and two legs, a Circassian girl, a tattooed lady, but, of course, we see only the lower part of her legs and arms, a giantess weighing 464 lbs., an American dude, who is a living skeleton, and a man who has no arms, and can write and do everything with his feet, as if he had hands. An interesting explanation is given by a lecturer, but we think people of a nervous disposition had better keep away from these deformities of nature. Lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, cheetas, hyenas, ostriches, camels, bears, and many other wild beasts and birds are to be seen, as also the horses in their stalls. In the arena there are three rings for performances and two platforms between, so that there are five performances going on at one and the same time. As they are generally of the same kind, it is obvious that in whatever part of the huge building one is seated the entertainment is easily seen. Many of the things are similar to what one sees at our own Music Halls and circuses. The most novel and clever performance was the running down a plank and vaulting over the backs of five elephants, placed side by side, and turning somersaults in the descent. Of course the steeple chasing, horse racing, dog racing, cowboy riding, and chariot driving, both two and four abreast, caused the greatest excitement. One of the most ludicrous events is the riding of monkeys on ponies. The latter part of the entertainment is the representation of "Nero, or the Destruction of Rome," which occupies the whole of one side of the vast building. Certainly nothing like it has ever been seen in London, we may say in Europe. We were reminded of the ballets of the Empire and Alhambra, and Drury Lane pantomimes, but even all these together would hardly be so large as Mr. Barnum's show. Everything is on a gigantic scale. The procession of men and women on foot, on horseback, on elephants and camels, dressed in all sorts of colour and material, caused tremendous applause. The only fault—and it is not often people find such faults—is that Mr. Barnum gives them too much for their money. There is so much to see that one becomes bewildered, and the eye gets fatigued. Noticing Mr. Arthur Balfour come in, and wandering about to find his seat—no one seemed to recognise him—we mentioned the fact to the occupant of the next seat to us. He at once looked on his programme, and replied there was no Balfour down, and was so intent on the performance that he did not grasp the fact of the Irish Secretary being close to him.



Among those present at the dinner given on Tuesday by the Treasurer and Benchers of Lincoln's Inn in honour of "Grand Day," were Bros. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, Justice Field, and R. Horton Smith, Q.C.

Bro. Samuel Hewitt was, at the last meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. George Reynolds, the retiring W.M., being voted a Past Master's jewel and collar.

At a meeting of Doyle's Lodge, No. 84, at Guernsey, on Wednesday last, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. H. J. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab, for the valuable work entitled "The Religion of Freemasonry" presented to the lodge by the author.

The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society are sending a delegation of their body to Brussels, to be at hand in order to give information to the plenipotentiaries upon matters connected with the slave trade, should opportunity arise.

A meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will be held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at 33, Golden-square, W. E. Sir Knight John Read, P.E.P., P.A.G.D.C., will be in the chair, and E. Sir Knight Henry Lovegrove, P.E.P., P.G.S.B., Registrar.

The year 2118 is still a rather long way off, but there is something nevertheless decidedly unpleasant in the President of the Manchester Geological Society's assurance that that is the date when Englishmen will have seen the last of our stock of coal, calculated now to amount to about 1.47 millions of tons.

At the meeting of the St. Petroc Lodge, Padstow, held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. B. Williams, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. Bray, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. (the present Treasurer), was re-elected to that office. Bro. J. D. Lobb, the Tyler of the lodge, was also re-elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren, by whom he is much respected.

On Saturday last, the 9th instant, the mortal remains of Bro. Daniel Walker were taken from his house in Albion-street to St. Peter's churchyard, where they were interred. A large number of friends followed the coffin to the grave, among them being a representative body of brethren from the Royal Navy Lodge, of which the deceased had been a member.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their son, Prince George, and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, reached Brindisi, after a very rough passage from the Piræus, on Tuesday. After a few hours rest, the Royal party left by train for Turin, which was safely reached on Wednesday evening, and where, at the invitation of the Duke of Aoste, they purposed making a stay of 24 hours.

Julian Hawthorn says of his father's manuscript, "He wrote so small a hand that he would put fifteen hundred words upon a page of ordinary letter paper, and when he had written a word or a line that displeased him, he rubbed it out with his finger and wrote over the inky space thus made. It is just possible that what he wrote in such cases he might have been able afterwards to decipher. For myself I can only make a guess."

The London acting managers have in meeting assembled decided that they should have a club of their own which will be formed immediately. Mr. Charles Moreton has been asked to be their first President, and the following is a list of the officials: Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Griffiths; Secretary, Bro. H. T. Brickwell. Committee: Messrs. C. J. Abud, W. Greet, R. D'Albertson, E. F. Bradley, Harrington Baily, H. A. Freeman, and J. E. Hollingshead. The subscription fee will be five guineas per annum, and the club premises in a central position, to be decided upon at the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday next.

The *Western Daily Mercury* says:—At a recent meeting the members of Duncombe Lodge, Kingsbridge, decided on building a lodge in Duncombe-street. The edifice will be of a very pretty architectural design, and the site for the lodge will be purchased of Mr. George Hooper, builder, the architect being Mr. R. Watson. The Masons have felt the necessity of a lodge for some years, and it has been the practice ever since the formation to hold the meetings at their room in the King's Arms Hotel. But Duncombe Lodge being almost the only remaining one in the three western counties that holds its meetings in a public house, the desire for a change is apparent. It is hoped to finish the work by May next.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the brethren of Sunderland, representing all the lodges in the town, gave one of their social entertainments in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and Lady Williamson, Canon Tristram and Mrs. Tristram, the Mayor and Mayoress, and Colonel Gourley, M.P. The proceeds were to aid the furnishing fund for the Masonic Ward in the Hartley Memorial Wing, Sunderland Infirmary. There was a very large gathering of the brotherhood and lady friends. A most enjoyable programme was provided, the musical part being rendered by the South Shields Masonic Glee Party, and Mr. Spurr, the well-known reciter, &c., also added to the pleasure of the evening. The result will be a large addition to the Masonic Ward Fund, for through the liberality of a few well-known members of the Craft all the expenses were met by them, and the total income will go direct to the Masonic Ward Fund. The Committee are to be congratulated upon the great success of their labours.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.—What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy?" What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of the "Sportsman's Quality?" What is more disappointing when asking for Grant's to be put off with some inferior make. Sold everywhere. T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone, Makers of the non-Alcoholic Wine "Morella," and of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

At the last meeting of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, held on Thursday, 7th instant, Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.M. 85, P.P.G. Reg. Norfolk, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation meeting of the St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1448, was held at Amlwch, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. T. Fanning Evans was installed W.M. for the coming year. In the evening the officers, members, and visiting brethren were entertained by the newly-elected W.M. to a banquet at his residence, Mona Lodge.

"Illustrations," Mr. Francis George Heath's pictorial magazine, will this year have its first double Christmas number of illustrated stories, &c., in lieu of its ordinary December number. The publishers will be Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co.

We are asked to announce that the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, now hold their meetings every Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, in addition to the meetings also held at the East Dulwich Hotel on Monday evenings.

At the 21st anniversary meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, held in the Temperance Hall, Sudbury, on Friday, the 1st inst., a handsome gold Waltham watch, which cost 25 guineas, was presented to Bro. Frederick Wheeler, P.M., P. Prov. G. Registrar of Suffolk in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary of the lodge for upwards of 15 years.

On Friday evening an interesting ceremony took place at the Armoury House, Finsbury. The occasion was the presentation of a life-like portrait in oil to Bro. Major Woolmer-Williams, who for many years was Captain of No. 5 Company of the Honourable Artillery Company, and who has recently retired into the veteran company with the superior rank. Lieutenant G. A. Marshall presided at the banquet, at which the presentation was made.

The Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, has removed from the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, to Bro. Harvey's (P.M. 25), Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road (Oxford-street end). Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, P.Z. 1507, is Preceptor, and Bro. G. Wood, W.M. 1681, is Secretary. The meetings are held on Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock, and the first meeting at the new quarters will be held to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. J. Cooke, of Codnor Park, was installed W.M. of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, on Thursday, the 7th inst., in the Town Hall, Ripley. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. C. Corfield, I.P.M.; J. Tealby, S.W.; F. Alfrey, J.W.; J. Sutton, S.D.; A. Day, J.D.; R. P. Hill, Chap.; J. Leadbeater, I.G.; W. C. Pegg, Org.; and J. Storer, Tyler. Dinner was subsequently provided at the White Lion Hotel, when 67 of the brethren were present.

On Tuesday evening, just after the guests at the Mayoral banquet at Welshpool had taken their seats, Bro. Councillor Robert Hurst, who was elected a member of the Town Council on the 1st inst., fell down in a fit. Some medical gentlemen, who formed part of the company, rendered immediate assistance, but life was declared extinct. The deceased was formerly borough surveyor, and was in good practice as architect and surveyor. Bro. Hurst, who was a Past Master in the Craft, leaves a widow and two children.

A grand ball took place at the new Masonic Hall, Castle Blaney, county Monaghan, Ireland, on the 1st instant, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. All the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh wore the brilliant regalia of the Order, and filed into the ballroom in processional order, the band playing a well-known march, conducted by Bro. Mervin Browne, of Dublin. Amongst those present were Lord Francis Pelham Clinton-Hope, Lord and Lady Pelham Clinton, Sir Robert and Lady Heron, Mr. and Mrs. De Bathe Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Miss Owens, Mr. J. Kelly, High Sheriff, and others.

The third musical evening under the auspices of the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, No. 757, was held on the 5th instant, in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Bonnar, Depute Master of the lodge, and there were about 100 gentlemen present. The quality and quantity of the items set down on the programme could not but please the most captious critic, there being no fewer than 28 contributions by some of the best-known figures in the local musical world. Singing was represented by Bros. James C. Dibdin, D. R. Murdoch, Charles S. Howard, J. L. Kerpen, G. A. Peacock, T. Thompson, H. A. L. Siligmann, J. A. Moonie, A. C. Edmunds, T. F. Hodgson Meyrick, Geo. Wilson, J. C. Train, A. M. Lomax, and W. Spence. Recitations were given by Bros. C. Wade and John Carlisle, jun., and the humorous songs of Bros. Walter Hatton and C. F. Blight tended greatly to enliven the meeting. Instrumental music was provided by Bros. Professor J. Hutton (banjo); Jules Guitton (violin); John Mackay (cornet); J. C. Poyser (flute); James Winram (violin); F. E. F. O'Brien (trombone); Carl D. Hamilton (cello); Dambmann (violin); and Bernini (clarinet). The singing was accompanied by Bros. Bridgemann, Moonie, Warren, Peacock, and Train. With such an imposing list detailed criticism would be out of place, where the artistes vied with one another in their efforts to please. The entertainment took the form of a smoking concert.

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.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—Most diseases of these depravative organs arise from obstructions, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargements, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundation of organic diseases. Holloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action ranks them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism these Pills have achieved for themselves universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.

The Alhambra management announce the exclusive and special engagement of Sandow, the phenomenal pupil of Professor Attila, both of whom will appear (first time) on Monday evening next, the 18th inst.

The awards have been made in connection with the Food and Cookery Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall, which closes on Saturday. A number of exhibitors gain gold and silver medal diplomas.

The Sultan has sanctioned the erection at Bethlehem of a chapel for Protestant pilgrims to that place—a decision most gratifying to the German Empress, who had the scheme particularly at heart.

The Presbyterian Church at Ipswich has been enriched by nine stained-glass windows from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, illustrating the Graces of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and of which the unveiling is arranged in connection with the erection of the new organ.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., will deliver his popular lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," in the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., on Thursday next. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

We have been asked to correct an error in our report of the installation of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, last week. The list of officers appointed for the ensuing year should read: Bros. J. H. Wright, I.P.M.; W. E. Morrison (Mayor elect of Eastbourne), S.W.; J. Creighton, J.W.; C. L. Norris, Chap.; &c.

THE EMPIRE.—The "Paris Exhibition" ballet divertissement continues to give the utmost satisfaction and enjoyment nightly to those who have seen the original article and to those who have not. We hope Barnum will pay many a visit to the Empire show to see how things can be done on this side, and he may pick up a wrinkle or two besides.

We are pleased to see that Mr. John Harrold, the energetic Assistant Secretary of the London Fever Hospital, has been appointed to the Secretaryship of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, London. We congratulate Mr. Harrold on his appointment, and the institution on securing the services of an efficient Secretary.

On Monday night, one of the largest gatherings which have ever been seen at the Town Hall, Dover, took place to celebrate the election to the office of Mayor of that ancient borough of Bro. Edward Lukey, 30, P.M. and P.Z. 199, P.M. 152 (Mark), and P.P.S.G.D. Kent. The proceedings were most enthusiastic throughout. Amongst those present were a large number of Masonic brethren from different parts of Kent, amongst whom Bro. Lukey is well-known and highly esteemed. The toast of his health was proposed by Mr. George Wyndham, M.P. for the borough, and Private Secretary to Mr. Balfour, the Chief Irish Secretary.

A benefit *matinée* is announced to take place at Terry's Theatre, on the 29th inst., for the widow of Bro. Frederick Delevanti, 37 years musical director at Madame Tussaud's. Bro. Terry has generously lent his theatre for the occasion, and many prominent names in the Theatrical and Masonic world appear in support of the object. Bro. Coop, of 44, Great Windmill-street, is the Hon. Sec. of the fund, and Bro. Major George Lambert is lending his powerful aid, so we may hope for a substantial contribution from this source. Seats may be booked at the theatre.

The Vestry of St. Giles, Camberwell, at their meeting on Wednesday night, agreed to contribute the sum of £6000 towards the purchase of Brockwell Park as a public park for South London, subject to Parliamentary powers being obtained for this purpose. It was reported that the park had been offered for the sum of £122,000, and that with the contribution of the Camberwell Vestry there only now remained £2500 wanting to complete the purchase money and to secure for South London a most desirable open space and place of recreation.

The annual meeting of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1544, of Camborne, took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Mrs. Glasson's Hotel. Bro. William Burge was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The appointment of the officers was as follows: Bros. R. Rowe, S.W.; John Newland, J.W.; H. P. Vivian, Sec.; E. Lakey, Treas.; William Vial, S.D.; W. H. Trevithick, J.D.; J. Trounson, I.G.; A. Dunkin, D.C.; J. G. Shakerley, Org.; and Taylor, Gardiner, and W. J. Hockin, Stwds. The banquet was an excellent spread, and a pleasant evening was spent.

"Sweet Lavender" has reached its 600th performance at "Terry's."

In his dimly lit chambers he's sitting
In his well-worn easy chair,
As the rings of smoke from his favourite pipe,
Lazily sail through the air,
Of what can *Dick Phenyl* be thinking,
That pleasure should beam in his eyes;
That his lips should tend to a laughing bend,
As he watches the circles rise?

A puff!—and in fancy the vapour
One Hundred times denotes;
A puff!—and lo! a *Two Hundred* ring
On high to the ceiling floats.
A puff!—and a circle,—*Three Hundred* sails
To the space where its fellows soar
A puff!—and a curl, as the vapours unfurl
Is the sign of the centuries *Four*.

A puff!—'tis the round *Five Hundred* ring,
Chiming the same refrain;
And now a puff!—a *Six Hundred* link!
Nor does it complete the chain,
For his pipe still glows, and *Dick Phenyl* knows
As he watches with beaming eyes,
'Tis a certain law, that while he can draw
The rings (of success) will rise.

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.