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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The order of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next contains nothing of an unusual character. There will be the nomination for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer; the President of the Board of Benevolence will be appointed and invested; and two brethren for the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidencies and 12 Past Masters will be nominated to serve as members of the same Board. In the majority of cases this will be tantamount to election, and should it turn out—as seems not improbable—that Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, P.M., is the only candidate proposed for the Grand Treasurership, the election in March next, in this instance also, will be a mere formal proceeding. The reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence contain nothing material, while the list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the September Grand Lodge contains only seven, of which, the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, will meet in the Metropolitan District, four in the Provinces, and two in districts abroad. Of the four Provincial, three will belong to the northern Provinces of Northumberland and the two Yorkshires, while the fourth will help to strengthen the home County of Herts. One of the two lodges in foreign parts will be located at Buenos Ayres and the other at Quetta, in Belochistan, within the district included under the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. It is evident, therefore, from this brief survey of the agenda that the time of Grand Lodge will not be occupied for long at its meeting next week.

THE PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The published report of the proceedings which took place at the annual meeting in June last of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire shows unmistakably that, whatever may have been the case a few years since, our brethren in this county are now thoroughly imbued with a desire to keep on level terms with their sister provinces. It seems to have taken them some little time to realise that everything in connection with Freemasonry has been progressing rapidly—we might almost say “by leaps and bounds”—ever since the Prince of WALES was installed our Grand Master. Not only has the number of our lodges and subscribing members increased amazingly during the 15 years which have elapsed since then; but there has also been an equally amazing increase in the activity of our lodges, while our Charitable Institutions have been enlarged to an extent which would hardly have been supposed possible in times anterior to the present. It is not surprising, therefore, that some of our lodges and brethren should for a time, at all events, have failed to appreciate the more bustling spirit which prevails in the Craft. But Lincolnshire, if we may be pardoned for including its lodges and brethren among those that have advanced somewhat deliberately, is clearly making headway now at a rate which will compare favourably with that of Provinces of equal or even of greater numerical strength. It is true that no material alteration has taken place either in the number of lodges or the number of subscribing brethren, only a single lodge—the Smyth, No. 2284, Great Grimsby, warranted last year—and some 25 members having been added to the roll since the previous report; but the increase on the voting strength in respect of our Charitable Institutions is very considerable, the number of votes according to the returns included in this Report being 1960 as compared with a previous record of 1455 votes. All three Institutions have benefited by this greater activity of the Lincolnshire brethren, but the Benevolent, for which Bro. H. E. COUSANS, who acted as representative of the whole Province, succeeded in raising £450, received the lion's share of the support. But in addition to this indication of increased service in aid of the Central Charities, we have the further evidence afforded by the existence of no less than three separate funds for assisting necessitous brethren of the Province or their families. These are the Oliver

Memorial Fund and the Smyth Scholarship Fund for the education of children, and the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund; the first of which has an invested capital of £1200; the second one of £1005; and the last one of £1060. The first two have been in existence for some time, but the Sutcliffe Fund is of recent establishment, its by-laws having been confirmed at this very meeting. The Provincial Benevolent Fund is also in a flourishing condition, its balance in hand on the last account being £119, and the sum invested for its use £600. With such strong evidence as this before us of the admirable work which it is capable of doing, both at home and abroad, when it bestirs itself, there can be no doubt that Lincolnshire has, as we have said, been making considerable headway during the last year or two. We are sanguine enough to believe that its efforts in the same direction will be maintained, and that when the report of the proceedings during the current year comes under our notice, there will be still greater occasion than now for offering to our Lincolnshire brethren our hearty congratulations on the prosperous state of their affairs.

THE HUCKSTERING SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

We note with very sincere regret that latterly the spirit of the huckster has been unpleasantly conspicuous among a section of the brethren, whenever a reference has been made to the services rendered by the paid officers of our Institutions. To speak in terms of eulogy of the work that has been done by one of these officers in the presence of any of these gentlemen is like throwing a red rag at a bull. The words of praise are hardly out of your mouth, before one or more of them charges down upon you furiously with some such unhandsome rejoinder as “And so he ought to work well, for he is paid a high salary.” We have no intention whatever of denying the soft impeachment thus delicately hurled at the official's eulogiser. On the contrary, we are quite ready to admit that the remuneration of these officers has been determined in a generous spirit. What, however, we do most emphatically protest against is the doctrine, which, as we have said, has latterly found favour among a certain class of Masons, that only a strictly commercial understanding shall be allowed to prevail between the authorities of our Institutions and the brethren whom they employ as officers. We certainly desire—indeed, we have a perfect right to expect—that the affairs of our Charitable and other Institutions shall be administered in business-like fashion, and with a due regard to economy. All three of them depend principally for their means of support on the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren. We know how large is the sum which each requires to be raised annually to enable it to do its work efficiently, and how excessive is the labour which devolves on those who raise the supplies. We are not likely, therefore, to encourage anything in the nature of extravagance on the part of the governing bodies; the money thus obtained from year to year with so much difficulty is too precious to be wasted. In our opinion, however, it is not extravagance, but in accordance with true economy, for an Institution to remunerate its employés liberally, and extend towards them, as well on their retirement from active duty as during their tenure of office, every possible consideration. It is our belief, and the belief of a good many other people besides, that in a certain sense you cannot pay a good official too well, or show too high an appreciation of his services. It is only human nature after all that the employé should take his cue from his employer, and that according as he finds the latter is considerate or exacting, liberal or niggardly, so he should meet him in a precisely corresponding spirit. This huckstering may pay as between hucksters, but there should be no place for it in the dealings of Masons.

Hitherto, at all events, the policy of consideration as adopted by the governing bodies of our Institutions towards their paid officials has been productive of benefit to the Institutions themselves. No one can say that either Bro. BINCKES or Bro. TERRY has measured out the precise quantum of labour which, in his opinion, represents the equivalent of the salary assigned to him.

Both these brethren, from the outset, and during the whole of their official career, have thrown themselves heart and soul into their duties. They have worked as few other men have worked to promote the success of the Charities which employed them. Their office hours have been from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but to the exertions they conceived it to be their duty to make there has never been placed even the suspicion of a limit. We have heard it said—and we can well believe that it is true—that in canvassing for Festival Stewards Bro. TERRY, in the course of a single year, has been known to surrender upwards of 250 evenings in going about among the lodges in town and country; and we should imagine that by this time everyone must know or have heard of the Crusade in the Provinces which Bro. BINCKES instituted when he was appointed Secretary, and which he has seen such good reason for continuing till the present day. As regards this latter official, it may or it may not be true that he has adopted a wrong policy in his alleged endeavours to concentrate the whole direction of affairs in his own hands; but there can be no doubt about the zeal, the energy, and the ability with which he has performed, not only his appointed duties as defined in the terms of his engagement, but also a mass of work voluntarily undertaken in order to advance the interests of one of our Institutions. But though all this is known or might easily be known, there are those who come forward now, when the question of retiring him on a pension is being considered, and say, But why this pension, or why so large a pension? Has he not been well paid for his services? We regret to find this kind of view exercising an influence among the brethren. We maintain that it is impossible to assign an exact commercial value to the services rendered by this class of salaried officials. It is not difficult to find a man of average intelligence who will perform the duties of a kind of Chief Clerk, and perform them well. But the Secretaries of our Institutions hitherto have been the chief advisers as to the policy that should be followed, as well as the chief executive officers of that policy; and the course they have recommended and helped to carry out having been in the main successful—the Institutions would not have grown to their present dimensions had it been otherwise—we consider they have a claim on us for generous treatment, and that, having devoted the best years of their life to our service, they are entitled to a pension on retirement.

But apart from any arguments of this kind, we must always remember that we are Masons and that, however it may be in the commercial world, the custom of regulating the pay and allowances of our salaried officials in strict accordance with the market value of labour has not prevailed in Masonry. But even if they have been paid the full commercial value of their services, we do not regard that as a reason why we should not treat them generously as becomes Masons. They have never spared themselves in their efforts to perform their duties, and we shall be discouraging their successors from following their example, if we turn them adrift pensionless when we no longer require their services. They have exerted themselves to the utmost on our behalf, and it would be the height of ingratitude in us if we failed to requite them to the full extent of our ability.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September, 1889, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and Investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Canynges Lodge, No. 1388, Bristol ...	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate ...	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Mount Edgumbe Lodge, No. 1544, Camborne ...	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London ...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading ...	50 0 0
A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, Hampstead ...	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London ...	200 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	50 0 0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board have to report, acting under the advice of the Grand Superintendent of Works, they have had the electric light introduced into the premises of Grand Lodge under his supervision.

The installation is being carried out on very favourable terms by Messrs. Laing, Wharton, and Down, and the Board hope and believe that the new light will not only greatly increase the comfort of the brethren attending Grand Lodge and using the private lodge rooms, but will also materially conduce to the preservation of the costly gilding and other decorations of the building.

The Board submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3973 7s. 5d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £26 7s. 11d.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th November, 1889.

9.—APPEAL.

By Bro. HENRY GODBER, P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Burma, dismissing his complaint against the said lodge for permitting Bro. Joseph Dawson, P.M., to withdraw his resignation of membership of the lodge, which had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary and entered on the minutes.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President; and none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. William Peter Brown, 90; James Bunker, 1158; George B. Chapman, 27; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1351; Lewis C. Haslip, 813; George R. Langley, 183; George Read, 511; E. Shedd, 276; R. J. Taylor, 144; and Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538; and no more than 12 were nominated.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2327—The St. Oswin Lodge, North Shields, Northumberland.
- 2328—The Albert Victor Lodge, St. Saviourgate, York, N. and E. Yorkshire.
- 2329—The Victoria Lodge, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.
- 2330—The St. Laurence Lodge, Pudsey, W. Yorkshire.
- 2331—The Ravenscroft Lodge, Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire.
- 2332—The Borough of Greenwich Lodge, East Greenwich.
- 2333—The Quetta Lodge, Quetta, Belochistan, under Dist. G. Lodge, Punjab.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held under the banner of the United Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 809, at the Town Hall Wisbech, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Present:

Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G.M.; Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England, Deputy P.G.M.; Bros. W. M. Fawcett, W.M. 1492, P.S.G.W.; C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441, P.J.G.W.; Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M. 859, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. Imrie, Chap. 2107, P.G. Chap.; H. J. Whitehead, 441, P.G. Treas.; J. Bonnett, 859, P.G. Sec.; J. Kennerell, W.M. 809, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. R. Girling, 809, P.G.S.B.; John Turner, Org. 2107, P.G. Org.; A. H. Ruston, 2107, P.G. Purst.; and many others.

The brethren assembled at 2.30, when Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and after this the brethren to the number of 70 attended Divine service at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, when Bro. Rev. J. IMRIE read the prayers, and Bro. Rev. F. J. FOAKES-JACKSON gave a very impressive address on Masonry. There was a crowded congregation. A collection realised £10, and was presented to the Wisbech Hospital.

Upon returning to lodge in procession, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The roll of lodges was called, and it appeared that the total strength of the province (comprising six lodges) was 342.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was of a satisfactory character.

The report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association was read and adopted.

Bro. B. CHENNEL, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., proposed "That the sum of 20 guineas be voted to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions, to be paid through the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association," which was agreed to.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed "That the sum of 15 guineas be voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses."—Carried.

Bro. C. A. VINTER, P.M., P.J.G.W., proposed "That the sum of two guineas be voted towards the expenses of erecting stalls in Peterborough Cathedral."—Carried.

Bro. H. J. WHITEHEAD, 441, was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, with thanks for his services during the past year.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as under:

Bro. B. Chennell, P.M. 2107	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Thorns, P.M. 809	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M. 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Imrie, Chap. 2107	...	...	...	
" H. J. Whitehead, 441 (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Hammett C. Knott, W.M. 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Bonnett, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. V. Pryor, W.M. 88	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C. 441	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Hutchinson, W.M. 2107	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Grover, S.D. 809	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Morrell, Org. 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Claude Beddington, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. F. Sheppard, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" T. Collier	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" H. C. Ellis	...	...	...	

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER next presented the Charity jewel to Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88, P.P.G.D.C.; S. H. Sharman, P.M. 441, P.P.S.G.D., and E. Armitage, P.M. 859, P.P.S.G.W. Westmorland and Cumberland, for having attended the meetings of the various Charities as Stewards.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed (1), to the Mayor and Corporation of Wisbech for the use of the Town Hall; (2), to the vicar of St. Peter and St. Paul for the use of his church; and (3), to the Chaplains of the lodge for their assistance at the service.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel for banquet. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. Edmond Frank Brewster Fuller has accepted a seat on the board of the Northern Transvaal Lands Company (Limited).

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs, visited the Crystal Palace in State on Saturday last, and in the course of the afternoon the Lady Mayoress distributed the prizes to the successful members of the London Rifle Brigade.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 2325.

The Rose of Lancaster Lodge, No. 2325, was on the 21st inst. consecrated in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. Grand Master, assisted by several Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large assembly of members of the new lodge and visiting brethren. The ceremony of consecration was performed in the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, where the brethren of the Rose of Lancaster Lodge will, in future meet on the third Thursday of each month.

The Consecrating Officers present were Bros. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, Presiding Officer; Thomas Clarke, Prov. G.R., S.W.; Rev. J. K. Turner, P.G.C., Chap.; T. L. Murray, D. of C.; and W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. The visitors included Bros. George Mellor, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. East Lancashire; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G. Chap. West Lancashire; J. Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Herbert Kidson, P.G.S.; J. N. Patterson, P.G.D.C.; S. M. Harris, P.P.G.D.C. Northumberland; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; D. Gaskin, P.P.G.T.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; and J. C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.

The lodge having been duly constituted, the investiture of the officers was proceeded with. Bro. Wm. Platt, P.M., was installed as the first W.M., Bros. W. J. Worden and C. Watson being appointed as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

In the course of a brief address to the brethren, Lord LATHOM said he believed there was a necessity for a new Masonic lodge at Southport, and that the Rose of Lancaster Lodge would be very numerously attended.

The clothing and jewels, which were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool and London, were presented by Bro. C. Watson, J.W.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, by the invitation of Perseverance, Chapter No. 275, when there were present—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.P.S., Grand Superintendent; Richard Carter, J.P., Prov. G.H.; George Brooke, Prov. G.J.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; John Booth, P.P.G.J.; William Harrop, P.P.G.J.; Benj. Broughton, P.P.G.J.; Thomas Ruddock, P.P.G.J.; William Gaukroger, P.P.G.J.; Frederick Laxton, P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.E.; W. C. Lupton, Prov. G.S.N.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P.P.G.S.N.; James Bedford, P.P.G.S.N.; Henry Oxley, Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P.P.G. Treas.; Frederick Cleaves, Prov. G. Reg.; Jonas Craven, P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Dobson, Prov. G.P.S.; John Wm. Bailey, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; Thomas Riley, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.; Thomas Pickles, P.P.G.S.; Samuel Slack, P.P.G.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.S.; Robert Craig, P.P.G.S.; John Y. Rideal, P.P.G.S.; T. R. Vaux, P.P.G.S.; William Watson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; Reuben Williamson, P.P.G.S.B., as P.G.S.B.; John Wm. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Hartley, P.G. Std. Br.; Robert Drake Kendall, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Tudor G. Trevor, P.Z., P.G.D. of C.; Wm. F. Smithson, P.P.A.G.D. of C., as P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Read Dore, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Barker, P.P.G.D. of C.; Edmund Lord, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Gaukroger, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Barber, P.P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Fredk. Carr, Prov. G. Org.; Robert Dayson, P.P.G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. A.G.S.E.; Samuel Barrand, Prov. G. Janitor; Wm. Thos. Flather, as Prov. G. Stwd.; J. W. Balme, as Prov. G. Stwd.; H. C. Pickersgill, Prov. G. Stwd.; and Thomas Richards, Prov. G. Stwd. Also Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of the following chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 203, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 307, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 827, 837, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, and 1513.

Apologies for absence were received from the following Provincial Grand Officers: Comps. J. E. D. Darling, P.Z. 139, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Greaves, P.Z. 289, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; J. R. Welsman, P.Z. 600, and John Gerrard, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Stwds.; and 120 Z's, P.Z.'s, and companions.

Comp. A. Stott, Z., and officers of Perseverance Chapter, 275, opened the chapter, and Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., G. Supt., and officers, entered and opened Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Grand Superintendent and the Prov. G.H. and J. having been saluted, the minutes of the meeting held at Harrogate, on Wednesday, 1st May, were read and confirmed.

The roll of chapters and of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers was called.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:

Principals and Companions,—At the most agreeable and satisfactory meeting at the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, on 1st May, under the auspices of Chapter 1001, I received two invitations for this, the November convocation, viz., De Grey and Ripon Chapter, 837, and Ripon and Perseverance Chapter, 275, Huddersfield, and I exercised my prerogative in favour of the latter, being more accessible to the majority of the companions, particularly at this usually inclement season, and I am sure the representatives of the Ripon Chapter, viz., Comps. Tupman and Pickersgill, will acquiesce. It is with much regret we hear of the continued and serious illness of Comps. Rev. W. C. Lukes and R. E. Collinson, of their chapter. This is the 49th meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter, the seventh in Huddersfield, and the fourth under the banner of Perseverance Chapter. I am glad to observe Prosperity Chapter, 290, and Truth Chapter, 521, well represented. The three Huddersfield chapters have an aggregate of 120 members on their rolls, 38 of whom are P.Z.'s. As members of the Craft, on November 10th they assembled to take part in celebrating the centenary festival of the Harmony Lodge, No. 275, in solemn service at the parish church, Huddersfield, so kindly placed at their disposal by the vicar, where upwards of 400 brethren were present, having marched in procession from this hall. I hope that the hearts of the brethren were filled with gratitude to the Most High for the privilege of assembling in His Holy Temple, and listening to an eloquent sermon delivered by Comp. Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, M.A. May the blessed words—health, peace, and good-will—abound in our hearts, and be wafted over the surface of the globe, and promote the happiness of all, and so join mankind together by the indissoluble links of friendship—peace and harmony. May the second centennial of Lodge 275, be as remarkable as this one, not only in the external circumstances of the numerical attendance, but for devoutness and sincerity. Our Treasurer has given notice of his intention to move that this Provincial Grand Chapter contribute towards the rent and expenses of the offices of Provincial Grand Lodge, where the business of this Grand Chapter is carried on, and I hope you will agree to support the proposition. There is also notice by Comp. William Watson, Hon. Librarian: "That each chapter be invited to supply a photographic copy of its charter," to be placed in suitable books in our library, in the same manner as the lodge warrants, there being 70 out of the 74, already received in this motion; I also heartily concur. He and I feel grateful for your money contribution to the library, which, I am glad to say, is, from time to time, gathering rare and valuable Masonic works; and I trust, in time, will be in possession of as large and interesting a collection as that of the Quatuor Coronati—or even Grand Lodge itself. In conclusion, I have only to say we have 37 chapters on the roll, with 1189 members; 101 companions were exalted in 1888; on the other

hand, there are figures I commend to the serious consideration of the 330 Present and Past Principals, as they suggest the most serious and anxious thoughts for the continued prosperity of the chapters; as many as 30 companions have resigned official connection with the chapters, 15 more were excluded, and 63 remained in arrears. Two chapters are in a weak and exhausted condition—certainly an effort should be made to prevent these chapters lapsing altogether. With these few and somewhat common-place observations, and sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire, I beg you to accept the thanks of your Grand Superintendent and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers for your loyalty and devotion to ourselves and the affairs of this convocation, and for the kind reception accorded to us this afternoon.

Comp. Hy. OXLEY, P.Z. 495, Prov. Grand Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved, Comp. ALFRED STOTT, Z. 275, seconded, and it was resolved—"That a contribution of £12 per annum be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter towards the rent and other expenses of the offices of Provincial Grand Lodge in Wakefield."

Comp. W. WATSON, Z. 304, P.P.G.S., pursuant to notice, moved, Comp. Wm. HARROP, P.Z. 290, P.P.G.J., seconded, and it was resolved—"That each chapter in this province be invited to supply a photographic copy of its charter on a similar plan to those obtained from Craft lodges (size 12 in. by 10 in., carbon process, unmounted), to be sent enclosed in stout pasteboard tube for safety to Comp. Wm. Watson, 28, East Parade, Leeds."

Comp. MASON delivered the mystical lecture in his usual able manner.

Invitations to hold the annual meeting in May, 1890, were received from the following companions: Comp. W. Gaukroger, P.Z. 61, to meet under banner of Sincerity Chapter, at Halifax; Comp. A. Tupman, Z. 837, to meet under banner of Marquess of Ripon Chapter, at Ripon; and Comp. W. Watson, P.Z. 304, to meet under the joint banners of Chapters Nos. 289, 304, 306, and 1042, at Leeds.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT thanked the companions for their cordial invitations, and said he would shortly make his decision known.

Comp. R. CARTER, P.Z. 1513, Prov. G.H., moved, Comp. G. BROOKE, 242, Prov. G.J., seconded, and it was resolved—"That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Z. and companions of Perseverance Chapter, 275, for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the companions."

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

Tea was provided at the Queen's Hotel; the Grand Superintendent presided over about 50 companions.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 7th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street. Much interest has been taken for some time in the appointment of a Grand Cashier in place of the late Bro. David Kinnear, and there was an unusually large attendance, upwards of 500 brethren being present. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master, Sir Archibald C. Campbell. The salary of Grand Cashier had been previously fixed at £150, and out of 25 applications, a leet of three was placed before the meeting. The result of a vote was as follows: Bro. David Reid, Glasgow, Grand Bible-Bearer and Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow, proposed by Bro. GRAHAM, 282, Prov. G. Master of Glasgow; William Ferguson, Past Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Province of Glasgow, proposed by Bro. CALDWELL, of Craigielea, 202; John Houlston, Dumfries, proposed by Bro. THOMAS M'NAUGHT, S.S.C., 25.

Bro. REID was accordingly declared elected amid much applause, and he briefly thanked Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. Col. CLARK FORREST, Prov. Grand Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, seconded by Bro. Sheriff THOMS, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood was unanimously nominated for re-election as Grand Master.

In acknowledging the honour again conferred upon him, Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL said he would not fail in anything he could do for the good of the Craft.

The nominations for the other offices proposed by a Grand Committee were then adopted, with the exception that Bro. Robert Nisbet, Glasgow, was recommended as Junior Grand Deacon.

The office-bearers for next year will accordingly stand as follows:

Bro. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P.	Grand Master.
" Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart., ...	P.G.M.
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" D. Reid ...	Grand Cashier.
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" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Perth ...	S.G.D.
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" Emile Berger, Glasgow ...	Grand Dir. of M.
" George Christie, Stirling ...	Grand Marshal.
" George C. H. M'Naught, Glasgow ...	Grand I.G.

The GRAND SECRETARY reported that, in terms of instructions given at the Quarterly Communication in August, he had prepared and forwarded addresses, signed by the Grand Master, to her Majesty the Queen in reference to the marriage of the Duke of Fife and the Princess Louise of Wales, and to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Lord Fife and his Royal spouse. The reply from the Duke of Fife, dated from Mar Lodge, was in these terms:

"Dear Sir Archibald,

"I have just received the address of congratulation which the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been good enough to send to the Duchess and myself on the occasion of our marriage, and I write on behalf of the Duchess as well as on my own, to tender you and the brethren of the Grand Lodge our warmest thanks for the honour they have paid us, and for the good wishes they are kind enough to make for our happiness and prosperity. I can assure you that we are both greatly touched by the mark of sympathy and goodwill from the Freemasons of Scotland, and we value the kind words contained in the address more than I can say.—I remain, yours very truly,

"FIFE."

It was reported that the income for the first 11 months last year amounted to £4199, and for the corresponding period of this year to £4743, showing an excess this year of £545. During the last quarter about £170 had been voted from the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence to distressed Masons or the widows of Masons. Grand Committee reported that, on application, the Lodge St. Stephen, No. 145, had been authorised to change the colour of its clothing from green to light blue and silver. It was remitted to the Board of Grand Stewards to make arrangements for St. Andrew's Day Festival.

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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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(Provincial Grand Secretary's Office, Surrey).
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 three years I have acted in a secretarial capacity in connection with two Charitable Institutions, dealing with extensive endowments.

For 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.

In 1885 I was on the Executive Staff of the Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, and in 1886 on that of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. At the termination of these appointments, I received from the Royal Commission Diplomas of Merit and Medals for Services rendered.

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

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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,

ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD,
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Evershot, Dorchester,
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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. W.M. 1367 in 1883, and W.M. 329 in 1887, P.G. Reg. Dorset, 1884.

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.

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Besides the above-named, I have the support, amongst others, of the following distinguished brethren: R.W. Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; R.W. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire; R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire; M.E. Comp. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxfordshire; and M.E. Comp. Lord Henry Thynne, G. Supt. of Wilts; and of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province of Dorset.

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W. M. STILES,

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November 27th, 1889.

To Correspondents.

Owing to pressure on our space, a large number of communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., is the reverse of an idle man. He is always more or less busily occupied, and the bulk of what he engages in is invariably undertaken with a kindly intent and purpose. The other day, for instance, he was the chief guest at a dinner given at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, at which his friend, Bro. Edmund Yates, occupied the chair, and in the course of the evening the latter presented Bro. Parkinson with an exquisite service of plate, artistically designed, to illustrate some of the more famous characters and scenes in the works of Charles Dickens. This gift was in recognition of services which the recipient had rendered for upwards of 25 years to an antiquarian and benevolent association, over which he had been four times appointed to preside. Among those present on this interesting occasion were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Rudolph Glover, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; and Alfred Layton.

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The Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, for which his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has just granted a warrant, will make the third lodge consecrated in Hertfordshire during the present year. The first—the Kingswood, No. 2278—was consecrated at Elstree on the 4th February, and the second—the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323—on Saturday, the 2nd instant; while in the case of the Ravenscroft, the ceremony is appointed to take place on Tuesday, the 17th prox. The lodge will meet at Barnet, where the Gladsmuir, No. 1385, has been located since its establishment in 1871, and will rank as 19th on the roll of the province.

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As will be seen from our advertisement columns, the Committee which has been formed for the purpose of securing the election of Bro. Augustus Harris, is a host in itself, and as we have not yet heard of any other brother proposing to offer himself as a competitor for the post, it is quite possible that there may be no contest, and that Bro. Harris may be indulged in a walk over. But, in any circumstances, there can be no doubt, from the number of distinguished brethren who are serving on his Committee, that Bro. Harris's prospects of success are great.

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Bro. W. E. Chapman, S.W. of the Savage Club Lodge, and who, as "Ithuriel," has been long and favourably known to the press world, has launched a new weekly paper, which he has aptly christened *London*. The first number presents many attractions for the lovers of the drama, as well as a very smart epitomes of artistic, sporting, and general news. "Ithuriel" is a model "Interviewer," and leads off in the first page with "Mr. Irving." We wish him all success in his venture.

We congratulate Bro. Terry on his good fortune in having secured at an early date the services of so excellent a Mason as Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, for Chairman at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The majority of our Festival Chairmen of late years have been brethren of distinction hailing from the provinces, and it is well therefore that a London Mason should every now and then preside.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor, who is S.W. and W.M. elect of the Drury Lane Lodge, will have been installed in the chair before the day appointed for the festival comes round, so that we may be sure the distinguished brethren who constitute a large proportion of the members over whom he will then preside, will make a point of supporting him with more than their accustomed generosity. For it is indeed a great honour that the Drury Lane Lodge, so early in its career, should furnish forth a Chairman for one of our great annual festivals.

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Bro. Major-General Boswell has written to us for information as to the truth or otherwise of a statement he heard the other day at Harwich to the effect that our Board of Benevolence had granted over £800 to a distressed brother, 67 years of age, and the father of 39 children, of whom the youngest was an infant three months old. Bro. Boswell has been wrongly informed. The Board of Benevolence at its last meeting did vote £805, but the amount was distributed amongst a number of petitioners, of whom the father of 39 children was one. We believe this particular candidate received a grant of £30.

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The Grand Lodge of Illinois celebrated the Jubilee of its constitution in the early days of October. As many as 647 lodges were represented on this auspicious occasion, and the proceedings seemed to have passed off very satisfactorily. The meeting took place in Chicago, and among the more distinguished visitors were Bros. J. Eichbaum, Past G.M. of Pennsylvania; Mortimer Nye, Past G.M. of Indiana; and Eli S. Parker (the present Chief of the "Six Nations" of New York), Past G. Orator of Illinois. M.W. Grand Master Smith delivered an elaborate address, in the earlier part of which he traced the progress which the Craft had made since it was first introduced into the State.

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As a matter of course, Bro. Smith began his oration by looking through "the dim vista" of over three quarters of a century, and seeing what he calls "the altar of Freemasonry" which was set up in Kaskaskia, in the autumn of 1805. The charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He enumerated sundry of the leading members of the fraternity, many of whom appear to have been distinguished citizens, the most prominent being Bro. Shadrach Bond, first Governor of the State, as well as first Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge of Illinois; Bro. Henry Bond, subsequently a United States Senator from Wisconsin; Bros. James Finney and Thomas C. Browne, both judges; Bros. A. Field, State Treasurer in 1824; S. A. Douglas, United States Senator; Gen. James Shields, United States Senator; and Eli S. Parker, the Seneca Indian, and now Chief of the Six Nations.

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One fact he mentioned which, as it shows the growth made by the State, is worth noticing. Bro. A. Field, when State Treasurer in 1824, reported the revenues of the State during his term of office as \$83,363, and the balance in the Treasury as \$38,556. In 1884, the Grand Master, who was then State Treasurer, reported the revenue during his term as \$12,875,448, and the balance in the Treasury as \$3,902,512. An increase in 60 years in revenue from £16,672 to £2,575,089 is something marvellous.

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There was also, in commemoration of this event, a grand banquet with plenty of elaborate speech-making, and there was also composed a semi-centennial hymn, which a friend of ours, who is waggishly inclined, defines as being half as long as a centennial hymn.

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The brethren of Clapham are petitioning the M.W. G.M. for a new lodge. The need of such a lodge has been felt for years by many of the score or more of brethren who have signed the petition. They have the support of the Duke of Fife, after whom the lodge will be named. Among the signatories are many well-known South London Masons, including Bros. Cochrane, W.M. 3; Westley, P.M.; and Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas. 1381, P.Z.

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.]

SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A correspondence has recently appeared in the columns of the *Cumberland Pacquet* (a non-Masonic journal) in reference to the antiquity of Lodge No. 119 and its right to have a centenary warrant. The writer of the last letter in that paper, of November 21st—Bro. R. W. Moore—has attempted to controvert a statement made by Bro. George J. McKay, the Prov. Grand Secretary for Cumberland and Westmorland, that "the lodge warranted in Whitehaven in 1768 had its charter withdrawn in 1805, the cause of which is known to all Masonic students." Whether Bro. Moore chooses to believe Bro. McKay's statement or not, it is quite true, but the inference Bro. Moore would have one accept—namely, that if Bro. McKay's statement is correct, then Lodge No. 119 is a "bogus one," and all its transactions since 1805 have partaken of the nature of "false pretences" and "nefarious proceedings"—is altogether incorrect. Bro. Moore distinctly alleges that "the warrant of constitution, granted in 1768, has never been withdrawn from Lodge No. 119;" and assuming he connects the present Lodge No. 119 with the No. 157 of 1768, I venture to say he is hopelessly wrong.

What are the facts?

1. On 18th May, 1768, a warrant was granted for Whitehaven by the Ancient or Athol Grand Lodge numbered 157. In 1805 or 1806 that warrant was withdrawn by the Grand Lodge for un-Masonic proceedings, and the old Whitehaven Lodge ceased to exist.

2. Shortly afterward, the old warrant No. 157 was transferred to an entirely new lodge at Whitehaven, some of whose members had belonged to the former lodge, and for which they paid the fee for a new warrant (£5 5s.). At that period new warrants to English lodges were rarely issued for reasons I have stated in my "Handy Book," recently published by Bro. George Kenning. In 1814 the lodge was numbered 190, in 1832 it became No. 138, and in 1863 it received its present number 119.

3. The Athol Grand Lodge minutes of the 4th February, 1807, confirm the foregoing, and I reproduce them in full. "The Grand Secretary Leslie reported that the Warrant No. 157, lately held at Byrnes at the Gins, a village near Whitehaven, under which also very improper and un-Masonic proceedings had lately taken place, had been withdrawn from that place, and given up under the order of the Grand Lodge, and that the same was now held and established at the George Inn, Whitehaven, by many respectable brothers, formerly of said lodge, by and with the unanimous consent and approbation of the respectable Lodge 154, the only other lodge at Whitehaven."

From the foregoing it is clear that Bro. McKay is quite correct and Bro. Moore is wrong. They undoubtedly were two entirely distinct lodges. The fact that certain brethren celebrated a centenary on 18th May, 1868, and that Lodge No. 119 17 years afterwards, i.e., in 1885, obtained a centenary warrant, will not alter the accuracy of the historical facts that were truly transcribed *at the time* by the then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, who must have been well acquainted with all the circumstances of the case.

It is not for me to indicate the reasons or the evidence on which the centenary warrant for No. 119 was so recently granted. It may be, however, a consolation to Bro. Moore and the members of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge to know that theirs is not a solitary instance in which centenary warrants have been granted with no better claim than theirs, but for particulars of these I must refer them and your readers to my "Handy Book."

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, November 25th.

CANON KNOWLES'S ATTACK ON FREE- MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest your articles on this subject in recent issues of your paper, and shall be much obliged if you permit me a little space in your columns to reply to some of the charges brought against the Craft by the learned Principal of St. Bee's Theological College.

I have not seen a copy of the address of Canon Knowles, and, therefore, only reply to such of his charges as are set out in the leading article of your paper.

1. "It forms deliberately a *secret* Society"—so do thousands of other societies and organisations for educational, charitable, philanthropic, and religious objects. We cannot wear our hearts upon our sleeves for days to pluck at. Common prudence and knowledge of the world compel individuals and societies for their own self-protection to conduct their deliberations with closed doors, and to distinguish and mark off their members from the outward uninstructed public.

But the objects and purposes for which they deliberate are proclaimed upon the housetops, and are open and known to all who take sufficient interest to investigate them; and so with the large and cosmopolitan Society of Freemasonry. It has, like other societies, its signs, symbols, and expressions, its marks of membership, and its Constitutions and by-laws. Every science, every profession, every art has its own peculiar expressions, which are understood by those who know the science or who practice the art. Those who are outside cannot understand these technical terms, nor is it necessary for them to do so. The principles and practices which govern the operation of the society sufficiently explain its purport. It is so with Freemasonry. Its origin, lost as it is in a very remote antiquity, is ultimately due to that love of association which has ever been found in human society. Signs are a common feature of most associated bodies, and they were probably used at first to supply the deficiencies of language, and to enable persons of different races and using different languages to communicate with each other.

But the *secrets* of Masonry are open to all. They are the magnificent educational and benevolent institutions which are recognised by all, and which Canon Knowles can witness for himself. These are the secret and method of Freemasonry, and the powerful magnet which attracts to its ranks all grades of society and sectional characteristics of mankind, from the future King of England to the humblest subject of the Queen.

If we admit to our deliberations only those initiated into our Order, Canon Knowles need, I think, have no apprehension that our secret conclaves will take into consideration any plots or stratagems against Church or State, attempt a seige of St. Bees, or the assassination of its Principal.

2. "It cannot show its continuity throughout the 16th century." You have dealt fully with these objections, and a very short answer will suffice from me. We live in an age when every institution, no matter how sacred or venerable it may be, is fiercely attacked, and when neither age, prestige, historical continuity, nor a long line of ancestral descent can save it from the remorseless attacks of criticism, and the passionate assaults of reckless iconoclasm. The question is asked "Is it worth preserving?" and the answer depends upon its intrinsic worth and merit. It is these features of Masonry which more than any long line of historical descent or past record of noble and charitable actions now entitle her to the support and loving affection of all who value her work, and the bearing and attitude of all who respect and honour the powers that make for righteousness in this land should be those of gratitude and respect to the Craft, and their interests should ever prompt them to strengthen her cords and lengthen her stakes. "The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel." I have never heard that the continuity of Freemasonry in England has been doubted. It flourished under Henry the VII. His famous chapel at Westminster was, if I mistake not, inaugurated with Masonic honours.

In the reign of Henry the VIII., Cardinal Wolsey was Grand Master, and Queen Elizabeth became the Patroness of the Craft. At the beginning of the 18th century it ceased to exist as an operative Brotherhood, but it has never ceased to enjoy the favour and support of the noble, the cultured, the great, and the good. In its work and scope, and in its long line of patrons and supporters, Masonry can point to her active architectural accomplishments, and to her consultative and speculative energy, which has built up the no less enduring fabrics of widely known and highly valued educational, charitable, and benevolent homes. On these foundations of past years the brethren desire to raise with more and more skilful hands the superstructure of greater and more efficient life and activity. If the learned Principal of St. Bees would join the ranks of our builders, and help us to carry upward the pile, instead of standing aloof and discharging hostile missiles at the earnest workmen who are plying their toil, it would be more productive of benefit, and more worthy of a good man's heart and brain.

3. "It is one with foreign societies which are honeycombed with infidelity and socialism." This is a statement which is frequently stalked out as an objection to Freemasonry. The successive Popes of Rome trot it out periodically; and now it is repeated by the Principal of St. Bees. It hardly requires any serious refutation. Masons never meet without acknowledging the name of God, and reverencing His sacred laws and precepts. They place the Being and attributes of God in the forefront of all their proceedings, and the Volume of His revealed words, and register of His almighty acts lies open in all their lodges.

Masons were instructed that hereafter they must give an undisguised account of their lives and actions to the Divine Being; that to the just and upright death had no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour; and that no imposture or imperfection shall pass muster hereafter on the great and awful day of judgment.

The members of the Craft were taught to be peaceable subjects of whatever country they might reside in, to obey the laws of the State, to maintain the fabric of social order and decorum, to honour all men, to love the brethren, to fear God, to honour the King. The Charitable principles of Masonry strike directly at the root of socialism. They recognise that there

are and must be ever distinctions of society, that it has its inequalities of necessity, and that nothing can alter them. "The poor ye have always with you" is an avowal of a positive fact and a perpetual commendation of them to the help and succour of the well circumstanced.

Masonry educates the ignorant, clothes the naked, and feeds the hungry, and, instead of upsetting the minds of the people by false and cruel delusions which can never be realised, because they are contrary to nature and experience, it accepts the inevitable inequalities from which they cannot help themselves, though they may fret and fume against them. It seeks at the same time to mitigate the evils of ignorance, poverty, and want by the only known means which commend themselves to matured judgment—knowledge of the world and common sense. The charges of infidelity and socialism are founded upon a complete and total misapprehension of Freemasonry. Some years back, the lodges of France erased from their title deeds and charters the affirmation of the immortality of the soul and a belief in a Supreme God. And on that occasion the Grand Lodge of England, without one dissentient voice, broke off all communion with the French lodges; and some time after our Grand Lodge passed a second resolution, in which, while it did not deny that meetings for political and seditious purposes have in some countries been held under the pretence of their being Masonic lodges, expressed its astonishment and regret that English Freemasons should, by some strange misapprehension of facts, be included in this sweeping charge, which the law, practices, and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, clearly prove to be utterly without foundation.

4. "The prayers of its formularies are un-Christian, i.e., not offered in the name of Jesus, our Lord."

There are Christian Degrees, but the three chief Degrees of Masonry are founded on Deism. Long before the sun of righteousness arose with healing on His wings there was a conviction of the human heart, a voice as it were crying in the wilderness for light, sympathy, order, and power. Masons at the present day represent many generations of thoughtful men who have felt the same. Masonry brushes aside the surface distinctions which separate us one from another, and goes down to the central identities in which we are all alike. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Humanity are resigned. With respect to un-Christian formularies, Masonry professes to enhance all who acknowledge the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the obligation of the moral law. Is this an unworthy, immoral, or irreligious requirement? I myself am an English churchman, I believe the Church in this land to be the appointed means under Her Divine Head for the spread of God's truth, that he has lodged His commission with Her and stored within Her the sacred gifts of His Holy Spirit. But there are many who repudiate such claims, and who differ widely from my views. This does not, however, prevent my working with them on common lines of Christian philanthropy and reformation.

Again, I believe in Jesus Christ, God and man, as my Saviour, propitiation, and atonement. I look to Him as my Redeemer and Mediator with the Father, and the one and only hope for myself and the world. But this would not hinder me from working in the cause of charitable, philanthropic, and benevolent objects with those who will not give to Christ the crown I would ever place upon His head. It is true that "Creed and test vanish beneath the unreserved embrace of Catholic humanity," and when sectarian bitterness is seen around us in all its sad and angry developments, when political strife is so hot and fierce, when the ostentation and publicity of religious enterprises is so asserting and grievous, it is something to find a place where these considerations do not enter a neutral ground; where, without any unreality or compromise, man may meet his fellow-man and learn to know him apart from the inevitable differences which separate us in other respects.

This we can do in Masonry, and many consider it an advantage to meet in that kind and friendly spirit of social or benevolent intercourse, which does not sanction the intrusion of one uncharitable thought, or demand the compromise of one sincere conviction. The wiser and more tolerant spirit of modern Christianity recognises the wisdom of endeavouring to maintain kindly relations with those who will not accept its faith, and with the scientific spirit which rejects and attacks it. I have already trespassed too far on your space, or I might point out how Freemasonry in the middle ages was the handmaid of Christianity; how the Operative Craftsmen travelled over Europe and through England, almost exclusively engaged in building those grand cathedrals, churches, and abbeys which are the wonder and admiration of all who view them; and how we find at the present day thousands of members of the Masonic Craft, earnest Churchmen, active Christians, engaged in every branch of Church work and Christian effort in the land. If our formularies are *un-Christian*, they certainly do not hinder Christian men from the practice inculcated by their creed. And the great doctrines which the Catholic Church of Christ has taught for nearly 2000 years have derived wonderful support from the independent witness of the Masonic Craft. Faith in the Trinity, in the Incarnation, in the immortality of the soul, in the power of prayer are all to be gathered and deduced from the symbolism and allegorical teachings of the Craft; and Charity, which St. Paul counts above faith and the martyr's crown, is the mainspring and centre of the whole system.

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is Charity."

In conclusion, may I advise Canon Knowles to be more circumspect and less sweeping in his denunciations of a great Society of venerable antiquity, ruled by upright and honourable men, and guided by moral and benevolent principles.

If he desires to understand thoroughly the motives and springs of Masonic conduct, let him join the ranks and become free of our guild. If he does so, I am sure he will be the first to acknowledge the honesty and sincerity of our members, and that he will not continue to prejudice the students of his college against an Institution of which he must necessarily be deficient in cognizance. When he understands our Constitution, laws, and practices, and the genius of the Order, he will no longer utter the stern denunciation—

"Spare ye not her young men,
Destroy ye utterly all her host—"

but he will be constrained to say—"Touch her not; for she is a blessing in the midst of the land."—I am yours, &c.,

E. BIGOE BAGOT,

P.M., P.G. Chaplain of East Lancashire,
P.P.G. Chaplain of Cheshire, Bishop
Lee Memorial Rectory.

November 11.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the "Masonic Notes" of your issue of the 23rd inst., I desire to say that in my letter to you of the 13th inst. I never meant to infer that the Provisional Management Committee were incompetent to perform the duties which have been entrusted to them, nor do I think my letter is open to such an inference.

Your argument would appear to be that because there are eminent legal men on the Committee, therefore the legal aspect of every proposition issuing from that Committee must have been judicially considered. If this be so, it would be of great advantage to have such judgment published, but such a theory would be quite consistent with the legal element being in a minority, and adverse to the proposition. But this theory breaks down in two places. First, common experience shows it is not true; many Boards of Directors contain legal members, and yet resolutions are often passed without a discussion on their legal aspect, such members not being present for the purpose of exercising their legal functions. In fact, the logical extension of your argument would be that every lawyer in his personal life judicially considers the legal complexion of every act he is about to commit, and, therefore, no one else of a lower legal standing may question the legality of such act. Secondly, judgments are usually delivered after argument. If in a Court of Law counsel were only allowed to state facts, and were forbidden to argue any question of law because judges should always know the law, the work of the judges would be far more arduous and less satisfactory.

If, as I said before, the eminent legal gentlemen on the Committee will kindly step forward and state that they have considered the legal aspects of this particular question in all its bearings, and are against my contention, I shall be the first to acknowledge the weight of such an opinion.

I am obliged to you for pointing out an ambiguity in my letter. The sentence referred to certainly does not unfold the idea of thought I was expressing in dictating the words. I meant the resolution which the supporters claimed to be already passed, would, if confirmed and carried into effect, be a breach of faith towards all those who have subscribed for those objects only which are set out in Law 2.

As to the more personal part of your notes, I do not see why if any subscriber has an opinion he should not express it as freely as the holders of the contrary opinion are permitted to do, including, if you will pardon me, Mr. Editor, yourself.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH.

November 28th.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., has been elected President of the Essex Agricultural Society for 1890.

A Masonic musical service will be held in the Cathedral, Manchester, on Monday evening, the 9th prox., at 7 o'clock, by the kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester. The offertory will be devoted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., Vicar of St. James', Preston, Grand Chaplain of England, and the Very Rev. the Dean has kindly promised to take part in the service. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. J. Kendrick Pyne, Organist of the Cathedral and Town Hall, Manchester, assisted by the Cathedral Choir and other vocal and instrumental friends, who have kindly consented to give their services. A dispensation has been obtained to wear Craft clothing. The Prov. Grand Officers will meet at the Mitre Hotel, and enter the Cathedral at the south door; other brethren at the Cathedral Hotel, Fennel-street, and enter at the Derby Chapel door. The friends of the brethren are cordially invited. Tickets may be obtained at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester; from Bro. J. W. Abbott, 7, Fennel-street, Manchester; or from Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec., Portico, Manchester, which will admit brethren at the north door, Fennel-street, up to 6.45 p.m., after which the public will be admitted.



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PICART'S CEREMONIES.

Mrs. M. L. Bennett, of 232, High Holborn, W.C., the famous antiquarian bookseller, has just acquired an edition of the "Cérémonies et Coutumes Religieuses de Tous Les Peuples Du Monde, Représentées par des Figures Dessinées de la Main DE BERNARD PICART, et Autres; Aves des Explications Historiques et des dissertations curieuses. Nouvelle Edition, Entièrement conforme a celle de Hollande, &c., &c. Paris: L. Prudhomme, Editeur. MDCCCVII.—IX," and has kindly forwarded me vols. iv. and x. to examine. There are 10 volumes in all, bound in 11, folio, panelled calf, red edges, with 267 magnificent plates (many double size and folded), this fine copy being equal to new and for the period, in choice condition. It is the first time I have been able to look carefully over this edition, having come across more copies of the earlier, and in that sense, more valuable issues. In Tome iv., the text relative to the *Free Masons* is similar to the original Amsterdam edition (vol. iv. 1736), to which Bro. John Lane refers at length in his new work, "Handy Book to the Lists 1723-1814" (which, like his previous volume, "Masonic Records 1717-1886," is a monument of research and fidelity). The plate also is the same as the early one, giving all the lodges from 1 to 129, being in fact a reproduction of an engraved list of lodges 1735, of which not even a single copy is known to exist at the present time. The figures, signs, &c., run from *left to right*, whereas in a later edition they appear exactly in *reverse order*. I believe the edition which gives the numbers thus reversed is vol. iv., 1741, and I have also met with plates, *separate from the work*, but not dated, which are so distinguished. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, when resident at York, obligingly gave me a photograph taken from another plate of the same kind. I am anxious to see such in a volume of this noted work, and shall be glad of reports from any who have been more fortunate in that respect than the writer. Possibly they are represented in the British Museum, but those seen by me in that grand collection were in the ordinary style. The indefatigable Mrs. Bennett reported an edition the other day to me, but, alas, the plate in question had been removed from the volume previously. It is more than likely this energetic book buyer and bookseller (who, though a lady, is termed the "*best man in the trade*") will yet discover a volume for me, with the figures and signs of the lodges, &c., running from *right to left*, but meanwhile I shall be grateful for information from any other source. "X. Y. Z." in a number of the *Freemason*, has a capital article on the subject, the author stating that the plate, with the lodge "signs," numbers, &c., of 1741 (by Rollin), had been *re-engraved*, and even the coat of arms, of Lord Weymouth were *reversed*, as also in the English edition of 1737, vol. vi., the latter, however, not reproducing the long account of the Fraternity which is in the original work. The value of the present set (which Mrs. Bennett has for sale at the very reasonable price of £3 15s. the 11 volumes) is in the important fact that the well-known plate of the English lodges is the same as that published in the first issue at Amsterdam, 1723-37, of which vol. iv. relates to the Craft. Bro. Lane and I, after a careful examination, agree that it has probably been printed from the plate of 1736, as it has all the peculiarities of that engraving. I see in one of my notes that the nine volumes' edition of 1741, &c., cost its owner 20 guineas, and that 30 guineas even is the price asked in a London bookseller's catalogue, those extraordinary volumes being in much request. The library of the Grand Lodge of England has a fine and complete set of the original edition, Amsterdam, 1723-37, and that of the "Supreme Council, 33°" has one noted in its catalogue of 1739. The "Bower Masonic Library" (Grand Lodge of Iowa) owns one of the London edition, 1733-39, and Bro. Carson has one of the same and also another—same as Mrs. Bennett's—only in his valuable bibliography he describes it as 1807-10, of 12 volumes, *folio*. The supplemental matter is not in the premier edition, that additional portion in the one now under consideration, having over 130 pages entirely devoted to the "Histoire Critique de la Maçonnerie, Son Origine en Angleterre, en Ecosse, en France, en Allemagne," &c., the title-page of this special part being long, curious, and suggestive. The history is based on the "Encyclopédie" (English) of the year 1795; the Abbé Grandier's letter to Madame de . . . on the Origin of Freemasonry in Germany; the Origin of Freemasonry in France, by M. de Lalande; "Maçonnerie Adon-hiramite;" and various works, recognised and spurious, from 1730, many of which are given in this volume (No. x.), such as Prichard's "Masonry Dissected," &c. There are six plates in this Tome, as Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati (the able Masonic bibliographer), says, but only four are Masonic, the third and last of the series being entirely new to me, and exceedingly striking in character. The two Surveillants (Wardens) in plate 3 are placed in the N.W. and S.W. as first and second respectively. I beg again to thank Mrs. Bennett for her courtesy, and I trust that this valuable set of Picart that she has for sale will be obtained for one of our English Masonic libraries. I also hope that brethren in want of old works and MSS. of all kinds will not fail to have their names entered in Mrs. Bennett's Register for copies of her catalogues, issued frequently, as they are really worth having.

W. J. HUGHAN.

861] COPY OF CERTIFICATE, A.D. 1799.

And the GRAND ARCHITECT said "Let there be LIGHT, and there was LIGHT; and the LIGHT shineth in DARKNESS, and the DARKNESS comprehended it not."

We the Right Worshipful Master, Worshipful Past Master, Worshipful Wardens and other officers of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons No. 103 on the Register of England, call'd by the name of the Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality and now held at the London Inn, at Redruth, in Cornwall.

Seal.

Do Hereby Certify that the Bearer hereof, our trusty and well beloved Brother *Richard Knight*, being well recommended, and found to be a man of good Fame and of sober Life and conversation, was on the *Second Day of April A.L. 5003 A.D. 1799 Initiated* into the Secrets and Mysteries of the ROYAL ART by being made an enter'd APPRENTICE and by his particular request passed a FELLOW CRAFT, and at the same time raised to the degree of a Master Mason and such trust and confidence do we repose in him, having

seen and found his conduct, morals and Behaviour to be meretorious and praise worthy THAT WE most heartily recommend him to all our loving Berthren of the ROYAL CRAFT in general. AND lest this our CERTIFICATE should fall into PROFANE HANDS and a fraudulent use attempted to be made of it, we have caused our said Brother to subscribe his name in the margin hereof under our LODGE SEAL as a check on any Impostor and a Proof of the lawful Proprietor.

GIVEN under our Hands and LODGE SEAL at our LODGE at REDRUTH aforesaid, this *Second Day of April A.L. 5003, A.D. 1799* [Signed by W.M., P.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, and by R. Knight as required].

The seal has a representation of the Arms of the G.L. of England, with Beavers as Supporters, a Dove as the Crest, and motto "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth;" the name of the lodge, number and year of origin (1754) being in an oval which encloses the foregoing.

H. P. V.

[We shall be very pleased to have ordinary reproductions of any more certificates (that are old) which Bro. Vivian is able to supply, and will do our best to thus preserve them in the columns of the *Freemason*.—Ed. F.M.].



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—This lodge met at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. W. Nicholson, W.M.; A. Wormull, S.W.; W. W. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; H. Poston, J.D.; A. D. Green, I.G.; A. E. W. Gwynn Org.; H. Glenn, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; J. Glenn, P.M.; G. A. Corderoy, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; C. E. Moser, S. S. Straker, M. Smith, E. G. Young, and G. R. Carsberg.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and formal business transacted, after which the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The toast of "The Queen" was, as usual, loyally honoured, followed by the anthem "God save the Queen."

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Grand Master," dilated on the excellence of his Royal Highness and of his attention to Masonry, notwithstanding his very many civil duties, which tended so much to endear him to all.

In toasting "The D.P.G.M. and Officers and Prov. G. Officers," the W.M. spoke of the records of good work done by those excellent officers, so well known to all the brethren, and in referring to Bro. Bywater, P.G.S.B., who had been a member of the lodge since 1846, and had served the lodge officially and zealously for 36 years, said it was brethren like him who kept the lodge together, enabling it to exist for 120 years, imparting into it vitality, strength, and importance.

Bro. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., said he had great pleasure in responding for the Grand Officers, and to testify to their desire and endeavours to do all they possibly could to advance the good of the order and to the support they gave to all matters concerning the Craft. Amongst their many duties was that of assisting in the opening of the many new lodges, where they were always found working with assiduity. He afterwards called the attention of the brethren to the existence of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in which brethren were banded together to promote the knowledge of the history of the Craft, the lodge being formed to investigate matters of general interest to the Craft. Papers were read to the brethren, and it had been resolved to print the transactions. They had opened what was called a "Correspondence Circle," which was a band of associates now numbering over 750 brethren, spread over all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, the continent of Europe, Canada, the United States, Australia, India, &c., who were all helping in the work of the lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., who praised the W.M. for the work he had done, saying it was evident he had been most painstaking.

The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Bywater and the brethren most sincerely for proposing his health, and said

he was proud to occupy the chair, but wished he had a little more work to do.

The toasts of "The I.P.M." and "The P.M.'s" were responded to by Bro. Corderoy, P.M.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bro. Barnes, P.M., Sec. He said on behalf of his brother Treasurer, who was the oldest but one member of the lodge, he being in the lodge 43 years, Bro. Starling, the father of the lodge, being a member of five years more standing, and on behalf of himself, that they had done all they could for the lodge, and hoped to do a good deal more in the future; that they had done their best to keep the brethren together by a little work and a little play after. He referred to the City Masonic Club as having done something for the members of the lodge, so many of whom had been so well instructed there in the working of the Degrees. He also referred to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

"The Officers" toast was responded to by Bro. Wormull, S.W., who thanked the W.M. and brethren, on behalf of himself and brother officers, expressing a hope that, as they came on into office, they would emulate those who had gone before them and so ably carried out the working of the lodge.

Bro. Poston, J.D., hoped when his time came for the higher offices that he would not be found wanting.

The Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening.

The evening was enlivened by the introduction of the following songs: "God bless the Prince of Wales" and "The Minstrel Boy," sung by Bro. Corderoy, P.M.; "The Little Scrub," and "My First Cigar," by Bro. Gwynn; "The Old Commodore," by Bro. Milton Smith; and "Thou art so near and yet so far," Bro. Young.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when Bro. A. T. Dale, S.W., W.M. elect, was, with the usual full ceremonial, placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. D'Oyley Mears, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. With, W. N. Musgrove, H. W. Lee, and J. Reynolds, and proved unanimous. The W.M. then proceeded with the initiation of Mr. With, and did it well. Bro. H. Tapley, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. Dale to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and that brother was installed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. D. Mears, I.P.M.; J. Tytheridge, S.W.; W. L. Crow, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, Sec.; J. H. White, S.D.; F. C. Ward, J.D.; C. R. Sayers, I.G.; W. E. Cramphorne, D.C.; J. F. Oates and C. R. Higgins, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Tuberfield, Tyler. Messrs. Lee and Reynolds, being in attendance, were initiated by the new W.M. in rare form. Bro. Mears then delivered the addresses eloquently and with deep feeling, and concluded a most impressive ceremony amid general applause. He was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and as some recognition of his excellent services to the lodge during his year of office. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to him for his services as Installing Officer that day, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and it was further resolved—"That he be presented with an illuminated vellum inscribed with the above resolution," for all of which and several our good brother returned sincere thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the fine dining saloon of the establishment, where a superb banquet, served under the immediate superintendence of Bro. J. Marcham, chief of the staff, with perfect taste and decorum, awaited them.

The following were also present: Bros. A. Knox, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M., and President of the "Capper Benevolent Association;" F. Brien, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; W. Dorton, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; W. Temple, P.M.; B. H. Spencer, J. Still, T. H. Maple, R. W. Magul, J. C. Pitt, P. Sec.; G. W. Buffery, E. W. Warner, J. C. Scott, J. T. Forster, J. S. Simpson, G. Hiller, W. M. Stockvis, T. Newben, T. L. Yates, Dr. A. Honeywell, W. Robinson, and W. Reed, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. T. G. Robinson, P.M. 58, P.G. Stwd. England; C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1076 and 2184, P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; C. Canning, W.M. 1076; C. Wood, S.W. 1076; P. Soman, P.P.G. Stwd. Norfolk; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 2191; C. J. Tijou, P.M. 1804; W. Dawson, P.M. 1228; Dr. W. Davies, S.W. 828; H. Whiter, 1421; A. T. Tout, 72; J. Dipple, 1598; W. Mulley, 94; G. Pragnall, 1168; F. W. McIlwaith; A. A. Timbrell, S.D. 1598; T. Rose, 28; J. G. Turner, 299; T. Barfoot, 2048; C. Horner, 749; W. Arter, 1986; and C. Jolly, P.M.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed that of "The W.M." He said that from the splendid first appearance of their W.M. on the stage that day, and from the number of excellent candidates he had brought into the lodge, they might well look forward to a very prosperous year under his sway. He felt sure it would be one that would afford them every gratification, and the dignity of the lodge would not suffer at his hands; while from his jovial and generous disposition he felt sure that the happiness and comfort of the brethren would be well looked after. It would, he knew, be a go-ahead year for the lodge, and he asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Dale, who is immensely popular in the lodge, and who, as proprietor of *Rare Bits* and founder and manager of the Brewers' Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, is well known and respected far and near, was loudly cheered as he rose to respond. He said in the first place he thanked them sincerely for their hearty reception of the toast, which he looked upon as given, not so much to the individual, as to the office he held. It was a toast that was general in Masonry, and as their representative he would appropriate the warmth of its reception to himself, and endeavour to prove himself worthy of it. Now, with regard to his introducing a number of candidates, he would at once tell them that he had no desire nor intention to introduce numbers simply as numbers, for what he and they wanted in that lodge was quality, not quantity, and he was determined during his year of office to see that none were admitted into it whose characters and position in life were not such as, in his opinion, were fit and proper persons to be made Masons, and he looked to them to support him in that determination. He did not want importance by numbers,

but rather to make themselves more exclusive, and in that principle he should act. He should in the ritual endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor and those excellent Masters who had made the lodge and its high reputation, and would do all in his power to merit their approbation by deeds as well as words. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid applause.

Bro. Mears, in responding for "The Installing Officer," said he had tried his utmost to do the work to their satisfaction. He was exceedingly pleased to hear the W.M. say that he (Bro. Mears) had had a good year of office, because he himself felt he had, without a single word of anger, ill-feeling, or even a discontented voice to disturb its harmony. He might not have had so many initiates as usual, but he had managed not only not to run into debt, but had left a balance in hand for his successor. He thanked the Past Masters, the officers, and the brethren for their great and uniform kindness and assistance to him during his year of office, and in fact ever since he had aspired to the chair. Now he would inform them that he had just recently signed an engagement to go to Scotland and take charge of some works there. He had signed for five years—it was a good engagement—and a man must go where his bread and butter lies, so that if they did not see him at their meetings for some time they would excuse him. He asked them for their sympathy and good wishes in his future career, and if he had gained their approbation for the manner in which he had that day installed his successor, he was amply repaid for all he had done. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered the worthy brother from all parts of the hall on the conclusion of his speech.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was ordinarily regarded as the toast of the evening, and he ventured to say that it was particularly so that evening; it was the toast of "The Initiates." One of the candidates had not appeared, but those who had, and had been admitted to the light of Masonry would, he felt sure, do credit to the Order and the lodge. Of two of them, Bros. Lee and Reynolds, perhaps the least he said the better, for he and they were very much mixed up in business matters, especially so with Bro. Reynolds. Now, in the Capper Lodge, they only initiated good candidates, and this much he would say of those brethren, that, notwithstanding all he knew of them in the past, he would accept the responsibility of introducing them into Masonry and into that lodge. All that he had said of Bro. Reynolds might just as fairly be said of Bro. Lee, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Lee, in response, said he was sorry he could not sufficiently follow the impressive and intricate ceremony of his initiation, but should endeavour to master it in time. He fully expected a much more severe ordeal, and thanked them for letting him off so gently. He hoped to be a worthy Mason and member of the lodge.

Bro. Reynolds said he supposed they would expect a speech from him, seeing his name on the summons with the title "Journalist" attached to it, but he was stronger with the pen than the mouth. He had also been impressed with the ceremonies he had seen that day, and should endeavour to prove worthy of the eulogies of the esteemed Worshipful Master.

Bro. Holliday, in responding for "The Past Masters," thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and could assure them that he and all the Past Masters had the welfare of the Capper Lodge at heart.

Bro. Tapley also responded, saying he could quite re-echo the sentiments of Bro. Holliday. The Past Masters loved the lodge, and had brought it through bad times until, under their present W.M., it stood more prosperous than ever. He was proud to see so many old friends present, and assured the W.M. of the continued support of the Past Masters, and of their determination to unite in maintaining the high character of the Capper Lodge.

Bro. Robinson, in responding for "The Visitors," said he had been present at their lodge meetings before, and hoped it would not be the last time, especially as he always enjoyed himself at them. He congratulated the lodge on its progress and the splendid work done by it.

Bro. Lewis spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. Mears had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and also of the able manner in which the W.M. had initiated the candidates.

Bro. Woolley said he should carry away with him fond memories of that his first visit to the Capper Lodge, and felt sure the W.M. would prove, as a Master, second to none in London.

Bro. Soman said it was seldom that he had the pleasure of visiting a London lodge, and must say that he was very much struck with the admirable working, thinking it augured well for the future success of the lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on having the honour of presiding over such a lodge, and trusted to be with them again on a similar occasion.

Bros. Davies, Timbrell, and others also responded. Bro. Jolly responded for a hearty reception of "The Masonic Press." Bros. Tytheridge, Crow, Dorton, and Ware responded for "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities." The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Some splendid singing and instrumental music was rendered by Misses Annie M. Ware, Alice Higgins, and J. Badger, and Bros. W. W. Arter and R. Bailey, and Messrs. H. J. Chatterton and C. Harding. Bro. Arter presided at the pianoforte, and directed the harmony admirably.

Sphinx Lodge (No. 1329).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 16th instant, Bro. Simon Henry Goldschmidt, presiding. There was a very large attendance of brethren, over 100 being present. Among them were Bros. J. Herniman, I.P.M.; R. J. Voisey, P.M.; J. Sugden, P.M.; B. R. Bryant, P.M., P.G.S.B. Suffolk; G. W. Marsden, P.M.; G. S. Mansell, P.M.; B. Lyon, P.M.; H. R. Grellet, P.M.; C. Gross, P.M.; W. T. Snell, C. Lye, B. T. Whitehead, C. D. Moore, E. H. Young, T. Bain, C. F. Cockle, C. Wheeler, W. Y. Andrews, W. C. Jarvis, G. Coote, W. Andrews, A. E. Moore, A. B. Dexter, R. Irvine, T. Arnold, J. H. Martin, J. Richards Kelly, F. Horton Villanueva, J. C. Reynolds, jun., C. S. Stevens, R. Strong, J. Arlidge, H. H. Hyslop, G. J. Allen, T. A. Dagg, A. Herrmanson, A. H. Tubby, and A. G. Morris. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; W. Beard, P.M. 946, P.P.G.D.C.; T. J. Collier, P.M. 101; F. J. Perks, P.M. 1777; W. H. Morley, P.M. 256; W. Leth

Payne, P.M. 1669; W. G. Cannon, P.M. 1539; R. Stokoe, P.M. 1963; J. T. Penney, P.M. 1679; G. R. Langley, P.M. 183; D. Rose, P.M. 73; W. C. Canton, P.M. 1475; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; C. J. Axford, P.M. 1949; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; C. W. Peters, P.M. 507; A. Bradley, P.M. 1216; F. Hilton, P.M. 1475; T. E. Webb, sen., P.M. 503; G. Lewis, P.M. 1671; A. C. Woodward, P.M. 1538; F. Bromley Smith, W.M. 1539; E. Gauntlett, W.M. 1901; W. S. Tomkins, W.M. 1669; H. Hooper, W.M. 183; G. F. Edwards, W.M. 766; J. Dunn, W.M. 1622; S. Hague, W.M. elect, 2105; J. W. Gooding, W.M. elect 1818; J. Nowakowski, S.W. 534; G. Collins, J.W. 1641; J. Fielder Haden, J.D. 766; E. Venner, J.D. 901; H. Ansell, J.D. 1305; H. Graham, I.G. 1604; C. H. Stone, I.G. 507; H. L. Barrett, Stwd. 2218; T. Gay, Stwd. 1901; J. H. Watson, 1641; H. Hayward, 169; G. R. Davis, 2028; H. Nettleship, 1641; W. J. Bishop, 180; M. Woolf, 1579; C. A. Gibbs, 120; G. Thompson, 878; and W. Dawson, 1622.

By the indulgence of the W.M., Bro. D. D. Mercer, A.G.P., P.M., S.W., initiated his friend, Mr. Albert George Morris, after which the W.M. resumed the chair, when the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Goldschmidt then installed Bro. D. D. Mercer as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were invested as his officers: Bros. S. H. Goldschmidt, I.P.M.; T. E. Webb, S.W.; J. N. Turney, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; Robert Elgar, Sec.; Charles Wilson, P.M., S.D.; James A. Thornhill, J.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.M., D.C.; John C. Bradley, A.D.C.; Dr. Charles Gross, P.M., I.G.; Robert J. Pitt, Org.; Charles Gooding and B. T. Whitehead, Stwds.; and George Harrison, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Reynolds, Treas., a Past Master's jewel and collar were voted to the I.P.M., in recognition of the very able services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and, on the motion of Bro. B. R. Bryant, P.M., 10 guineas were voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon Bro. D. D. Mercer's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The collar and jewel were presented to Bro. Goldschmidt, for which he made a suitable reply, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet.

The usual toasts followed.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen," made the welcome announcement that he was not going to trouble the brethren with long speeches, as there was a splendid programme of music, which he knew the brethren would appreciate.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said all the brethren knew what the Prince of Wales had done for Freemasonry.

Bro. Percival A. Nairne, P.M., proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that in times past Grand Lodge had exercised a great influence over the whole Craft. That influence was as great now as it was in days gone by; it was even greater, because it was well known that the Officers of Grand Lodge were well acquainted with the practice, as well as the principles, of Freemasonry. Modern days had brought the Grand Officers very much to the front, and the brethren had to thank them for the way in which they exercised their Grand office. The brethren had to regret on that occasion that within the last few days there had been removed from the Grand Lodge a distinguished Grand Officer, who was initiated in the Sphinx Lodge, the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Past Grand Chaplain. It was not six weeks ago he (Bro. Nairne) had the pleasure and the privilege of sitting next to him in the hall. Bro. Weldon was then in his usual health; he was a distinguished member of the Order of Freemasonry; and the Sphinx Lodge felt much gratification in the reflection that he was initiated in their lodge. Bros. Terry, Hogard, Garrod, and Perryman were present as Grand Officers, and he called on Bro. Hogard to respond.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, in reply, said he was much flattered at having his name coupled with the toast, and he could only say that the Grand Officers felt very grateful for the cordial and hearty way in which their health had been drunk. He did not know why the W.M.'s name had been left out of the toast, as he was a present Grand Officer, and he congratulated him on being, and the Sphinx Lodge in having as a member, such a Grand Officer, and such a Master as he knew him to be.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and wished the toast fell to the hands of a man more capable than he. However, he would do his best. They knew that what he could not express in words he felt in heart. They had that evening the delight of seeing Bro. Mercer installed in the chair. Bro. Mercer, though he was a Grand Officer, considered it as great an honour to be placed in the chair of the lodge as any honour he had attained. It was the greatest ambition of his life to be the Master of his mother lodge. He well remembered the time when Bro. Mercer was initiated in the Sphinx Lodge. Since that time he and Bro. Mercer had taken step by step together, and he was happy to say that during that time he had been able to secure the friendship of Bro. Mercer, and he knew that those who knew him intimately knew how to appreciate his good qualities. Bro. Mercer was one of the best Masons in the true meaning of the word; he had worked harder than many brethren present at the Board of Benevolence. His good work had been appreciated by the Grand Master, and he felt proud of it. One and all they wished him a very successful year of office. Before all they wished him health and strength to carry out his duties in the manner in which they knew he could carry them out, and of which he had given them a specimen that evening.

The W.M., replying, said he did not wish to lose time. He was in hope that the brethren would have half-an-hour of musical enjoyment. Therefore, he rose immediately to respond to the toast which had been so amiably proposed. He felt he did not deserve one-half of what Bro. Goldschmidt had said of him. It was true he and Bro. Goldschmidt were initiated in the Sphinx Lodge very nearly at the same time, and they had gone up the ladder together, step by step, and he was proud equally as Bro. Goldschmidt was that he had in him not only a brother, but a friend, in whom he could place the most implicit confidence—a fact which had given him the greatest pleasure he could possibly have. It was true, as Bro. Goldschmidt had said, that he had the privilege, which many of the brethren had not, of being a Grand Officer, but still it was the greatest privilege he could have to be placed in the chair of his mother lodge, and to direct the affairs of that lodge. He had been so

placed that night, and he felt he had arrived at the summit of his ambition in that respect. He hoped they would be able to give him some work to do during his year; he would try to do his duty; and when the time came for him to vacate the chair he hoped he would have the feeling of having given satisfaction to all the brethren.

The W.M., in giving "The Initiate," said he was very pleased indeed that he had had the privilege of introducing to the Sphinx Lodge Bro. Morris, who had long wished to become a member, and who told him that he believed there were at least 30 members with whom he was particularly well acquainted; and therefore he would find he was not among strangers, but among brothers and friends. If he would only pay attention to the ceremonies, not only what he had heard that night, but what was in store for him, he would become a good brother, a good man, and a good Mason. He (the W.M.) had known him many years, and he should look forward, if the Great Architect of the Universe spared him, to see him occupy a position similar to that which he (the W.M.) occupied that night.

Bro. Morris returned thanks to the brethren for having received him into the grand Institution of Masonry.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said the Sphinx Lodge had always been noted for the great number of visitors who attended it, and they laid themselves out for giving a hearty inducement for visitors to come. The brethren of the lodge were always pleased to see them, and he was pleased to see so many present that evening. Something like 50 were present. The Book of Constitutions laid it down that brethren should visit lodges as often as they could, that they might become acquainted with the ritual and cultivate brotherly love. Therefore, he gave a hearty welcome to every visitor, and he hoped that during his year of office he would see many of them again.

Bro. Hooper replied, and thanked the W.M. for the hearty reception that had been accorded to the visitors.

The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said Charity was one of the greatest principles they were exhorted to carry out when they were admitted into Masonry. He had endeavoured, as far as his ability had allowed, to practice that virtue which was laid down for his guidance on entering the lodge. He hoped that every Mason, if his means would allow it, would become a supporter of each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. That was what he had endeavoured to do himself. He had made himself a Life Governor of two of the Institutions. He had been a Steward of the Girls and of the Boys, and if they would allow him he would be a Steward for the Benevolent Institution in February next. It did not need much to remind the brethren of the claims of that Institution. They knew that when a brother arrived at old age and from reverse circumstances was unable to obtain a living the Benevolent Institution was open to him, and he obtained an annuity, if he was successful in being elected. He would call on Bro. Terry to respond to the toast.

Bro. Terry, in reply, said he was especially pleased to hear the W.M. say that he intended to take a Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution. He knew well that when the W.M. made an appeal to the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge it would meet with that response which it had always met with. He remembered being present on the day of consecration, and he had witnessed many times since the growth of the lodge, and he was convinced that when an appeal was made the lodge would rally round the W.M., and enable him to make up such a list as would redound to the credit, not only to the lodge, but also to the W.M.'s year of office. The W.M. was not only Grand Pursuivant, he was nominated by the Grand Master himself as one of the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution. That Institution was sadly in want of funds, for after the last election there was still over 100 unsuccessful candidates standing the chance of being elected, and since then there were 40 new candidates coming forward, so that by the conclusion of the list for the next election there would be 150 or 160 candidates for help and assistance. It must be admitted that the Institution which gave help and assistance to those who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and by their age ought to be exempt from further toil, was one eminently worthy of support. The Institution was giving away nearly £15,000 a year in annuities of £40 to men and £32 to women, and besides if they wished it they found a home for them in the Institution at Croydon where they were provided with coals, gas, and medical attendance. With such advantages it was hardly to be wondered at that when candidates were once elected they were very loth to "shuffle off this mortal coil." One old gentleman who died a fortnight ago was 92. He had been an annuitant for 37 years, and had received as much as £800 from the Institution in that time. They had one man from North and East Yorkshire who was 81 when he first applied, but they found he had not been sufficiently long a subscriber to a lodge to be entitled to come on the fund. He then paid another 18 months and qualified himself to be a candidate. They had a benevolent law by which if a man was 80 years of age and had been unsuccessful the Committee might put him on the fund. That old gentleman was unfortunately not successful and the Committee placed him on the fund. He had lived to enjoy it and had received the pension for nearly 18 years—for he died within six weeks of being 102. Therefore it was clear that that Institution extended their lives. Whether that was an unmixed benefit they did not find out. The difference between the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' and Girls' Schools was that while the boys and girls as time passed became more and more fit to take care of themselves, the aged became less capable as time went on. Again, many persons would adopt a boy or a girl, but he did not think any one had ever heard of any one adopting an old man or an old woman, who were, therefore, thrown entirely upon the world. He hoped the W.M. would have a very successful list. He hoped the brethren would willingly give to it and make up that list to a good sum. He could assure them it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," and, referring to the ceremony of installation, said that when the brethren came to consider that Bro. Goldschmidt, the Installing Master, was not of their own nationality they would agree with him that they had never seen the installation ceremony done in such an able manner. Bro. Goldschmidt had that night eclipsed all his previous performances. With regard to the other Past Masters they were always ready to give their assistance, and if ever he should want to take counsel with them he knew they would give him their advice.

Bro. Goldschmidt, I.P.M., said he had to thank the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge for the support they had given

him during his year of office, more especially the officers of the lodge. He thanked the W.M. as the leading officer during that year and all those who were under him for the services they had rendered him. He also returned thanks for the honour they had conferred on him that night; he appreciated it fully, and he should look on the jewel placed on his breast as of far more value than its intrinsic worth as a jewel, which showed they all had kind, good feelings towards him. Referring to the praises bestowed on him by the W.M., he was happy to say it had been the custom of the Sphinx Lodge for some years past for the outgoing Master to install his successor. They had many beautiful ceremonies in Masonry, but he thought one of the finest was the installation. If a Mason had once had an opportunity of learning it well he would never forget it. He had had the opportunity in past years of learning it, and he was happy to say he had remembered it. It was an impressive ceremony. It was not owing to him that the ceremony was impressive—it was the ceremony itself which was impressive. He hoped that those who listened to it would follow out the precepts it contained. He knew Masonry was talked about very lightly, and he thought that was partly the fault of Masons, for in many cases they did not show outside the lodge those things they were taught within it, but he most sincerely believed that the members of the Sphinx Lodge were Masons at heart, and knew that they were Masons of that lodge. They were most brotherly in every sense of the word, and he hoped that that harmony which had existed in the Sphinx Lodge for many years past would continue as long as the lodge was in existence. As long as he lived it would be his endeavour to keep the Sphinx Lodge in that position to which it had now attained. His services would be at the disposal of the lodge and of each individual member. He thanked the W.M. for what he had done for him; he thought the debt was on his side and not on that of the W.M.

Bro. Sugden, P.M., also replied, and said he always felt pleased to have the privilege of saying a few words on behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge, but he felt it the stronger that evening, as both the outgoing and the incoming Masters were initiates of his. He felt very proud of both of them, though they were not the only brethren he had initiated who had become distinguished Masons. No credit to him, but it was very pleasing to find they had been initiated in the Sphinx Lodge by himself, and had become distinguished Masons. Although there were Past Masters of the Sphinx Lodge who were better able to do justice to that toast, he could assure the brethren he enjoyed his connection with the outgoing and the incoming Masters. Bro. Goldschmidt had spoken of Masons out of the lodge and in it; but in the Sphinx Lodge they were neighbours and friends all round. When the warrant was granted, they were all Camberwell men, and he was pleased there were so many of the parish connected with the lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on having attained his high position, and he deserved the support of all the members.

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Webb, S.W.; P. A. Nairne, D.C.; Reynolds, and Elgar responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A delightful musical entertainment was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. R. J. Pitt, Organist, by Madame Isabel George, Miss Lena Seymour, Mr. Harry Stubbs, and Mr. R. E. Miles. Solo violin—Mr. Joseph H. Pitt. Bro. Robert J. Pitt presided at the pianoforte.

Earl of Zetland Lodge (No. 1364).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when Bro. H. Burton Chamberlain was installed W.M. by Bro. H. W. Gompertz, P.M., Sec., in a most able and ritualistic manner. The charges were given very impressively. There were three passings and one initiation, which the outgoing Master, Bro. Henry Cooper, did in his best style, his working being thorough and quietly done. This lodge is famous for its music, and the Organist, Bro. J. F. Haskins, materially helped the good working by the artistic and musician-like performance of some beautiful little pieces; altogether the work in the lodge was an intellectual treat of no mean order.

At the banquet which followed were many visitors, but one was expected who could not be present—we refer to Bro. the Earl of Zetland. He sent an apology and a large photo of himself for the lodge album. There were some capital speeches, which we are glad to report were brevity itself, in consequence of a most excellent musical programme. The artistes who appeared were the Misses Marie Vagnolini, Ettie Argent, and Emily Foxcroft, Bros. John Bartlett and J. D. Fitzgerald, pianist, Mr. H. H. Pinchback, Gold Medallist Conservatoire of Music Paris, &c., who performed one solo in a very masterly manner; and the veteran humourist, Bro. W. G. Mackney, P.M., &c., who performed on the violin and sung some of his inimitable songs as only a Mackney can sing them. To particularise the different *morceaux* which delighted the ears of the brethren would take more space than we can spare, suffice it to say that the ladies bore the palm and that the gentlemen left nothing to be desired. The concert, for such it was to all intents and purposes, was a great success, for instead of long speeches we had fine singing and playing, the brethren enjoying a charming evening and an artistically rendered concert, thanks to the Organist, Bro. J. F. Haskins.

Highgate Lodge (No. 1366).—This properous lodge held its first meeting after the installation on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Gatehouse Hotel. Present: Bros. J. H. W. Sugg, W.M.; F. Ashton, S.W.; A. Cook, J.W.; James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M. and Sec.; J. C. Yates, S.D.; E. Wareham, J.D.; S. Rushton, Org.; F. Cracknell, I.G.; J. Culverwell, Stwd.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W. Bucks; F. Shelton, P.M.; G. Garrett, P.M.; E. L. Shelton, P.M.; Thos. Underwood, P.M.; W. B. Trick, P.M.; J. H. Gregory, P.M.; R. W. Galer, P.M.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; Dixon, Pizzey, Watkins, Coxen, Luxton, Medrington, Wilks, Goodman, Lewis, Wheeler, Walkden, Pragnell, and Speller. Visitors: Bros. E. G. Younger, Stwd. 1237; A. Edean, P.M. 9; J. Ponder, 144; R. F. Buckdale, 1623; and E. Redshaw, P.M. 715.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Medrington and Lewis were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. It was proposed by Bro. F. Shelton, seconded by Bro. Gregory, and carried unanimously, that 10 guineas be given to Mrs. Gillbee. Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., appealed for votes for the Masonic Schools on behalf of the children of the late Bro. Gillbee.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Reynolds, W.M.; Sam. Hewitt, S.W.; G. H. Foan, acting as J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M.; Treas.; Geo. Coleman, P.M.; Sec.; James Woodward, S.D.; Arthur L. Bullen, acting as J.D.; Geo. Stacey, P.M.; Org.; W. Unwin, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; T. A. Dickson, P.M.; John Jacobs, P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; Walter Humphrey, John H. Worthington, Robert Sparrow, Charles Read, John Nathan, jun., W. A. Dowling, John Mayo, W. Honeyball, W. R. Faulks, J. W. Belsham, Henry Willis, J. Alexander, J. C. Citron, A. Packham, John Pullen, James Bellamy, A. Hoogen, Homer Price, Edward Mills, James F. Thomson, Turner Wilson, and Walter J. Thrussell. Visitors: Bros. Alfred Monk, 1237; Walter Hancock, 1056, S.D. 2191; E. Rogers, G. Sand, P.G.D. Middx.; Thomas Middlewick, W.M. 1793; H. Robinson, D.C. 1681; F. M. Noakes, J.D. 2148; W. J. Dennett, 291 (S.C.); C. Blackman, 1604; H. F. Dessen, 2191; J. Brambani, Norwegian Provincial Lodge; and J. C. Tharo, St. Andraia Lodge, Norway.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was laid on the table. Correspondence was read, among which were letters from Bros. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Woolley, J.W. 2191; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; B. Solomon, I.P.M.; and many other brethren, regretting they were not able to be present. Bros. H. Price, 1429, and W. J. Thrussell, 2191, were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge. Ballots took place for the following gentlemen as initiates: Messrs. F. D. Greening, W. Baskett, A. H. Hoogen, and John Thomson, which were declared to be unanimous. The two latter gentlemen being present were initiated. Bros. J. Nathan and John H. Worthington were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. S. Hewitt, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, also Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. R. F. Potter, P.M., as Tyler. Bros. W. Belsham, H. Willis, and W. B. Faulks were appointed Auditors, with power, with the W.M., P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary, to deal with all arrears and accounts. On the proposition of Bro. G. H. Coleman, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M. and Treas., a Past Master's jewel, of the usual value, with collar and pendant, be presented to the W.M. on his retiring—carried unanimously.

There being no further business to transact, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes Room, where a capital banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. Bertini.

At the banquet the W.M. proposed in brief but pleasant terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily received, Bro. E. Rogers, G. Stwd., replying for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. B. Solomons, I.P.M., through illness, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said to him it was a great pleasure, for there was no brother present who did not feel that in their W.M. they had had one who since he came amongst them had done his very best for the lodge. The P.M.'s valued much his services, for they knew how he had worked while occupying the chair in more ways than one. He was beloved by all for his kind and genial qualities, and he felt sure that all hoped he would be spared many years to be with them in health and strength, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper.

The W.M., in replying, said that he had often heard said that a trumpet had been blown in one's favour, but the very strong way in which their worthy Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., had spoken of him sounded as loud as a trombone. He was not initiated in the lodge, but came amongst them several years ago as a joining member, and by their kindness and confidence had been grafted to them, and placed in the chair, and it was a source of enjoyment to know that during his year of office, with their forbearance, he had performed his duties to their entire satisfaction. He also felt that since he was first introduced to the lodge he had made many sincere friends, and lived in brotherly love with them. No Master ever came into the chair more sad, but no Master ever went out of the chair with greater pleasure. The ship was now in smooth water, and before the Covent Garden Lodge there was, he felt sure, a good time. One great regret he felt, and that was that the Covent Garden Lodge was not in session when the American brethren visited England in September, so that the lodge could have given them a hearty welcome, and, as W.M., he should have felt it a great compliment in return for the kind and generous manner in which they had received Bro. J. Skinner and himself on their visit to America. In a letter just received, the American brethren express their determination to give any brother from the Covent Garden Lodge a hearty welcome. A Royal Arch chapter would soon be attached to the Covent Garden Lodge. He sincerely hoped it would be a success, and all work harmoniously together. In thanking the brethren for the hearty and cordial manner in which the toast had been received and drunk, he promised that what he had done in the past for the benefit of the lodge he would do in the future, and as they would not meet again till January, 1890, he wished all present "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with Health and Prosperity."

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said that the Covent Garden Lodge was delighted to have them amongst them, and sincerely hoped that by following out the beautiful tenets of Freemasonry they would become good Masons.

Bros. H. Hooper and Thomson replied, assuring the brethren they had been much impressed with the ceremony.

"The Health of the Joining Members," Bros. Horner, Prince, and J. Thrussell, was given, to which those brethren replied.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said that the Covent Garden Lodge gave them a hearty welcome. They had no "off" nights, all nights were the same in welcoming visitors, and that night they were favoured by the company of three Norwegian brethren, and he hoped all the visitors had spent a pleasant and happy evening.

Bro. W. H. Hancock, S.D. 2191, said he looked upon the Covent Garden Lodge as his own lodge, always spending a pleasant time, and no one knew more than he the anxious time the W.M. had had during his term of office.

Bro. Harry Price, W.M. 2308, assured the brethren he had spent a most pleasant evening. He was pleased with all connected with the lodge, not forgetting [their W.M., who worked hard for the Craft.

Bro. Dessen, 2191, speaking on behalf of the two brethren on his immediate left, who, like himself, were Freemasons of the Constitution of Norway, and also on his own behalf, thanked the brethren for the toast, and for the reception accorded it. In addition to the many and great qualities of their W.M., referred to that evening, he had to add that of which they were then benefiting, namely, a bountiful hospitality to foreign brethren, from whatever part of the globe they might come, a quality which tended to strengthen the characteristic, so peculiar to the Craft, of being a cosmopolitan brotherhood. Bro. Brambani, who held a high rank amongst the Freemasons of Norway, and an office in the St. Andrew's Lodge (or, as it is called in England, the Royal Arch Chapter), of Christiania, had requested him to assure them that they would be most cordially welcomed should they come that way and favour them with a visit. They looked upon that as an honour done them. It would have to be in the winter, however, for their lodge was not in session during the summer. Bro. Brambani, Bro. Pharo, and himself were all much impressed with the singularly happy tone and the spirit of good fellowship pervading the lodge, and that was well in keeping with the geniality of the W.M., to whom it was doubtless in a large measure due. They would tell their fellow Craftsmen beyond the North Sea of the kindness they had met with there at their hands—a kindness which would long live in their memories, and for which they thanked them all. His colleagues joined with him in drinking, after the Norwegian Masonic fashion, to the prosperity of the lodge, with true brotherly feelings from the bottom of their hearts, and to the last drop.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," said it was a great gratification to feel and know that he would be succeeded by a thorough good Mason and worker. There was not much of him, but it was quality, and not quantity. He knew he would have a good year of office, and he (the W.M.) hoped to be of assistance to him.

The W.M. elect, in a few kind words, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which his health had been drunk and received, and promised to do all he could for the benefit of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was given, to which Bro. A. Bullen replied.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very happy and pleasant evening, to which many brethren assisted by their musical abilities. Bro. J. W. Thrussell presided at the piano.

Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).—Bro. W. R. Arnold, W.M. of the above excellent lodge, had a glorious meeting on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, there being not only a lot of work to do, but a rare gathering of good and true Masons to see how he did it. We give the best list that could be obtained from the visitors' book to prove the latter part of our statement, as follows: there were present Bros. Major J. Richey, P.M.; Capt. J. White, P.M.; Capt. W. Ritchie, City Marshal of London, P.M.; Lieut. T. Cooper, M.A., P.M.; Quartermaster J. Wishart, P.M.; E. Morris, S.W.; J. Christian J.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. and Treas.; G. Mason, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Lawson, S.D.; W. Seager, J.D.; B. Hancock, Org.; Quartermaster W. Osborne, Lieut. A. Chamberlain, W. Arnold, W. Dickson, W. Blades, R. Groves, F. Myers, W. Gibson, W. Lawson, G. W. Gray, V. Paget, R. Laird, J. W. Fleming, J. Nicholas, and W. Shackleton, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Fahey, P.M. 1483; A. Waters, P.M. 642; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; C. Mahoney, P.M. 1066; Col. Vansittart, I.G. 1586; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; W. J. Barnes, 13; J. H. Fraser, 1536; G. Osborne, 1536; G. W. Clifford, 913; F. Stutfield, G. Hemson, 26; G. R. Hunter, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. J. J. Williams, S.W. 2226, P.P.G.P. Monmouth; Lieut. R. A. Vigne, 1159; and Lieut.-Col. W. H. F. Sorrell, 1092, P.D.S.G.W. Punjab, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken Major R. H. Muddock, Lieut. J. B. H. Askwith, Lieut. R. Wark, Lieut. M. J. Long, and Sergeant-Major G. Allen, and that also proved unanimous, and the three latter being present, were duly initiated. Bros. Capt. W. V. Faber, Capt. T. Y. Osmond, and Capt. S. W. Lane were passed, and after certain revisions of the by-laws had been sanctioned, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was all that could be desired, and after the W.M. had briefly proposed the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were most heartily honoured, Bro. Osborne proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that so far as the ceremony was concerned they would all agree with him that the W.M. had carried out those duties in a most able manner. Personally, not having attended the lodge for the last three years, he had not had an opportunity of observing him before; but that night he had shown himself worthy of his high position, and he, therefore, asked them to drink the toast with all the heartiness it deserved.

The Worshipful Master very briefly responded, and said he thanked the brethren very much for their hearty reception of the toast. He should always be glad, and ready to do anything and everything he could during his year of office for the success of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Joining Members," coupled with the name of Bro. Col. Sorrell, who, in response, said he had no idea some very little time ago that there was a lodge in existence composed exclusively of the officers of the "dear old regiment." That night he had met some of his old friends whom he had not seen for years, one of whom was Bro. Fahey, and he felt a pride in joining such a lodge as the Ubique. He had with him that night a brother whom he was also glad to see with him, and who had worked Masonry with him in some very hot places, but he found Masonry the same everywhere. He trusted to live to be a member of the lodge for many years, and always receive the same warm welcome from its members as he had received that night.

Bro. Marny, in responding for the toast of "The Visitors," said on behalf of the visitors he thanked the brethren for their cordial reception and hospitality, and, in the next place for the excellent work shown them by the W.M. and his officers.

Bros. Hunter and Vansittart also briefly responded.

In responding for "The Initiates," Bro. Wark said from what he had learned that night he deeply regretted he had not been made a Mason sooner.

Bros. Long and Askwith also briefly responded.

Bro. W. Ritchie, in responding for "The Past Masters," said he thanked them most sincerely, more especially as he had been singled out from among the Past Masters to respond to the toast of their health, and secondly, because it was coupled with the distinguished position he now held. He was deeply moved, because it was then seven and thirty years ago that he joined "the dear old regiment." He loved the uniform, but in a few days more would have to give it up for ever. In 1853 he wandered over London Bridge, a stranger in a strange land, without a single friend in the world. He had far less than Dick Whittington had when he sat upon a stone some few miles out of London, and heard the sound of Bow Bells, for at least Dick had his cat; but when he (Bro. Ritchie) got to Shrewsbury-lane, at Plumstead, and heard the chimes of Bow Bells, he heard those bells say distinctly, "Go it, W. Ritchie, City Marshal of London." He, in first joining the Royal regiment, was heavily handicapped, but he remembered the sergeant-major of his battery sending for him to take tea with him, and, thinking it was the duty of a recruit to take tea with his sergeant-major, he went, and afterwards married that sergeant-major's daughter, one of the best things he ever did in his life, and one that he had never regretted. He won his way, and was made provost-marshal of the garrison, and then he joined the Nelson Lodge, where he made some excellent friends, who had done him good service in obtaining for him his present proud position. When he first went in for it, three years ago, they encouraged him heart and soul, and, believing that faith would move mountains, he had faith that by constant and unceasing work he could get the office, and he had. First, he thanked God, and then his friends, many of whom he enumerated. When he went up for it, he went in his uniform as an officer of the R.H.A., and had been since told that by so doing he had won his position, so that it would ever be his pride and pleasure henceforth to assist all and any who wore, or had ever worn, the uniform of "the dear old regiment." His heart was full of thanks for their hearty welcome. He thanked them for looking over his shortcomings. He thanked them for their great and undeviating sympathy with him in his late domestic affliction, for sympathy was one of the greatest of charities; and last of all, but not least, he thanked the Most High for the great mercy and goodness shown him.

Our good brother, who was repeatedly cheered during his speech, then sat down amid great applause.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were rendered most enjoyable by the singing of Bro. Hobson and others. Bro. Hancock presided at the piano.

Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C., the retiring Master, occupied the chair, being well supported by the several officers and a large number of visitors. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as usual, performed the installation ceremony in a most admirable and impressive manner, and the new Master, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Perry Godfrey, P.M., then appointed his officers. Bro. Edwin F. Fitch received the collar of Senior Warden; Bro. F. S. Jackson that of Junior Warden; Bro. Scott was appointed Senior Deacon; Bro. Colonel Wilde, Junior Deacon; and Bro. Secondary Roderick, Inner Guard.

The guests at the sumptuous banquet which subsequently followed included Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Squire, C.C., Col. Sewell, E. Lee, C.C., Secondary Roderick, E. F. Fitch, the Rev. J. H. Smith, Pauley, Treas.; J. Turner, F. S. Jackson, H. Wright, Perkins, C.C., Col. Phillips, H. P. Monckton, Col. White, T. Clark, E. Pugh, W. Westcott, W. T. Roberts, J. P. Sadler, P. W. Reynolds, W. Rowlett, G. T. Chretien, G. T. Teall, W. Scriven, H. Florence, T. Minshall, P. Clarke, G. T. Thornes, F. Hill, J. Fergusson, J. Salmon, J. Mowlem Burt, R. Webb, C. J. Scott, F. A. Jenkin, R. Whiddington, and others.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given by the W. Master, who stated that it was with sincere pleasure they had with them a dear old friend of the lodge, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, who, as they were well aware, was the Past President of the Board of General Purposes and a Past Grand Warden, and in who also they were pleased to recognise their first W.M. With the toast of "The Grand Officers" it was his great privilege to couple the name of Bro. Sir John Monckton.

In reply, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton referred to the increasing years of the lodge, and remarked that he was proud to think that with age also they were increasing in Masonic usefulness and reputation. So long as they had Masters occupying the chair of the zeal and ability of their I.P.M., Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., and as long as they had men in the chair like their present Master, so long would they continue to flourish and advance in the respect and esteem of the citizens of London.

Bro. H. Clarke, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him upon the proud position he held in one of the foremost lodges of the City. Times out of number he had heard the question on Lord Mayor's Day, "I wonder what sort of a Lord Mayor he's going to make?" and also he had heard that each succeeding Lord Mayor had done better than any of his predecessors. With regard to their W.M., he was quite sure that that time next year they would be able to say that their W.M. had endeavoured to sustain the proud position of the lodge, that he had tried to promote its usefulness in every way, and that he had been an ornament to the chair and Freemasonry in general.

The W.M. proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Installing Master, Sir John Monckton," and thanked him earnestly and sincerely for the duty he had so ably performed.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, who was received with cheers, briefly replied.

In giving "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C.," the W.M. said he was extremely fortunate in having as his I.P.M. one so judicious and able to advise. The I.P.M. had been great in the lodge, and able in the banquet-room, and as some slight token of their esteem and appreciation of his works, he had the greatest pleasure of presenting to him a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. H. Clarke responded, thanking the W.M. and the members of the lodge for their kindness during his year of office. He specially thanked Sir John Monckton and Major Sewell for services rendered him, and he spoke with the utmost pleasure of the disinterestedness shown to himself and the lodge by other brethren who had not had the preference they most justly deserved.

Bro. Col. Sewell replied for "The Past Masters," and assured the W.M. that they should be most ready to render

him all the assistance they possibly could. The lodge, in which he had always taken such a large amount of interest, had a most satisfactory reputation, thanks to the exceedingly good example which had been set them by their first Master, Bro. Sir John Monckton.

Bros. J. Mowlem Burt, I. Zacharie (South Carolina), and J. P. Sadler acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," the latter remarking upon the wonderfully perfect manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. As for the hospitality of the lodge, it had been on a most regal and splendid scale.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Fitch, S.W., replied, thanking the Master for honouring them as he had done. He could assure the W. Master that they would serve him most loyally, and do all in their power to make his year of office a most pleasant and agreeable one.

Bro. Lovell, Tyler, gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings, which had been of a most pleasurable character, terminated.

The banquet arrangements, as usual, gave the utmost satisfaction.

Lodge La France (No. 2060).—On Monday, the 18th inst., the above lodge held its installation meeting, and, as usual, it was a great success. Bro. E. St. Clair, the outgoing Master, performed the ceremony with that accuracy and in the impressive manner which has distinguished his performance of the ceremonies during his two consecutive years of office. In order to give greater éclat to the meeting, he had requested Bro Fenn, P.B.G.P., *Membre d'Honneur* of the lodge, to take the chair of S.W., and also to give the three addresses, which Bro. Fenn did in a manner which must have astonished those who had not before seen him at work in the Lodge La France. Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., also a *Mem. d'Hon.*, acted as D. of C. The brethren of the lodge mustered in strong force, and were honoured by the presence of a large number of visitors, among whom were about a dozen Officers of Grand Lodge, viz.: Bros. H. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Lewis Thomas, P. Asst. G.D.C.; Col Harding, P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. R. Gooding, P.G.D.; R. Glover, P. Dep. G.D.C.; and R. Thrupp, P. Asst. G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx. Among the other visitors we noticed Bros. Gen. Wimburne Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; Dr. J. Tatham, 1616; F. Novara, 165; Alex. Baume, 180; A. Greatrex, 22; T. Grummant, 1550; J. Tennyson, 780; William Crawford, 127; H. L. Gautier, 907; Thomas Craston, F. Dunn, Aubrey Howard, J. Hammond, Henry Ellis, Norton Barnes, Henry Gardner, H. O. Mordaunt, A. Treherne, C. Rean, and others. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M., Bro. L. Clerc were Bros. Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, S.W.; A. Lacoste, J.W.; H. Bué, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. Monteuuis, P.M., G.S.B., Sec.; J. Desvignes, S.D.; E. Pouard, J.D.; L. Mallett, I.G.; E. Casabianca, D. of C.; E. Chatrian and E. Béranger, Stwds.; L. Walter, Org.; and A. Oberdoerffer, Tyler.

As Bro. St. Clair had been presented with the Past Master's jewel at the end of his first year of office, the following proposition was made by the Treasurer, seconded by the Secretary, and unanimously passed: "The Lodge La France having already conferred to its much esteemed W.M., Bro. E. St. Clair, all the honours which it was in its power to give, passes a vote of most sincere thanks to him in acknowledgment of the courteous and perfect manner in which he has presided over the lodge during his second year of office."

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the large banquetting room of the Café Royal, where Bro. Delacoste, the manager, put before them a menu worthy of the reputation of that great establishment.

The W.M. rose to propose the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft." He said that among the many important events which had taken place during her great reign one of the most important was the Crimean War. Those two great nations, the French and the English, had for centuries fought against one another, and had never learned to know one another. In the Crimea they fought side by side, shoulder to shoulder, and had now learned to appreciate one another. He hoped that Anglo-French alliance which was then started would never be severed, but that should any thing arise to put the *entente cordiale* in danger, then it would be for the members of the Lodge La France to endeavour to restore the good understanding. He proposed "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was duly honoured, and the whole company joined in "God save the Queen."

In proposing the toast of "*La France et Son Représentant, Monsieur le Prés. Carnot*," the W.M. asked what is *La Patrie*? and answered, it is the country where we are born, where our mother first tendered to us, and showed us so much devotion and affection, where we formed our first college friendships, where, through the study of the history of our country and of its great men, we gradually worked ourselves into the same communion of ideas and feelings into one large family. We all Frenchmen here admire and like the English, admire and like their country; but somehow in France the air seems to us lighter, nature brighter, and we are happier. I drink to our country, to our President, M. Carnot.

Marseillaise.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," calling special attention to the great sympathy his Royal Highness had always shown towards France, and to the fact of his having visited M. Pasteur.

In the next toast, that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. L. Clerc alluded to the great services they rendered to Freemasonry, and thanked them for the great honour they had done the lodge by their presence that evening. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. H. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal.

Bro. Sandeman, who spoke in perfect French, said he had great pleasure in replying to the toast that had been so kindly proposed by the W.M. The Grand Officers had taken a great interest in the progress of the Lodge La France, and had been concerned with what they had heard and seen that evening. He wound up after the French fashion with three fires, or wishes.

Bro. St. Clair then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. L. Clerc." He had had the pleasure of proposing his health many times before, first as Treasurer of the lodge

and then as S.W., but he was most pleased that, having at last overcome the modesty of Bro. Clerc, and having induced him to accept the chair, he was now enabled to drink his health as W.M. He (Bro. St. Clair) had been the first initiate of the lodge, the other Past Master had been initiated in English lodges, but Bro. Clerc had been initiated 26 years ago in the *Persévérante Amitié* at a time when certificates still bore the inscription A.G.A. de l'U—an inscription they were all so sorry to have seen omitted of late years in France. Bro. Clerc was one of the mainstays of the Société Nationale Française, and took a great interest in all the French Charities. The lodge had never had a more worthy brother to preside over it, and he would wish him a successful year of office.

The W.M. thanked Bro. St. Clair very much, but could not help thinking he had been very much flattered. He certainly had been rather shy to undertake the duties of Master, and it was the knowledge that he would be so well supported by the I.P.M. that had at last prompted him to accept the post.

The W.M. then gave a cordial greeting to all the visitors present. The lodge had always been fortunate in being honoured by the presence of many visitors. There were present that evening between 50 and 60. He could not, therefore, think of naming them all. One was a host in himself, Bro. General W. Laurie, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, whom he was particularly pleased to see on the present occasion, and he hoped that when he went back to America he would talk of the Lodge La France to the Canadians.

Bro. Gen. Laurie, who began his speech in French, related that in Canada both English and French were allowed in the Law Courts. He hoped the same privilege would be granted him, and he would continue in English. He would refer to the allusion the W.M. had made to the Crimean War, and relate an anecdote of what occurred to him. He wanted, with a fellow officer, to go and see the French camp, but he was stopped by a sentry, who took them for spies, and the sentry was nearly firing, but he thought better of it, and accompanying them to the English lines, there they satisfied him of their identity. He then alluded to French Freemasonry, and hoped that the Lodge La France would ever remain true to the ancient landmarks. In Freemasonry they would find liberty, equality, fraternity; but liberty founded our Order; equality for all to rise to the same honours; fraternity exemplified by Charity.

Bro. Mordaunt also responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," alluding to his great capabilities, which had enabled him in the course of a few years to reach the chair of the lodge. He had fulfilled the duties of his office with great brilliancy. He would not make a long speech. They had all seen Bro. St. Clair at work, and knew how perfectly he had done it. He would drink his health.

Bro. St. Clair, I.P.M., answered in his usual happy manner.

The rest of the toasts were then proceeded with. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to an end. We must not omit to mention that Bro. Novara aided very much to the success of it by his magnificent singing. It is very rarely that a lodge comes across such a volunteer.

Provincial Meetings.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. R. T. Davison, M.D., W.M.; W. A. Raper, S.W.; J. B. Foster, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. S. Br., Sec.; W. J. Pepper, S.D.; T. J. Walder, as J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Avis, I.G.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. B. Sargent, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. C. Till, W. E. Skinner, J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, G. Smith, J. Hodson, J. Bellchamber, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. E. Stembidge, W.M. 2205; Snowdon Kirke, J.W. 1716; E. J. McCormick, 40; and G. Heaphy, 40.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, a very touching letter from the widow of the late Bro. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M., was read, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of sympathy passed at the last meeting. A letter was also read from Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G.C., Chaplain, thanking the brethren for their congratulations on his recent marriage. A successful ballot was then taken for Mr. Louis Fredk. St. John, and he was duly initiated, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M. The charge was ably given by the S.W., Bro. Raper. The late Tyler, Bro. Cornelius Leary, having found it necessary to resign the office which he has so satisfactorily filled, Mr. William Newman was elected to succeed him, and was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, subject to the usual dispensation from Provincial Grand Lodge. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 21st inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. G. Ransford, W.M.; E. Clark, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; W. Fisher, S.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wheatley, H. Robinson, and Trotter, Stewards; J. W. Clark, A.D.C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Eales, P.M.; Plimsaul, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Bowers, 1638; Broom, 1658; Fisk, 1733; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Boyce was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Hill, Gummer, and Connell were raised to the Third Degree. The by-laws having been read, Bro. E. Clark was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. C. Jessett, Treas.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served under the personal direction of Bro. Mella, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

After the loyal and other Craft toasts had been proposed and honoured,

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who, in the course of his remarks, congratulated Bro. Ransford

upon the great success that had attended his year of office now fast drawing to a close. They had seen how well he had carried out the work in the lodge room, and also how pleasantly he had presided at the banquet table. He (the speaker) looked forward with pleasure to the installation in January, when the W.M. would complete his labours by inducting Bro. Clark, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S.

Bro. Ransford having replied, the toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were given rapidly, and but briefly acknowledged in consequence of the lateness of the hour and the exigencies of the train service.

JERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—The brethren of the above old lodge held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, when the following were present: Bros. C. Baker, W.M.; T. J. J. T. Baker, I.P.M.; J. T. du Jardin, P.M.; J. F. Hamon, acting S.W.; J. A. Balleina, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; L. P. Hespéradoux, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Inglis, S.D.; A. J. Le Quesne, J.D.; H. B. East, Dir. of Cer.; W. Fentum, Org.; A. Curry, I.G.; C. Naylor, P.M.; E. Leigh Bennett, P.M.; J. W. Linney, R. Cross, Geo. Parkinson, C. Booth, G. Godden, J. E. Hamon, A. Anslow, W. Hunter, C. Lincoln, F. A. Bennett, P.S.W.; J. F. Le Gresley, H. B. East, J. De Veulle, J. Marett, and Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Fisher, late 491; J. H. Goldsmith, P.M. 491; P. E. Sohler, P.M. 877; P.G.S.; G. E. Manger, 877; W. T. Davey, 245; W. Metherell, P.M. 1003; C. Marett, P.M. 590, P.S.G.D.; C. J. Renong, late 244; T. Palmer, J.W. 491; J. Flinn, 1003; J. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Pool, P.M. 491, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Richards, P.S.W. 1003; S. Gilley, P.M. 491, P.G.R.; G. Mourant, 245, P.P.G.P.; L. E. Bisson, S.W. 491; F. A. Jubel, S.D. 491; W. Aubin, 1003; A. Curry, I.G. 245; W. Le Feuvre, 1003, P.G. Std.; L. Kelley, I.P.M. 491; H. M. Godfrey, J.D. 590; E. Bree, W.M. 590; J. Le Sueur, P.M. 590, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Rogers, 1003; E. Le Sueur, 590; T. Blamied, P.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C.; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. John Le Cronier, P.M., D.P.G.M.; J. W. Hamling, S.W. 245; Thos. Stone, P.M. 245, P.P. J.G.D.; P. J. Toneri, 1003; W. W. Richardson, W.M. 491; J. Gray, P.M. 245, P.J.G.W.; Dr. P. B. Bentliff, S.W. 877, P.G.S.B.; P. Newman, 1003; J. H. Elliott, P.M. 245, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.P.G. Sec.; E. Kelly, P.M. 1003, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Davey, 491; Capt. Lucas, J.W. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; E. G. Le Gros, 245; L. H. Drake, 1003; W. Hunt, 1003; G. Long, P.M. 245; J. Barrette, J.W. 245; T. Leat, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.; H. M. Walden, P.M. 958, P.J.G.W.; W. J. Taylor, 491; and E. B. Le Bas, W.M. 958, P.P.G.P.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Cross was duly passed as a Fellow Craft, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a praiseworthy manner. The charge was delivered by the W.M. Bros. Parkinson and Booth were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M., although a young one, gave again proofs of his efficiency in the ritual. Bro. J. T. Baker, I.P.M., gave the traditional history. Bro. F. Fisher, late of 491, was balloted for, and unanimously elected a joining member. During the evening, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, was announced, and duly received.

Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall to partake of a sumptuous cold collation, which was excellently served under the personal supervision of Bro. Geo. Rogers, the acknowledged Masonic caterer of the province, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., who proposed them with well-chosen and eloquent remarks, somewhat out of the beaten track of ordinary after-dinner speakers.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the intervals between the toasts, several brethren exhibited their talents, vocal and instrumental, prominent among them being Bros. Inglis, A. Curry, E. Bree, and Thos. Palmer. The Organist of the lodge, Bro. W. Fentum, emulated Orpheus on his lute, not on the same instrument, but with the piano, both as an accompanist and solo player.

The evening's proceedings furnished a rich musical treat, and it was generally agreed by all present, some 70 in number, that they had never been present at a more enjoyable or more successful Masonic gathering.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The last meeting of the year of this lodge was held on the 20th instant, at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, when Bro. J. Drewett, W.M., was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Drewett, W.M. 1638, I.P.M.; Colbron, S.W.; F. J. Heywood, J.W.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec.; F. T. V. Honeywell, P.M., Org.; A. M. Levy, S.D.; and J. Bond, I.G.

Bro. James Edgell, J.D., was, to the regret of all, unable to be present owing to ill-health. There was a candidate for the Second Degree, but he was prevented by indisposition from attending. Bro. Harold Lawsett, 708, was elected a joining member. Bro. Colbron, P.M., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. Long, who has long filled the office of Treasurer with the utmost ability and acceptance, had intimated his desire to be relieved from the duties, and his decision was most regretfully accepted. Bro. John Drewett was unanimously elected to succeed Bro. Long. Bro. Gilbert was again elected Tyler, an office he has filled since the formation of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was with one accord voted to the outgoing W.M., and there being no other business, the lodge was closed.

LIVERPOOL.

Israel Lodge (No. 1502).—Bro. Andrew Kirkpatrick, a former occupant of the chair of this lodge, was, on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as W.M. The proceedings were opened by Bro. David Gabrielsen, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Herman Archer, P.M.; Maurice Hart, P.M.; M. Aronsberg, P.M.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.M.; Rev. H. M. Silver, P.M.; Henry Gabriel, Treas.; W. W. Mellor, Sec.; D. Matthews, S.D.; M. Karet, J.D.; J. O. Roberts, I.G.; J. C. Lemmens and J. Vos, Stwds.; Henry De

Frece, Isaac De Frece, and H. Meek. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. H. Cookson (ex-Mayor), W.M. 32, Prov. S.G.W.; James T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Thomas Salter, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Luker, P.M. 241; Haydn P. Cowell, 594 (late Org. 1502); Bert Striem, 1928; E. Wertheim, Eagle Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Main; L. Woolf, Dr. R. Robertson, J.W. 786; M. Prensau, 249; J. Arnett Dear, Dr. A. Samuels, P.P.G.D.; J. G. Forsyth, W.M. 1473; and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Kirkpatrick, was presented for installation by Bros. Maurice Hart, P.M., and A. Aronsberg, P.M., and the ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Gabrielsen, P.M. Subsequently Bro. Kirkpatrick invested his officers in the following order: Bros. Archer, P.M., D.C.; Rev. H. M. Silver, P.M., Chap.; D. Matthews, S.W.; G. Thierry, J.W.; H. Gabriel, Treas. (re-elected); W. W. Mellor, Sec. (re-elected); M. Karet, S.D.; J. O. Roberts, J.D.; J. Vos, I.G.; J. C. Lemmens, B. Marcus, J. W. Brien, and L. Hammerstein, Stwds.; and D. Gabrielsen, I.P.M. Bro. Williamson was re-appointed Tyler.

On the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Cookson, the ex-Mayor, in responding to the toast of "Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," expressed the satisfaction he experienced in being present, and witnessing such efficient working. As the brethren knew, he had for some time past been precluded from fulfilling his Masonic duties in the way he should have desired, but now that he had terminated his mayoral term he would go more into the Masonic world.

MANCHESTER.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. S. H. Kay, W.M.; S. B. Broadbent, I.P.M.; W. E. Darwen, S.W.; J. Gardner, J.W.; G. Smedley, Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.A.G.P., Sec.; J. R. Johns, S.D.; D. Guymer, J.D.; J. Lees Aspland, P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; J. F. Sutton, P.M.; E. Nathan, P.M.; T. H. Davidson, P.M.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Willers, H. L. Falk, and G. Sam Smith, P.M. 1170.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Kay, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John D. Walsh, which proved favourable. Bro. S. B. Broadbent, I.P.M., then took the chair, and performed the ceremony of initiation.

All business being completed, and "Hearty good wishes" being expressed from the visitors present, the lodge was closed.

ROCHDALE.

St. Chad's Lodge (No. 1129).—The St. John's Festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 20th instant. A rare and interesting feature of the proceedings was that the Installing Master, Bro. G. H. Code, had the pleasure of installing his son, Bro. J. H. Code, having previously initiated, passed, and raised him. A musical service was used, chiefly taken from Bro. Dr. Spark's "Liber Musicus," in which the new organ of the lodge was heard to advantage.

After disposing of the business, the brethren sat down to an admirable dinner, provided by Mrs. Jones, of the Roebuck Hotel.

The usual toasts followed, and a number of excellent songs were given by Bros. Parker, Fletcher, Collingwood, Williams, Ruddy, and others.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and, taken altogether, the festival will rank as one of the most successful in the history of the lodge.

ST. COLUMB.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1529).—Owing to the illness of the W.M. elect, the installation ceremony which should have taken place on the 13th inst., was postponed by dispensation until the 26th inst., when luckily Bro. F. E. Remfry, P.P.G.P. South Wales, West, the S.W. and W.M. elect was able to attend and be installed. Considering that it was a postponed meeting, the attendance of brethren was very good, about 30 being present, including several visitors.

The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. E. Forbes Whitley, I.P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. R. Evans, S.W.; W. R. May, J.W.; Carus Wilson, Chap.; T. Gatley, P.M., Treas.; E. Rickard, Sec.; C. Brewer, S.D.; T. Burgess, J.D.; H. J. Rowse, I.G.; J. King Martyn, D.C.; J. Truscott and G. Burrows, Stwds.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet provided by Bro. Brewer, of the Red Lion Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M., Bro. Remfry, presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Capt. A. Bunn, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Toulmin, jun., J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.D.; Perry, J.D.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Gurney, P.M.; C. W. Jenkins, P.M.; Murphy, Roberts, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Major-General T. R. Cuming, P.P.G.S. Monmouth, &c.; Martin, P.M.; Ruffe, Org. 1793; and Sturt. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., &c., was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Jenkins, S.W., was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Capt. A. Bunn, assisted by Bros. W. H. Saunders, as S.W.; W. Taylor, as J.W.; Capt. Walls, as D.C.; and Briggs, I.G. The following appointments were then made: Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., S.W.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Chap.; J. T. Briggs, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Sec.; Perry, S.D.; Davison, J.D.; Murphy, I.G.; Bennett, D.C.; Roberts, Stwd.; and Harrison, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was subsequently presented with a jewel in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the past year. The resignation of Bro. the Rev. A. Farrar,

M.A., was received with regret. Bros. the Rev. L. D'Orsey, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., &c., and the Rev. S. Buller, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., having left Twickenham, were at their special request placed on the non-dining list of members. It was moved by Bro. W. Taylor, P.P.G.W., seconded by the Secretary, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the lodge are pre-eminently due to Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., for the great services he has rendered to the lodge as its Treasurer, and regretting that he had not again offered himself for re-election. That the resolution be suitably inscribed and presented to Bro. Saunders at the next meeting of the lodge. The recipient of the vote having returned thanks in feeling terms, a notice of motion was given by Bro. Gurney, P.M., that the joining fee be reduced to three guineas. A petition to the Committee of the R.M.B.I. on behalf of a distressed member of the lodge having been recommended, was duly signed by the W.M. and Wardens on behalf of the lodge. Communications from Bros. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., P.P.G. Sec.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap.; and others, pleading inability to attend, were read. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Thrupp responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. W. Taylor and W. H. Saunders for "The Provincial Grand Officers." Bro. Major-General Cuming for "The Visitors," Bro. Capt. Bunn for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Briggs, Capt. Walls, and A. Toulmin, jun., for "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers."

During the evening the pleasant proceedings were enhanced by the instrumental and vocal selections of Bros. R. Ruffe, Toulmin, Gurney, and others.

WORKINGTON.

Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. Dickinson, P.G. Stwd., W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. A. Ashmore, S.W.; G. B. McKay, J.W.; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Loach, S.D.; J. Little, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, P.P.G. Org., Org.; A. D. Holliday, D.C.; A. T. Morgan, I.G.; Unwin and Whitehouse, Stwds.; and W. Whitehead, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler; H. Irving, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. Salkeld, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, 2285, P.P.G. Reg.; D. Reece, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. H. Winderler, G. B. McMillin, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Purser, Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, P.S.G.W.; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate accepted for initiation, and a brother was raised by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, assisted by his officers. The Secretary subsequently read a circular from Bro. Dalrymple, asking the members of 962 to co-operate with other lodges in the province to support his Stewardship to the R.M.B.I. next February; when, on the motion being ably put by Bro. Dickinson, W.M., and supported by Bros. Salkeld, P.M., and Wood, P.M., it was heartily and unanimously approved of. There was also a notice of motion upon the agenda for a new organ for lodge purposes, and one opinion only appeared to prevail—viz., that one be procured as early as possible.

With other general business and propositions, the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes."

Royal Arch.

Metropolitan Meetings.

United Pilgrims Chapter (No. 507).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Present: Comps. C. Hunt, M.E.Z.; J. Coltart, H.; T. C. Corpe, J.; Henry Garrod, Scribe E.; F. R. Hales, Scribe N.; W. Groves, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. Corby, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Perkins, P.Z.; Cox, P.Z.; Livett, P.Z.; Pratt, P.Z.; Rixon, P.Z.; Halsey, P.Z.; Diprose, P.Z.; Clark, Mathews, Grieve, Hawley, and Blundell. Visitors: Comps. George Mickley, P.Z. 63; G. Reynolds, P.S. 1326; and R. Burritt Lane, 2nd Asst. Soj. 1745.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. R. Perkins was elected Treasurer in the place of the late Comp. Hilton. Comp. Garrod then proceeded to install the Principals elect, viz.: Comp. Coltart, as Z.; Comp. Corpe, as H.; and Comp. Hales, as J. This is the 22nd year in succession that Comp. Garrod has performed the ceremony. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Garrod, as Scribe E.; Wilton, as Scribe N.; Groves, as P.S.; Corby, as 1st Asst. Soj.; Grieve, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Lane, as Janitor. Comp. Garrod having been appointed A.G.D.C. in the Supreme Grand Chapter, it was unanimously agreed that the cost of the clothing appertaining to that office be defrayed by the chapter. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Hunt.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern.

Andrew Chapter (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Comps. H. Purdie, M.E.Z.; James Sims, H.; L. Bryett, P.Z., J.; George Read, P.Z., S.E.; W. C. Williams, P.S.; H. P. Gilbert, 1st A.S.; F. Craggs, Stwd.; Schofield, Janitor; Asher Barfield, P.Z., P.G.T.; Millis, P.Z.; Rossdale, Briebart, F. C. Mander, and W. J. Coplestone.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. James Sims was duly installed as First Principal by Comp. George Read, P.Z. Through the unavoidable absence of the other elected Principals, their installation was deferred until the next meeting. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hillier and Doncaster, and resulted in their favour. Bro. Hillier being present, was exalted to the Degree of R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. in his usual impressive manner.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to Comp. J. R. Ward's, Hotel Olympia, and partook of an excellent repast, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to in the enthusiastic style prevalent among the companions.

Regent's Park Chapter (No. 2202).—The first convocation of this chapter was held at the York and Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Present: Comps. J. K. R. Cama, M.E.Z.; N. J. Goodchild, H.; E. C. Mulvey, J.; N. Goodchild, Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, S.E.; A. E. Pocock, D.C.; John Powdrell, S.N.; Harry Rose, P.S.; A. A. Nottingham, 1st A.S.; and J. Very, acting Janitor. Visitors: Comps. M. Collings, 1470, and Sidney Spokes, 1470.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the consecration convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. H. Hosegood, J.W. 2202, was elected as a joining member. Bros. R. George, 167; E. J. Gordon, 2090; J. Diwan Doulet Ram, F. J. Holden, W. J. Hall, and J. Passingham, all of 2202, having been duly elected, were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. Masons by the M.E.Z.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Provincial Meetings.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Henry Cook Chapter (No. 1021).—An emergency convocation of this young and flourishing chapter was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present the following companions: Comps. H. Cook, P.G. Reg., M.E.Z.; John Murray, H.; P. L. Booth, J.; Wm. Roberts, S.E.; John Hague, S.N.; J. F. Davison, 1st A.S.; R. W. Worrall, P.Z., P.P.G.D. of C.; C. P. Richards, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Org.; G. Nelson, P.Z., Stwd.; J. Artis, Janitor; Robert Bowker, H. 1225; G. S. Heath, P.Z. 1225; J. Settle, P.Z. 1225, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Sutton, Z. 1225, P.G. 2nd A.S.; C. W. Hunter, Wm. Ramsay, Josh. Waddington, J. F. Capstick, S. Townsend, J. P. Williams, E. Hicks, and R. C. Turner.

The chapter was opened, and, owing to the indisposition of Comp. Murray, the chair of H. was occupied by Comp. Robert Bowker. The M.E.Z. apologised for calling the companions together on such a busy evening, but explained he had to go to London early in the following week, and would not be able to attend the regular chapter. They also had present Bro. Captain Jones, whose duties as a master mariner had prevented him from attending for exaltation, and who also would have left the port before the regular meeting. The agenda contained four names for exaltation, two of whom were unable to be present. Bros. Jones and T. Clarkson, being in attendance, were separately admitted and exalted by the M.E.Z. in his usual impressive and faultless manner, the duties of Principal Sojourner (in the absence of Comp. Widdows) being most efficiently performed by Comp. J. F. Davison. The mystic lecture was then given by the M.E.Z., the lectures of H. and J. being postponed, owing to the lateness of the hour.

Before closing the chapter, the M.E.Z. rose and said he had a most pleasing task to perform—to offer for the acceptance of the chapter an embroidered silk banner, which had been worked for the chapter by his niece, Miss Cook. It had been to her a labour of love, not only towards himself personally, but also of love to the Institution to which he was proud to belong. The emblems worked upon it taught them peace, love, and harmony, and those virtues, he trusted, would ever be maintained in the chapter, and as the working of the design had entailed thousands of stitches, so might they be emblematical of the thousands of good wishes and acts the companions might ever have and do towards each other.

Comp. R. W. Worrall, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., on behalf of the chapter, thanked the M.E.Z. and Miss Cook for the beautiful banner, which he assured them would be much prized, not only on account of its intrinsic value, but as a further evidence of the great interest which Comp. Cook had in the welfare of the chapter. He but expressed the sincere wish of every companion that the M.E.Z. might enjoy good health to come amongst them, and give them the benefit of his experience and advice, and concluded an eloquent speech by proposing that "The thanks of the chapter be given to the M.E.Z. and Miss Cook, and that the same be entered upon the minutes of the chapter."

This was seconded by Comp. C. P. Richards, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., and carried with acclamation.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to supper, under the presidency of the Three Principals.

The banner, which is of white silk, is bordered with the Royal Arch colours, with cords and tassels of the same colours. In the centre is the triangle in gold thread, the circle in scarlet, with the words "Henry Cook Chapter, No. 1021," in gold upon the circle, and proceeding from the circle are rays of light also in gold. At the top are the three jewels of the Three Principals in gold embroidery, and in the bottom corners the S.S. and hexagon in circles also in gold, the whole effect being most tasteful and pleasing, while the beautiful manner in which the designs were worked called forth the warmest admiration from all the companions.

The materials, cross bar, &c., were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

BURNLEY.

Nativity Chapter (No. 126).—The annual installation festival of this old centenary chapter was held at the Bull Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th inst. There were present Comps. P. C. O'Mally, Z.; John Witham, H.; Thomas S. Radcliffe, J.; Richard Nelson, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Harrison, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Goldman, P.Z.; B. Whittaker, P.Z.; J. Shorrocks, P.Z.; J. S. Reeves, P.Z.; C. Pollitt, S.E.; H. Mozley, S.N.; Thomas Thornton, P.S.; R. T. Sutcliffe, W. Bracewell, J. S. Horn, J. H. Carter, Joseph Pickles, Horatio Harrison, and B. Robinson, Janitor. Visitor: Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C., P.G.H. East Lancashire.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, which showed a considerable balance in favour of the chapter. Comp. Sillitoe then assumed the First Principal's chair and installed Comps. J. Witham, as Z.; Thos. S. Radcliffe, as H.; and Thos. Thornton, as J. He also invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. R. T. Sutcliffe, S.E.; W. Bracewell, S.N.; J. C. Horne, P.S.; J. H. Carter, 1st Asst. Soj.; Joseph Pickles, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Nelson, Treasurer; and B. Robinson, Janitor. After which Comp. Sillitoe delivered the addresses to the newly-installed Principals, the officers, and

companions generally. At the close of the ceremony Comp. J. S. Reeves proposed, and the M.E.Z. seconded, a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe, which was carried and suitably responded to. Comp. O'Mally proposed, and Comp. Radcliffe seconded, a vote of thanks to Comp. Robt. Harrison, the late Treasurer, for the energy displayed by him in placing the chapter in such a good financial position. This was unanimously carried.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the enjoyment of a very sociable evening.

LANCASTER.

Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Church-street. Present: Comps. Geo. Kelland, Z.; Hy. Longman, P.Z., as H.; Benj. Gregson, P.Z., as J.; Rich. Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; C. F. Seward, as S.N.; A. J. Relph, P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Albert Gorton, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. Mouldsworth, Z.; Eldershaw, H.; Cotton, J.; Swinn, S.E.; Willis, S.N.; Slatter, P.S.; Russell, 1st A.S.; Thomas, 2nd A.S.; H. Miller, Org.; and A. B. Whittaker, D. of C. Comp. Aldred, P.Z., was re-elected Treasurer. Comps. Barlow and Edgar Towell were elected Auditors. It was proposed by Comp. Hooper, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Salmon, P.Z., and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the companions be tendered to Comp. Andrews, who retired from the office of S.E., after holding that important post for 10 years, and that the same be recorded on the minutes.

There were about 45 companions present, but we regret our space does not permit the record.

The M.E.Z., Comp. W. Cliff, presided the whole of the evening in a masterly manner. After all business had been completed, and "Hearty good wishes" from the Provincial Grand Chapter and visitors, the chapter was closed.

SALFORD.

Starkie Chapter (No. 935).—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst. There were present Comps. Evan Williams, Z.; Charles Turner, H.; Frederick Armstrong, J.; James Sudren, P.Z.; F. W. Lean, S.E.; John Williams, S.N.; W. H. Malkin, P.S.; W. H. Southern, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. C. Royle, 2nd Asst. Soj.; H. Nicholls, Janitor; P. B. Welsh, W. Ramsbottom, and others. Visitors: Comps J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H.; Thomas Tanner, 337; and John Tanner, 337.

The chapter having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed the following Principals, viz.: Comps. Charles Turner, as Z.; F. Armstrong, as H.; and W. H. Malkin, as J. He also invested the officers as follows, viz.: Comps. John Williams, S.E.; W. H. Southern, S.N.; F. W. Lean, P.S.; W. Craig Royle, 1st Asst. Soj.; P. B. Welsh, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. J. Meakin, P.Z., Treas.; and H. Nicholls, Janitor. The addresses to the newly-installed Principals, the officers, and the companions generally were also delivered by Comp. Sillitoe. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Lean, in the name of the companions of the chapter, presented to Comp. Evan Williams, a beautiful P.Z.'s jewel, which was suitably acknowledged by the recipient, who, before resuming his seat, proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for attending to perform the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by the M.E.Z., who expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in hearing the beautiful ceremony so ably and impressively rendered. The vote was carried with acclamation, and was responded to by Comp. Sillitoe.

After the chapter was closed the companions adjourned to refreshment, when the newly-installed M.E.Z. presided, and during the evening he, in conjunction with Comps T. and J. Tanner, added much to the enjoyment by a capital rendering of glees and songs.

TORQUAY.

St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—A convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, when there were present a large attendance of companions, amongst whom were Comps. John Lane, M.E.Z.; J. Chapman, P.Z. 189, H.; T. W. Morgan, P.P.G.O., J.; Rae, P.Z. and S.E. 189, P.P.G.J.; Warren, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. Dodge, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Crossman, Treas.; J. Salter, S.E.; T. Prust, S.N.; J. Taylor, P.S.; A. T. Searley, 1st A.S.; W. Hill, 2nd A.S.; R. L. Muford and W. Hersey, Stewards; V. Lauzell, and S. Willis.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. E. J. Pratt and Thos. Blackler, being balloted for and approved, were in attendance, and were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. Masons. The ceremony of exaltation was faultlessly performed by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the mystical lecture in an able, lucid, and eloquent manner. The historical and symbolical lectures were delivered by Comp. Rae with that ability and eloquence for which that companion has so long been known.

The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge held its first regular meeting since the recess at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th inst. Among those present were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., P.J.G.O. Middx., W.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 176, acting

S.W.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M., acting J.W.; Chauffourier, M.O.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Goddard, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Enrico Brenelli, 704, and it being unanimous he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The W.M. then presented the lodge with a handsome silver snuff box bearing the inscription: "Presented to the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238, by Bro. Nelson Prower, W.M. 1889." Inside were engraved the names of the brethren who had occupied the chair:—"1879, Lieut.-Col. W. Wigginton; 1880, Capt. T. C. Walls; 1881, A. Tisley; 1882, T. R. Richnell; 1883, Sir Charles J. Palmer, Bart.; 1884, J. H. Dodson; 1885, F. Farrington; 1886, W. E. Farrington; 1887, T. O. Harding, M.A.; 1888, F. H. Clemow; 1889, N. Prower, M.A." A resolution thanking the donor having been passed with acclamation, letters were read from Bros. Richnell, P.M., Treas., and others, regretting their inability to attend, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and a few toasts were given.

Provincial Meetings.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 20th inst. Among those present were Bros. Bailey, W.M.; W. Porter, jun., S.W.; Simmonds, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., acting M.O.; Davis, S.O.; Woodruff, J.O.; H. Von Joel, S.D.; Meacock, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. Higgins, P.M.; George Everett, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Quartermaster W. Baker, P.M. 1446, 1641, 2030, P.Z., &c., he was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. (by the W.M.'s permission) by the Secretary. Bro. W. Porter, jun., was elected W.M.; Bro. W. Fisher re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Harrison, Tyler, for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for his efficient services during the year. The by-laws having been read, communications from Bros. C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Chamley, and others, pleading inability to attend, were read.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. W. Fisher for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The W.M.'s Health," having been proposed, was drunk most cordially, and the W.M., having responded, gave "The Advancee."

Bro. Quartermaster Baker, in his reply, first expressed his acknowledgments to his proposer and seconder, and secondly to the brethren for having admitted him to so interesting a Degree. He only regretted that he had not entered Mark Masonry earlier in life. He had worked very hard in the Craft and Royal Arch Degrees, and should now endeavour to do his best for the Mark. In conclusion, he trusted that some day he should occupy the chair of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" followed, and was respectively responded to by Bros. J. T. Briggs, W. Fisher, and Capt. Walls.

The toasts of "The W.M. elect" and "The Officers" were acknowledged by Bros. W. Porter, jun., and Simmonds.

The W.M. then gave "The Lay Members," and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. George Everett.

In his reply, Bro. Everett made one of those neat pertinent speeches which are invariably listened to with pleasure, inasmuch as they are always clothed with a certain amount of humour and originality, and have long ago stamped that popular brother as being one of our best after-dinner speakers.

During the evening Bros. Porter, Baker, Bailey, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Harvey's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Klein, W.M.; Blum, S.W.; Dinsham, J.W.; Hemming, Preceptor; Blundell, Treas.; Deaton, S.D.; Deaton, I.G.; Marx, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; and F. Osborne, J.D. 1287.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Marx having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was rehearsed. Bro. Osborne was admitted as a joining member of this lodge. Bro. Blum was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously carried to Bro. Klein for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Harvey's, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Dickeson, P.M., Treas. and W.M.; Cursons, S.W.; Angel, J.W.; J. C. Smith, P.M., Preceptor; George Wood, Sec.; Marx, P.M., S.D.; Hoggins, J.D.; R. Hughes, I.G.; Kew, P.M.; Dickey, P.M.; and Harvey.

The lodge was opened in due form. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, and Bro. Kew, P.M., worked the 2nd Section. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Harvey answered the questions leading to

the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge having resumed to the First Degree, Bros. Dickey, P.M. 1744, P.Z. 1507; Hoggins, and R. Hughes, 179, were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing meeting—officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. Chapple, W.M.; J. Holmes, W.M. elect 1608, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Belsham, S.D.; S. W. Manktelow, J.D.; F. Devin, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, W.M. 2150; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; R. E. Cursons, E. Wehrle, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wehrle candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Hill 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. Hill candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Holmes was elected a joining member, and was also 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 22nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammermith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; G. Ebbetts, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; and W. J. Coplestone.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ebbetts having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Ebbetts 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, and the W.M. rehearsed the investiture of officers. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Coat was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; Rev. M. Haines, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Mason, W.M. elect 2246, S.D.; J. Van Praag, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; J. Cruttenden, Stwd.; W. Death, I.P.M. 511; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141; J. Davies, J. H. Taylor, H. Campbell, C. W. Francis, O. W. Battley, J. W. Curtice, H. Windeatt, E. J. Day, and T. Middleweek. Visitors: Bros. A. Toley, S.D. 1178, and J. B. Cory, 865.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Toley and Wetzlar being candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Toley and Cory were unanimously elected members, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A communication from Bro. Lawrence was read, asking for votes for the case of John F. Besly for the Boys' School. The brethren were asked to support by their presence a concert to be given in aid of the family of the late Bro. Delevanti. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; J. E. Sheffield, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; C. G. Gray, C. Isler, and J. H. Collingridge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wolter candidate. Bro. Isler answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Isler candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. Bro. Sheffield was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and adjourned till the 10th prox.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, acting Sec., S.W.; J. Woodward, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; R. Kirk, S.D.; A. Davis, J.D.; F. Amelot, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Knight, H. Whitney, Henry Willis, Charles Lambert, W. Groves, Jas. Rowe, and G. A. Bergholz.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. James Rowe having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, Bro. A. Davis, 1733, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Fruen, W.M.; Lindsey, S.W.; G. H. G. Morgan, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; Preceptor; J. Morgan, Sec.; Crisp, S.D.; Bilby, J.D.; Barker, I.G.; Petit, P.M.; J. Vickers, P.M.; C. Vickers, Croft, and Bryan.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, and the First and Second Lectures were worked. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Morgan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Taylor, W.M.; G. Gardner, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M.; Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. Bartlett, S.D.; W. R. Hutton, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; J. Woodmason, P.M.; C. Mote, P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.M.; R. H. Broom, J. Powell, J. C. Conway, J. French, H. Guntrip, H. Foskett, and E. F. Ferris.

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. J. Powell candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. Guntrip having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. H. Guntrip candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. H. Taylor, and the lodge resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., P.J.G.D. Middx., G.S., was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of K.S. at the next meeting, when the ceremony of installation will be worked. The S.W., Bro. G. Gardner, was also unanimously elected W.M. for Friday, the 6th prox., and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, proposed, and it was seconded and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge to Bro. J. H. Taylor for the very clear and able manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of initiation and discharged the duties of the chair for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. G. Swann, W.M.; G. A. Knight, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; George Read, P.M.; Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; H. Oliver, S.D.; W. T. Marsh, J.D.; C. G. Hatt, I.G.; James Sims, J. Wiggins, W. Dresden, C. E. Betts, C. Woods, P. J. Davies, P. A. Barth, and S. H. Cliff.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Woods acting as candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Higginson, W.M.; Woodard, S.W.; Cox, J.W.; Austin, P.M.; Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Lathbury, P.M., S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Williams, P.M. 1791; Fountain, P.M.; Head, Tatton, Walker, Stevens, and Jennings.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Jennings was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Stevens candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Present: Bros. Davison, W.M.; Foot, S.W.; Jakins, J.W.; Belchamber, Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; Miller, Sec.; Hart, S.D.; Lowry, J.D.; W. Tull, I.G.; and several Past Masters and brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was announced. Bro. Saunders having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The ceremony of raising was announced. Bro. Lowry having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. P. P. Perry, W.M.; G. McCrow, S.W.; W. Fayers, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; G. Swann, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner. Several Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McCrow was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D. Railway), on Monday, the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. Elson, W.M.; Langdon, S.W.; Griffiths, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; King, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; Esling, Hill, Hudson, Evans, Smith, Sandals, J. Wright, Livett, Poole, Gilbert, Folkard, Gaze, Williams, Cochran, Mitchell, Partridge, and Smith, P.M. (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes

of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Smith as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Elson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Poole, who duly obligated Bro. Esling as W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in its entirety. Bro. Elson then resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Langdon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Langdon returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Poole for his working of the installation ceremony. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Comps. S. Pollitzer, M.E.Z.; H. J. Phillips, H.; J. Lichtenfeld, J.; S. Lichtenfeld, acting S.E.; S. V. Abraham, S.N.; W. Rooke, P.S.; Cravatt, Deaton, and N. P. Valentine.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Valentine acting as candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first, second, third and fourth times. The convocation was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, S.N. 733, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, S.N. 975, H.; G. March, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, S.N.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, P.S.; J. B. Cumming, H. 890; Wilkie Jones, J. 890; J. R. Allman, 890; and J. Cruttenden, 779.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cumming being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. Williams, as M.E.Z. Comp. Dean received quite an ovation on his return after a long attack of illness, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Grumant, M.E.Z.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., H. 1329, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, H.; C. Fleck, J. elect 1275, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Addington, S.N.; Murché, P.S.; G. L. Moore, Eedle, Davis, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Capt. Vincent was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Whitby, P.Z., was heartily thanked for his kindness in making a presentation to the chapter, as were Comps. Grumant and Addington for the trouble they had taken respecting the collars for the officers. The chapter was then closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road, Canonbury, when there were present Comps. W. George, M.E.Z.; J. McLaren, H.; W. B. Kidder, J.; John Evans, Sheffield, S.E.; W. Hancock, S.N.; J. E. Sheffield, P.S.; J. M. Flegg, C. Weeden, C. Dearing, A. J. Dixie, and J. Osborn.

All Royal Arch Masons are invited to pay this chapter of improvement a visit.

Knights Templar.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory (No. 154).—A meeting of this preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Thursday, the 21st inst., Sir Knight John Read, P.E.P., P.A.G.D.C., in the chair as E.P.; and there were also present Sir Knights Henry Lovegrove, P.E.P., P.G.H., Reg.; H. H. Shirley, P.E.P.; Magnus Ohren, P.E.P., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Cumberland, P.E.P., P.G.M., &c.; MacDougall, Purrott, Scurrah, Gregory, Goodchild, Pakes, Hay, and Dunkley.

The preceptory was opened, and the muster roll called. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Comps. Coffin, Liversedge, and Hale, which resulted favourably. Comps. Liversedge and Hale, being in attendance, were regularly installed as Knights Templar, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, P.E.P., Sir Knight John Read presiding at the organ, thus adding most effectively to the solemnity of the proceedings. Sir Knight MacDougall was elected as E.P. for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Magnus Ohren was re-elected Treasurer. A Past E.P.'s jewel, proposed by Sir Knight L. Lovegrove, and seconded by Sir Knight Scurrah, Std. Br., was unanimously voted to Sir Knight John Read for his services during the year, for which Sir Knight Read returned thanks in suitable terms.

The preceptory was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to banquet at the Criterion, the E.P. presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, Sir Knights Liversedge and Hale responding for "The Newly-Installed Knights."

Sir Knight Scurrah, Std. Br., responded for "The Officers," making a most interesting and humorous reply.

The very generous offer of Sir Knight N. Goodchild, M.D., to present the preceptory with a baton for the use of the E.P. was received with acclamation.

A pleasant evening was afterwards brought to a close.

Provincial Meetings.

DARLINGTON.

St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Sir Knight W. Logan, E.P., presiding. There was a large attendance of visitors. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed,

the election of E.P., Treasurer, and Equerry was then proceeded with, when Sir Knight F. Toovey, Constable, was unanimously elected Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight T. Ness, P.E.P., Treasurer, and Comp. T. Prince, Equerry, for the ensuing year. Sir Knight T. M. Barron, P.E.P., then proposed, and Sir Knight R. A. Luck, P.E.P., seconded, "That the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory suggest to the National Great Priory of England that it is very desirable to amend the rule or regulation of the Order by granting to all sir knights who have received Provincial honours, and who shall receive Provincial rank in future, the right of Past rank on the expiration of their term of office, or so long as they shall remain subscribing members of the Order." This, after some discussion, was unanimously carried, and the Registrar was instructed to forward the resolution to the Vice-Chancellor of the Order.

There being no further business, the preceptory was closed, and immediately afterwards the St. Cuthbert's Priory of Malta was opened, under the presidency of Sir Knight C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., I.P.E.P., the following sir knights occupying the other offices: Sir Knights H. Maddison, Sub. Prior of the province; W. Logan, E.P.; R. A. Luck, T. M. Barron, T. Ness, S. F. Bousfield, P. Cochran, J. Macdonnell, and W. Hodgson.

The following companions of the Temple were then elected members of the Order: Sir Knights H. B. Olsen, G. Carter, H. Baumann, F. Bennett, H. Lamb, E. Hudson, and J. Sinclair, all of Mount Grace Preceptory, and were installed Knights of Malta by the presiding Prior, the history of the Order being well detailed by Sir Knight H. Maddison, Prov. Sub-Prior.

The priory was then closed, and the fratres adjourned to the refectory, where (owing to the E.P. having to leave early), the I.P.E.P., Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, occupied the chair.

The usual Knights Templar toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening closed the proceedings.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N., in the chair; F. W. Driver, M.A., acting J.; W. E. Farrington, S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; N. Prover, S.D.; Chaffourier, acting Warder; Goddard, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a communication from Bro. T. R. Richnell, Treas., regretting inability to attend in consequence of severe illness, was read.

The lodge was then closed, and the companions dined together under the auspices of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, Bro. Nelson Prover discharging the duties of chairman most efficiently.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

GRAND COUNCIL.

The above Grand Council was held at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Saturday, the 23rd instant, when there were present Bros. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.M.; W. E. Stewart, D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Sec.; Alfred Williams, P.D.G.M., as S.G.W.; F. W. Driver, G.S.D., as G.J.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.W.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.D., as G.D.; Jabez Church, A.G.D.C., as G.D.C.; J. Ramsey, P.G.D., as G.S.B.; Henry Faija, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.B.; E. M. Money, G. Std. Br.; E. J. Hoare, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; B. R. Bryant, G.I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, Percy Wallis, and A. Woodiwiss, P.G. Stewards; and E. J. Mills, G.O.G.; together with a large number of representatives of many private councils.

Grand Council was opened, and the Grand Master was saluted.

The GRAND SECRETARY then read the minutes of the last annual meeting and the special meeting held in April, which were unanimously confirmed.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts were then read, received, and adopted, showing a balance to the credit of the Order of £26 6s. 1d.

The GRAND SECRETARY reported continued prosperity of the Order, and said that the number of registered members had now reached 643.

The Grand Master having been elected for three years, was proclaimed as follows by the G.D. of C.: The Right Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. and G. Superintendent of Northants and Hunts, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk, Colonel of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment, Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Suffolk and Northampton, &c., Grand Master; and was saluted accordingly.

The Grand Master then appointed as his Deputy Bro. Frank Richardson, and the G.D. of C. proclaimed that—Bro. and Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. of the United Grand Lodge, P.G. Soj. and G.D. of C. of the United Grand Chapter, G. Reg. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33°, &c., has been installed Deputy Grand Master for the year ensuing.

The next business was the election of G. Treasurer, and Bro. James Moon was unanimously re-elected.

The Grand Master then appointed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows, and those who were present were invested and saluted:

Bro. A. Woodiwiss (ex-Mayor of Derby) ...	G.S.W.
" Horatio Ward ...	G.J.W.
" C. F. Matier ...	G. Sec.
" James Moon ...	G. Treas.

Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings ...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. J. N. Palmer ...	
" R. G. Clutton ...	
" E. Margrett ...	
" Jabez Church ...	} G.D.C.
" George Powell ...	
" G. L. Campbell ...	
" H. C. Pickersgill ...	
" E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc. ...	} G. Std. Br.
" Henry Stone ...	
" H. P. Hay ...	
" Gordon Miller ...	
" H. E. Cousins ...	} G. Stwds
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Letters of apology were announced by the Grand Secretary as having been received from a large number of distinguished brethren for unavoidable absence.

Grand Council was then closed.

The Order of Grand High Priest was afterwards conferred, under the banner of The Four Kings Council No. 7, upon the following approved candidates: Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, Belgrave Ninnis, Jabez Church, J. K. R. Cama, E. J. Hoare, and J. D. Harris.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.M.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

"It is a pleasure always to read or consult any article or book that comes from Bro. Wm. J. Hughan, and now that we have received a copy of his ninth book, the last, we are told, for some time to come, our pen willingly consents to the word of praise for this addition to Masonic literature. The space at command in this number suggests that we cannot do better than quote the title-page in full, whereby it will be seen that this book has a wide range, much wider than one might think, if he should regard it as the history only of a single lodge.

"The seat of this lodge, its story throughout, together with associations connected with it, draw largely upon our good-will, while its Masonic and literary merit contribute to invite our approval. The edition is limited to 300 copies, and the book is dedicated, by permission, to the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire.

"The frontispiece is an interesting view of the George Inn, Coney-street, York, where Apollo Lodge met 1773-1781. There is a cut also of the seal. The title-page reads 'History of the Apollo Lodge, York, in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry; with brief sketches of its Local Predecessors and Contemporaries; the Grand Lodge of all England (York Masons); the Provincial Grand Lodge, and various lodges from 1705 to 1805. By William James Hughan . . . with valuable appendices.'

"The book has George Kenning's imprint, but may be ordered from W. J. Hughan, Torquay, England, at \$1.25 a copy."—*Liberal Freemason*, Boston, U.S.A.

NEW MASONIC HALL IN HULL.

Established but little more than four years ago, the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, has made such rapid strides in membership that the accommodation to be obtained at the present premises in Charlotte-street, Hull, has been found to be insufficient, and it was determined some months ago to seek a new home for the lodge. It was thought desirable by the brethren not to continue to rent a building for their meetings, but that an endeavour should be made either to erect a Masonic Hall for themselves or to purchase and adapt some building to that purpose. Accordingly the matter was taken in hand, and eventually a large building in St. Luke-street, known as the Baptist Tabernacle, and which was originally built for a Temperance Hall, was purchased. The premises, which were copyhold, were made freehold, the purchase money being £750, while the expense of altering the building is estimated at about £400. The work of transforming the place into a Masonic Hall is now being rapidly proceeded with, the architect being Mr. C. Todd. Every inch of room in the building is being utilised, and, when completed, the Wilberforce Lodge will possess a hall which will do credit to the brethren, and suffice for their accommodation for many years to come. The banqueting room is on the ground floor, and is of large dimensions, being capable of seating about 200. A statue of Wilberforce has been presented to the lodge by Bro. Keyworth, and this will occupy a prominent position in the banqueting room. The vestibule is tiled. The lodge room, which is situate on the first floor, is very capacious, and will present a very handsome appearance when completed. Highly ornamented Corinthian pillars surround the room, which will be lighted by a powerful sunlight burner, and the ceiling is bracketed and panelled. Around the room is a raised dais, and the seats will be of iron, handsomely upholstered. There are waiting and retiring rooms on each floor, and every convenience for the comfort of the brethren.

The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. Woodhall, who has been well supported by the brethren, has taken a warm interest in the undertaking, and it is intended that the anniversary of the lodge and the consecration of its new habitation shall take place on the 29th January next. A warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, it may be mentioned, has been obtained for the lodge.

The whole of the money for the purchase and alteration of the new building has been raised from among the members of the lodge by bonds.

"THOSE PIOUS FREEMASONS."

The *Universe*, a catholic newspaper, published in London, has the following article, headed "Those pious Freemasons:"

"The Freemasons of Portugal are much shocked at the impiety of the patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Neta. It appears that in the course of his funeral sermon his Eminence remarked that the deceased King had need of the prayers of his subjects, as it was evident, notwithstanding his many virtues, that he must have committed many venial sins in his lifetime, and might therefore be still in purgatory. Now, of course, no catholic who remembered his catechism, or who attended to his religious duties, would see anything strange in the patriarch's remarks; to pray for the soul of the deceased Monarch would seem to him to be the most obvious and practical way of showing his affection for him. But the Freemasons of Portugal and France are indignant at the suggestion that King Luis's soul did not ascend straight to eternal bliss. This is refreshing to hear from members of an Order which has expunged the name of God from its books—whose motto is, *Ni Dieu ni Maître*—'Neither God nor Master.'

"Even our very respectable contemporary, the *Paris Figaro*, is horrified. Listen to its plaintive protest:

"After having been the model of constitutional Sovereigns, after having proved himself a good son, a good husband, a good father, having left to his subjects the memory of all his virtues, and being regretted by them as no other King could be, having died a sincere Christian with the Apostolic Benediction, and after having a whole nation regretting him and praying for the repose of his soul; all this is of no avail, it would seem, for King Luis's soul is still in purgatory.

"The *Figaro* is evidently much disturbed in its tonorial soul at the possible consequences of the patriarch's sermon; it might even bring about a schism in Portugal, and what grief and consternation there would be in the lodges throughout Europe. But the most comic part of the article is where its writer explains to the public the grave significance of the patriarch's utterance as being no less than a 'formal disavowal of the absolutism pronounced over the dying King by the Pope's Nuncio.' We strongly recommend this theme for development by our Protestant contemporaries in England."

THE MASON'S KEY.

Locked in a Brother's faithful heart,
And carefully concealed,
Are mysteries and secrets rare
To Cowans unrevealed;
Fraternal Fellowship alone
The key, by right, commands—
The wondrous key which, when applied,
Responds to just demands.

Solo and Chorus—Here's to the key, the wondrous key,
We Masons dearly prize,
It locks the secrets of the Craft
From prying, curious eyes.

Ready at hand it ever hangs,
A Mason to defend,
Careful to guard 'gainst slander vile
A Brother and a friend;
The index of the noble mind,
Truth its unerring aim,
Far as Freemasonry extends,
It holds impartial claim.

Here's to the key, &c.

No metal forms the Mason's key,
To none but brethren known,
The fragile thread by which it hangs,
And vital force will own;
E'en in its weakness is its strength,
It "good report" unfolds,
Or else, with Charity refrains,
And golden silence holds.

Here's to the key, &c.

Then let us to the noble Craft
Our generous glasses fill,
And drink "the key" which guards it well
With Brotherly good will;
Together linked by Friendship's chain,
May one and all be found,
And peace and happiness diffused
Encircle us around!

Then here's to the key, &c.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A.,
P.M. Strong Man, No. 45.

[The above Masonic song, music composed and sung by Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M. 1851, will appear in the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*.—Ed.]

Obituary.

BRO. J. W. EDWARDS.

It is with extreme regret and pain we have to record the death of Bro. J. W. Edwards. He was the senior partner of the well-known firm of Messrs. Edwards, Cunliffe, Wilson, and Co., shippers, Manchester, and, until recently, enjoyed good health. But, unfortunately, he had a severe attack of rheumatism, which proved fatal. Therefore, it can be imagined with what melancholy astonishment the whole Masonic fraternity in Man-

chester and the surrounding district were plunged when the disastrous news got circulation. His loss will be felt, especially in the Province of East Lancashire, for he was elected unanimously Treasurer at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and very recently he was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire. Bro. J. W. Edwards was a P.M. of No. 317, a subscribing member of No. 1357, and of No. 2076 (Correspondence Circle), and was elected last May and invested as Prov. Grand Treasurer East Lancashire. He was P.Z. of No. 317, a P.M. of No. 156 (Mark), and for several years a subscribing member of No. 34, in which lodge he was advanced; and was recently appointed, though unable to be present, to be Prov. J.G.W. of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire. He was P.W.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners (United Manchester Lodge), a P.M. in the Allied Degrees (Matier Council), Marshal No. 9 (Knights Templar), Prov. Grand Marischal Royal Order of Scotland, P.M.P.S. of No. 50 of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, D.C. in St. Peter's Chapter, Rose Croix, 30°, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount Grace Sanctuary, and St. John Commandery, and a member of the Cryptic and Rosicrucian Orders. He was a Vice-President of the three Masonic Institutions, and a most liberal supporter of local Masonic and other Benevolent and Charitable Institutions. In brief, he lived most highly respected, he has died deeply regretted, and his memory will be revered by all who had the honour and pleasure of knowing him. The profound sympathy of his brethren are with his bereaved widow and relatives. The funeral took place at the Brooklands Cemetery, where the funeral procession was met by a large number of the Masonic fraternity. The service was conducted by the Rev. Nicholas Boyn, assisted by the Rev. G. C. P. Gastock, Wesleyan Minister, of which denomination Bro. Edwards was a prominent member. At the termination of the service at the grave, the brethren assembled, and contributed sprigs of acacia as a lasting remembrance of their dearly beloved brother. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.J.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; J. D. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; John Barker, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. Nicholl, 317, P.P.G. Treas.; J. L. Hine, 317, P.P.S.G.W. (representing Masonic Hall Company); Col. Clark, 317, P.P.G.D.; J. E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Col. Aspland, 633, P.P. Reg.; J. R. Beard, P.P.J.G.W.; N. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D.C.; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.P.G.D.; J. W. Irving, P.P.G.S. (representing No. 2156); W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G. Reg. (representing Palatine Lodge of Mark Masons); Frank A. Huët, P.G.S. of W.; G. D. Pochin, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; S. Steatham, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.S.; G. Collier, P.G. Std. Br.; E. J. Bradbury, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Simcock, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. R. Sowter, P.M. (representing St. Andrew's Mark Lodge); J. T. Richardson, P.M. (representing St. Andrew's Mark Lodge); J. R. Lever, P.M., W. Ackerman, P.M., J. Garside, P.M., E. G. Chesworth, S.W., Vultchoff, J.W., McLeod, I.G., Staton, P.M., Hy. Walmsley, P.M., Edward Wahl, Bird, Read, S.D., T. Spencer, E. Smith, Marsh, J. Quaile, S. Percival, W. Garside, Chadwick, James Wilson, P.M., W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas., John Smethurst, P.M., and Thos. Bushell, P.M., all of 317; Hampson, P.M. (representing Freemasons' Hall Company); Brooks, W. Rome, P.M., and J. Halden, of 1009; W. Campbell, C. Neale, W.M., W. Rumsey, P.M., and T. Travis, of 1357; Thomas Black, S.W. 1170; Geo. S. Smith, P.M. 1170; C. S. Allatt, P.M.; G. V. Blaikie, P.M. 152; and Harry Smith, 1170.

THE "ALPHA" PATENT AIR HORSE COLLAR.

It is well known that in large studs of working horses great trouble is always arising from sore shoulders caused by the collar ordinarily in use, which is hard, heavy, and inflexible. Even when the greatest care is taken, it is not always possible to prevent the injuries which are thus caused, especially to tender skinned horses, and the attendant loss and annoyance. However, the "Alpha" Air Horse Collar and Saddlery Company, 9, Eagle-place, Piccadilly Circus, W., have patented a collar which, while it resembles the ordinary collar in appearance and shape, is inflated with air, and as it is thus rendered pliable, the horse at once fits himself to the collar. At the same time it resists perspiration, is dry and cool to the shoulders, is much lighter and more durable than the old-fashioned collar, and prevents sore shoulders. It has the further advantage of not being more expensive, while, if any accident occurs to it, it can be repaired at small cost. Veterinary surgeons speak in the highest terms of its qualities, and all who have tried it have found it even more serviceable than they had been led to expect. Any of our readers, therefore, who may be replenishing their saddlery departments, will do well to give the "Alpha" Air Horse Collar a trial.

On Saturday last, Lady George Hamilton christened the new cruiser which has been in course of construction in Chatham Dockyard for some time past, the name conferred on this powerful vessel being "The Blake." This new warship will have a displacement of 9000 tons, and, with her engines of 20,000 horse power, will be able to steam at the rate of 22 knots per hour; and as her armament will consist of two 22 ton guns, one fore and the other aft, and 10 broadside 6 in. five ton quick-firing guns, it is reckoned that this is the most powerful vessel of its class afloat, and will be able to engage even the most formidable ironclad.



Bro. Capt. Edward Loftus Thackwell, of Dover, was inducted into the Order of the Secret Monitor at the Horatio Shirley Conclave on Wednesday last.

Colonel Henry Lumsden, Commanding the London Scottish, was on Saturday installed as Prov. Grand Master for the Province of Aberdeen West.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Stair have been entertaining a number of guests at Loch Inch, Stranraer, among them being Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh.

A meeting of the Rose Croix Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Friday afternoon, the 22nd inst., at which Bro. H. Ward, 31°, was installed M.E.S.

The Princess Beatrice, who was accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, opened a bazaar at the Albert Institute, Windsor, on Monday, in aid of the Clewer Parish Charities.

Bro. Sir F. Perkins, an ex-Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and a prominent member of the Craft in Hampshire, is about to present the library of the late Mr. Falrey to the free library at Southampton.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, who reached London towards the close of last week, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from the effects of his recent accident while out riding in the Bois de Boulogne.

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs presided at a meeting at the Mansion House, on Monday, of the London Committee, recently formed in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition of Electrical Engineering, General Inventions, and Industries at Edinburgh.

We must apologise to Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., for having erroneously described him as a Past Prov. S.G.W. of East Lancashire. Our reverend brother is a Past Prov. S.G.W. and the present Provincial Grand Secretary of Leicestershire and Rutland.

The annual supper of the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, will be held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday next, the 4th prox., at 7 o'clock. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the Secretary, or from Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., Preceptor.

The Empress Frederick and her two daughters, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, left Athens on the 22nd inst., en route for Italy, travelling by way of Corfu and Brindisi. The King of Greece had intended to meet her Majesty at Patras, but was detained by stress of weather, and unable, therefore, to bid her farewell.

A ball will be given at the Holborn Town Hall, on Wednesday next, in aid of the funds of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road. The annual expenses of this Institution amount to about £10,000, and as the bulk of it has to be obtained by voluntary subscriptions, it is needless to say that such a sum takes a good deal of raising.

At the last meeting of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton, was submitted the inscription for a brass plate to be erected at the east end of the Masonic Hall, Taunton, in memory of the I.P.M., Bro. Brigadier-General Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset, who died suddenly at Bath early in the year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the members of their family, left Marlborough House on Friday, the 22nd instant, for Sandringham. On Tuesday, the Prince and his son, Prince George, drove over to Castle Rising, where the Duke and Duchess of Fife are residing, and had a day's shooting with the former, the Princess and her daughter also visiting the duchess and remaining to luncheon.

By an oversight last week we described the Minerva Lodge of Instruction, No. 250, as being the only one in Hull, whereas the De la Pole Lodge has for many years past held a lodge of instruction every Monday evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., till March. The De la Pole Lodge of Instruction, moreover, has not only served as an excellent school for training young Masons in the way they should go, but has subscribed a goodly sum to our Charitable Institutions. We regret, therefore, the oversight of which we were guilty.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces his annual benefit concert for Tuesday next, the 3rd prox., at the Peckham Public Hall. The services of a most excellent array of vocal and instrumental talent have been secured for the occasion, and there will be performed a Sacred Cantata, entitled "Joshua," which the beneficiary himself has composed, and which we doubt not will be well received. There is also a strong Board of Stewards, so that we doubt not Bro. Smith will meet with that full measure of support which he so greatly deserves. He has our heartiest good wishes for the success of his concert.

THE MAYOR OF TAUNTON AND THE FREEMASONS.—At the last meeting of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton, Bro. Meyler (Town Clerk), P.M., moved the following resolution, which was adopted by acclamation: "That the brethren of this lodge desire to record upon the minutes their hearty fraternal congratulations to the W.M. upon his appointment by the unanimous vote of the Corporation and with the cordial approbation of his fellow-townsmen to the high office of Mayor and Chief Magistrate of his native town." The W.M. suitably responded, and attributed his success in business and in the Council to the instillation of Masonic principles during the time he had been passing through the various offices of the lodge, which, by the way, is the strongest in Somerset. At the complimentary banquet to the Mayor last week, the Masons present drank to "The Health of their W.M."

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.—ADV.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Grand Master, presided at a Provincial G and Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under the auspices of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 387, at Crowle, on the 20th inst.

There will be an interesting sale of work at the Admiralty, on Tuesday, the 10th prox., in aid of the Parochial Women's Mission to London, in which Lady George Hamilton takes great interest.

The New South Wales Parliament was opened at Sydney, on Tuesday, by Bro. Lord Carrington, the Governor, who, in the course of his speech referred to the prospects of the great question of Australian Federation.

Bros. Lord Mayor Isaacs, Sheriff Harris, Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., Digby Seymour, O.C., and others were present at the banquet given by the Company of Plumbers in Fishmongers' Hall on Tuesday evening.

Bros. Lord George Hamilton and Lord Charles Beresford have accepted the invitation to become honorary members of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, Greenwich, of which Bro. Montague Primrose is the Master for the ensuing year.

A convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 16th prox., at 6 p.m. The agenda includes the consideration of the reports of Grand Treasurer and Auditors, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Visitors, and other important business.

The Guards' Memorial Cross in Brompton Cemetery was unveiled on Tuesday by General Sir F. C. A. Stephenson in the presence of a large detachment of the brigade and many of the officers. The cross is to the memory of those members of the brigade of Guards who have been buried in the cemetery since 1854.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, the Marchioness of Hertford, and Bros. Abel Smith, M.P., Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Sir P. Jones, H. Vincent, M.P., and A. Stuart-Wortley, M.P., were among those who attended the political meeting at Nottingham on Tuesday, which was addressed by the Marquis of Salisbury.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., has recovered sufficiently from his recent indisposition and has been able to leave, in company with Lady Brooke, for Brighton. His lordship will return next week to Easton Lodge, and it is expected that the Prince of Wales's visit will take place between now and Christmas.

An interesting meeting was held at Lewisham on Monday last, the occasion being the presentation of a silver tea and coffee service by the clergy and congregation of St. Mark's Church to Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., on his silver wedding. Bro. Dr. Pigott has for many years been churchwarden of St. Mark's Church.

We are asked to state that on and after Monday, the 2nd prox., the meetings of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction will be held from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., instead of from 6 to 8 p.m., as hitherto, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. The Stockwell Chapter of Improvement (meeting at the same house), will, in future, hold its meetings on the first Friday in each month, at 6 o'clock, instead of on alternate Fridays as hitherto.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, situated in George-street, Dumfries, which is being built by St. Michael's Kilwinning Lodge, No. 63, was laid with full Masonic honours by Bro. F. Villiers, of Closeburn Hall, P.G.M. A number of local lodges were represented on the occasion, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators. The P.G.M. was presented with a silver trowel, and after the ceremony there was a cake and wine banquet in the Assembly Rooms.

A dinner was given to Bro. J. C. Parkinson at the Albion Tavern on Thursday week, Bro. Edmund Yates in the chair. The guest of the evening was presented by the chairman, on behalf of the subscribers, in a feeling speech, with a handsome service of plate, artistically designed to illustrate the most celebrated characters and incidents in the works of Charles Dickens. The presentation was from Bro. Parkinson's private friends in acknowledgment of recent public services in connection with an archaeological and philanthropic association, of which Bro. Parkinson has been a leading member for a quarter of a century, and from the chair of which he is now retiring, after the prescribed service of 12 months, for the fourth time. Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A.; Rudolph Glover, F.S.A.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, T. Penn, and Alderman Layton, J.P., were among those present.

The White Star steamer Teutonic left Liverpool on Wednesday for New York, having among her passengers Mme. Patti, who is going to fulfil her American engagements. Mme. Patti, who is accompanied by her husband, Signor Nicolini, arrived at Liverpool on the previous evening. A special tender was to have conveyed the party to the Teutonic, but owing to the boisterous weather the steamer did not leave the dock until the afternoon; Mme. Patti, therefore, went on board the steamer in dock. Several friends had travelled from London to see the famous singer off, and several large bouquets were sent to the steamer by the diva's admirers. The Teutonic has a full complement of passengers, among them being Mme. Nordica and several wealthy Americans who are returning home after a lengthened tour in Europe.

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.

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.

The bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society has been awarded to a young Jersey man named Edward Tonzel, who has been instrumental in saving 17 lives.

Earl Cowper, Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, has started for that county a movement for the better equipment of the Volunteers, similar to that instituted for London.

The Committee of the "Arts and Crafts" have decided to open their galleries free during five evenings in next week, except on Thursday, the night of the President's lecture.

The year's work of the St. Martin's School of Art is on view in the schoolroom, Castle-street, Long Acre. For a study in oil of a figure, Frank Mann is awarded a national silver medal, and for another in chalk Miss Harriett Sutcliffe receives a bronze medal.

The pearl fishery of Ceylon has had a most successful season. During 22 days 11,000,000 oysters were brought to the surface by 50 divers. This season the whole produce was sold at the rate of 24s. for 1000 shells. The Government received £20,000 as their share, and the divers £6400. The largest pearls are worth in Ceylon from £40 to £60, and in Europe they fetch three times the price or more.

Now that the Prince and Princess of Wales are at Sandringham and the Duke and Duchess of Fife at Castle Rising, the county houses in Norfolk are filled with guests, and there is every prospect of a brilliant hunting and shooting season. Moreover, on Friday next the Royal County Ball will take place, while to-day (Friday) the West Norfolk Hounds meet at Greenstone, near Sandringham.

Sir Evelyn Wood, commanding at Aldershot, has directed the Volunteer working parties that are drawn from the infantry of the division for employment on the new rifle range at Bisley Common to be considerably increased for the future. They will consist of 100 men each from the Liverpool, Royal Scots, King's Royal Rifles, and East Kent Regiments, and of 50 each from the Yorkshire, Devonshire, Bedford, and Somersetshire Regiments.

Colonel G. J. Wigram, C.B., Brigadier of the North London Brigade, presided, on the 19th instant, at the brigade dinner, which was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. Among those present were Bros. Col. Bargrave Deane, Col. S. G. Bird, Lieut.-Col. W. J. Alt, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Godfrey, Major H. L. Florence, Major E. G. K. P. Lloyd, Capt. A. Fielder, Capt. T. C. Walls, Capt. W. Lurcott, and Capt. G. W. Bowyer. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

On Wednesday, in the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby, a collection of letters from all sorts of men and women eminent in politics and literature was sold at prices even more varied than the documents. Fourteen letters from Lord Beaconsfield to Col. Rathbone were sold for 19 guineas; a whole speech of the great Canning went for £1 18s.; and an autograph letter from George Eliot, explanatory of some obscure passages in "Romola," brought £10 15s. The prices realised were, on the whole, considered very good.

Miss Mary Anderson and Miss Florence St. John will both winter at Nice. With regard to the latter lady, the Americans deserve our sincere condolence, in that they will have to put up with a "Faust up to Date" company, which sailed last Saturday, without its bright particular star. *Apropos* of America, Mr. Wilson Barrett really seems to have pleased the people of the States with his performance in the "Silver King." The native actor across the water must be getting a very bad time of it just now, if the reports of the success of the British invasion, sent back by the invaders themselves, are anywhere near true.

The Novelty Theatre re-opens to-morrow (Saturday) evening, under the management of Mr. George Turner, with a military drama called "The Spy."—Miss Henrietta Lindley will give an afternoon performance of "The Colonel" at the Comedy Theatre on Tuesday next, supported by Miss Annie Rose, Miss Houston, Mr. W. Herbert, Mr. F. Rodney, and Mr. Nutcomb Gould.—Mr. Charles Sugden has been engaged by Mrs. Langtry for her London season, which is now arranged to begin with Mr. Haddon Chambers's new play.—Mr. Charles Glenney's intended subscription matinees at the Comedy Theatre have been postponed till the spring.

A correspondent of the *Times* states that with regard to the expenses of the Stanley Expedition, it may be well to recall the fact that the Committee started with £20,900. From the balance-sheet which has just been prepared it is seen that of this there still remains unexpended £775. But it must not be thought that the original sum will suffice. Mr. Stanley has still to render his account, and the Committee estimate that it will probably take another £10,000 to clear all expenses. As to the ivory which it is reported Emin has with him, the Committee knew nothing about it. With the exception of about £10,000 of the original sum, Sir William Mackinnon and his friends have so far borne most of the expense.

The *Evening News and Post* of the 20th inst. says: "A Statesman of our busy times of necessity finds it incumbent on him to play a good many parts, but a wholly new experience is in store for Mr. Arthur Balfour. Before the year is out he will, if Society does not gossip vaguely, have been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The honour of enrolling the Irish Secretary a member is to fall to the single Scotch Masonic lodge that we have in London, and the Duke of Fife it is anticipated will preside at the initiation. Mr. Balfour is not married to a Scotch lady, but perhaps he does as well in being himself a Scotsman by birth. Anyhow he has been declared qualified to be one of the Scotch Freemasons of London, and although he may not be anxious to enter the mysterious world of Masonry, the chances are that he will in due time take his degree. Our Royal Princes are nearly all Freemasons, but it is only now that the Brotherhood is beginning to include our big politicians."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine. It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, introducing such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia need no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.