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OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING.

As Christmas falls on Wednesday next, it is necessary, if we are to fulfil the pleasant duty at all, that we should avail ourselves of the present opportunity in order to express to all our numerous friends and readers the HEARTY GOOD WISHES OF THE SEASON. As far as immediate outward appearances are any guide, it does not seem at all likely that Wednesday next will be an ideal Christmas Day, with the crisp, white snow lying thick in the fields and roadways, and young and old alike taking their pleasure abroad, either sliding, skating, or sleighing. On the contrary, though it is unsafe to prophesy what will happen in this English climate of ours, the probabilities are at present decidedly in favour of a muggy day. But, muggy or fine, we doubt not that our friends will find plenty of ways of enjoying themselves. They say it is a poor heart which never rejoices, and we are certain he must be a poor Englishman, to say nothing of his being a poor English Mason, who cannot look Care in the face at this festive season, and make himself and those near and dear to him happy and comfortable. Of course there are many brethren for whom the word "Christmas" and the event it commemorates have no special significance; but it is part of a Mason's creed to respect all religions equally, and to exhibit goodwill towards all men, whatever their particular religious belief may be. There is, therefore, nothing strange or incongruous in our wishing all alike THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, and expressing the hope that the period which is now so close at hand may be one of pure and unalloyed enjoyment. May their Christmas—whether they celebrate it as such or as an ordinary holiday only—be a merry one, and may they be spared for many, many years to participate in the gaieties of this festive season!

THE CRAFT IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

It is only a few weeks since we had the opportunity of congratulating our Hertfordshire brethren on an addition to their roll of lodges, and now again the same agreeable duty devolves upon us. Then it was the Bushey Hall Lodge, which was constituted at Bushey Hall, near Watford, under Bro. C. E. KEYSER as its first W.M.; now it is the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, which was constituted at the Red Lion, Barnet, on Tuesday, under Bro. JAMES THOM, as W.M. On both occasions the ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., P.G.M., assisted by Bro. G. E. LAKE, D.P.G.M., and other of his Provincial Officers, and we have every reason to believe that in both cases the work so auspiciously begun will bear good fruit. The founders of the more recent lodge are mostly brethren from the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, which, though it meets in one of the Middlesex suburbs of London, is included in the Metropolitan district. To a certain extent, therefore, it may be said to belong to that class of lodges of which so many are to be found in the Home Counties, and which, as they are mostly supported by brethren resident in London, are to all intents and purposes London lodges meeting in the Provinces. This being so, we do not anticipate there will be any clashing of interests between the Ravenscroft Lodge and the senior Barnet lodge—the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385—which has been located at the Red Lion for 18 years, and which, considering it has had a R.A. chapter attached to it since 1875, and that its members have been able to establish a Gladsmuir Mark Lodge, may be said to have performed its duty with a considerable amount of success. Thus the elder lodge has a well-established reputation in the Province, which its members will be careful to maintain intact, while the junior, when it has settled itself into regular order, will spare no effort to make one.

This is the third lodge that has been consecrated during the present year, and raises the number on the roll of Hertfordshire to only one short of 20. Of these no less than 11 have been founded during the Prov. G. Mastership of Bro. HALSEY, so that it is evident the Craft have bestirred themselves under the

guidance of their distinguished brother, and have so far succeeded in disseminating the beneficent influence of Freemasonry throughout the county that there is now hardly a single town of any importance within its borders which cannot boast of its Masons' lodge. We heartily congratulate the Province and its rulers on the success which has attended their efforts, nor, provided always that due caution is exercised in the admission of candidates, can we see any reason to imagine that the creation of one or more additional lodges—of which we have heard some faint rumours already—will be otherwise than beneficial.

THE HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

We referred last week in one of our Notes to the festival held on the 3rd instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, in behalf of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and the marked success which attended the efforts of the Stewards on that occasion. It appears from the accounts we have received that a large company assembled under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and that, as at the opening festival of this local charity in 1887, much enthusiasm was aroused on its behalf, the amount of subscriptions and donations obtained by the 23 Stewards, with two lists still to be handed in, being within a few shillings of £450. The total obtained at the former festival in 1887 was, if our memory serves us, in excess of £700, but it was stated towards the close of the proceedings that, apart from its contributions to the Central Charities, the province had raised during the last three years £1764 for this local institution, so that in a short time Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be in a position, if indeed it is not so at this moment, to afford some relief to the Central Charities, and to a great extent lessen the pressure upon their resources which has increased so enormously during the last few years. Not that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are desirous or have the remotest intention of withdrawing their support from the Masonic Charities. Bro. BEACH, indeed, said distinctly that he should not have given his support and encouragement to the local organisation if he had for one moment supposed that it would in any way weaken the principal Institutions. It is evident, however, as we have said in reference to other local Associations, that if we are ever to obtain a substantial reduction in the number of applicants for the benefits of the latter, it can only be obtained by the establishment on a sound footing of these local bodies. Let us take the case of the Benevolent Institution, to whose requirements we refer at length in another article. In 1879 the number of annuitants was 290—145 male and 145 widows—now there are 409 annuitants, of whom 180 are men and 229 widows, so that in the short space of 10 years there has been an increase of 35 men and 84 widows, and an increase in the expenditure devoted to annuities of £4088. On the other hand, there were 140 candidates at the last May election, and there is every probability of there being 160 at the next. Similar figures might be produced in the case of our Schools, but it is absurd to expect that these increases or rates of increase can be maintained, and, therefore, it is that we must look to the local Charities to furnish the necessary relief. The two Lancshires and Cheshire afford practical evidence of what can be done in this direction, and we are glad to find that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is exerting itself similarly with such gratifying success.

CONSECRATION OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE, No. 2332.

The addition of another lodge to the list of London lodges is just now more than ever a matter of interest, and some good and just cause must be assigned to induce the M.W. Grand Master to sign the warrant of a new lodge within the Metropolitan area. That such good and just cause was so assigned is evinced by the fact that the above lodge was duly consecrated and constituted on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the presence, and with the assistance, of a large and distinguished body of Masons, representatives of lodges far and near. The habitat of the lodge is at the William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, the handsome Masonic Hall

attached to which is eminently suited for the purposes of Masonry, while the necessary dining room and offices are perfect in their arrangements.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room soon after 4 p.m., and immediately after Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., as S.W.; Lieut.-Col. G. Haldane, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; Colonel W. Bristowe, P.G.S.B., as I.G.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, as Tyler, opened the lodge and were accorded Grand honours.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren, and said they had met together that day for a very grave yet interesting purpose, one that must be most pleasing to all those who had the interest of the Craft at heart. They had secured the services of the honourable Member for the borough for their first Master, and upon that he also congratulated them. On such occasions as the present he felt it his duty to warn them against the natural desire of a new lodge to become a strong one—that was to say, so far as numbers were concerned. Let them only admit such as would be an honour, not only to the lodge, but to Masonry in general. If they did that, they would have members of whom they might be proud, and if they did not, they would be the means of introducing into the Order those for whom Masonry was never intended.

The usual formalities having been observed, the CHAPLAIN gave the following oration:

With all that is great and good and useful, whether in the past, present, or future, our Craft has a natural sympathy. You have, therefore, chosen a most appropriate name for your new lodge in calling it the Borough of Greenwich. There are few places in England which are more full of history and interest. Situated as it is on the water way to London, and on the earliest English road—the Watling-street, which runs from Dover to York through your borough—it has always been from the earliest times a place of note. The little green village of the Saxons has grown with our country, and has borne its share in making England what it is. It would be impossible for me in the few minutes at my disposal to attempt even an outline of your history; I will select only a few of those practical works of usefulness—wisdom and mercy—with which your borough has had a close connection, feeling sure that these bright memories of the past will stir up your new lodge to copy and emulate them. And, first, as to your share in that great work of the past—the Watling-street—first a British track, and then a Roman road. At one time it was probably the only means of communication from one end of the kingdom to the other. In making and maintaining this road, for possibly more than a thousand years Greenwich has had its share. Man is socially and intellectually bettered by being brought out of the narrow limit of self and of his own locality into communion with his fellow-man, and so that early historic road was one of the means of preventing England continuing separated into many isolated kingdoms; was one of the means of consolidating us into that strong and loyal nation which as yet neither the traitor within or the foe without has been able to rend asunder. Emulate, my brethren, the example of your ancestors, and in your times do all that lies within your power to preserve and cultivate the fraternal unity of our great empire. Created a borough in the year 1557, your town quickly sprang into importance, and for more than one generation kings and queens dwelt amongst you at the Royal Palace of Greenwich, which was partly built by that great operative Mason, Inigo Jones. Nor was it merely a pleasure resort for English royalty. Charles the Second in 1675 founded your Royal Observatory. It was founded because it was represented to the king that for the want of accurate astronomical observations his pilots and sailors were placed at a disadvantage. He declared at once that English sailors should not want what their king could give them, and so the Observatory, which makes the name of Greenwich known in every part of the habitable world, had its origin. Is there not here again a spirit truly in accordance with our Craft. England has ever been ready to supply all that was needed for her servants' use. The English nature takes a pride in maintaining for England her proper place—the van of science and civilisation. The liberal arts and sciences are under the special protection of our Order, and I need hardly remind every Craftsman of his duty. One feature more in your past history. William the Third and his Queen devoted Greenwich Palace to its great object—namely, the relief and support of seamen of the Royal Navy. Our Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, contributing his time, labour, and skill without any emolument or reward. Brethren, here again is a matter for you to imitate. Give if you can your money; give any how your time and your skill to the sacred cause of Charity. Remember that true Charity does not limit herself to pecuniary help. Do not think that money is the only thing you have to give. Many a good work languishes not from want of funds but from want of interest. Much money is thrown away and wasted because it is not accompanied with sympathy. May your lodge learn how to give liberally, and how ever to join to all its gifts the golden touch of brotherly love.

The lodge having been duly consecrated and constituted, the Consecrating Officer installed Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., W.M. designate, and that brother having been saluted by a Board of Installed Masters, some 30 or more in number, invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. Bateman, acting I.P.M.; Capt. Blakey, P.M., P.G.W. Kent, S.W.; H. Roberts, P.M., J.W.; W. T. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; G. P. Carter, Sec.; A. H. Oakly, P.M., S.D.; J. G. Thomas, P.M., J.D.; J. Pitt, P.M., I.G.; A. Bateman, P.M., D.C.; W. Kipps, P.M., Org.; E. Watkins, P.M., Stwd.; and E. Spinks, Tyler.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then gave the addresses in his usual excellent manner, and resumed his seat amid applause.

Bro. BLAKEY, S.W., then proposed that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Col. Clerke for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day—the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

The J.W. seconded, and it was carried by acclamation.

Bro. BOORD then proposed, as a sequence, "That Bros. Col. Clerke, G. Sec., Dr. Gooding, Col. Bristow, Col. Haldane, Brownrigg, and F. Richardson become honorary members of the lodge," and this was seconded, and carried by acclamation.

The G. SEC. having returned thanks for himself and the assistant Consecrating Officers.

Bro. Bateman was presented with a founder's jewel to mark the appreciation of the brethren of his energy and perseverance in founding the lodge, and

Bro. BATEMAN suitably responded.

A number of candidates and joining members were then proposed, and a Committee formed for framing the by-laws, and the lodge was closed.

Founders: Bros. T. W. Boord, P.M. 222, P.G.D. England; W. J. Blakey, P.M. 184, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; H. Roberts, P.M., Sec. 79; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 1973; W. T. Hunt, P.M. 79; G. P. Carter, J.D. 171; A. H. Oakly, Sec. 1382; J. G. Thomas, P.M. 871; H. Bernays, P.M. 706; T. B. Membro, 548; J. O. Pearson, 901; D. Bear, P.M. 1155; Sidney Gore, P.M. 829, P.P.A.G.P. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; E. Carpenter, 169; S. Harper, 531; E. Watkins, J.D. 1445; A. Morgan, 1155; G. C. Featherstone, 79; C. H. Lawson, P.M. 913; W. H. Burney, J.W. 169; R. D. Sampson, 86; E. Burnett, 1638; B. R. Banks, P.M. 147; S. Phillips, 1341; W. T. Woodwell, 79; G. Burney, P.M. 1155; H. F. Greig, 1973; and J. J. Pitt, P.M. 147, most of whom were present, and numerous visitors.

The banquet was one of George Burvey's best efforts, and we need hardly say was unique in its perfect taste and elegance. It having been thoroughly enjoyed, and the cloth cleared,

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk most heartily.

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and, in proposing it, the W.M. said his Royal Highness was not only the sovereign of their Order, but the presumptive sovereign of their kingdom, and as such they loved and revered him. His constant attention to the interests of the Craft was fully evinced by the great strides it had taken since he had assumed the position of its head, and he asked them to drink his health heartily.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in doing so, said they were favoured that night by the presence of several of the Grand Officers, some Present and some Past. Of the latter he might

mention himself; but, unfortunately, he had not had so many opportunities of visiting Grand Lodge lately, and, therefore, was not acquainted with so many of them as he might be. However, they had with them their esteemed Grand Secretary, to whom their especial thanks were due for the admirable and perfect manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer. Unfortunately, he (Bro. Boord) was not present during the whole of the ceremony of consecration, but, from the observations of the brethren, and from what he did see of that ceremony it was quite sufficient to assure them of the energy, zeal, and ability of their esteemed Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. After paying a high tribute, eulogistic of the splendid oration of Bro. Brownrigg, the W.M. gave the toast, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. BROWNRIFF responded, and in so doing thanked the brethren for their hospitable reception of the Grand Officers, and said they were only following the example of a certain King of England, who, many years ago, entertained a distinguished party at Greenwich, and the historian of that day, in speaking of it, said that "there was abundance of provisions for every man of honest behaviour." Now he hardly knew whether they came under that category, but must say that there was a modicum of honesty amongst them—sufficient, at least, to show that they were greatly obliged to the brethren of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge for their cordial reception, and to thank them heartily for their kindly greeting of the toast of the Grand Officers, so eloquently put by their esteemed W.M.

The GRAND SECRETARY then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying it was a great gratification to him to have the honour of proposing that which was certainly the toast of the evening, and which he felt sure they would receive with a great deal of pleasure. It was the health of their first W.M., Bro. Boord. Speaking as he was at Greenwich, it was not necessary for him to say much about Bro. Boord, for as they mostly all knew—the Greenwich brethren at least—he had been their representative in the British House of Commons for the last sixteen years. He had been a Mason for nearly a quarter of a century, and had been invested in 1876 as a Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge, and although not so active lately in Masonic work, yet had shown his appreciation of Masonry by coming forward and undertaking the management and charge of their lodge at that, the most critical moment of its existence. He trusted in time the lodge would become one of the most influential in the London district; that it would, under the care of its esteemed Master, progress, and that Bro. Boord might remain a member yet for many years to come. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. BOORD, who, on rising to respond, was met with a perfect storm of cheers, said he was much obliged to the Grand Secretary for the kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast of his health. It was certainly correct that he did, at one time, take an active part in Freemasonry, and even at the present time took the greatest interest in its progress and welfare. There was a time when he could work the degrees and the lectures with a great deal of fluency, and he might also say with a good deal of accuracy, but time had made him like a rusty nail, hard to drive home; but he did intend to do his duty as Master of the lodge, especially as Bro. Bateman had impressed him with the necessity of taking the chair during that the first and most eventful year of its existence, and being intimately connected with the borough in other important matters, he thought that it was only right that he should take the chair so kindly offered, and do his duty in it. There were several lodges in the locality. At Woolwich they had the Pattison, the Union Waterloo, the Nelson, and the Florence Nightingale. Nearer to them were the Royal Naval College, the Pythagorean, and other lodges. Yet they felt the necessity of another, and he was proud to be its first Master, and to be surrounded by such an excellent body of Masons as those were who had founded it, and accepted office under him. He was sorry to say that he could not do the work so well now as he could some years ago, but he would promise them to do his best to further its interests while he was in it; if they did not get all they might wish, he hoped they would excuse him. However, he knew that in Bro. Bateman, who had kindly consented to act as I.P.M., he had an excellent *locum tenens*. He made that sort of apology because it had occurred to him, while he was listening to those ancient charges recited during the ceremony of installation, that perhaps he might not be able to carry out his duties quite so well as he ought, and it caused him a qualm of conscience at the time. He hoped, in conclusion, that the lodge would prosper, and be the means of creating a life-long influence for the good of Freemasonry, and become one of the most successful in the district.

Our distinguished brethren then resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

Bro. BOORD then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer." He said the manner in which the ceremonies of consecration and installation had been performed would recommend itself to every Mason present. He need not tell them how much the time of the Grand Secretary was taken up, he having some 3000 lodges and chapters under his supervision; it was, therefore, something in their favour that they could monopolise his time for one whole afternoon and evening. They were under the greatest obligations to him, and could only show their gratitude by their endeavour to act up to his advice and instructions. He asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who was enthusiastically received, in responding, said he felt highly gratified at the kind and fraternal way in which the toast had been proposed and received. They must, he felt sure, be tired of hearing his voice, and therefore must not expect him to make a long speech. He was extremely pleased to be present, and to have had the opportunity of performing the ceremonies. As Bro. Bateman had said in the lodge, when he was presented with the founder's jewel he so well deserved, he had taken a great interest in the lodge; in fact, he had been almost compelled to do so, as they attacked him in big battalions, with the result they saw him before them that night. He was always pleased and glad to place his services at the disposal of any lodge or every brother for the good of the Order, and would now take the opportunity of thanking those excellent brethren who had assisted him in carrying out his duties. He alluded to Bros. Gooding, Brownrigg, Haldane, Richardson, and last, but not least, Bro. Colonel Bristow. They were his coadjutors in the work, and he would not tell them how many hundreds of times they had given him their services on such and other occasions. With them the work had gone on well, and he felt sure they and he would look forward to the future of the lodge with interest and backward to that day's work with pleasure.

Bro. KEDGLEY responded for "The Visitors," and said he was extremely proud of having his name coupled with so distinguished a toast in such distinguished company, although he felt that it had better been placed in the hands of some other brother. They felt the more pleasure at being present because they saw a new lodge so well supported and starting under such favourable auspices. Their esteemed W.M. had spoken of him as the Master of the Pythagorean Lodge. He could only say that they would like to get more work to do there, because, as the W.M. had said, in responding to the toast of his health, without work they got to be like rusty nails, and required a lot of hammering to get them home. On behalf of the visitors, he thanked the brethren of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge for their kind hospitality, and wished it and them every success.

The Grand Officers then retired amid every demonstration of respect, and after the toast of "The Officers" had been honoured, and responded to by the Wardens, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable and memorable.

The musical portion, both during the ceremony of consecration and at the social board, was under the direction of Bro. Kipps, P.M., assisted by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, and Hubbard. Bros. Dr. Elliott and C. Jolly contributed—the former a song, and the latter a recitation—during the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 34.

The Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, which has been established since 1754, but which has not hitherto had a chapter attached to it, had this want supplied on Tuesday, the 17th inst., by the consecration of the Moriah Chapter, No. 34. The impressive ceremony was performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Chas. Belton, G. Std. Br., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.A.G.S., as J.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.D.C., as S.N.

The founders of the chapter, all of whom were present, are Comps. Alfred Rixon, M.E.Z. designate; W. G. Gribbon, H. designate; T. B. White, J. designate; S. J. Attenborough, J. A. P. Ingoldby, A. C. Thorpe, W. H. Glazier, A. Dutton, and J. Chambers.

The visitors present included Comps. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; W. G. Lemon, H. D. Williams, W. Groves, Jno. Coltart, Dr. H. W. Kiallmark, W. O. Lyon, T. R. Hales, J. W. Perkins, A. F. Taylor, J. Tyler, Hy. Sadler, G. Janitor; T. Stamper, J. H. Date, C. J. Singleton, J. W. H. Thompson, C. F. Cameron, F. Flood, W. M. Cann, J. G. Albert, G. E. Recknell, J. H. Matthews, C. Hunt, F. Bevan, F. H. Cozens, H. Schartau, Turle Lee and W. W. Lee.

The Principals having entered the chapter room in procession, the chapter was duly opened, and the companions admitted.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said they had assembled that day on an occasion of great interest to all Royal Arch Masons. They had met for the purpose of constituting and establishing another Royal Arch chapter on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England. The lodge to which the chapter was about to be attached was one of the oldest on their roll, going back as far as 1754, and it appeared strange that during those years that lodge had never hitherto thought of having a chapter. That, however, did not concern them that day, for better late than never, and they congratulated the lodge that they had seen fit to have a chapter, and thus render the circle of their Masonic duties complete. The chapter had a wish to adopt the name of the mother lodge, but that name was already appropriated by one which had been in existence for something like 100 years, and the founders did the next best thing, and called it Moriah Chapter. He always thought that the names of lodges and chapters should be as closely as possible the same, as it marked a link existing between two bodies. They were present that day to give effect to the charter, and he felt sure that under the auspices under which the chapter was started, and under the guidance of such worthy companions as the Three Principals designate, it would ere long assume a distinguished position amongst the chapters of the Order. He would commence the ceremony of the day by asking the Director of Ceremonies to make the usual announcement.

The founders of the new chapter signified their approval of the officers nominated in the charter to preside over them, after which the following oration was delivered by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, acting J.:

We read of the Temple built by our Grand Master, King Solomon, upon the Mount from which your chapter takes its name; how "the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." How solemn the silence must have been. A silence not of idleness or death, but of constant activity and most earnest work. There was nothing dull or common-place about it; each Craftsman deeply impressed with the importance of his labours, but every needless clamour hushed by the holy solemnity of the place and its surroundings. All was joy and happiness—all was done well and quietly. There is nothing depressing about the silence. And so the work grew day by day. Wisdom, strength, and beauty was the outcome of that earnest, devoted, silent work. But we meet to-day, not as operative, but as speculative Masons. Let us apply these solemn thoughts to our morals. What is that work in our lives which is wisest, strongest and most beautiful? Is it not ever the work which is done most quietly, with least parade, and least ostentation? In religion, who is the man we honour most? It is the man who is loudest in his professions, who interweaves every sentence with a text, and on every occasion drags forward the most sacred truths, or it is the man whose every action is a silent act of worship, which witnesses that he is seeking God's greater honour and glory. In politics—who is the Statesman to whom with most confidence we confide the honour of our country—the noisy orator who is ever vaunting his own patriotism and impugning that of others, or the man who, with fewest words, indicates his line of action and sticks to it? In business—with whom can we deal the better—the man who wastes his own and our time in noisily puffing himself and his wares, or the man who relies only on the fact that for a fair price he supplies a fair value? In private life—who is the friend we trust and value most—the one who, with sentimental gush and words which cost nothing, is ever assuring us of his devotion, or the one who makes no professions, but upon whom we know we can depend for advice, sympathy, and help when we need it. I know, my companions, what I have urged is quite out of harmony with the spirit and habit of the age. These are days when few men hide their light under a bushel or suffer from want of advertising. But with a few bright and glorious exceptions, I question whether the work of the day, whether moral, social, intellectual, or material, is not injured by a lack of quietness and humility. Compare the temple on Mount Moriah with a building of to-day built at the expense of the public. So, companions, learn the lesson that good work is done quietly. I will conclude with the words of one who practised what he advised, a man of high refinement and devoted life, who said—"The best part of a man's treasure of merits are the things he has left unsaid." Have we many?

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the chapter duly dedicated and constituted in solemn form.

The installation ceremonies were next performed, and the Principals designate duly placed in their respective chairs by the Grand Scribe E., as follows: Comps. Alfred Rixon, M.E.Z.; Walter Galt Gribbon, H.; and Thomas Blanes White, J.

The other officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected, were invested by the M.E.Z., viz.: Comps. Stanley James Attenborough, Scribe E.; J. A. P. Ingoldby, Scribe N.; A. C. Thorpe, P.S.; W. H. Glazier, 1st A.S.; Arthur Dutton, 2nd A.S.; James Chambers, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, Janitor.

On the proposition of Comp. GRIBBON, H., seconded by Comp. WHITE, J., the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members. A compliment for which Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., returned thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to Grand Lodge for the use of the consecrating vessels, and to the St. James's Union Chapter for the use of the furniture.

Propositions were received, and the chapter was duly closed.

A sumptuous banquet was subsequently enjoyed by the companions in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts followed.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The M.E. Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were heartily honoured.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the M.E.Z., who said that owing to that being the consecration night they were favoured with the presence of eight Grand Officers. The founders begged to thank the G.S.E., Comp. Richardson, and the others for their services that day. With reference to Comp. Belton, he wished to say a word or two. It appeared but a short time ago—he thought it was in 1877 or 1878—that he initiated Comp. Belton into Freemasonry in the Mount Moriah Lodge, and he was therefore pleased to see him present that evening.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had proposed the toast, and assured the companions that the Grand Officers, one and all, felt it a great honour to have their names coupled with the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and Lord Leigh. They thoroughly

appreciated the honour conferred upon them in promoting them to the purple, and they were at all times ready and willing to do their duty as on the present occasion. If the small services rendered that night had given satisfaction, they were more than gratified.

The M.E.Z. said the next toast he rose to put before them was that of "The Consecrating Principal, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., and his Assistants," which was the toast of the evening. They had to thank Comp. Col. Clerke for his assistance, and for his kindness in having performed the beautiful ceremony. Comp. Col. Clerke's name was a household word in Freemasonry all over the whole of the inhabited globe, and his time was given up to such an extent that they were grateful for his presence that evening. Comp. Col. Clerke having succeeded the late Comp. John Hervey, could tell them the number of lodges added—he thought it was about 600 or 700—and that being the case there was small wonder that his time, together with the other Grand Officers, was so fully occupied.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., said he rose at once to thank them in his own name and also that of his colleagues for the very kind and fraternal manner in which they had received their small services. He could only say it was a great pleasure to come there and take part in the ceremonies. It was one that he was frequently engaged in with many of his coadjutors, especially Comp. Richardson. They felt they were doing important work, for they were laying the foundation-stone of an edifice which he hoped would be perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders. A chapter which came from such a lodge as the Mount Moriah could not fail to have good old traditions attached to it, and must feel it had certain responsibilities when it carried down even a part of the name of their mother lodge. He was sorry to say they had not succeeded in getting the whole name, for that was carried off over 100 years ago. It was a great pleasure for any one to take part on those occasions, and they always hoped that when they came again to see what was going on they should find their expectations fully justified and the work going on well.

The G.S.E. then said he had much pleasure in proposing a toast which he was sure they would all receive with enthusiasm. It was the health of the distinguished companions he had installed to rule over the chapter for the ensuing year. The founders of the chapter had followed the lines of the lodge very closely, for he found that not only were the Principals Past Masters of the Mount Moriah Lodge, but that two or three of the other officers also belonged to that lodge. In the case of the First Principal, the connection was very interesting and curious, because it appeared that Comp. Rixon was connected with the Mount Moriah Lodge through three generations. It was, therefore, only natural to suppose that, as the First Principal had entered in this new sphere of Masonic usefulness, he would maintain the traditions of the lodge. The Second and Third Principals were also well known as having held positions in other chapters and lodges. For many years the members of the lodge had had to go abroad for their knowledge of this Degree, but their united pilgrimage was nearly over, and they would be now able to keep from going abroad. The founders were fortunate in selecting such excellent officers to rule over the chapter, because much depended on the position taken up by a chapter at its formation. If it takes a good name, it keeps it, but if it starts badly, it was then a stern chase. They were sure Comp. Rixon would keep up the hereditary traditions of the Mount Moriah Lodge, and that the duties would be carried out in a way leaving nothing to be desired. He asked the companions to drink to "The Health of the Three Principals," wishing them a happy, successful, and prosperous year of office.

Comp. A. RIXON, M.E.Z., having returned thanks, said he felt it a great honour to preside over that chapter as its First Principal. Having been elected to that position, a word was due from him as to the working in the future. He should endeavour to work it on the lines of the mother lodge, and should like all the officers to attend punctually, for if there was a sufficient number present he should open the chapter to the minute. Short speeches were most appreciated, and during the time he was in the chair he should try to keep them within due limit. They had started with a good augury for the future, and he again thanked the Grand Officers for their presence.

Comps. W. G. GRIBBON, H., and T. BLANES WHITE, J., also briefly responded.

"The Visitors" was given by the SECOND PRINCIPAL, who said there were nine members to drink the health of 40 visiting companions, and he would, therefore, ask them to charge their glasses and do their best. They were glad to see the visitors, and thanked them for assisting at the consecration of the chapter. He hoped they had enjoyed the treat of seeing the Grand Officers consecrate a chapter, which had been done in a manner that would be an epoch in their lives. There were four honorary members added to the nine members who would join in wishing that the visitors would come from time to time and see that the work was done in a proper manner.

Comp. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., in response, said he felt he was called to an honourable position in being asked to reply on behalf of 40 visitors. He need not say that they had that day seen one of the best Consecrating Officers in the Kingdom perform the ceremony. It had been a splendid meeting, and he trusted the chapter would have a splendid future, and knowing many of the members individually, and knowing their vitality, ability, energy, pluck, and courage, he was sure it would be a success. It was late in life, as the G.S.E. had said, for the Mount Moriah Lodge to have a chapter, but it might be that the feelings of the brethren of that lodge in the past were not with Royal Arch Masonry. He knew those who had founded the chapter were equal to the occasion, and would make it a credit to Royal Arch Masonry. He admired Arch Masonry, for it carried them back to the Institutions of the past. They worshipped the same God, and while they were under His sway and followed His admonition they were bound to be right. Royal Arch Masonry was the cope-stone of their Masonic knowledge, and if they followed it and bowed with reverence to the G.A.O.T.U., they would be right good true and earnest Masons.

Comp. W. G. LEMON also responded. The H. had spoken of 40 visitors, but they were only 37, and they had been taught to reverence that number because it was one of the prime numbers and incapable of division. They, as the prime number of visitors, acknowledged the courtesy shown them in asking them to be present. They hoped to see the chapter prosper, and also that they would be afforded an opportunity of seeing its coming of age. If there was one truth which was the basis of Royal Arch Masonry it was that of companionship. He would not attempt to discuss the etymology of the word companion, the ancient meaning of which was one who breaks bread with another, or one of the same family or fraternity. The visitors felt the members had given them something more than bread, and something they valued more—a hearty welcome.

The last toast given by the M.E.Z. was "The Officers." He said that the Scribe E., Comp. Attenborough, who would also act as Treasurer, had been the main mover in the whole of the organisation of that chapter, and he could not speak in terms too eulogistic of what that companion had done, for everything he had attempted had been brought through satisfactorily. The S.N. was well known in Masonry, and the P.S. was the Worshipful Master of the Mount Moriah Lodge.

Comp. ATTENBOROUGH, S.E., returned hearty thanks. Whatever he had done had been well rewarded by the proceedings that night, and whatever he did in the future would be done for the love of Royal Arch Masonry and the chapter.

The S.N. having also replied, Comp. GILBERT gave the Janitor's toast.

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other gentlemen in all parts of the Kingdom, and, in
soliciting the favour of your support, I beg to assure
you that my zeal in Masonry will prompt me to make
every effort to uphold and improve the status and
honour of this noble Institution.

I have the honour to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES MORRISON McLEOD.

MASONIC QUALIFICATIONS.

CRAFT—Initiated, March, 1877, in the Unanimity
Lodge, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of West
Lancashire; P.M. and S.W. Derwent Lodge, No.
884, Derbyshire; P.G. Std. Br. Derbyshire; P.M.
in the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Notts.

ROYAL ARCH—Exalted in 1878, in the Unanimity
Chapter, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of
West Lancashire; Founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of
the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Province of
Notts; P.G.S.B. Notts.

MARK—Advanced in 1878, in the Preston Lodge, No.
143, Lancashire; joined 1878, Remigius Lodge,
No. 117, Lincolnshire; P.M. of the Fleming Lodge,
No. 265, Notts; P.P.J.G.W. Notts, and P.P.J.G.O.
Lincolnshire.

ARK MARINERS—Elevated in Dewar Lodge, No.
237, Kent; Founder and P.C.N. Byron Lodge,
T.I., Notts; Founder and P.C.N. Trent Lodge,
No. 265, Notts.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—P.E.C. of the Prince
of Peace Preceptory, Lancashire; Knight of Malta
Prince of Peace Preceptory, Lancashire.

ROSE CROIX, 18°—M.W.S. of the Phillips Chapter,
No. 52, Lancaster.

RED CROSS—Zetland Conclave, No. 11, Scotland.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Grand Masters'
Council, No. 1.

Life-Governor of the R.M.I. for Boys (Steward 1885);
Life-Governor of the R.M.I. for Girls (Steward,
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BRETHREN desirous of supporting the Candidature of
BRO. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD, Assist. Prov.
Grand Secretary, Surrey, in the event of a vacancy in the
Secretaryship, are respectfully solicited to forward their
Names to Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.
Reg., Prov. Grand Secretary, Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn,
Temple, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS
AND LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Friends and Supporters of BROTHER EDWIN
STORR, P.M., P.Z., &c., request you to kindly note
that *should a vacancy occur*, he will, at the proper time,
duly offer himself a Candidate for the post of Secretary.

Chairman of Committee:

R.W. BRO. SIR R. N. FOWLER, Bart.,
Past Grand Warden of England.

Copies of the formal application of Bro. EDWIN
STORR stating his Masonic services, together with
copies of Testimonials from the General Manager of
the London and County Bank, and Messrs. James
Pain and Sons, covering the past eighteen years, will
be forwarded with pleasure if desired.

By order of the Committee.

W. M. STILES,
W.M. 1987, M.E.Z. 19, &c.,
Committee Rooms,
Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.,
December 6th, 1889.

To Correspondents.

A communication from Bro. John Lane, anent the
Whitehaven Lodge is crowded out this week.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Royal Athelstan, No. 19; Moira,
No. 92; Yarborough, No. 244; Royal Alfred,
No. 877; Kingston, No. 1010; Triumph, No.
1061; St. George's, No. 1170; Beaminster Manor,
No. 1367; Falcon, No. 1416; Mornington, No.
1672; and St. Nicholas, No. 2259.

ROYAL ARCH—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185; and John
Hervey Chapter, No. 1260.

INSTRUCTION—Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839;
St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891; Chiswick Lodge,
No. 2012; and Israel Chapter, No. 205.

A. AND A. RITE—York Chapter of Redemption.
Sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Burton Spencer,
G.C., at Manchester.
Consecration of the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331.
Old Masonian Social Evening.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Constellation," "Voice of Masonry," "Australasian
Keystone," "South Australian Keystone," "Key-tone," and
"La Chaine d'Union."



Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1889.

The published transactions of the Provincial Grand
Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham during
the year 1889 show not only that our brethren in this
influential northern county have been very actively
engaged in Masonic pursuits during that period, but
likewise that the result of their labours has been in all
respects satisfactory. Most of the proceedings herein
recorded have already been described in the columns
of this Journal at the time of their occurrence, but a
further reference to them will not be out of place.

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Three special meetings are recorded, the first having
been held on the 20th December, 1888, under the presi-
dency of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, for the pur-
pose of laying the foundation-stone of the new hall of
the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Monkwearmouth. At
the second meeting, which took place on the 20th May,
Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., dedicated this

new hall. On the 17th July, the third gathering was in connection with the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Crook, Bro. B. Boulton, P.P.G. Treasurer, being the acting P.G.M.

The annual meeting, on the 24th September, took place in the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Master, and was largely attended by the Durham brethren, as well as by a deputation of brethren from Northumberland, headed by Bros. R. Holmes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., and Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.G.D. England, Grand Superintendent.

From what took place on this occasion, there is no doubt the position of the province is sound. The subscribing members muster 2181, while its voting power comprises 909 Boys' votes, 525 Girls' votes, and 853 Benevolent votes (463 men and 390 widows). The balance in hand on the Treasurer's account amounted to upwards of £251, while the capital of the Charity Fund is £976, which has been accumulated since 1882. These returns are excellent, and our Durham brethren have good reason to be proud of the work they have achieved under the presidency of their Present and Past Prov. G. Masters.

The *Times*, in a notice of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," which appeared a few days since, remarked on the absence of any information which would enable the reader to estimate even roughly the number of Freemasons. The plurality of membership permitted under the English Constitution would render such an estimate almost impossible, even if the authorities were inclined to furnish the information they possess, but in American Lodges, where a Mason may be a member of one lodge only, it would simply be a question of counting.

The many Masonic and other friends of Bro. Lennox Browne will be glad to see by a report of the meeting of the Warner Lodge, in another column, that he has not only returned safely and well from his tour in South Africa, but that he shows his continued interest in Freemasonry by putting in an appearance thus early at a Masonic meeting. We trust that he has laid in a stock of health and energy which will be lasting.

A suggestion was made at the meeting of the Gallery Lodge, on Saturday last, to publish a book comprising "Recollections of the Press Gallery of the House of Commons." The proposal is for all the older members of the gallery to each contribute his quota of "recollections," as it is thus thought that an interesting volume might be compiled. The suggestion was made by Bro. W. Senior, of the *Daily News*, who expressed his willingness to contribute to the series of sketches and to edit the work. The proceeds are to go to Masonic Charities.

In a lodge working under dispensation at a place bearing the very euphonious name of Oklahoma, in Indian territory, the W.M. is said to hail from Kansas, the S.W. from Colorado, the J.W. from Missouri, and the Deacons from Missouri and Illinois. The *Cincinnati Masonic Review* deduces from this that "this is a great country," which is true. But would it not have been more to the point to have suggested that the officers of the lodge in Oklahoma were a "scratch" team?

A correspondent in the same paper for November thus explains the relation of the 47th Proposition of Euclid to Freemasonry: The base represents Osiris, the male principle; the perpendicular, Isis, or the female principle the hypothenuse, Horus, the product of the other two. He adds that Pythagoras and his followers called these respectively the Monad, Duad, and Triad, the last being the world formed by the creative principle out of matter. For, as the square on the hypothenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides, so is the world, as it is formed, equal to the formation cause and matter clothed with form.

We have received from Bro. George Robertson, P.M. 1521 (E.C.), a copy of the history, compiled by him, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, which commenced working under dispensation from the D. Prov. G. Master of Australasia, the first meeting having been held on the 23rd November, 1842. The work appears to have been written carefully from the minutes, and is a worthy record of good work done by its members.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

865] KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

The distinguished frater, Col. MacLeod Moore, Great Prior of Canada, has published the "Allocation" he delivered at Montreal, 22nd October, 1889. It is fully equal to his previous deliverances on the subject, and makes a very readable sketch and exceedingly interesting digest of the facts relating to the origin and character of Masonic Knight Templary. Had such enlightened and common sense views prevailed in the past, there is no doubt that the Order would have taken a firmer hold of the Craft in this country. Any attempt to prove the continuity or direct descent from the ancient military Order after its suppression in the fourteenth century must fail, as, Masonically, the imitation of the extinct body was subsequent to the origin of Degrees early last century. I quite believe, with Colonel Moore, that if K. Templary is dead "its teachings have survived." The Great Prior's declaration that the present Knights Templars "are not a military association, they only borrow the name from the ancient chivalric Orders, whose principles and rules they are supposed to imitate," deserves to be carefully noted, as it is true in theory and fact. Likewise an objection to the prefix "sir," used throughout the U.S.A., and to "sir knight" in England, "assuming a title of the British aristocracy," is an inconsistency which should be entirely removed by the adoption of the term *Frater*, being merely the Latin term for brother. He says "there is no such thing as Masonic Knighthood," and another bubble is also pricked in his statement that the "York Rite" has been dead from about 1790. The modes of recognition peculiar to the K.T. and Malta are shown to be *modern* in origin, and the "Baldwyn" of Bristol and other old encampments cannot claim an existence prior to the latter part of the last century. The allocation deserves a large circulation and many readers, as no one can speak more authoritatively and sensibly on the subject than the veteran Col. Moore, of Canada.

W. J. HUGHAN.

REPORTS OF LATE MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry. Metropolitan Meetings.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Regent's-circus, W., when there were present Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; Edwin Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M.; P.Z., Sec.; A. Williams, P.M.; J.D.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; Hans Scharien, Stwd.; H. Evenden, P.M. 749, Tyler; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; C. Barker, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; H. J. Inderwick, W. G. Boyes, G. E. White, J. Worth, C. Heinemann, E. D. Richards, T. Jobson, W. Icton, S. M. Segar, S. E. Holland, C. J. Chambers, R. Phillips, H. Spencer, W. Iredale, W. J. Bowles, F. Herbert, H. Stokes, H. Hewitt, R. S. Cartwright, H. R. Spooner, and H. W. Dyne. Bro. W. Stunlekers, 1732, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. C. Heinemann was raised, and Bro. H. W. Dyne, initiated. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., announced his intention to stand as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was very handsomely supported by several brethren of the lodge, being no more than he so richly deserves, he having devoted the whole of his spare time in cultivating the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry as the Preceptor of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, and Z. of the Andrew Chapter.

St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; H. J. Thrower, S.W.; L. A. Harrison, J.W.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; W. Beasley, S.D.; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, J.D.; R. S. Ricketts, Org.; S. C. Kaufman; L. Stean, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; J. Funston, P.M.; R. Drysdale, P.M.; Frank Matthews, P.M.; F. Meriton, and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Gush, P.M. 1541; F. Clark, Steward 28; C. Gamage, 72; G. Cunningham, 860; Jas. Smith, P.M. 193; S. J. Thrower, 862; W. Blenkinsop, 754; D. E. Lewer, 1728; S. Alberts, 1685; S. Smith, W.M. 193; H. Smith, 193; J. A. Fagg, I.G. 127; F. Powke, 127; W. H. Page, 1278; T. C. Taylor, 45; E. Smith, P.M. 1336, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales; Cooper, S.D. 211; A. J. Budd, 1446; R. Dovell, 704; J. Woodman, 1425; J. L. W. Bertolle, P.M. 1158; W. H. Baker, P.M. 2030; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, the chair was taken by Bro. L. Stean, P.M., who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. H. J. Thrower. A numerous Board of Installed Masters was formed for the purpose, and Bro. Thrower was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year with the customary formalities. The appointment and investiture of officers was made as follows: Bros. L. A. Harrison, S.W.; W. Beasley, W.M. elect 1524, J.W.; J. Cox, I.P.M., Treas.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, S.D.; S. C. Kaufman, J.D.; F. Meriton, I.G.; Batchelor, D.C.; L. Levy and H. Levy, Stewards; R. S. Ricketts, Org.; and J. Very, Tyler. The addresses were rendered

by the Installing Master, Bro. L. Stean, P.M. Ballot having been unanimously taken in favour of the following candidates, they were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M.: Messrs. T. W. D'Aubney, Geo. Bishop, and B. Jacobs. The W.M. said that one of his first duties was an exceedingly pleasant one, being to present Bro. Cox, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and, without being invidious, he could say there was no one who had had the lodge more at heart than their I.P.M. The members sincerely hoped that Bro. Cox would be spared for many years to wear the jewel in their midst. Bro. Cox, I.P.M., briefly acknowledged the gift, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toast list and a lengthy musical programme were duly carried out, but the hour being late, the speeches were necessarily short.

Bro. E. Smith, P.P.G.W. North Wales, responded for "The Grand Officers" in the absence of any members of that body. He said he had not the honour to belong to that distinguished body, but, as there were none present, he should be pleased to reply. He need say but little in that assembly of London Masons, for it was well known that the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers did their duty to the best of their ability, and there was no occasion on which they were not ready to respond to the call of duty, and endeavour to further the interests of Masonry. He hoped it would be the endeavour of every Mason, young and old, to maintain the grand principles taught by Masonry.

Bro. Joseph Cox, I.P.M., said the brethren would quite understand, as he had been permitted to resume the gavel for one or two moments, the object he had in view. It gave him great pleasure to have the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." He had a good many reasons for evincing pleasure in that duty. One reason was that Bro. Thrower, W.M., was an old personal friend whom he had known for many years to be engaged in an important duty—that of instructing and informing and bringing up the rising generation in the way they should go. The W.M. was initiated amongst the early members of the lodge, and had worked up until he found himself occupying the most important position. It was the greatest honour that could be conferred upon a Mason, and he was glad to say it had been conferred upon Bro. Thrower. Another reason why he felt pleasure in proposing that toast was that from the way the W.M. had commenced his duties he was certain to have a prosperous year of office. The position of Bro. Thrower in the chair would tend to the better working of the lodge, and for that and other reasons he (the I.P.M.) asked the brethren to heartily drink to the health of their W.M.

Bro. H. Thrower, W.M., in response, said that ten years ago he occupied the chair that was that evening filled by one of the initiates, and he little thought he should ever be the W.M. of the lodge, but he was told that by perseverance and a great deal of work it was possible. It was a long time to look forward to, but a short period on which to look back. He was proud to occupy his present position, which had been the one ambition of his life. He was indebted to Bro. Stean, P.M., who initiated him, for installing him that evening, and he sincerely trusted that brother would be spared for many years to work that ceremony. He thanked the brethren exceedingly for the kind way in which the toast had been received, and would not detain them longer, as there was a long programme.

Other toasts were given and appropriately responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. Ricketts's, Org., a capital musical programme was carried out.

Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, when, as there was a considerable amount of business to be transacted, the lodge was opened at 3 p.m. In the absence of Bro. R. J. Griffiths, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Massey, P.M. and Treas., as acting W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and received. The ballot was then taken for the following joining members: Bros. H. J. Fisher, 93, and Frederick W. Brodie, formerly Sec. 1254, and was found to be unanimous in favour of their admission. The next business was to take the ballot for the following candidates for initiation, namely: Mr. George H. Ribbons and Mr. Henry Lewis Bell, and, being declared in favour of their admission, they were initiated by Bro. Massey. The lodge was then called off for refreshment preparatory to the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert Wright, the S.W. of the past year, who had been unanimously elected by the lodge to the office of Master for the ensuing 12 months. Upon the brethren being summoned to resume labour, Bro. Wright was presented to Bro. Massey, as Installing Officer, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Massey addressed the brethren present upon the practice among Craft lodges in reference to the annual election and installation of the Presiding Officer, and he, having afterwards pointed out to the W.M. elect the qualifications necessary in a candidate for the chair, directed his attention to the Secretary, who recited the ancient charges, to all of which the W.M. elect gave his unqualified assent. Bro. Wright then took the obligation of a W.M. elect, and all brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Wright was installed into the chair of K.S., and received the salutations and congratulations of the members of the Board of Masters. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. Wright then proceeded to invest his officers, of which the following is a list: Bros. W. T. Perkins, S.W.; R. J. Albery, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; C. B. Cooke, S.D.; E. E. Peacock, J.D.; F. Gale, I.G.; J. Henwood Thomas, P.M., D.C.; C. K. Moore, Asst. D.C.; F. H. Pattison, Manning, Lock, and Sanderson, Stwds.; P. W. Husk, Org.; and Very, Tyler. The lodge having been thus organised for the coming year, the installation ceremony was brought to a close by Bro. Massey delivering the customary addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and the lay brethren, winding up with the oration upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

There was a very good attendance of members, and among the visitors were the following: Bros. C. J. Phillips, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Samuel Edgar, 62; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; E. Walker, P.M. 72; R. Temple, 1319; A. E. Albert, W.M. 1949; J. Lardlow, P.M. 90; W. T. Martin, 1626; F. W. Stephens, 1348; E. G. Field, J.W.

1362; Alfred Smythson, 1670; W. Senior, 2190; Edgar Barnes, 1262; Edwin Pintman, I.G. 1362; and Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190.

At the conclusion of the dinner which succeeded the lodge meeting, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and duly honoured by the brethren present.

In proposing the first toast, Bro. Herbert Wright said that he rose to propose what was always on these occasions the first sentiment, namely, the toast to the gracious lady who was at once the Sovereign of this realm and the patroness of the Order. He gave them "The Queen and the Craft."

Rising again, Bro. Wright said that the next toast which it was his duty to honour was "The M.W.G.M." After having honoured the Sovereign of the realm, it was desirable that they should honour the Sovereign of the Craft. He would, therefore, ask them to be upstanding to drink to the health of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said it was now his duty to propose the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." They had a Grand Officer and a Provincial Grand Officer with them on that occasion, and he (Bro. Wright) had hoped to see others also. He was sorry that those others were unable to be present, and in proposing that toast he should couple with it the name of Bro. Dr. Barrett, P.G. Org.

In replying, Bro. Dr. Barrett, on behalf of the whole of the Grand Officers who were included in this comprehensive toast, begged to return his heartiest thanks for the compliment that had been paid them. There were a number of Grand Officers of various Degrees in Grand Lodge. They all having had the purple conferred on them, were in a Masonic sense to be considered equal. But there were some who by the position they held in the outer world were men of greater dignity than others. Those men carried their position into Grand Lodge, and conferred a status upon it. He was proud of the office which he himself held in Grand Lodge, which he considered to be one of great importance. He was sorry there were not other Grand Officers present, as, had there been, more justice would have been done to that toast. In the name of the Grand Officers, he returned his hearty thanks for the honour done to them in the drinking of that toast.

Bro. Dr. Griffiths, I.P.M., in rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," said a great many years ago there was a man called David, and there was a friend of his called Jonathan. It struck him, although it did not bear on the matter now on hand, that Mr. David knew a few more things than Mr. Jonathan knew; at all events, his was the winning hand. But although Jonathan was the loser he was true to David to the last, and David himself admitted that Jonathan had always been very pleasant to him, and had for him wonderful love, passing the love of women. Bro. Griffiths said he would say the same of his brother in the chair. He had known Bro. Herbert Wright for a great number of years—they were, in fact, like David and Jonathan. Jonathan knew that David was to be king, and he desired that it should be so, and in like manner nothing could give him (Bro. Griffiths) greater pleasure than to see Bro. Herbert Wright put into the chair of King Solomon, and he was quite sure that it was not only his desire, but the hope of every brother in the room that Bro. Herbert Wright should have a very happy and prosperous year of office. But he wished the Master to bear in mind that it was necessary to look to the financial question in governing a lodge; it was necessary to see that everybody paid up his dues, or trouble would come of it. Bro. Griffiths concluded by asking the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of Bro. Herbert Wright and a happy and prosperous reign to him.

Bro. Wright, in reply, said that he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Griffiths and the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. There were times in one's life which one was apt to say were the proudest moments of life, and if he were now to say that that was the proudest moment of his life he should have a fair excuse for using that expression. The lodge, which began under such happy auspices eight or nine years ago, when the present Installing Master was placed in the chair of K.S., had had a worthy and prosperous career, and that career had culminated in an event of especial importance that evening. And he would tell them why the event of that evening was of especial importance. It was because he who was now installed was the first initiate in that lodge, so that the lodge had now a Mason of their own manufacture presiding over it. He had always considered that he enjoyed a very high honour and distinction in being the first initiate in the lodge, and the brethren might well conceive that his cup of honour and distinction was running over when he found himself called upon to take the chair. He hoped that during his year of office he should be called upon to do something that would make the lodge even more popular than when he entered it, so that when he went out of office he might have the assurance that he had filled his position to the greatest satisfaction of those who elected him to it. He did not know that his Bro. Griffiths' financial hints were altogether justified. For his own part, he had the greatest confidence in the lodge—that every brother would cash up; and he had every possible confidence that at the end of his year of office they would find themselves in even a better position than they were now. Bro. Wright then touched upon the proceedings of the coming year in regard to its social entertainments, and trusted that they might at least come up to the successes achieved by the lodge in that direction in former years. He concluded by saying that there was one duty which he must discharge before sitting down, and that was to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," who he hoped they would long see in their ever-lengthening line of Past Masters.

Bro. Griffiths having returned thanks, The W.M. said he would now ask them to drink a toast which was always welcome, and that was "The Health of the Initiates." They were peculiarly fortunate in the initiates who had been introduced that evening into the lodge. He thought that they were calculated to do honour to the lodge and to the Craft in general.

Bros. Ribbons and Bell having acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the hope that they might never do anything to bring discredit on the lodge,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," calling on Bros. Senior, 2190; Albert, W.M. 1949; and Martin, 26, to reply, and those brethren having returned thanks for their entertainment, and expressed the pleasure they had had in witnessing the interesting ceremonies of the day,

Bro. Wright rose to propose "The Health of the Installing Master," in doing which he said they had heard encomiums justly bestowed on the admirable manner in which Bro. Massey performed the ceremonies that evening. They all honoured and esteemed Bro. Massey for his intrinsic merits, but he had a peculiar claim on their regard, for he was not only a brother of the lodge but the father of it as well. And whatever duty was put on Bro. Massey was always well performed.

Bro. Massey, in reply, said it was a gratification to him that he had performed the ceremony of initiation upon the first candidate for initiation in the lodge, and now that initiate he had that afternoon had the further pleasure of installing into the chair of K.S. But he most sincerely hoped that that would prove to be the last occasion upon which he should be called upon to perform that ceremony. He entertained that hope for the sake of the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge, because the Master of a lodge ought to consider it not only an honour but a duty incumbent upon him to install his successor. No greater honour could be achieved by a Master than to install his successor. He had always objected to there being a regular Installing Master in a lodge, and he hoped that Bro. Wright would install Bro. Perkins. It would, of course, afford him (Bro. Massey) the greatest pleasure to install Bro. Perkins, but he hoped Bro. Wright would consider it to be one of the duties of Master, as Master of the lodge, to install his successor. Hitherto, almost every Master of the Gallery Lodge had installed his successor, one had not lived to do so, and the others had taken a prominent part in the ceremony. He returned his hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," for whom Bro. Harry Bussey responded.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by Bros. Perkins, S.W., and Abbey, J.W., and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a very pleasant evening to a close.

In the intervals between the speeches some capital songs were contributed by various brethren, Bro. Alfred Smythson officiating as accompanist.

Provincial Meetings.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Lodge (No. 2256).—The first meeting of the lodge under the Mastership of Bro. Courtenay Warner was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Forest Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. C. Warner, W.M.; Lennox Browne, I.P.M.; S. Jackson, S.W.; J. Briginshaw, J.W.; Rev. M. Rees, Chaplain; W. Shurmur, Treas.; H. Cousins, Sec.; J. Horton, S.D.; J. Speller, J.D.; W. Hurley, D.C.; G. Cackett, I.G.; Kershaw, Calver, Farquharson, Wildash, Griffiths, Finch, Long, Cutchey, Taylor, Hanks, Ogilvie, and Young.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Taylor was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Courtenay Warner was elected Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.I.G.

Following the example of the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, who recently entertained the brethren of the province, the W.M. invited all the brethren to dine at his residence—The Highams, Woodford Green.

A magnificent banquet was served, and, after the usual loyal toasts,

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," associating with it the name of Bro. Lennox Browne, who had since the last meeting taken a holiday trip to South Africa and back.

Bro. Lennox Browne, in responding, informed the brethren of the splendid reception he had received at the Cape, and how splendidly Masonry was progressing under the banners of the English and Scotch Constitutions. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was cordially acknowledged.

During the evening a preliminary list for Bro. Warner's Stewardship realised at the table close upon £150.

DARLINGTON.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street. The chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. M. While, was occupied by Bro. T. M. Barron, P.M., P.P.G.R. The following visitors were present: Bros. J. S. Nichols, P.M. 1244; Geo. Longbotham, W.M. 1848; R. M. Wilkes, W.M. elect, 111; G. J. Leatham, 124; E. J. Boynes, 1650; and others.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read, the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers were announced, and then entered the lodge in the following order: Bros. R. Singleton, P.P.J.G.D., acting as D. of C.; C. M. Wake, P.G.S. of W.; H. H. Pinkney, P.J.G.D.; H. B. Olsen, P.J.G.D.; R. W. Halfnight, P.G. Treas.; Rev. C. G. Davis, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Bailey, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. Backhouse, P.P.J.G.W.; Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M.; J. Robinson, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Hauxwell, P.G.S.B.; and the Prov. G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.

The Prov. G. Master at once took the chair. Bro. T. M. Barron, P.M., in an able manner installed the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.M. 85, into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Howlett, S.W.; J. Lawrence, M.D., J.W.; Rev. C. J. Davis, B.A., Chap.; J. Forster, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; T. Watson, P.M. 111, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; E. Ensor, B.A., S.D.; Layfield, J.D.; T. M. Barron, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C.; H. E. O. Müller, Ph.D., P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; H. Waldy, I.G.; W. Waldy and J. Putnam, Stwds.; and T. Prince, Tyler. In investing the Treasurer, the W.M. remarked that he had always held a strong opinion that three officers of the lodge, viz., the Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Ceremonies, should be Past Masters, and he was glad to be able to gratify that opinion that night. A candidate for initiation being proposed, the Prov. G. Master addressed the lodge, congratulating the new W.M. and wishing the lodge a prosperous year under his guidance.

The Worshipful Master having thanked the Prov. G. Master for his attendance and good wishes, and hearty greetings having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room to celebrate the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen," and said that when she first ascended the throne her welcome was acclaimed by thousands of loyal voices, and now, after more than fifty eventful years, she reigned Queen of the hearts of millions of loyal subjects, children of an Empire on which the sun never sets, and as loyalty was part of their Masonic profession, he would ask them to drink the health of her Most Gracious Majesty, the Patron of our Order.

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family," the W.M. spoke of the unprecedented success and prosperity of the Order which the last few years had witnessed, and attributed it to the abilities of the Prince as a ruler and his unbounded popularity, which ensured the success of all he took in hand.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G. Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was next given, and the W.M., in coupling with it the name of Canon Tristram, a Past Grand Chaplain, said that no other province possessed so eminent a Deputy Prov. Grand Master as the Province of Durham did, for besides being a dignitary of the Church, he held a high position in the educated world, as a man of letters and a scientist, a F.R.S., and a Masonic archaeologist and antiquarian, a brother honoured by the whole Craft.

Bro. Canon Tristram, in reply, referred to the large amount of work now devolving on Grand Lodge, and the energy of its principal officers.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, and officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," said as their chief the brethren of the Durham Province had a most energetic, hard-working Mason, one second to none in the kingdom for untiring energy and the watchful interest he took in the work of every lodge under his charge, and regretted that he had been unable to stay to the banquet.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Halfnight, and Bro. H. H. Pinkney, P.J.G.D., responded for the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. T. Howlett, S.W., then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M. of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge." He said that in the new W.M. they had a Mason whose conspicuous abilities were well known throughout the whole province, who was an authority in all matters of Masonic ritual and who, with one exception, had worked harder and done more for Masonic Charities than anyone in the district. He was a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, and had served several Stewardships. To his energy, in a great measure, they owed the splendid banquetting-room in which they now sat. He had been W.M. of his mother lodge for two successive years, and felt sure the brethren would find him a worthy successor to the brethren who had preceded him in the chair.

The W.M., in responding, referred to the generosity of the brethren of his mother lodge in electing him for two successive years as their W.M. and under circumstances which prevented him attending the lodge with that regularity which their kindness merited, and said that no position was so honourable, or one of which a man might be more proud, than that to which he had been elected by the voice of his fellows, and he was proud to occupy the chair that night; but he was deeply sensible of the obligations devolving upon him, and his measure of responsibility for the success of the lodge during the year on which they had just entered, and, feeling that responsibility, and remembering the worthy brethren who had preceded him would stimulate him to exert his best energies in the interest of the Craft, the peace and happiness of the brethren, and the maintenance of the well-earned traditions of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. He thanked them for the honour they had done him, and for the cordial way in which they had received the toast of his health.

Bro. Müller, P.M., said that ever since the lodge had been established they had never had to go outside its doors for an Installing Master. For the last two years Bro. Barron, who had always taken an active interest in Masonry, had installed, and he asked them to drink his health.

Bro. Barron, P.M., thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and, alluding to his interest in Masonry, said that, as Chairman of the School Board and a member of the Council, he so arranged that, while he never neglected the claims of his constituents, he took care that their interests should not interfere with his lodge duties, and when some time since a proposal was made in the Council that the monthly meeting should be held on the Thursday evening on which the lodge met, he said plainly that if the change were made he should be obliged to place his resignation in their hands, and their W.M., Bro. Hill Drury, told them the same. His duties that night had been comparatively light, owing to their W.M. having formerly been in the chair of another lodge, but he would have been equally pleased if the work had been more arduous to assist in any way they required of him.

Bro. Forster, P.M., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and, regretting that he was absent that night owing to a break-down of machinery at his works, said that at the February meeting he hoped to have the pleasure of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel which the brethren had subscribed for.

"The Visitors," "The Newly-appointed Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful meeting, Bro. Leatham, of the Durham Cathedral choir, and other brethren contributing to the harmony of the evening.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. S. Taylor, W.M.; J. W. Brigg, I.P.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; G. Sutherland, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; J. Jones, S.D.; G. H. Ward, D.C.; A. Smith, I.G.; W. Waywood and G. C. Copestick, Stewards; T. Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.G.T., P.P.S.G.W.; A. Woodiwiss, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; E. Horne, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. C. Merry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Ball, J. Melrose, W. Forman, A. Butterworth, D. Wollatt, D. Ottewell, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Carr, P.M. 1085; G. T. Denison, 1085; L. Russell, S.D. 1085; A. Worsnop, 1085; and F. Baker, 802.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. N. Toft, and, being unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. in his usual able manner, the charge being given in a very impressive style by the J.W. The W.M. announced to the brethren that Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.M. 884, was a candidate for the post of Secretary to the R.M.I.B., and proposed with

great pleasure that the lodge support him in his attempt. This was seconded by Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., and supported by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., both speaking highly of Bro. McLeod, and strongly urging all who had votes to record them in his favour.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

LANCASTER.

Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Church-street, on the 11th inst., Bro. Shaw, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. T. Relph, S.W., was unanimously chosen to preside over the deliberations of the lodge for next year, Bro. Heald, P.M., being unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Atkinson, Tyler. Each brother acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. During the evening Bro. Shaw, W.M., presented the lodge with a photograph of the centenary officers, taken in a group, and which will be a pleasing memento of the event, the lodge this year having celebrated its centenary. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for his gift. Votes were made in aid of local Charities, and, after transacting routine business, the lodge was closed.

Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, and was well attended, there being also a considerable number of visitors present. Bro. W. Capstick, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Irvin, as I.P.M.; Rev. W. L. Appleford, S.W.; J. R. Nuttall, J.W.; H. Longman, P.M., Sec.; W. Drinkall, P.M.; Bennett, Cutts, C. Gibson, W. A. Legge, and M. Greaves. Visitors: Bros. Selman, Gooch, A. L. Price, Hatch, Kelland, Gregson, Marshall, Pilkington, Huntington, Silkington, Heald, Shaw, Relph, and Atkinson, of 28; and Mortimer, L. D. Price, Linaker, and Morge, of 1353.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when their choice unanimously fell upon Bro. the Rev. W. L. Appleford, S.W. The W.M. elect thanked the brethren for that mark of their confidence, and said he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the worthy Mason who had preceded him in that honourable office. Bro. Helme, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Atkinson, Tyler, for the ensuing year.

Other business was transacted, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to one of the lower rooms, where they were entertained with refreshments, the officers of the lodge having kindly invited all the Masons who had visited the lodge during the year.

The hospitality of the brethren of the Rowley Lodge was heartily enjoyed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LINCOLN.

Witham Lodge (No. 297).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Rooms. The W.M., Bro. J. S. Battle, presided, there being a large attendance of brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. Considerable interest was shown, and Bro. W. Dixon, P.S.W., was elected by a good majority, and suitably returned thanks. The W.M., assisted by the Past Masters, next initiated a gentleman balloted for at the last regular meeting, and the S.W. presented the working tools.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper in the ante-room, a most enjoyable evening being spent. Several capital songs were sung by brethren.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

Benevolence Lodge (No. 226).—The annual installation meeting and Festival of St. John of the above lodge was duly celebrated on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Red Lion. The proceedings throughout were attended with the greatest possible success, and the attendance was, perhaps, the largest known in connection with this lodge. There were present Bros. S. Scott Young, W.M.; M. Moss, S.W.; W. S. Sheard, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Salts, Treas.; E. Holt, Sec.; J. Cryer, I.G.; W. Davis, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; Tyler; T. Livsey, P.M.; T. E. Heat, P.M.; R. Nuttall, P.M.; S. B. Priestley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; J. B. Blacka, P.M.; J. E. Rowell, John Learoyd, Wm. Hartley, J. Harwood, W. H. Mitchell, M. Sheard, C. H. Beswicke-Royds, S. Whittaker, and J. Rigg. The following visitors also attended: Bros. J. Ashworth, P.M. 816; H. Stansfield, P.M. 219; F. H. Crossley, P.M. 1283; J. Lord, P.M. 308; T. Lee, P.M. 308; R. Hudson, S.W. 816; Wm. Shackleton, P.M. 288; John Stansfield, P.M. 288; J. T. Kershaw, S.D. 816; James Blacka, P.M. 219, P.P.G.P.; B. C. Crossley, 816; John Barker, P.M. 219; E. Harwood, 307; A. Mitchell, W.M. 308; W. R. Mitchell, W.M. 816; J. Partington, P.M. 266; T. Russell, 361; R. A. Smithson, 2069; J. W. Shaw, 307; E. H. Phillips, P.M. 1986; J. W. Wolsten-craft, 1986; J. H. Isherwood, W.M. 387; J. H. Cade, W.M. 1129; J. M. Hepworth, 367; G. E. Saville, S.W. 219; J. Barker, J.W. 219; J. Gledhill, P.M. 308; H. King, S.W. 307; M. King, 307; S. Cliffe, 308; James Fielden, 298; H. Chadwick, 219; B. Lamb, S.D. 288; and Rev. W. J. Jungbluth, 2069.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were taken as read. Bro. Mortimer Moss, S.W., was presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Mortimer Moss was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. S. S. Young. Afterwards the Master Masons were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The Worshipful Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. S. Sheard, S.W.; J. W. Lee, J.W.; Dr. Salts, Treas.; John Learoyd, Sec.; C. H. Beswicke-Royds, S.D.; John Cryer, J.D.; J. Harwood, I.G.; W. H. Mitchell, D. of C.; M. Sheard and W. Hartley, Stwds.; S. Whittaker, Org.; and W. Davis, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Salts was then called upon to present Bro. S. S. Young, I.P.M., with a magnificent Past Master's jewel of gold, given as a testimonial to Bro. Young in recognition of the great services rendered by him to the Craft in general and to Lodge 226 in particular. Bro. Salts, in making the presentation, alluded in choice and appropriate terms to the zealous and devoted spirit

evinced by the I.P.M. as Master of the lodge. Under his guidance Bro. Young had brought the lodge to a state of comparative perfection; numerically, it had largely increased during the year; financially, it occupied a better footing than had been the case for a long time previously; whilst socially all had passed off agreeably and well. Bro. Young responded with evident feeling, and thanked the brethren of the lodge for their unexpected gift, which he promised ever to treasure as the dearest of his possessions. He had worked solely with the view of promoting in every way possible the best interests of the lodge, and was happy to find that his efforts had so strongly commended themselves to his fellow members as to have led them to thus specially mark their approval of his conduct. In the future, as in past years, he would endeavour to serve the lodge to the utmost.

"Hearty good wishes" were then given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A *recherche* banquet followed, and subsequently the evening was pleasantly spent in song, speech, and toast.

The W.M. gave the first three toasts—"The Queen—Patroness of the Craft"; "The M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge"; and "The Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire."

Bro. Young, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master." In doing so, he alluded to the genial characteristics of his successor, and expressed the hope that under Bro. Moss's management the progress which had been marked in the lodge during the last 12 months might be maintained and even exceeded.

After the toast had been honoured with great enthusiasm, the W.M. responded, and made touching reference to the very severe illness through which he had recently passed, and expressed his sense of indebtedness to the Great Architect for having mercifully raised him from the bed of affliction and the gates of death to participate once more, along with the brethren whom he loved, in the delights and labours of the Masonic Order.

Bro. Phillips proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. S. Scott Young, I.P.M." He said he received additional pleasure in bringing the toast before the lodge, inasmuch as it had been his honourable duty to initiate Bro. Young some years ago. The members of No. 226 had testified that evening, by their handsome presentation to the I.P.M., to the great and remarkable esteem in which he was held by them, and had borne abundant witness to the splendid services which their brother had rendered to the cause of Masonry in that provincial town. It was, therefore, quite unnecessary for him to further dwell upon Bro. Young's merits. So far he had done great credit to the Craft, and, in the proposer's opinion, the future would show that greater honours were yet in store for him.

Responding in his usual happy fashion, Bro. Young made graceful acknowledgment for the heartiness with which the toast had been received, and said he had only tried to do his duty. In order to attend the lodge he had been compelled to travel some 4000 miles in all; but he did not begrudge that in any way. The ritual of Freemasonry and its sacred and immortal principles were very dear to him. To that lodge he was specially indebted, and he intended, by continuing his connection with it in future years, to show that he was anxious to repay the debt of gratitude which he felt he owed to No. 226.

Pro. J. W. Lee, J.W., in a humorous speech, proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Shuttleworth, P.M., responded. Bro. Nuttall, P.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. the Rev. Jungbluth was called upon to reply.

A very appropriate response was given by this brother, who caused much amusement, in conclusion, by inviting the brethren of No. 226 all to be present at the centenary of his mother lodge (No. 2069), which would take place in exactly 96 years from the present date.

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

Songs were given by Bros. Chadwick, John Stansfield, and others.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—This old established lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M., W.M., was supported by Bros. Herbert Guthrie, S.W., W.M. elect; Charles Duckworth, J.W.; Rev. P. Hanes, P.M., Chap.; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; Ream, S.D.; Normanton J.D.; Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; John Cliff, I.P.M.; Varley, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Bagnall, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and others.

The lodge was formally opened by the W.M., and the minutes confirmed, after which a satisfactory balance-sheet was received and adopted. Bro. Martin Thomas proceeded to install the W.M. elect in a masterly and efficient manner, and performed the duty with skill and ability, evincing the wisdom of the brethren in electing him to the chair for two years consecutively. The following officers for the year were appointed and invested by Bro. John Cliff, P.M., very effectively: Bros. Charles Duckworth, S.W.; Ream, J.W.; Rev. P. Hanes, P.M., Chap.; Roberts, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas. (who was unavoidably absent); J. Cliff, P.M., Sec.; Normanton, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; Varley, P.M., Org.; Bagnall, I.G.; Watson and Thornhill, Stewards; and Sly, Tyler. The working tools were presented by Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M. The addresses were delivered by Bros. S. Ayland, P.M.; T. Sawyer, P.M.; and Rev. P. Hanes, P.M. Bro. J. Cliff, P.M., Sec., was appointed Charity Representative. It was decided on the motion of Bro. H. Guthrie, W.M.,—"That a soirée be held on the day of meeting on the second Wednesday in February, 1890." According to custom this event is always looked forward to by the brethren with great pleasure, it being recognised as one of the most genial and social gatherings during the season. Great regret was evinced by all at the resignation of Bro. G. T. Mullock, P.M., from the post of Secretary, which office he had held for seven years in such an efficient manner and to the great advantage of the lodge; his resignation will be severely felt for some time. It was proposed by Bro. Martin Thomas "That the best thanks of the lodge be accorded to him for his great energies, and that a pleasing and substantial testimonial be presented to him on a future occasion." This was received with true acclamation, and a Committee was formed for the purpose of deciding what form it should take.

Business being terminated, the lodge was closed by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was subsequently held, and at which the usual toast list was gone through.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the rendering of glees and songs by Bros. H. Miller, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. W. Bebbington, T. Shorrocks, P.M.; and Martin Thomas, P.M.; under the direction of Bro. Varley, P.M., P.P.G. Org.

MIRFIELD.

Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, King-street. The lodge was opened, and there were present Bros. F. H. Hare, W.M.; W. Wilson, S.W.; F. J. Crowther, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; W. Beaumont, Sec.; J. Milner, I.G.; W. H. Wilson and W. H. Wilkinson, Stwds.; W. Booth, Tyler, John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; J. H. Simpson, P.M.; and the following visitors, viz.: Bros. H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, P.G. Sec.; F. Thornton, P.M. 1055; D. Conway, W.M., and R. A. Kinder, 152; T. R. Robinson, S.W., and J. W. Green, J.W. 827; A. Macaulay, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., J. F. Stott, P.M., and S. Sinkinson, W.M., of 258; J. Sykes, J.D., and J. Conacher, 1514; A. Fawcett and G. Carbert, 495; G. Hoyle, W.M., T. Sutcliffe, S.W., T. Buckland, J.W., W. E. Smithers, P.M., and J. Rhodes, Treas., of 1231.

The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the following brethren entered the lodge: Bros. W. Bailey, I.P.M., T. R. Maddison, M. Deadman, Org., J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., John Crowther, P.M., J. F. Simpson, P.M., of 448; and S. Dyson, P.M. 1231. Bro. W. Wilson, S.W., Worshipful Master elect, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. Barker, P.M.; P.P.G.S. of W., to receive the benefits of installation, and was duly installed into the chair. The working tools were given by Bros. W. Bailey, P.M., F. H. Hare, Installing Master, and J. Barker, P.M., the address to the W.M. being given by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G.R., and to the Wardens by Bro. J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and to the brethren by Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works. The following were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. H. Hare, I.P.M.; F. J. Crowther, S.W.; W. Beaumont, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; J. Milner, Sec.; W. H. Wilson, S.D.; W. H. Wilkinson, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; C. E. Sutcliffe, I.G.; M. Deadman, Org.; T. Porritt and J. Jessop, Stewards; and W. Booth, Tyler. Bro. J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was unanimously elected a member of the Charity Committee, Bros. W. H. Wilson, and M. Deadman, Auditors, and Bros. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P. G. Reg., and James Barker, P.M., members of the General Purposes Committee.

After the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the supper room, and sat down to a *recherche* banquet provided by Bro. W. Beaumont, J.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by nine representatives of different lodges, and 21 brethren stood up in answer to the same, thus showing that this, though only a country lodge, has the countenance and good wishes of the lodges in the neighbourhood.

We cannot close the account of this meeting without congratulating the Installing Master on the able way in which he performed his part of the ceremony, and of his support as received from six older Past Masters in the ceremony.

At the festive board 10 Past Masters stood up when their health was being responded to, and so long as they keep up their interest in the lodge its well-being is assured.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the musical services of Bros. Buckland, Carbert, Sinkinson, Pickles, and Beaumont. The menu and toast list was in old English, and the quotations afforded the brethren much amusement, and had been compiled by Bro. John Barker.

STONEHOUSE.

Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).—The annual meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street. There was a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Thomas Rook, the W.M. elect, was installed. The Installing Officers were Bros. J. Griffin, C. A. Nicholson, W. H. Williams, J. Lose, R. Lose, jun., P.P.G. Purst., and W. H. W. Macey, all of 1847. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Geach, J. Bartlett, 1847; W. H. H. Tope, 450; J. R. Lord, P. G. E. Pearce, T. R. E. Olver, 1247, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. H. Blackell, 1099; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G.O.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. C. Lewarn, 223, P.P.J.G.D.; C. H. Cooper, P.P.G.D.; A. W. Spinney, 105; T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G.O.; Dr. G. Jackson, F. R. Thomas, 189; H. Mortimore, P.G. Std. Br.; B. S. Johns, P.G. Stwd.; R. Selmon, C. Marshall, 159; R. W. Pitcher, 230, P.A.G. Purst.; R. Carter, 202; J. Bray, 1212; W. Powell, 1205; S. J. Daniel, S. J. Hearle, 1255; and J. Gidley, 2025. The officers invested were Bros. J. Griffin, I.P.M.; J. Harvey, S.W.; G. W. Street, J.W.; S. Jew, Chap.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; James Lose, Sec.; H. Roberts, S.D.; E. Dawe, J.D.; J. Keast, I.G.; T. Leigh, D.C.; W. Warren, A.D.C.; G. Milford, Org.; J. G. Gibson, C. Williams, and F. C. Burner, Stwds.; and J. Bartlett, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Griffin. The Auditors presented their report, which showed a balance in hand of £25 on the year's accounts, and expressed great appreciation of the manner in which the accounts were kept by the Treasurer, Bro. A. R. Lethbridge was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions.

The annual banquet was fixed for January 15th, at Bro. Routley's Farley Hotel.

SUNDERLAND.

St. John Lodge (No. 80).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when a large number of members and brethren from neighbouring lodges were present to take part in the installation of Bro. R. Todd as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. M. Douglass, P.M., introduced the W.M. elect, and Bro. H. J. Turnbull, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., performed the installation ceremony with great feeling and efficiency. The following officers were then installed by Bro. Todd, W.M.: Bros. P. W. Pearcy, S.W.; T. Gibbons, J.W.; T. Elwen, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Nelson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; M. J.

Todd, S.D.; W. T. Tindall, J.D.; W. Biggin, I.G.; E. W. Nightingale, Org.; and T. Rackley and T. Burlinson, Stwds. The W.M., in his address to the lodge, urged upon his brethren the great need there was for the increased exercise of the great principle of the Order—Charity—and asked their support for their own Benevolent Institutions and for the local movement for the furnishing of a ward in the Hartley Memorial Wing of the Infirmary. He then received "Hearty good wishes" from representatives of lodges on the Wear, Tyne, and Tees. The following brethren honoured the lodge with their presence: Bros. R. Shadforth (the Mayor), P.P.S.G.D.; Bain, 949; Halfnight, 949; Kirtley, 949; Singleton, 97; Wake, 97; J. D. Todd, 94; Marshall, 97; Brown, 2039; Horner, 949; T. Wade, 1389; McLaren, 97; Huiver, Hamburg; and Moffett, 240.

The annual banquet was afterwards held, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some excellent music rendered.

Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. J. W. H. Swan, W.M.; J. Scarborough, I.P.M.; George Craven, S.W.; William Mason, J.W.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Sec.; W. Vincent, S.D.; J. J. B. Wilson, J.D.; T. G. Garrick, P.M., D.C.; J. Stafford, Stwd.; John Potts, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; John Riseborough, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Dawson, P.M., P.G.P.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; J. Dixon, P.M.; G. Wanless, P.M.; W. H. Sharp, P.M.; Martin Douglas, L. Gray, J. Steadman, W. G. Hetherington, W. Clayton, W. D. Thompson, T. P. Bottom, T. Moon, G. Simey, J. P. Corlett, J. J. Glaholm, M. Cohen, H. J. Rideout, A. McGregor, N. Richardson, and J. W. Gowdy. Also the following visitors: Bros. R. Kinmond, P.M. So, P.P.G.P.; T. Gibbons, S.D. So; J. Hudson, W.M. So; M. Douglass, P.M. So, P.P.J.G.D.; Richard Todd, S.W. So; E. T. Clark, So; J. R. Patterson, P.M. 97, P.A.G. Sec.; E. Friend, 97; T. M. Watson, P.M. 97, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Cutter, S.W. 97; R. Singelton, P.M. 97, P.P.G.D.; H. C. Jepps, 19, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Henry Plesch, 240; C. E. Trickett, 492; G. F. Borman, 556; M. Bell, 949; Edwin Hirst, 949; G. W. Bain, W.M. 949, P.G. Reg.; B. Swain, Tyler 949; S. Payn, P.M. 133; A. M. Chatt, I.G. 1389; J. Robinson, J.D. 1389; H. H. Pinkney, P.M. 1389, P.J.G.D.; E. T. Shields, 1427; W. A. Priestley, I.P.M. 2039; W. Lee, 2039; R. A. Brown, W.M. 2039; and John Deans, P.M. 2039.

The lodge was opened, and Mr. E. J. Weatherley was initiated and passed. Bro. Scarborough, P.M., presented Bro. G. Craven, S.W., W.M. elect, to the Installing Master, Bro. Thos. G. Garrick, P.M., D. of C., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a most admirable manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. H. Swan, I.P.M.; W. Mason, S.W.; W. Vincent, J.W.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. J. B. Wilson, S.D.; W. D. Thompson, J.D.; J. Scarborough, P.M., D. of C.; E. T. Shields, Org.; W. G. Hetherington, I.G.; and T. Surtees, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes" from visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to the Palatine Hotel, where the banquet was held, the W.M. in the chair, the vice-chairs being occupied by the S. and J. Wardens.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been drunk, the toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Todd, P.M., Sec., enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by Bro. Craven.

The "I.P.M." was proposed in a happy manner by Bro. W. Dawson, P.M., and duly acknowledged.

"The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Potts, P.M., in an able manner, was responded to by Bro. Garrick, P.M., who also replied for the Masonic Charities, of which he is the representative, and on whose behalf he made a powerful appeal.

"The Present and Past Officers" was proposed by Bro. J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec., and replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens and by the I.G.

"The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Punshon, Treas., was responded to by representatives of the various lodges present.

A very enjoyable evening, interspersed with songs by several brethren, was brought to a close.

A pleasing incident took place during the banquet. About 8 p.m. a telegram was received from a brother resident in Swansea wishing the brethren a happy evening, thus showing the brotherly feeling existing amongst Masons, that though, distant upwards of 300 miles in the flesh, he was present in the spirit.

WALTON-ON-NAZE.

Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; G. Grocock, J.W.; Rev. Geo. Nugee, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; Chaplain; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., Sec.; Walter Sutton, S.D.; C. P. King, J.D.; J. H. Harman, I.G.; James, Tyler; Charles Hempsen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Finer, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; G. Canler, P.M.; Wm. Finer, P.M.; A. G. Rickaby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dorling, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; Schofield, Pollard, Alfred Purvis, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. F. Read, 2063.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. A. Budden and Mr. Alfred Purvis, and proving unanimous, the latter being present, was duly initiated, the ceremony being splendidly worked by the W.M. and officers. The name of another candidate for initiation at the next lodge meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, and during the evening a programme of vocal music was carried out by Bros. H. Wilkinson, C. P. King, and others, to the great enjoyment of the brethren.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Present: Bros. Geo. Chapman, W.M.; S. J. Dalton, I.P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; W. Lackenby, S.W.; W. Story, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M.,

Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; J. H. Shonksmith, S.D.; P. Pearson, J.D.; F. W. Halliwell, Stwd.; W. S. Child, Org.; J. Starkey, F. H. Vaughan, A. Chapman, W. A. Pike, J. T. Chambers, C. Pinder, A. Archer, J. Horner, A. Bellerby, and others.

The business of the lodge was the passing to the Second Degree of Bro. Hollander. Before the closing of the lodge, Bro. Brown, P.M., presented, on behalf of Bro. Whythead, P.M. (who was prevented from attending by indisposition), a framed set of Finche's Masonic hieroglyphs, for which a hearty vote of thanks was passed. Two joining members and one candidate for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Provincial Meetings.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there were present Comps. Robt. Whitfield, Z.; John Wood, P.Z., as H.; Wm. Brown, J.; M. Corbett, P.Z., Treas.; Wm. M. Pybus, S.E.; M. H. Dodd, P.Z. 240, as S.N.; Thos. R. Jobson, P.S.; R. Stewart, 1st A.S.; H. Carrick, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. H. Holme, Stwd.; T. R. Short, T. Stelling, J. Curry, Janitor, and others.

The ballot having been taken for Bro. Wm. Towers, 48, he was duly exalted into the Degree by Comp. R. Whitfield, Z. The lecture of the third chair was delivered by Comp. Wm. Brown, J. A candidate was afterwards proposed, and the chapter was closed.

JERSEY.

Harmony Chapter (No. 244).—This old and transpontine chapter, the oldest and most numerous in the province, held its usual quarterly meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., in the chapter room at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on which occasion the following assembled: Comps. Frederick Vincent, M.E.Z.; P. G. Hamilton, H.; John T. Baker, J.; Peter Bais, P.Z., Treas.; J. W. Hamling, S.E.; J. C. Barrette, S.N.; H. Elliott, P.S.; George Coutauche, A.S.; J. A. Balleine, E. Oldridge, Thomas Leat, P.Z.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.P.S.; Elias B. Le Bas, S. Gilley, P.Z. 491; E. H. Drake, Fred. J. Godfrey, and George Rogers, Janitor. Visitors: E. L. Bisson, 491; J. C. Marette, Z. 590; John T. Baal, P.Z. 244; and others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read by the S.E. and unanimously confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for and on behalf of Bros. C. Richardson, 1003, and Guibert, 958, and proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. Guibert and J. H. Taylor, 1003, previously accepted, being in attendance, were exalted into the Royal Arch Degree by Comp. F. Vincent in such an able manner as to be admired by all present, the ceremony being performed by the Principals and officers in a most impressive way. The lectures of the Principals were listened to with attention. After the exaltation the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, with the following result: Comps. P. G. Hamilton, Z.; John T. Baker, H.; Fred. J. Godfrey, J.; Peter Bois, P.Z., Treas.; J. W. Hamling, S.E.; H. Elliott, S.N.; J. A. Balleine, P.S.; and Geo. Rogers, Janitor. Two Auditors were appointed. All business being disposed of, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the convocation was closed.

The companions met in the large banquetting room to partake of refreshment, which was served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Geo. Rogers, the custodian of the temple.

The customary toasts received full justice, and the proceedings were throughout of a very enjoyable nature.

La Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).—The regular quarterly meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., in the conclave room at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, when the following companions were present: Comps. C. Marette, M.E.Z.; T. Leat, P.Z., as H.; E. Bree, J.; J. G. Renouf, Treas.; P. W. Binet, P.Z., S.E.; O. Dodge, S.N.; J. C. Barrette, P.S.; Rev. C. Picot, L. Verdier, and G. Rogers, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. A. Balleine, P.S. 244; E. L. Bisson, 491; O. Dodge, 491; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.P.S. 244; J. Gray, P.Z. 491; J. W. Hamling, S.E. 244; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. There being no candidate for exaltation, the chapter was formed into one for instruction, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. L. Verdier acting as candidate. The ceremonies were most ably performed by the above officers, and the lectures of the Three Principals were given in an effective and eloquent manner. Comps. Marette, Leat, Rev. C. Picot, and Bree are evidently Royal Arch Masons of considerable talent and experience. We are also pleased to hear that the chapter is flourishing.

The "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors having been expressed, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, where the after proceedings were conducted in the happy manner usual amongst the companions of this chapter.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were gone through.

Mark Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

HERTFORD.

Hertford Lodge (No. 366).—A lodge of emergency was held on the 12th inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. J. R. Cocks, P.J.G.O., W.M.; T. S. Carter, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; J. Chalmers-Hunt, S.W.; the Rev. C. W. Harvey, P.G.C., J.W.; and the following visitors: Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.J.G.W.; C. B. Cooper, and Shirley.

The lodge being opened, Bro. Keyser took the chair of W.M., and advanced Bros. the Rev. W. Mills, the Rev. P. Deedes, and W. H. Norris in a very able manner. The lodge was then closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Emanuel, W.M.; Richardson, S.W.; J. Dancyger, J.W.; H. Saqui, S.D.; A. J. Marks, J.D.; and P. Cohen, I.G.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cohen candidate. The brethren assisted Bro. Richardson to work the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, W.M. 2090, Treas.; Scharien, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; Wake, I.G.; T. Jobson, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a very commendable manner. A brother having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cummings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The sum of 10s. was voted from the funds for the relief of a distressed brother, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141, J.W.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. Toley, S.D.; J. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. J. Millington, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; W. J. Cuff, W.M. 511; J. V. Woodman, H. Wendeatt, B. G. Williams, J. H. Taylor, O. W. Battley, and T. Middleweek.

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. Taylor being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge, also the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Batley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Cruttenden for his able rendering of the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Cruttenden acknowledged the compliment, and said he was highly gratified at the critical remarks that had fallen from Bro. Haines. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. E. Sheffield, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; C. G. Gray, C. Weber, E. J. Harrison, C. Isler, and Benton.

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. Isler candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were then worked, and the W.M. assisted Bro. Hancock to work the 4th Section. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the W.M., Bro. Perkins, for having attended specially for the purpose of working the Sections of the First Lecture, the occasion being one of interest to the brethren, this lodge being strictly confined to ceremonial working. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 31st inst.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; J. Woodward, S.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Secretary; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; H. Luff, S.D.; R. Hovenden, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Groves, R. E. Cursons, E. J. Berry, C. Lambert, John S. Cater, and others.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, and the Deputy Preceptor the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. J. Berry having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The Preceptor worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, on the motion of the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes, it was proposed that Bro. J. Evans, W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, be given permission to work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting, he being anxious to install his successor—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; G. Gardner, R. H. Broom, H. D. Smith, H. Foskett, and W. R. Hatton.

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. R. H. Broom candidate.

The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor *pro tem.*, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Powell was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. J. Bartlett for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. J. Bartlett, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for their kind indulgence. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Oliver, W.M.; G. A. Knight, S.W.; J. R. Roberts, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P. J. G. D. Middlesex, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); F. Craggs, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; J. H. Marsh, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; C. G. Hatt, and others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a praiseworthy manner, Bro. Hatt acting as candidate. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, proving his proficiency on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. Bro. Williams then gave the lecture on the tracing board in an interesting way, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which was appointed for the 31st inst., and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. A. Lathbury, P.M.; W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. Arnott, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Fox (visitor), S.D.; W. G. Jennings, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Gilbert, W.M. 1828; and Jobson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fox was elected a joining member. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER (No. 753).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Comps. E. F. Duffin, M.E.Z.; C. Kempton, H.; J. Weston, J.; J. J. Thomas, Treas. and S.E.; W. D. Slyman, S.N.; J. T. Rowe, P.S.; R. H. Dillon, 1st A.S.; and S. T. Manktelow.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Manktelow candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and entered on the minutes, to the M.E.Z., Comp. Duffin, for the excellent manner in which he had presided over the chapter for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed until the second Thursday in January.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. Jas. Sims, M.E.Z.; F. C. Mander, H.; J. Davies, J. and Preceptor (*pro tem.*); F. Craggs, S.E.; W. W. Williams, S.N.; W. J. Coplestone, P.S.; and W. Hillier.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in its entirety, Comp. Hillier acting as candidate. Comps. Coplestone and Hillier were elected joining members. Comp. Davies was elected M.E.Z. for January, and the chapter was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, January 5th, 1890.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. Patrick, M.E.Z.; Hilton, P.Z., H. and Preceptor; J. Hill, J.; Stone, S.E.; Murché, P.S.; Milliken, and Bruty.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Bruty as candidate. Comp. Bruty, 1623, was elected a joining member. Comp. Hilton was elected to fill the first chair on the last meeting in the year (20th inst.).

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road (opposite the Canonbury Railway Station). Present: Comps. John McLaren, M.E.Z.; A. Dixie, H.; C. Weedon, J.; J. E. Sheffield, P.S. and S.E.; J. M. Chapman, S.N.; and W. George.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation very creditably worked by the officers present. The chapter was then closed.

Knights Templar.

Provincial Meetings.

YORK.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The regular meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. Present: Sir Knights J. T. Seller, E.P.; A. H. McGachen, Constable; D. Grant as Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, P. Reg.; W. P. Cochrane, Std. Br.; Wm. Brown, P., as Sub-Marshal; G. Simpson, P.; W. H. Cowper, P.; and F. W. Halliwell as C. of G.

After some preliminary business, Comp. Chas. E. L. Wright, of Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Zetland Chapter, No. 236, was admitted into the Order, the ceremonies being worked by Sir Knights T. B. Whytehead, P., as E.P.; W. H. Cowper, P., as Constable; Donald Grant as Marshal; and Wm. Brown, P., as Sub-Marshal. On the scroll for Preceptor being taken, Sir Knight A. H. McGachen was elected. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, P., was re-elected Treasurer. A resolution was passed expressing the opinion of the members of the preceptory that in the interests of the Order the restoration of past rank to Provincial Officers was desirable. Many apologies for absence were read, the alms were collected, and, after the close of the proceedings, the sir knights met in the refectory, and enjoyed a quiet repast, following which a pleasant evening was spent in Masonic converse.

Ireland.

Knights Templar.

ENNISKILLEN.

Tyrone and Fermanagh Preceptory.

—The regular quarterly meeting of this preceptory of High Knights Templar was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., in the Town Hall. The officers for the ensuing year were elected. A brother Royal Arch Mason was proposed for inception into the Knights Templar Degree, and the usual business transacted. Amongst those present were Sir Knights O. Ternan, Wm. F. Jones, William Galt, Wm. Purdon, C. E. R. A. Irvine, Wm. Teele, Joe. L. Carson, and others.

To those who take an interest in Irish Templary, the following may prove interesting reading: This preceptory was constituted November 28th, 1866, by virtue of a warrant granted by his Grace Augustus Frederick, the late Duke of Leinster, the then Supreme Grand Commander of the Order of Knights Templar in Ireland, by, and with the advice and consent of the Supreme Grand Encampment. The warrant was issued on the petition of the following eminent members of the Order: Sir Knights Sir John Marcus Stewart, Bart.; Commander Charles Scott, R.N.; Marcus Gage, Samuel Shelbourne, William Joseph Barre, Basil George Brooke, and John Herdman, and was attached to the Lodge and Chapter 332, meeting in Omagh.

These brethren had perceived that a fine field existed in the large and important county of Tyrone for the establishment of an encampment, and now that Tyrone was about being united with the adjoining county of Fermanagh in one Masonic province, they decided the time had arrived for carrying the desired object into effect, so as to secure for the new province the advantage of having a Templars' encampment working within its borders. They accordingly applied for a warrant of constitution, which was granted, the names of the brethren applying being inscribed in it, in the order given above, as the first officers of the encampment. Immediately on its formation, a large number of brethren availed themselves of the privilege of becoming members, no fewer than 11 having been installed at the first meeting held for the purpose of conferring degrees, some of the aspirants hailing from such long distances as North Connaught, Belfast, Donegal, &c., and for several years a continuous stream of eligible candidates kept flocking to the asylum of this now flourishing encampment.

On the formation, in 1869, of the Masonic Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh, Sir Knight Sir John Marcus Stewart, Bart., one of the founders, and the first Eminent Commander of Encampment 332, received the patent appointing him Provincial Grand Master of the new province. This circumstance gave great prestige to the encampment, and was most gratifying to the companions, for no more zealous or popular member of the Order could have been selected for the honour. As was well expressed at the time: "Had the appointment been one of election, the unanimous choice of the brethren would have fallen on Sir J. M. Stewart."

About this time a great and desirable change occurred in the constitution of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. For some time negotiations had been in progress between the heads of the Order in England, Scotland, and Ireland, which eventually resulted in the amalgamation of its government and jurisdiction under a central authority, the Convent General, presided over by a Supreme Grand Master, who was to be a prince of the Blood Royal, or failing such, some sir knight of high degree.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen became at the same time Patroness of the Order, and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having signified his willingness to accept the office, was elected Supreme Grand Master, but the treaties secured to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of the Order in Ireland, his office and prerogatives as such for life, or until he wished to resign, the jurisdiction of his Royal Highness quoad Ireland remained for such time in abeyance. However, immediately on the ratification of the statutes, his Grace resigned his office as Grand Master in favour of his Royal Highness, and accepted, therefore, the office of Grand Prior of Ireland, and so the three branches became united under the one Grand Master.

Another consequence of these arrangements was that of changing the designations of the various subordinate bodies, the encampments became preceptories, and the presiding officers Preceptors; the Red Cross Degrees were absorbed in the new ritual, and all Past rank abolished, and in its stead was introduced the dignities of Knights Grand Crosses and Commanders, these appointments being the exclusive prerogative of the Grand Master. In every nation there was appointed a National Great Priory governed by a Great Prior, assisted by a council, consisting of the National Great Officers, together with representatives from the various preceptories, and these formed the immediate governing bodies of their several nations.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was appointed Great Prior of Ireland, on the decease of his Grace the Duke of Leinster.

Under the new régime, as under the old, Preceptory 332 pursued for years a most successful career, adding yearly to its numbers and influence. In course of time, however, chiefly through the removal by death and other circumstances of its founders, and those with them who afterwards guided its councils, the preceptory received a series of severe blows and checks to its usefulness and prosperity, until ultimately it became difficult to secure an attendance sufficient to form an encampment. It was at last proposed to surrender the warrant, but this step was opposed by a few companions who had faith in the traditions and successful future of the preceptory. An urgent summons having been addressed to the surviving sir knights, a meeting was held to consider what was the best course to adopt, which, after an anxious and lengthened debate, resulted in the Omagh Templars proposing, as the best means for preserving the warrant to the province, to hand it over to the care of the Enniskillen brethren, they being the most numerous and best able to re-establish it in good working order. The Fermanagh brethren expressed their willingness to undertake the responsibility on conditions, viz.: (1) that the Tyrone brethren were unanimous in their desire for the removal; (2) that they still continue as members; and (3) that the sanction of the Great Priory to the proposed change be first obtained. The members before separating arranged to call another meeting at an early date to ratify or amend the

proposal now submitted. A meeting was subsequently held, attended by Tyrone brethren only, at which the above conditions were unanimously and cordially agreed to, and a final meeting was held November 4th, 1881, which was attended by Sir Knights O. Ternan and W. H. Morrison, on behalf of the Fermanagh Templars, by whom they were authorised to act fully for all, and who agreed to hold themselves bound by whatever decision might be arrived at. Nearly the whole Tyrone members attended.

After taking fraternal counsel together, Sir Knight Love proposed, and Sir Knight Coffey seconded the resolution—"That in view of the difficulty of maintaining the Preceptory in Tyrone, owing to the non-attendance of the local sir knights, and the alternative having arrived of either surrendering the warrant or transferring it to Enniskillen, so as to retain the preceptory in the province, that we recommend the transfer, in the meantime, of the warrant, &c., to the care and working of the Fermanagh sir knights.—Chas. J. M'Mullen, Registrar."

Sir Knight O. Ternan (Prov. Grand Secretary of Tyrone and Fermanagh) was then requested to undertake the duty of drawing up and forwarding the petition to the Great Priory, seeking its sanction to the removal of the warrant, which was duly done, and on December 30th, 1881, in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, a preliminary meeting was held, at which Sir Knight O. Ternan, acting Registrar, read the following authorisation from Great Priory to hold the future meetings in Enniskillen:

"Order of the Temple,
"Chancery of the Great Priory of Ireland,
"Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

"Whereas a memorial was received from the members of Preceptory No. 332, praying the Great Priory of Ireland to grant permission to them to change the place of meeting for the future, and to meet in the town of Enniskillen instead of Omagh."

On the recommendation of the Council of the Great Priory, the Great Priory at its chapter on 2nd December, 1881, resolved—"That the prayer of the memorial be complied with." (Signed) Sir Knights J. A. Baker, Chancellor; G. Woodward, Gt. Registrar; and Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as under: Sir Knights O. Ternan, Eminent Preceptor; Col. Irvine, Constable; Wm. F. Black, Marshal; C. S. C. Jones, Chap.; Wm. H. Morrison, Std. Br.; A. Price, Treas.; and C. J. M'Mullen, Reg.

Sir Knight Ternan proposed, and Sir Knight Col. Irvine seconded, the following Royal Arch Masons for inception into the Order: Wm. Galt, J. W. Dane, and W. F. Jones.

On 6th February, 1882, at the conclave of Preceptory No. 245, Bro. Obadiah Ternan was installed and inducted as Preceptor for his Preceptory No. 332, by Sir Knight Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor, and at the quarterly meeting held in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, on 14th February, 1882, the other officers of this preceptory were then installed and saluted in ancient form.

The subsequent history of this preceptory has justified the change.

Queensland.

Royal Arch.

BRISBANE.

Queensland Chapter (No. 127).—The adjourned meeting of the above chapter for the purpose of installing the officers elected for the ensuing year took place in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, October 14th. There was a good attendance of members and Past Principals, and several visitors were also present. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. T. Mylne, assisted by Comp. E. M'Donnell, P.J., as D.C. At the close of the installation a most pleasing ceremony took place. In a few well-chosen words, Comp. J. J. Cohen, M.E.Z., presented Comp. L. T. Mylne, P.Z., on behalf of the companions, with a handsome heavy gold hunting watch, as a small mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the chapter.

The watch, which had been creditably engraved by the Goldsmiths' Hall Company, bore on one side the recipient's monogram and coat of arms, with the motto, "Ex Industrian," and upon the other side a suitable inscription.

At the same time Comp. Cohen, M.E.Z., gave a resumé of Comp. Mylne's connection with the chapter, stating that by his influence and indomitable pluck its ramifications had extended nearly the length and breadth of the vast colony, and adding that he had made a name for himself in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry which the storms of time would never efface.

Comp. Mylne briefly responded, thanking the companions sincerely for their kindly remembrance, and assuring them that, although retiring from the office he had formerly held, he was in duty bound, and would always keep their interests at heart. What he had done for Royal Arch Masonry was nothing more than his duty.

A banquet was afterwards held at the termination of the proceedings, at which the customary Masonic and loyal toasts received full honour.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT LODGE.

The consecration and constitution of a new lodge, to be called the Albert Lodge, Southport, working under the United Grand Lodge of England, took place on Friday evening, October 11th, at the Southport School of Arts, Brisbane, in the presence of about 40 brethren, representing most of the lodges in Brisbane and the district.

The ceremonies began by the announcement of the D.G.M. of Queensland, Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., M.L.C., and the Officers of District Grand Lodge. They were received in due form, and the Dist. Grand Master at once took his seat on the dais.

The D.G.M. having expressed the pleasure which he felt at being present at the consecration of a new lodge in that part of the colony, called upon the D.D.G.M.,

Bro. Barron L. Barnett, P.G.D. England, to officiate as Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer then filled the officers' chairs as follows: Bros. J. D. Reeve, D.S.G.W., as S.W.; A. J. Stephenson, Pres. Dist. Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; F. D. Granville, D.J.G.D., as S.D.; A. Corrie, S.W. 2119, as J.D.; the Hon. C. H. A'Court, D.G. President, as I.G.; J. S. Michael, D.A.G. Sec., as Sec.; and the following D.G. Officers also assisted in the ceremonies: Bros. W. Finucane, D.G. Treas., as incense bearer; J. H. Gill, D.G. Reg.; J. G. Appel, Past Pres. Dist. Board of General Purposes; R. Gailey, D.G. Supt. of Works; H. Wyman, D.G.S.B.; A. W. Michael, Sec. 908, as D.G.D.C.; P. C. Atkinson, D.G. Org.; and J. Harlen, D.G. Tyler. There were also present Bros. Wheelan, W.M. Beenleigh Lodge (I.C.); Powell, 1186; Canning, 796; and representatives of several other lodges in the district.

The ceremony of constitution and consecration was then proceeded with by the Presiding Officer, and, being concluded, Bro. the Rev. W. D. Meiklejohn, I.P.M. 2235, was duly installed in the chair, and together with the following brethren invested with the insignia of their office as officers of the Albert Lodge: Bros. H. W. Shaw, S.W.; J. W. Palmer, J.W.; J. G. Appel, Treas.; William Taylor, Sec.; W. J. Browne, S.D.; J. Lamont, J.D.; and H. W. Coles, Tyler.

The impressive ceremonies of consecration and installation were excellently performed by Bro. Barron L. Barnett, Presiding Officer, and the whole attentively followed and joined in by all the brethren present.

The ceremonial being concluded, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Lamont's hotel, close at hand, where they partook of an excellent supper, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting for the year 1889 of the Board of Benevolence, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied their respective chairs. Bro. Col Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec., Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; and there were also present Bros. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Perryman, Albert Lucking, David D. Mercer, Henry Garrod, Wm. Brown, Eugene Monteuis, George B. Chapman, Chas. Belton, J. B. Grieve; E. Shedd, Charles Fredk. Hogard, A. C. Woodward, James Bunker, R. J. Taylor, E. Letchworth, James Devan, Charles E. Birch, J. Newton, C. S. Mote, L. Archer, H. Grice, W. Webber, H. Dehane, G. Powell, George Spinks, E. Bateman, H. Massey, H. Cox, Thos. Brooke, G. H. Clark, W. Adams, G. Ransford, H. Salter, E. C. Lister, W. T. H. Mayer, A. H. Shepherd, Valentine Wing, A. Darck, H. Dickey, F. M. Bilby, Thos. Weeks, J. D. Graham, Henry Parker, J. R. Orme, T. B. Dodner, W. Douglas, E. Farwig, J. J. Cattle, Henry Harbord, G. Emblin, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the former meeting to the extent of £170. There were 39 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Luton, Southend, Whitehaven, Liverpool, Uxbridge, Colchester, Riverhead, Sheerness, Rochford, Newbury, Stony Stratford, Willington Quay, Filey, Meerut, New York, Gibraltar, Guildford, Dover, Tenterfield, N.S.W., South Shields, Tunis, Calcutta, Knutsford, Cleckheaton, and Chester. Five of the cases were deferred, being incomplete, and one was dismissed, not being within the rules of the Fund of Benevolence. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £782. There were in this sum two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; five to the Grand Master of £40 each; and six of £30 each. There were also 11 immediate grants of £20 each; two of £15 each; four of £10 each; two of £5 each; and one of £2.

The Board rose at nine p.m.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PANMURE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 720.

The lodge of instruction attached to the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, which for many years has been doing good work, held its annual supper at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, under the presidency of the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. T. Poore, P.M. He was well supported, the brethren present including Bros. E. J. Turnbull, J.D. 1524; Graham, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey; A. C. Wood; W. S. Dunkley, P.P.G.P. Middx.; Secretary; A. L. Leonard, B. Bennett, R. Pearse, H. D. Hatfield, Bemsell, C. Fruen, Mitchell, Pearn, Bowen, G. Nott, Dr. Lewis Jones, F. Ricardo, G. C. Hughes, and W. W. Lee.

The work in the lodge room was necessarily short, but was sufficient to prove the proficiency of Bro. Turnbull, who occupied the chair, and the other brethren in office.

A substantial repast, supplied by the worthy host, was thoroughly enjoyed, and a pleasant evening was spent, the speeches being alternated with some excellent musical selections by Bros. W. S. Dunkley, G. S. Graham, and Wood. Mr. Ferdinand Dunkley, who was recently successful in winning the prize for a suite, played a selection from that piece.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, Bro. POORE, P.M., said that as their lodge of instruction was worked under the authority and sanction of the mother lodge, he would ask the brethren to drink "Success to the Panmure Lodge, No. 720." On that occasion he was pleased to announce that the W.M. of that lodge, Bro. Dr. Jones, was with them, and he should ask that brother to kindly respond.

Bro. Dr. JONES, W.M. 720, returned sincere thanks, and said it was a good sign to see such a good collection of brethren attending the lodge of instruction under the sanction of the Panmure Lodge. The mother lodge was improving year after year, and he hoped there would be plenty of work for it in the future.

Bro. A. C. WOOD said he had been unexpectedly called upon to perform a pleasing duty. It was to propose the health of one of the most popular and most respected Masons—their Preceptor, Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. and Sec. of the Panmure Lodge. As one of the brethren who had derived much benefit from his kindness, it gave him considerable pleasure to wish Bro. Poore long life and prosperity. No one in the room would disagree that to a certain extent their Preceptor had been the backbone of their lodge of instruction equally as much as of the Panmure Lodge, and it was therefore a sincere pleasure to ask them to drink his health in the most kindly manner.

Bro. THOS. POORE, P.M., in reply, said he knew not what to say after the eloquent remarks of Bro. Wood. He believed their lodge of instruction would hold its own with any existing in England. He believed their working would carry its way and be recognised as being, if not exact, as near as anyone could have it. Lodges of instruction differed a little, but, as far as his own knowledge was concerned, their working would be recognised as the nearest approach to what was right and proper. It was with a great deal of satisfaction that he found the lodge making such progress. Bro. Wood had said he was the backbone, but he would say there was a great deal of credit due to another, to whom he should allude later on. On his own behalf, he thanked them sincerely for the way they had received him, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be amongst them.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. LEE, and other toasts given were "The Supper Committee" and "Our Host, Bro. Lilley."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

Although the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, was consecrated in 1886, its work has gone on so quietly and unostentatiously that its existence was almost forgotten by the outer world until the 9th inst., when its first public function occurred on the occasion of laying a foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall which is to be its future home. For some time the brethren, in spite of the care and attention paid them in their present quarters at the Commercial Hotel, have felt desirous of following the example of other lodges in the Province of Devon by building a hall of their own for the exclusive purposes of Freemasonry, and at last matters were brought to a climax by the most generous offer of Bro. H. Stevens, Treasurer of the lodge, to make the brethren a present of a piece of ground to build on in his field adjoining Hayeldene. The offer being gratefully accepted, plans and estimates were prepared, and on the 9th inst. the building was sufficiently advanced to have the foundation-stone laid in the north-east corner according to Masonic usage.

At 4.30 the brethren ascended a temporary platform erected for the purpose, and Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the first W.M. of the new lodge in 1886, having been invited to lay the stone, gave a short address to those present on the objects of Freemasonry and the progress of the Ashburton Lodge.

The stone was then raised by the workmen, whilst the Chaplain, the Rev. E. Pemvarne-Wellings, offered prayer, and various coins of the year's issue were deposited beneath, after which Bro. H. Stevens presented Bro. Dawson with a trowel of ivory and silver, most elegantly chased, and inscribed as follows: "This trowel was presented to the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., on his laying the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall for the 'Ashburton' Lodge, No. 2189, on the 9th day of December, 1889."

Bro. DAWSON suitably acknowledged the gift of Bro. Stevens, and said it would be handed down in his family as an heirloom and a valued memento of a most interesting occasion. He then proceeded with the ceremony, and the stone was lowered to its resting place, where Bro. W. S. Gervis, M.D., W.M. of the lodge, proved it with the square, and the S.W. and J.W. tried it with level and plumb-rule, when, being found accurate, Bro. Dawson declared it "well and truly laid" with three blows of the gavel, and a concluding prayer from the Chaplain closed the proceedings.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Stevens's house, where his health as "Donor of the Site," and the "The Healths of Bros. the Hon. R. Dawson and Gervis" were duly given and acknowledged, and all the brethren united in wishing health and prosperity to the Ashburton Lodge, and success in its labours now so auspiciously begun.

There were also present besides those mentioned in connection with the ceremony Bros. H. Steele, P.P. G.D.C.; J. Olver, P.P.G.S.B.; Acock, S.W.; Pengilly, J.W.; Fraser, Sec.; F. J. W. Crowe, S.D.;

G. C. Foot, J.D.; Eales, Stwd.; Furneaux, Tyler; H. M. Firth, S. Toyer, E. Fearnley Tanner, R. E. Tucker, R. Ackerley, and several brethren of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710.

In the evening the members of the lodge partook of a banquet at Bro. Ford's, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The following inscription is to be engraved on the stone: "This foundation stone of the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, of A.F. and A. Masons, was laid on the 9th day of December, 1889, by W. Bro. the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, founder and P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W. Devon, and duly proved by W. Bro. W. S. Gervis, M.D., W.M. and founder. Donor of site, Bro. H. Stevens, Treas. and founder."

The hall is to be ready for use early in the spring.

GRESHAM LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

The report which the directors of the Gresham Life Assurance Society presented to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting, on the 10th inst., conclusively shows that their policy, as it has been carried out during the financial year ending on the 30th June last, has borne good fruit. The society, under their management, has been steadily improving its position year by year, and the last 12 months have witnessed a continuance of this progress. Out of 5923 proposals made for assurances, amounting in the aggregate to £1,962,784, there were accepted no less than 5140, the total of the policies thus granted being £1,629,946. Immediate annuities were also granted amounting to £13,395. The revenue from all sources amounted to £773,140, the sum of the new premiums being £59,203. The admitted claims on life policies are set down at £340,614, and those on matured endowments at £79,129, while the charge for the surrender of policies, including loans written off in respect of policies which had lapsed, was £62,867. The result of the various operations of the year is that a sum of £158,262 has been added to the funds of the society, whose assets now represent an estimated realisable value amounting to £4,263,141. These figures show, as we have said, that the policy which has been steadily pursued by the directors since the society was established, has been wisely conceived, and we have no doubt that in future years the results of their management will prove as beneficial to the shareholders as they have been for the year to which this report refers.

THE METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL.

Among the numerous institutions in the various districts of London which are mainly dependent for support on the contributions of the benevolent or the services they are prepared to render in other ways, few are entitled to so large a measure of public consideration as the Metropolitan Hospital, formerly situated in Devonshire-square, Bishopsgate, but now established, and doing its work admirably, in the Kingsland-road, where until its erection some two or three years ago—if we except the German Hospital at Dalston—no similar institution previously existed. The basis on which the work done by this hospital is carried out is the provident system by which the poor people, who mainly constitute the population of the neighbourhood, are enabled to secure medical attendance in the case of illness, or accommodation in the hospital itself on the payment regularly of a small sum. There can be no doubt about this being a provident system, and being such, we trust the well-to-do who, especially at this season of Christmas, are so generous in helping those who help themselves, will forward a contribution to this Metropolitan Hospital. It is greatly in need of funds. Since it was opened two years ago it has opened wards containing 76 beds, but it is large enough to accommodate double the number. The number of its out-patients is very large, and those who respond to this appeal may be sure that their money will be well and beneficently spent. It should be added that Mr. Joseph Fry is Chairman, and Sir Edmund Currie, honorary Secretary of the hospital, while Mr. Bryer, to whom contributions should be forwarded, is the working Secretary.

THE PATENT RADIATOR AND PLANT PROPAGATOR.

To those of our readers who pride themselves on having their greenhouses in order, and always well furnished with choice plants in good condition, we strongly recommend the Uncle Sam Radiator and Plant Propagator which has recently been patented by Messrs. Sam Deards and Co., Limited, of Harlow, Essex, and Dashwood House, New Broad-street, E.C. It was recently exhibited in the Royal Agricultural Hall during Cattle Show week, and praise was bestowed upon it in all directions for its handiness, the thorough manner in which it does what it is intended to do, and the smallness of its cost. This Uncle Sam Radiator is intended to heat greenhouses, and will at the same time propagate plants. It involves no trouble, does not need to be constantly looked after, and will go all night without attention. It can also be used for heating halls, billiard rooms, &c., the heat being produced by a paraffin lamp, which is properly fitted to the Radiator. The price, including lamp and stand and with the propagator affixed, ranges from £2 2s. 6d. for one 1 foot 6 inches long to £7 5s. 6d. for one 6 feet long. The new patent may be seen at Messrs. Sam Deards and Co's premises, 16, New Broad-street.



The Rev. H. Hebb has been elected Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in succession to Dr. Morris.

Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, will spend Christmas at Coates Castle, Sussex, the residence of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn.

Her Majesty has approved the appointment of Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale as Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill returned to their residence at Connaught Place, Hyde Park, on Saturday last, after visiting Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, at Easton Lodge.

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

The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the other members of the Royal Family, attended divine service in the Royal Mausoleum, Frogmore, on Saturday last, the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort and the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

The Princess Louise, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, distributed the prizes and certificates of merit to the pupils of the Home Counties Dairy School, at Hampstead, on Tuesday. There was a large gathering of people present, among whom was Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs.

Among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince George during their visit to the Danish Minister, M. de Falbe, at Luton Hoo, were the Hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe, the Earl and Countess of Clarendon, Lady Suffield, Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild, and Bro. Sir A. Sullivan.

The Maharajah of Mysore has granted a loan of 10,000. to the Freemasons of Mysore, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Temple. It is reported that his Highness is anxious to become a Mason, and that he contemplated asking Prince Albert Victor to initiate him into the mysteries of the Craft when His Royal Highness visited Mysore.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, made his State entry into Dublin on Saturday last. The steamship Ireland had been placed at the disposal of his Excellency by the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, and the vice-regal party left Holyhead for Kingstown at 4 a.m., and arrived shortly after 7 a.m., when they were received with a royal salute of 21 guns.

Viscount Dangen, eldest son of Bro. Earl Cowley, and the Lady Violet Nevill, youngest daughter of the Marquis of Abergavenny, were married at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Tuesday. Among those present at the service or at the reception by the Marchioness of Abergavenny afterwards being Bros. Lord Cheylesmore and Lord Brassey. Bro. Earl Cowley was absent, on account of indisposition.

It appears that the half of the free income of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for the year ending 29th November last, amounts to about £1426, and one half of this sum, or £713, will be at the disposal of the board for the granting of the annuities in the year 1890. A similar sum will fall to be capitalised for the fund. Of the £500 at the disposal of the board for the year 1889, the sum of £325 was voted in annuities, leaving a balance of £175 available for grants in 1890. The board of the annuity scheme meets in the beginning of next year for the granting of annuities.

The annual banquet and installation of Bro. George Dixon as Master of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, was celebrated at Goole, on the 14th inst. Bro. W. Brook acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The following officers were then duly invested by the W.M.: Bros. Robert Dayson, I.P.M.; A. Gooderidge, S.W.; W. H. C. Dunhill, Chap.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; T. Rippon, jun., Sec.; G. Winttingham Cutts, Org.; J. Leech, D.C.; A. J. Peacock, I.D.; Everatt Hind, J.D.; J. T. Robinson, I.G.; and J. O. Whitaker and W. Boulton, Stwds.

On the 13th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, Bro. John Daken was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year of the Rock Lodge, No. 1289. After his installation, the Worshipful Master proceeded to the investiture of his officers as follows:—Bros. Alfred Atkinson, I.P.M.; John Lee, S.W.; Thomas R. Connell, J.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; George Henry Heapy, Sec.; P. Davies, S.D.; F. S. Moore, J.D.; S. Rowbottom, I.G.; J. W. Clarke, George Stewart, and J. J. Waine, Stwds.; and Rev. G. K. Johnson, Chap. Bro. C. S. Dean, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., officiated as Director of Ceremonies.

The annual concert and ball in connection with the Everton Lodge, No. 823, of which the Worshipful Master is Bro. R. S. Milne, took place on the 12th inst., in the large hall, Exchange Station-buildings, Liverpool. There was a good attendance of members and their friends. The proceeds are to be devoted to the West Lancashire Masonic Charities. For the concert good local musical talent had been provided. Among those who thus supplied the audience with much genuine enjoyment being Miss Fanny Bouffleur, Miss C. Lucas, Messrs. J. Pugmire, W. Griffiths, W. Williams, T. C. Fargher, J. Handord, W. H. Latham, C. Redhead, A. B. Ewart, and George Eyton. Bro. H. M. Molyneux proved an efficient M.C., and Bro. R. W. Gow had charge of the stewards, who performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner. Dancing commenced at about ten o'clock, and was kept up with great animation till the early hours of the morning.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

The Star chapter of Instruction will not meet on Friday, 27th inst., but will resume on the first Friday in January.

The Empire Theatre of Varieties will produce a new grand ballet divertissement, entitled "A Dream of Wealth," on Saturday evening.

The second annual ball of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, will take place at the Hôtel Métropole, Whitehall Rooms, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1890.

Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser has made a further donation of £50 towards the fund for the extension and endowment of the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green.

At the meeting of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, held on Wednesday, Bro. T. Smith was elected W.M., and Bro. J. E. Harding, Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on the 21st January.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince George of Wales left Marlborough House, on Monday, for Luton Hoo, on a visit to M. de Falbe, the Danish Minister, and Madame de Falbe. During his stay his Royal Highness enjoyed some good shooting.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.J.W. of Devon, Provincial Prior, &c., of Hertford College, Oxford, late Vicar of Backerell, Devon, having performed the statutable exercises has, by decree of the Convocation of his University, been admitted to the Degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Divinity by accumulation.

The first halfpenny weekly number of a large-paper illustrated edition of Archdeacon Farrar's "Life of Christ" will be published on January 1st. The size will be uniform with the halfpenny weekly edition of the "Doré Bible," which has had so large a sale. The work will also be published in threepenny monthly parts.

The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, Masonic Temple, Guernsey: "That the hearty thanks of the lodge be presented to Bro. H. J. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab (through Bro. Geo. Kenning), for his generosity in presenting so valuable a work as his 'Religion of Freemasonry,' to this lodge."

Mrs. Savory, wife of Bro. Alderman Savory, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the Princess Helena College, Ealing, on Tuesday. Princess Christian, who is President of the College, was absent, being away in Germany, but Bro. Alderman Savory was able to report improvement in her health. The report of the Principal of the College showed that great success had attended the pupils who had been sent up to the Oxford and Cambridge, Local and the Science and Art Examinations, nearly all having been passed, and several with distinction.

At the last meeting of the St. John's Chapter, No. 673, held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. J. B. Parker, Z.; A. H. Hallwood, H.; and P. R. Barrow, J. The officers invested were Comps. J. Caldwell, S.E.; J. G. Hallwood, S.N.; J. Hocken, P.Z., Treas.; R. Rawlinson, P.S.; W. Moreton, 1st A.S.; and J. Williams, 2nd A.S. The Installing Principal was Comp. Dr. Clarke, P.Z. During the evening the I.P.Z. was presented with a gold P.Z.'s jewel, manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, Liverpool.

The directors of the Graphic held a reception on Wednesday, at their offices, when an inspection was allowed of the appliances and machinery for producing the *Graphic* and the *Daily Graphic*. The company were conducted in parties, visiting first the art department. Here the staff of artists were seen re-drawing and finishing, for engraving and process work, sketches from the artist-correspondents. The process of engraving on boxwood and of producing zinc plates by means of photography and drawings on transfer paper were witnessed. Colour-printing from aquatint plates in relief, as applied to the production of the Christmas number, was seen in progress; and the battery for electrotyping, the folding and stitching machines, the composing room, and the foundry for stereotyping, were inspected in turn.

Freemasonry seems to be ubiquitous. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book (George Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields), furnishes a wealth of information likely to be interesting to the brethren of the Craft all over the world. It is, in fact, a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, containing a list of lodges, chapters, conclaves, preceptories, colleges, and grand councils, not only in Great Britain and its colonies and dependencies, but also in places where the uninitiated would hardly suppose the Craft would flourish. There are added lists of the 57 Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe and of all the brethren holding office. There does not seem to be any information which will enable the reader to estimate even roughly the number of Freemasons, but the list of lodges is astonishing both for his length and for the proof it affords that the Craft takes root everywhere. The diary gives a list of lodge meetings due on any particular day.—*The Times*.

Our esteemed Bro. M. Richards Muckle, one of the "Mary Commandery" Pilgrims who visited us a few years since from Philadelphia, has just issued his report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows for Pennsylvania, in relation to the terrible Johnstown disaster. The statement of the accounts is most creditable to all concerned, and do that famous Friendly Society much honour. The total contributions for the relief of the numerous sufferers amounted to \$62,646.69, or about £12,530, of which large sum no less than \$19,000, or nearly £4000 were, raised in Pennsylvania. As the Grand Secretary states—"Hereafter, whenever the story of Johnstown is recited, every Odd Fellow, as he recalls what the Order has done, can lay his hand upon his heart and reverently murmur, thank God that I am an Odd Fellow." Out of the many funds for which Colonel Muckle has been the Treasurer, surely this must have been one of the most gratifying to our worthy brother.

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.

The Forth Bridge will be formally opened in March. The Prince of Wales will perform the ceremony.

The whole issue of Browning's last poems was disposed of at once. In some cases the prices rose to three or four times the original cost.

A concert for charitable purposes was given in the Court Room, Glasgow, on the 12th inst., under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 50. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Clark, occupied the chair.

For the third time Lord Wantage has awarded an annual bonus to about a hundred agricultural labourers who work on his Home Farm at Lochinge House, in Berkshire. Lord Wantage, by his gift of a farm at Lambourne to the Small Farm and Labourers' Land Company, and by his work as a director of that company, as well as by his introduction of the bonus system, has long shown his sympathy with the farm labourers.

The annual ball of the Operative Lodge, No. 150 (S.C.), was held in the Masonic Hall, Exchange-street, Aberdeen, on the 13th instant. There was a large and brilliant company present, and dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning to the strains of Mr. William Dickson's band. Among others present were Bros. Major John Crombie, Robert Milne, R.W.M. 54; Charles Grant, R.W.M. 190; Alexander Milne, R.W.M. 373; T. M'Gregor, R.W.M. 669; D. Blake, P.M.; and John Taylor, P.M.

Stanley's publishers have been inundated with applications from publishers in every civilised country anxious to secure the right of publishing the explorer's work in their respective countries. So eager is the competition that some of the offers are made, not in the form of a fixed sum, but of so much more than the highest offer received from anybody else. One American publisher has gone so far as to offer to give twice as much as anyone else. What sum will Stanley receive for the great work he contemplates? It certainly will be much nearer £40,000 than £4000.

The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Mackay, the author of "Peggy," "Boys will be Boys," and other dramatic pieces which enjoyed popularity in London theatres. Mr. Mackay was a native of Belfast, but came to London a good many years ago, devoting himself to journalism, especially dramatic criticism, and showing himself possessed of no mean literary ability. Besides the pieces mentioned, Mr. Mackay collaborated with Mr. Sydney Grundy in "The Novel Reader," and in "Caryswold," with Mr. Henry Herman.

The seventh volume of the Henry Irving Shakespeare (Blackie and Son) has made its appearance, and it contains seven plays, edited by Mr. Richard Garnett, Mr. Arthur Symonds, Mr. A. W. Verity, and others, while Mr. Joseph Knight has written the stage histories. Mr. Frank Marshall has been able to contribute only a few notes, his continued ill-health not allowing him to do more. We are sorry to hear that he has just had a relapse, and is thought to be in a precarious condition. One of his most constant visitors is Bro. Irving, who, by the way, was one of the first to express in graceful fashion his regret at the death of Mr. Thomas Purnell.

A leading attraction of the pantomime at Her Majesty's will be the music which has been prepared for it. This department is under the direction of Mr. Edward Solomon, who, besides arranging a variety of popular tunes for different situations, has written a large number of original melodies. He has utilised in the overture his well-known ingenuity of orchestration, and has taken special pains with the music for the Nymph ballet and Insect ballet (with march), the hunting chorus, and, in particular, the Domino dance, all of which, and the last especially, ought to be extremely popular. Mr. Alfred Cellier has written the airs for the Shakespeare procession, assigning a different individuality to each section according to the play it illustrates.

There was a large representative gathering at the annual meeting of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, on Friday last, to witness the installation of Bro. Tom Batt. The assembly included Bros. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M.; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.G.R.; J. W. Fourness, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Freeman, P.P.G.D.; and many other Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Batt was installed by Bro. C. E. Breen, P.M. The new officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. B. Jowett, S.W.; B. Pounder, J.W.; Harris, S.D.; Jarvis, J.D.; J. Dyson, P.M., Treas.; W. Tate, Sec.; Rev. C. A. Lambert, Chap.; J. W. Cleland, I.G.; J. E. Musgrave, Org.; T. F. Towers and F. P. Cooper, Stwds.; and S. Barrand, Tyler. Afterwards the brethren and visitors dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

At a recent meeting of the City Lands Committee it was resolved—"That the best thanks of this Committee be presented to James Judd, Esq., J.P., their Chairman for the present year, for his untiring zeal and energy in the transaction of the important business which has been before the Committee, for his urbanity towards all its members, and for the able manner in which he has supported and carried the reports of the Committee in the Court of Common Council; and this Committee congratulate their Chairman upon the successful manner in which all the arrangements were carried out upon the occasion of the presentation of the freedom of this City to the Most Honourable the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava and to H.R.H. Prince George of Wales, K.G., and also upon the eloquent manner in which, as Chief Commoner, he moved the address of the Corporation to his Majesty the Shah of Persia. The members of this Committee sincerely congratulate their excellent Chairman upon his appointment as one of her Majesty's Lieutenants of the City of London, and trust that he will long live not only to enjoy that honour, but to devote his time and talents for the benefit of the citizens of London, and so continue to retain their respect and esteem as well as that of his many friends."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.