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## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

It is time we again drew the attention of our readers to the fact that the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir H. A. ISAACS. The outlook has certainly improved since we penned our last article on the subject. At the beginning of last month the Board of Stewards was under 200 strong, as compared with from 230 to 240 at the corresponding period last year, while it numbers at the present moment 244 brethren, as against about 300 brethren last year. Thus a substantial increase in the strength of the Board has taken place during the last four weeks, and for this addition we cannot express ourselves too gratefully. But seeing there is still an inferiority as compared with the 1889 Board of some 60 brethren, it is impossible we can regard the position as it is with perfect equanimity. We are by no means certain that in the case of an anniversary festival, it is not a very common practice for people to be dissatisfied with the preparations that are being made for its celebration, even when matters are going pretty smoothly and satisfactorily. But in the present instance, we cannot be charged with drawing too dismal a picture of the prospects which await the Benevolent Institution towards the end of the current month. There was a falling off in the total in 1888 as compared with 1887; there was a falling off last year as compared with 1888; and taking the number of Stewards whose services may possibly be obtained between now and the day appointed, and the average per list which has been raised on former occasions, it looks very much as if there would be again a falling off in 1890 as compared with 1889. We all hope for the best, but though, as we said at the beginning of our remarks, the outlook has improved during the last few weeks, it is very far from being what some of the more sanguine friends of the Institution have been expecting.

We realise that the task which is set the Executive of this Charity every year is by no means an easy one to fulfil. A sum of £15,000, representing the interest on more than half a million of Government Stock, is not to be obtained without an enormous amount of exertion on the part of the brethren who act as Stewards; but this, or nearly this, is required to pay the number of annuitants as at present authorised. Last year, a very full Board succeeded in raising only £13,500, but the average per list was exceptionally low, by reason of the heavy demands made upon the Craft for the Girls' Centenary. This year, however, we are justified in assuming that the effects of that pressure will have passed away, or nearly so, and in that case we may hope that, if the Board of Stewards is less numerous than in 1889, the average per Steward's list will be more nearly on a level with what it has been in Bro. TERRY'S most successful years. As far as we have been able to ascertain, the Board is fairly apportioned between London and the Provinces. Among the latter, indeed, several of the more regular contributors are extremely well represented, and it is to be hoped that the lodges in London, but more particularly those located in the City or composed mainly of Hebrew brethren will put an additional amount of steam into their efforts, so that the total raised under the LORD MAYOR'S presidency may compare as favourably as possible with the totals of previous years. If, however, any special incentive is needed by London and the Provinces generally to support his lordship, it will be found in the excessive number of candidates who are seeking admission into the Institution. In 1887 and 1888 there

were, taking the men and women together, about 128 candidates; last year there were 140, while the number which has been approved for the election in May next is 158, of whom 72 are men and 86 widows. The actual vacancies at the present moment are 11 in number—seven male and four female—and if we assume that as many more will occur between now and election day, and take into account the six deferred, there will even then be only 28 to elect, while the enormous number will remain of 130—all, be it remembered, aged folk as well as poverty-stricken—for whom, for a further period of 12 months, no provision whatever can be made. Under these circumstances, it is our duty to impress upon our readers, even more earnestly than we have done in previous articles, how imperatively necessary it is that the utmost possible support should be obtained for our Benevolent Institution. Let there be raised a sum which will be at least sufficient to provide the annuities already established, and the Executive, being free from all anxiety on this score, will have leisure to consider how best the number of candidates may again be brought within manageable compass.

We are glad to learn that Bro. TERRY has sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his duties, and is again exerting himself with his accustomed energy to obtain further recruits for his Board of Stewards.

## MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETIES.

There is, perhaps, no healthier or more encouraging sign of the intelligent advance and vigorous progress of Freemasonry than is shown by the apparently spontaneous genesis of Masonic Literary Societies. We say spontaneous, though of course it is known to those on the spot that it is to the energy, enterprise, and enthusiasm of a few, perhaps in some instances to one only, that these Institutions owe their origin. The formation of societies of inquiry into Masonic history, archæology, and philosophy is making rapid progress, and we cannot but rejoice that it is so, convinced as we are of the advantages the Craft will thereby gain; but we would caution those upon whom the control of such Institutions may rest that there is another side to the question, and that unless discreetly and conscientiously managed abuses may easily creep in, and that which was meant to be a source of interest and a means of education, may develop into something which, so far from being a benefit to the Masonic body, might easily be made to cause a baneful and damaging influence upon its members. We have no such fears in relation to the Societies, reports of whose proceedings appear in our columns this week. The Wakefield Masonic Literary Society, the name of whose President, Bro. T. W. TEW, Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, is a guarantee that its lines are truly Masonic, in conjunction with a similar institution at Bradford, and in fraternal communion with literary brethren in York, Leeds, and Hull, invited Bro. G. W. SPETH, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, to pay them a visit, and read them a paper on some Masonic subject, selection of which was left to the discretion of the lecturer. Bro. SPETH cordially consented, and commenced his tour at Wakefield on Monday, the 20th ult., and visited in turn Bradford, York, Hull, and Leeds. At each place he delivered virtually the same lecture, a *résumé* of which will be found in to-day's *Freemason*. The paper was styled "The Degrees of Ancient Freemasonry," and Bro. SPETH'S object appears to have been, after an introductory dissertation on symbolism, to promulgate an opinion at which, after careful enquiry and research, he has personally arrived, in relation to

the so-called Degrees of Freemasonry. Briefly, the conclusion to which Bro. SPETH had come, and to which he endeavoured by most interesting and exhaustive evidence to bring Yorkshire Masons to consent was—that in Masonry, both Operative and Speculative, there were originally but two Degrees, and that what we now designate the Third Degree is an innovation, and sprang no one knows how, from a selection, judicious or otherwise, made from the E.A. and F. Degrees, by somebody or other about the year 1725. We are not going on this occasion to argue the question with Bro. SPETH, no doubt, as he himself admits, his assertions may be contested with some show (perhaps more than show) of success, but with that at present we have no concern; the fact we emphasise is that the desire for Masonic knowledge and instruction is so strong, that not content with the study of the Artes Quatuor Coronatorum, to which many are subscribers, nothing less than a direct and personal communication with some distinguished member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge would suffice the brethren in Yorkshire. Hence Bro. SPETH'S visit. It is not necessary to say that Bro. SPETH performed his task with ability and success. From reports which have reached us, there can be no doubt that the lecturer met with full and intelligent appreciation that his modest yet confident tone, combined with his genuine fraternal feeling, have won their way with our hard-headed Yorkshire brethren, and that Bro. SPETH'S name will be well known and long remembered amongst them. We congratulate him upon the way in which he performed a somewhat delicate task, and we heartily commend the literary brethren in Yorkshire, and in Wakefield particularly (to whose initiative, we believe, the movement is due) for their zeal in organising so successful a tour. We have no doubt other efforts in a similar direction will be made, and can only add that our sympathy shall ever be given to societies so ably managed and so genuinely supported.

### THE SCOTTISH CRAFT IN INDIA.

The proceedings which took place at the Annual Communication, at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 11th December last, of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, when H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, District Grand Master of Bombay under the Grand Lodge of England, accompanied by several of his District Grand Officers, was received, and had conferred upon him the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master, are already familiar to our readers. It is not necessary, therefore, that we should say much as to the printed account thereof, with which we have recently been favoured. The enthusiastic greeting which his Royal Highness experienced on this memorable occasion, and the compliments which were interchanged between the more prominent members of the two Constitutions, must be still fresh in the minds of all who read the ample report we published a few weeks since. But sundry remarks made by Grand Master Sir HENRY MORLAND, who presided, with reference to what he had been able to accomplish while on a recent visit to this country, are more clearly set forth in this printed account than they were in our report, and we are, therefore, now in a better position to judge of the value of the important services he was then able to render. From this we learn that Bro. Sir HENRY MORLAND, when in England, took a prominent part in the preliminary steps for healing the schism which had for a long time existed between the Supreme Councils, Ancient and Accepted Rite, of England and Scotland. The termination of this schism was referred to by us at the time of its occurrence, but it is to the credit of Bro. Sir H. MORLAND that he assisted in the task of restoring harmonious relations between the two Councils, and that though the Ancient and Accepted Rite forms no part of ancient Craft Freemasonry, he should have taken the opportunity afforded him by the Annual Communication of his Grand Lodge of nominating the distinguished brethren by whom the reconciliation was effected—Bros. Captain N. G. PHILIPS, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, HUGH D. SANDEMAN, and LINDSAY MACKERSY—as honorary members of the body that he has presided over for many years with so much distinction. The Ancient and Accepted system may, as we have said, have nothing to do with the Craft, but the reconciliation of two outside branches of Masonry is a distinct gain to the whole Body, and for the assistance Bro. Sir H. MORLAND rendered in bringing this about, he well deserves this slight recognition we are able to offer.

### THE CRAFT IN SOUTH AFRICA,

To judge from the very interesting record of the proceedings at the Communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Eastern Division, at East London in June last, the Craft there must be in a highly prosperous condition. The business transacted is too long to discuss in detail, but the statements of account give a sufficient insight as to the manner in which our lodges in these remote parts perform their duties. The District Grand Lodge Fund for the years 1888-89 opened with a balance of £126 and closed with one of £85, the Receipts being £187 and the Disbursements, including, £48 to Educational Fund, and £44 to Reserve Fund, in Savings' Bank for the two years £212, while the Reserve Fund amounted to £133. The Educational Fund shows Receipts, including balance of over £303, amounting to £616, while the Expenditure, which consists almost entirely of payments to various Schools, was £172, the Balance remaining to the credit of the Fund amounting to £444; the Endowment Fund showing a total of £320 in Savings Bank on the 31st May, 1889. These figures show that the lodges in this Colony are not so overburdened with expenditure as to be unable to accumulate a substantial reserve, and that, though, they may be called to remit a certain small amount for fees to the Grand Lodge at home, such remittance does not prevent them from looking well after the educational needs of the children of their poor or distressed brethren.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October, 1889, to the 14th January, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

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|---------------------------|------|----|---|-----------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Balance, Grand Chapter | £150 | 8  | 4 | By Disbursements during the |      |    |    |
| „ „ Unappropriated        |      |    |   | Quarter...                  | £299 | 16 | 10 |
| „ „ Account               | 190  | 18 | 1 | „ Balance                   | 239  | 12 | 0  |
| „ „ Subsequent Receipts   | 386  | 14 | 0 | „ „ Unappropriated          |      |    |    |
|                           |      |    |   | Account                     | 188  | 11 | 7  |
|                           | £728 | 0  | 5 |                             | £728 | 0  | 5  |

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Harry James Sparks, as Z.; William Smith, as H.; John Upchurch Martin, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Soudes Lodge, No. 996, East Dereham, to be called the Harry Sparks Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Dereham, in the county of Suffolk.

2nd. From Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.L., Grand Superintendent for Durham, as Z.; Robert Shadforth, as H.; George Washington Bain, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, to be called the Williamson Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, No. 6, North Bridge-street, Monkwearmouth, in the county of Durham.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Preston, as Z.; Henry Croasdale, as H.; George Handel Openshaw, and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 269, Blackburn, to be called the Fidelity Chapter, and to meet at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire.

4th. From Comps. Carl Theodor Fleck, as Z.; Charles Meierhoff, as H.; James Cooper, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London, to be called the Old Concord Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

5th. From Comps. Adolphus Clark, as Z.; James John Woolley, as H.; Herbert Charles Lambert, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, to be called the Anglo-American Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, reporting that they were regularly established on the 30th September, 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of New South Wales be also recognised.

The Committee have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters:—

The Alexandra Chapter, No. 993, from the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, to the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

The Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, from Willis's Rooms, St. James's, to the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, Charing Cross.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removals of the above-named chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
15th January, 1890.

Miss Cissy Grahame will commence her season at Terry's Theatre on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., with a new three-act play by Jerome K. Jerome, entitled "New Lamps for Old," in which Messrs. W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, F. Kerr, and Bernard Gould; Mesdames Gertrude Kingston, Houston, and Cissy Grahame will appear. On the same evening will be produced a new one-act rustic comedy by Fred. Bowyer and W. Edwards-Sprange, which will be played by Mesdames M. A. Giffard, and Helen Leyton, and Messrs. Yorke Stephens and Oscar Adye.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following letters relating to the pension proposed to be given to Bro. Binckes on retiring from the office of Secretary, and the non-official scheme which has received the approval of the Provisional Management Committee, and is being pressed forward with the utmost energy by its authors and supporters with a view to relieving the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of the annual charge which the payment of Bro. Binckes' pension will entail. The first letter, that of Bro. Joseph D. Langton, Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee, fully explains the nature of this scheme and how it is sought to obtain the necessary sum to secure Bro. Binckes an annuity equivalent to the pension it is proposed to give him. The second letter, which emanates from Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M., and Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, is an urgent appeal to the lodges in West Yorkshire to support the scheme, and they sincerely trust that the lodges in London and the other Provinces will regard this appeal, as if it had been addressed to them directly by their own rulers, and will, to the best of their ability support a proposal, which has found such favour in West Yorkshire and many of our most important provinces.

To the Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and the Brethren of Provincial Grand Lodges and the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of all Lodges.

37, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.,  
20th December, 1889.

BRETHREN,

In view of the narrow majority by which the Resolution proposing to grant to Bro. Binckes a retiring allowance of £350 per annum was carried at the last General Quarterly Court, the Provisional Management Committee has decided to ask the next Quarterly Court not to confirm or proceed further with that resolution, but to substitute in its place another to grant him £250 per annum.

The Provisional Management Committee has come to this conclusion in the hope that such an arrangement will be satisfactory to all parties, and will tend to allay any excitement and bitterness which may have been unfortunately imported into this question, so opposed to the principles of Freemasonry and imperilling the best interests, if not the very vitality, of the Institution itself.

Whilst asking with confidence for the grant of £250 per annum, the Provisional Management Committee has considered and sanctioned a scheme to raise a fund of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension to Bro. Binckes, styled the "Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M. Institution for Boys," the immediate object of which is to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds, and at the same time to recognise the services of Bro. Binckes and provide some means for his "honourable retirement" from the office of Secretary, after upwards of 28 years' service.

By this scheme it is proposed that every Lodge in London and the Provinces should contribute or grant from its funds a sum of £2 10s., being at the rate of 5s. per Lodge for 10 years, so that a Lodge of, say 40 Members, each Member would be contributing 13d. per annum, or 1s. 3d., towards the amount required for the Commutation, and from an estimate made on this basis, if all co-operate and heartily support this plan, a large surplus will undoubtedly arise for the benefit of the Institution.

From the many expressions of concurrence which have been received, the Provisional Management Committee is led to believe that the scheme will receive general acceptance. If this should happily be the case, it will at once put an end to the unfortunate condition of affairs which during the past year has operated so prejudicially to the interests of the Institution, and which if not terminated must continue to injure it, to the deepfelt regret of all its friends and supporters.

The Provisional Management Committee has the pleasure to announce that a distinguished Brother, fully believing the generosity of the Craft will support the scheme, has munificently placed at the disposal of the Provisional Management Committee the sum of £2500, to enable it to commute the proposed allowance of £250 per annum and arrange at once with Brother Binckes for his retirement, and to allow six months for the collection of the fund. The attitude Brother Binckes has assumed in this matter is highly gratifying to the Provisional Management Committee, and tends very materially to assist such an amicable and satisfactory settlement.

The fund raised will be quite distinct and altogether apart from the funds of the Institution, and will be placed in the hands of three Trustees, viz., Brothers F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar), Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer), and Richard Eve (P.G. Treasurer), and any surplus that may arise will be paid over to the funds of the Institution.

As the success of the scheme depends on the general concurrence of those interested, the Committee urgently appeal to all members of the Craft and friends of the Institution to contribute to the fund, and thus insure the speedy completion of the scheme.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH D. LANGTON,  
Hon. Sec. of the Provisional  
Management Committee.

Cheques or Postal Orders can be sent to the Hon. Sec. at the above address, payable to the Order of F. A. Philbrick, and crossed "UNION BANK OF LONDON."

St. John's, Wakefield,  
January, 1890.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,

We desire to call your attention to and invite your hearty co-operation in carrying out the scheme set forth in the accompanying appeal issued by the Provisional Management Committee of the above-named Institution to raise a sum of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension from the funds of the Institution to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes.

A special meeting of the Charity Committee of this Province was held in Leeds on the 21st December last, when this scheme was fully explained, and after full discussion unanimously adopted, and it was also agreed that the sum of two hundred guineas should be raised in support of the fund.

Paragraph 4 in the appeal fully states the basis upon which the scheme is calculated—seeing however that some lodges have less, whilst many others have more than 40 members, it is for the brethren of every lodge to determine what sum they will contribute.

We are exceedingly wishful to promote in every possible way the success of this scheme, which has already received the warmest approval and support alike of friends and opponents of the Pension, and we fully believe the £2500 will be easily raised, and, in addition, a handsome surplus for the benefit of the Institution.

Will you kindly read the appeal and this letter at your next meeting and report the result.

Please forward the contribution from your lodge as early as possible to Bro. Herbert G. E. Green, Provincial Grand Secretary, to whom Cheques may be made payable, and who will give an official receipt.

We are, dear Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,  
THOMAS WILLIAM TEW, P.G.M.  
HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Samuel Brooks, H. Garrod, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; G. Bolton, John Bulmer, W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, H. Smith, T. W. Hubbert, G. E. Fairchild, A. Mulford, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; John Larkin, W. H. Persman, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Belton, G. Dep. D.C.; C. J. Perceval, Thomas Corbitt, P.G.P.; C. Kempton, Rob. Grigg, C. H. Webb, W. Belchamber, J. S. Cumberland, W. F. Smithson, C. G. Dilby, George Mickley, George Jones, G. Marsden, W. J. Murlis, W. Masters, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The proceedings were of a conversational character, and in the result it was arranged that the members of the Committee of Management should severally state their opinions in writing on the subject of the proposed changes as to the eligibility of candidates for admission into the Institution, and address them to the Secretary on or before the last day of the current month. Those various opinions and the changes then proposed to be made in the present rules, placed side by side with the latter, having been printed and circulated, a meeting was arranged to be held on a day in March other than that appointed for the regular meeting (the second Wednesday), when those opinions would be considered, with a view to the recommendations made therein, being submitted to a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, to be hereafter summoned.

A vote of thanks terminated the proceedings.

## BRADFORD AND DISTRICT MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford, of brethren from the various lodges in Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, Bingley, Shipley, Baildon, Haworth, and others, who are interested in the advancement of the Order, when an interesting paper was read by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M. and Sec. 2076, on "The Degrees of Antient (pre 1717 Freemasonry)."

Some discussion took place on the subject of the paper, and, on the motion of Bro. W. C. Lupton, seconded by Bro. H. Crossling, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth.

The meeting, which was of an extremely interesting nature throughout, was closed by a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Bro. Thomas Norfolk, W.M. 600, which was proposed by Bro. T. Ramsden Riley, and seconded by Bro. Matthewman.

## MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE IN EDINBURGH.

The Dramatic and Arts Lodge, No. 757, although the youngest, is one of the most popular, active, and vigorous in the Metropolitan province. It has only been in existence for little more than a year, and already it has a large membership, chiefly composed of gentlemen belonging to the dramatic, artistic, and literary professions. The "musical evenings" which the lodge gave last year, and to which friends outside the Craft were invited, proved so successful that it was decided to inaugurate the present season with a similar entertainment in the form of a conversazione, which was held in the Waterloo Rooms on the 24th ult., and proved a great success, close upon 400 ladies and gentlemen being present. The proceeds are to be applied to the fund of the Masonic bazaar which is to be held towards the close of the year in aid of the scheme for raising a new Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund for the benefit of indigent Scottish Masons, their widows, and children.

The company were received by the Secretary, Bro. W. O. Davis (who is also Secretary to the Bazaar Committee) and the office-bearers of the lodge, and the conversazione was opened with a few remarks by Councillor CRICHTON, who said the forthcoming bazaar promised to be a great success, as they had

been assured of contributions from all quarters of the world—from India, China, Australia, New Zealand, and America. At present they had 36 pensions of £10 each, and they desired to increase that number, and he was sure they would not appeal in vain to their Edinburgh friends.

The musical programme was of a most enjoyable nature, the vocalists and musicians comprising some of the best amateur and professional talent in the city. Miss Bella M'Gregor delighted the audience by her rendering of a well-known waltz-song by Arditti, and Mr. Andrew Usher won a well-deserved recall for his singing of "I arise for dreams of thee." Songs were also given by Miss Alice Brickmann, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. C. Howard, and Mr. Kerpen. Instrumental pieces were furnished by Mr. Bridgman, Mr. Carl D. Hamilton, Mr. J. Hutton, Mr. M'Kinley, Mr. Winram (whose violin solo was so tastefully rendered as to secure for him a hearty recall), and Mr. T. C. Poyser. Dr. Horsley gave an effective and dramatic reading of a military piece, and Dr. Drinkwater contributed one of his clever musical sketches.

The entertainment was altogether one of a charming character, and afforded much enjoyment to the large company.

## FIFTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

The fifth annual ball of the above lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and proved, like the former ones, a most successful and pleasant gathering. Among the company present, numbering nearly a 100, were Bro. Geo. Gardner, P.M., and Mrs. Gardner; Bros. Dr. F. Lawrance, P.M., Treas., F. Walden, S.D., and Mrs. Walden; Bro. W. C. Dickey, Stwd., and Mrs. Dickey; Bro. E. Wavell, Stwd., and Mrs. Wavell; Bro. W. Clowes, Hon. Sec., Mrs., and Miss Clowes; Bro. B. F. Hartyhorne; Bro. W. H. Wilson; Bro. John Brill and Mrs. Brill; Bro. C. W. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett; Bro. G. Sales, Mrs., and Miss Sales; Bro. John Wood and Mrs. Wood; Bros. M. Long, W. J. Harrison, J. Montgomery; Bro. H. Sherwood and Mrs. Sherwood; Bro. J. Dorey and Mrs. Dorey; Bro. W. and Miss Dorey; Bro. J. Beckett and Miss Beckett; Bro. F. Kemp, Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Cattle; Mr. and Mrs. Bush; Mr. and Mrs. F. Browe; Mrs. Holmby, Bro. Callingham and Miss Callingham; Bro. W. Ritchie; Messrs. Knight Smith, Rugg, Smithson, A. Meyrick, J. Meyrick; Mr. Inder and Miss Inder; Mr. E. Norman, Mr. C. Norman, and others.

Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m. to Messrs. Simmonds' Quadrille Band.

The first part having been got through by one o'clock, the company sat down to supper, supplied by Bro. J. Brill's successor, Bro. W. Bennett, and we must say that in this his first attempt at the Star and Garter he deserves great praise for the manner in which it was put on and served.

Bro. George Gardner, P.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. Dr. Hartzthorne the vice-chair, and after full justice had been done, the toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family" was given, the whole company singing a verse of the National Anthem.

"The Success of the Chiswick Ball" and "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. H. S. SHERWOOD, Manchester Lodge, responded. The last, though not least, toast was "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Dr. HARTZHORNE, who in some well-chosen remarks said that if the lodges would only give more of such nights as these, he was sure the ladies would be more satisfied with Freemasons' gatherings than they were.

The company then repaired to the ball room, and dancing was kept up until 5.30 a.m., several of the dances being encored, and one being added.

The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, which added considerably to the general effect. The rooms were very handsomely decorated with plants, &c.

There was only thing wanted—a larger number of the members of the lodge, particularly the W. Master, his Wardens, and other officers. These gatherings certainly reflect great credit on those who undertake the management, as they not only tend to popularise the lodge, but to increase its members, and bring them more familiarly together. May they have many such in the future.

## UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

An address of congratulation having been forwarded by the W.M. and members of the above lodge to Bro. the Earl of Zetland on his appointment as Viceroy of Ireland, his lordship has sent the following reply:

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"Sir and Brother,

"I must ask you to convey to the W.M. and brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge my most sincere thanks for their kind address of congratulation on my appointment to the honourable position of our Most Gracious Sovereign's representative in this country. It was a matter of regret to me that, owing to numerous and pressing engagements, I was unable to receive the address before leaving England. I must ask you to convey to the brethren my best thanks, and ask them to accept the enclosed photograph for the lodge's album.—I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

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707, 1037, 1146, 1168, 1266, 1367, 329, 814, 976,  
(Vice-Pres.), 1197, 1755, 1953, 130, (Vice-Pres.),  
195, 319, 359, (Vice-Pres.), 394, 551, 1112, 1869,  
2208, 2068, 574, 1002, 236, (Vice-Pres.), 312, 1330,  
1461, 1592.

R.A. Chapters 137, 170, 417, 622, 707, 1037, 329, 312,  
1461.

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BRO. BASKETT'S COMMITTEE wish to express their thanks for the very numerous and influential promises already received, and to ask any other Brethren and Voters who are willing to support BRO. BASKETT to send in their names as soon as possible to

W. DOUGLAS DUGDALE,  
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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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

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BROTHER EDWIN STORR, P.M., P.Z., &c.,  
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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, Hon. Sec.  
Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.,  
January 18th, 1890.

### To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over :  
CRAFT LODGES—Harmony, No. 272; Indefatigable, No. 273; Royal Sussex, No. 353; Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574; Burdett, No. 1293; Rising Sun, No. 1401; Hemming, No. 1512; Royal Savoy, No. 1744; Albert Victor, No. 2328; Abbey, No. 242 (I.C.); and Monaghan, No. 351 (I.C.).  
MARK—Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge, No. 191.  
INSTRUCTION—Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753; and Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.  
Presentation to Bro. C. G. Sparrow, P.M., &c.  
Entertainment to Old People at Northampton.  
Liverpool Press Club.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

### Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, to-morrow (Saturday), at noon. There is nothing beyond the proposal for allowing the lodges and other Masonic bodies, which contributed to the Centenary Festival, being allowed to assist in decorating the Centenary Memorial Hall in a certain manner and on certain conditions. We have already explained the nature of this proposal, and need not say more about it now. The vacancies to be declared will be 21, and the number of candidates 45.

We must request our readers to bear in mind that the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School will be held in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern to-day (Friday), at 4 p.m.—not at the hour of noon, as at the April and October Courts. We have already given a full account of the business which will be brought under the consideration of the Governors and Subscribers, and we trust the proceedings will pass off quietly, and without any of that display of violence which has more than once prevailed at these meetings, and which has considerably shaken the belief of a good many people in the virtues of Freemasonry.

The main question to be determined is the conditions on which Bro. Binckes shall retire from the office of Secretary, to which he was appointed in June, 1861. As our readers will learn from letters we publish elsewhere, the original pension of £350 having been carried at the October Court by a narrow majority, the Provisional Committee will recommend one of £250 a year in substitution thereof. There are, however, so many who object to pensions altogether, that the Committee have given their sanction to a scheme for purchasing Bro. Binckes a life annuity of £250, thus relieving the Institution of the burden of his pension.

As for the changes in the laws relating to candidates for the Secretaryship and the occupant of that office, which will be proposed to-morrow (Saturday), we must point out that all such changes must be confirmed in

April before they can take effect. Therefore, unless it is intended to postpone the election of a new Secretary till after then, it is hardly worth while pressing them forward now.

That enthusiastic Knight Templar, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, has made preliminary arrangements for the holding of the next chapter of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory on the 11th March in the Merchants' Hall, York, which was the place of meeting of the Order 100 years ago.

The Merchants' Hall, Fossgate, is the property of the ancient guild of Merchant Adventurers in York, and is an extremely old structure, possessing many features of great interest, and occupying the site of a still more ancient church or chapel. There are two principal rooms, each measuring about 60ft. by 20ft., and below the main floor is an ancient chapel built in 1411. Particulars of this old building, in which also the Apollo Lodge meet, are given in Bro. Hughan's latest work.

It is intended to conduct the solemn ceremonies of the Order in these rooms and chapel, which are admirably adapted for the purpose, and the York fratres are anxious to see many visitors on such an historic occasion when the ritual of this Christian brotherhood will be exemplified in the fullest manner.

Where was the Janitor? A paragraph has been going the round of the press to the effect that, while one of the Royal Arch chapters at Chester was in conclave, a daring, more than ordinarily daring, thief made his way into the adjoining room, and carried off about £40 worth of jewels and clothing. We do not understand, however, how such a depredation was possible, if the Janitor was at his post, as usual, so as to keep off all intruders. Or, as they sometimes arrange matters curiously in provincial towns, was the adjoining room on another floor—say the floor above or the one immediately below? Or, did the Janitor post himself in another part of the building? One thing is clear. If the robbery was committed, the Janitor must have been temporarily absent from his post, or he would have made mincemeat of half a dozen such sneaking intruders.

It is with very great pleasure that we hear the Queen has granted from her Civil List a pension of £50 a year for life to Bro. Dr. Sparks, borough organist of Leeds, who has rendered signal services to music generally, but especially in connection with the Leeds Musical Festivals. Bro. Sparks is particularly well-known in Masonry by his "Liber Musicus," which contains sound music, admirably suited to our various Masonic ceremonials.

Considerable haziness seems to prevail in relation to the laws of the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and the election of a Secretary, whenever a vacancy may occur. Some brethren believe that only those can vote, on such occasion, who attend personally at the meeting convened for the purpose, while others consider that Life Subscribers will be eligible to record their preferences as well as Life Governors. The laws of the year 1886 provide as follows: "The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; [i.e. 'all Life Governors—not being minors—also Twelve Life or annual Subscribers—who shall be Freemasons—elected annually at the Quarterly Court in April;'] the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than 14 days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election." Clearly then the voting will be by proxy, all Life Governors, not being minors, whether ladies or gentlemen, are eligible to vote, the latter being Freemasons or otherwise, and Life Subscribers simply, will be excluded.

Our Lincoln brethren seem to be remarkably energetic just now. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge to be called the Ermine, No. 2351 (to meet at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln), of which Bro. H. E. Cousans, P.P.G.W. Lincolnshire, is to be the first W.M., and Bro. the Hon. Victor A. Pelham the Senior Warden. A petition is also being signed praying for a warrant for a Royal Ark Mariner lodge, to be attached to the Remigius Lodge, No. 117 (Mark), and Bro. H. E. Cousans, Grand Deacon of England, and P.P.G.W. (Mark) Lincolnshire, is to be the first Commander N.





### THE LANCASTER MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1890.

This little calendar increases in interest annually, and the present issue for 1890 is by far the best of the series, so that Bro. H. Longman, the editor, deserves full credit for his handy little souvenir. The calendar portion is on similar lines to the preceding, as respects the ordinary portion of the neat little annual, but other parts are considerably extended, and additional features add considerably to its usefulness, especially for local purposes. There are many towns which might well follow Bro. Longman's example, and start a similar little book. The expense is light, and the utility of such publications is so apparent that the wonder is there are so few as yet circulated, unless on behalf of the several Provincial Grand Lodges. Even as to these, in some parts of the country, they are more the exception than the rule, and yet for real use and reference nothing else can possibly supply information as these directories or calendars contain. We fancy the editor of the Lancaster Calendar might supply the number of members subscribing to the several bodies represented in this compact little book, not, however, to the exclusion of other particulars now given, as none can be dispensed with. The local and Central Masonic Charities are carefully described by Bro. Longman, and the centenary of the Lodge of Fortitude, 1889, has a number of pages devoted to that celebration, which passed off so well. "A Funeral Service" and a stirring article on the "R.A., Mark, and other Degrees" are additions of value, as also is "The Master." "Remarkable Occurrences" appear for the first time, and the interesting "Masonic Notes" are brought down to the end of last year. Dr. Rob Morris's poem, "New Year's Reflections," is most appropriate, and altogether we greet this wee book with more than ordinary pleasure with its increased attractions for 1890.

### MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY.

The February number of the above will be specially acceptable to Masons, as it contains an excellent photograph, by Mr. Barraud, of our Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, who has well been termed the handsomest member in the House of Lords. The part is further enriched by an equally good likeness of Miss Agnes Huntington, the prima donna of the Prince of Wales's Theatre. Professor Blackie is the other subject, and annexed is a good biography of each of the celebrities. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Miss Julia Neilson, of the Haymarket Theatre, and Major General Grenfell, of Egyptian fame, are portrayed in Mr. Barraud's well-known style in last month's number, and this month contains life-like portraits, specially taken, of his Eminence Cardinal Manning, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, and Bro. Capt. Shaw, C.B. We venture to suggest that additional interest would ensue if facsimiles of the autographs of each subject were published.

### HAZELL'S ANNUAL FOR 1890.

Since the date of its first issue, five years ago, Hazell's Annual has steadily increased in value as a handy reference book on topics of the day. The volume for 1890 presents the accustomed mass of information, tersely put, and systematically arranged. Amongst other interesting features, there is an exhaustive account of the doings of the Parnell Commission, and an able article on our Navy and the manœuvres of 1889.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

#### Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).

A meeting of this time-honoured lodge was held on the 24th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there were present among others, Bros. A. J. Altman, C.C., P.M. 1659, P.G.S., W.M.; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, P.G.D. Middx., G.S., S.W.; H. Slade, J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Dr. Kempter, P.M., S.D.; Clowes, P.P.G.W. Essex, J.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx., I.G.; Masters, P.M., &c., Stwd.; Layton, J.P., P.M., P.G.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Robinson, G. H. Kenning, Balliston, H. A. Slade, F. F. Slade, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Layton, I.P.M., impressively passed Bros. H. A. Slade and F. T. Slade. Bro. H. Slade, P.M., J.W., was unanimously elected for recommendation to the Grand Master as Grand Steward for the year 1890-91. Upon the motion of Bro. Masters, a member of the Provisional Committee, R.M.I. for Boys, and seconded by Bro. Capt. Walls, it was unanimously resolved—"That the sum of £5 be voted to the 'Bro. F. Binckes' Indemnity Fund." The name of a brother for joining having been handed in for election at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and their visitors then adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice.

Bros. E. Rogers, G. Stwd., and Binckes, P.G.S.B., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." The latter brother, in most eloquent terms, then proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he spoke of Bro. Altman's civic career. At the present time he was chairman of one of the large Corporation Committees, which, in itself, was a good proof of his ardent and zeal to his public duties. In another lodge their W.M. had worked well and worthily, and, in concluding his speech, Bro. Binckes expressed a hope that Bro. Altman would long continue to be a member of the old Peace and Harmony Lodge.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Visitors," which toast was responded to by Bros. Langley, P.M., Webber, and Simms.

"The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," were replied to by Bros. Binckes, P.M., and H. Young, P.M., and "The Officers," by Bros. Rogers, and Dr. Kempter. The proceedings then terminated.

#### Old Concord Lodge (No. 172).

The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Evans, W.M.; Carl T. Fleck, S.W.; J. A. Armour, J.W.; J. Hancock, Treas.; G. King, Sec.; R. Steele, S.D.; J. B. Evans, J.D.; H. Tatton Sykes, I.G.; C. W. S. Collins, Org.; Couchman, Tyler; H. R. Cope, P.M.; R. D. Hilton, P.M.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; T. Whaley, P.M.; G. Hockley, P.M.; J. Whaley, P.M.; W. Ravaisson, W. West, A. E. Thomson, W. Poole, E. H. Gilbert, A. C. Everitt, C. Crookford, C. Meinhoff, H. Mays, T. Cason, S. Mordan, J. A. Fleck, R. Marsh, G. Worth, T. W. Brookes, R. Jones, Dr. Stewart, W. Evans, G. W. Street, H. Sherras, G. Dorsett, J. Peyton, E. Reane, R. Barrett, J. Baskett, C. E. Rabley, H. H. Whale, M. H. Foster, H. J. Searle, H. Flinn, W. H. Newson, E. D. Francis, J. R. Jackson, F. D. Norman, F. E. Goosey, W. A. Goosey, A. H. Surr, F. H. Hare, J. S. Hare, G. Wallis, H. Stanley, G. Watson, and J. Watson. Visitors: Bros. A. V. Ashby, 619; W. T. Foot, 3; W. Vermer, 901; G. T. Crookford, 1815; C. Norwood, 1790; H. F. Bing, 1962; W. Cambden, 228; F. Hilton, 1622; S. J. Gore, 829; G. G. Highland, 1563; A. S. Kersley, 574; T. W. Hatch, 1809; E. C. Porter, 612; C. T. Pullen, 2030; T. Horton, 871; J. Barnett, 2192; S. Barwell, 901; A. Pooley, 1612; H. Harris, 733; H. G. Coard, 2242; E. E. Hawkins, 1507; L. Lucas, 192; E. H. Lea, 49; W. Cowley, 1559; W. Grover, 925; E. Brooks, 760; J. W. Ray, 1624; F. J. Sykes, 256; G. H. Lindley Renton, 183; J. Kent, 203; J. Cooper, 1475; A. Saunders, 144; G. Booth Henning, 256; A. Aslett, 107; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Carl T. Fleck, S.W., W.M. elect, the whole of this beautiful ceremony being rendered in a most clear and impressive manner. It is worthy of note that this is the first time for many years that a W.M. has installed his successor. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Steele, S.W.; J. B. Evans, J.W.; J. Hancock, Treas.; G. King, Sec.; H. T. Sykes, S.D.; W. Hunt, J.D.; G. N. Street, I.G.; F. W. Jordan, D.C.; C. W. S. Collins, Org.; C. H. Foes, Stwd.; and C. Couchman, Tyler.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served in the Venetian Room.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received.

Bro. Evans, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they were proud in having so distinguished a brother as their W.M. He was initiated a year after himself, and had passed the chair in another lodge, thus being twice W.M. since 1883.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He would endeavour to do all in his power during his year of office to uphold the prestige of the Old Concord Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," which, he said, was a privilege he highly prized, he having been the first one for many years to install his successor. He had been the promoter of the Jubilee ball, which had enabled them to hand over a considerable sum to the Benevolent Fund. He had thoroughly kept up the prestige of the lodge, having had during his year of office no less than 16 initiates. He had now to ask him to accept a jewel as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by every member of the lodge, and he trusted he might live long to wear it in remembrance of his year of office.

Bro. Evans, I.P.M., in reply said for the first time he felt some diffidence in replying to the very flattering remarks which had been made by the W.M. He was proud to say that he had as much work during his year of office as any Master during the memory of any member of the lodge. He thanked his officers for the very able and efficient assistance they had rendered him, and would be most willing to render them any assistance when their term of office in the chair arrived. The handsome jewel which they had presented to him he should always wear with pride, and would ever keep fresh in his mind his year of office as W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge.

The W.M. in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the Visitors," whom he said they were always very pleased to see, and he trusted they would allow him, as a special privilege, to couple with that toast the name of his father, who had been for 25 years a member of that lodge.

Bro. J. A. Fleck, in reply, said, it was a proud moment for him to see his eldest son installed into the chair of that lodge. He was sure he would do his best to fulfil those duties with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. He had always experienced great pleasure in attending the meetings of the lodge, but never so great as on the present occasion.

Bro. G. King, in responding to the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer," said he hardly knew what fresh to say, so long as they appreciated their old Secretary, so long he should be pleased to fulfil those duties.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said no lodge had better Past Masters than they had, and he trusted they would continue to give them the benefit of their experience, as they had done in the past.

Bro. W. O. Beazley, P.M., replied in a few well-chosen remarks.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so made special mention of the thanks that were due to Bro. C. W. S. Collins, their newly-

appointed Organist, for the splendid musical entertainment he had provided for them, which was quite a novel feature in the lodge, and one which they highly appreciated.

Bro. C. W. S. Collins, in reply, thanked the W. Master for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and assured him that nothing should be wanting on his part to assist in rendering the ceremonies more impressive or enliven the refreshment which followed labour.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the lodge has had for many years.

During the evening an excellent selection of music was performed by Mdme. Eugenia Morgan, Miss Cosa Gregson (violin), Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Amy Vernon, Bro. A. Weston, and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, under the direction of Bro. C. W. S. Collins, Org.

**Lodge of Israel (No. 205).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Canon Street Hotel, E.C. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Frederick Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and among about 120 brethren present were Past Masters—Bros. A. M. Cohen, Treas.; H. J. Phillips, Sec.; Solomon Jacobs, A. J. Henochsberg, H. M. Harris, P.P.D.G.D.C. W. Lancs.; J. A. Gartley, I. P. Cohen, E. H. Norden, S. M. Harris, and W. Littaur. Visitors: Bros. Magnus Ohren, P.A. G.D.C.; J. Barnett, J.W. 2192; S. Myers, P.M. 130; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.G.D. Hants and the Isle of Wight; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Kent; Michael Emanuel, P.P.G.R. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. Levy, 574; B. Raines, 185; T. H. Edmonds, G.S.L.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; B. Vallentine, 185; C. Vandyke, W.M. 1017; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. Marks, P.M. 1349; J. F. Lee, 1178; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; S. V. Abraham, P.M. 1017; H. Cohen, I.P.M. 1658; J. Lazarus, P.M. 205 and 1017; J. Bishop, 1112 (Mayor of Southampton); V. A. Wartenberg, P.M. 1476; W. J. Gardner, W.M. 188; F. Heilbrun, 1563; H. Buckridge, 1658; R. Hart, P.M. 1421; E. M. Bockbinder, Perseverante Amicitie, Paris; G. M. Lion, P.M. 188; E. Salomon, 1017; S. Lancart, W.M. 1668; J. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; W. Wright, Org. 1897; H. Warner, 2265; F. B. Phillips, 2265; France Kran, 188; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; P. Haines, 1658; C. J. Schwarz, 1305; and Wm. G. Parnell, 704.

There was no business before the lodge but the installation, and after the usual preliminaries and the passing of the Audit report, Bro. Hogard, on the presentation of Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C., installed Bro. Michael Isaac Emanuel, who was Master of the lodge 20 years ago, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Charles Fredk. Hogard, P.M., Past Grand Std. Br., I.P.M.; Rev. Marcus Haines, S.W. (in absentia); S. Dancyger, J.W.; Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., Treasurer; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; M. Bash, S.D.; J. Levy, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; I. H. Gluckstein, I.G.; B. Marcus, A.D.C.; J. Dancyger and I. White, Stwds.; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation and appointment of officers, and the delivery of the addresses, a handsome silver teapot, together with a gold bar to his Past Master's jewel, was presented to Bro. Hogard. The teapot bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., P.M., by the lodge of Israel, No. 205, in recognition of his untiring energy as Secretary during 12 years, and the valuable services rendered by him as W.M. for the year ending 28th January, 1890." The presentation was accompanied by a speech from the W.M., in which he extolled the services Bro. Hogard had rendered to the lodge, and Bro. Hogard, in acknowledging the presentation, expressed the gratification he always felt in doing whatever he could on behalf of the Lodge of Israel. It was then announced that the W.M. was going to stand as Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to be placed on his list. Notice of motion was given by Bro. C. F. Hogard to vote the sum of £2 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Pension Indemnity Fund.

Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the usual grand banquet followed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and giving the names of Bros. Dr. Hogg, J. S. Eastes, J. Lewis Thomas, Magnus Ohren, F. Binckes, and C. F. Hogard, said that with such an array of Past Grand Officers he was sure the toast would be received with the enthusiasm it so well deserved.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., regretted that he happened to be the Senior Grand Officer present who had to respond in the first place on account of the prevailing illness which prevented others attending, and in the second place, because it reminded him that he was getting near to the bourn from which even a Mason did not return. But his duty was lighter because the Lodge of Israel was so well acquainted with the Grand Officers and what they had done in the cause of Masonry. They had a grand example in Bro. Hogard, whose services they had recognised that night by a handsome presentation. Bro. Hogard was capable of performing any Masonic duties, and there was no man more distinguished in the Craft.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, who also responded, said it was to him personally the greatest pleasure in his Masonic career to come to the Lodge of Israel. He had been there many years, and it gave him unbounded pleasure to witness how grandly the lodge fulfilled the historic traditions it represented. Masons congratulated the lodge because they dated from that magnificent temple of Masonry where Masonry first began, and the Lodge of Israel had been the most enthusiastic representatives of that olden and glorious time. The Grand Officers were glad to accept the hospitality of the lodge, which enabled them to see how nobly its members fulfilled all the tenets and principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it was just 20 years since Bro. M. I. Emanuel was first installed in the chair of the Lodge of Israel. He (Bro. Hogard) had had the distinguished honour of installing him for the second time that evening. In his early days Bro. Emanuel was a giant in strength who initiated many brethren in the lodge. The way he did his duty then was an earnest of the way in which he would perform it now, and with these few words he would commend the toast to the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, said he would pledge himself once for all to do his utmost during his year of office for the welfare and harmony of the lodge, and he trusted that when

his year of office expired they would accord him that unanimous applause which they had accorded to him that evening.

Bro. Hogard announced that the Lord Mayor, who was a Past Master of the lodge, was unable to be present. His Past Master's jewel had been lost, and they would present him with another, and a deputation would wait upon him for that purpose.

Bro. Emanuel, Sheriff of Southampton, who with Bros. Edmonds, Gardner, and Hayes, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," said one of the astonishing features of human life was the difference in appearance of time when looking backward and looking forward. Looking backward it appeared a very short space of time, looking forward it appeared a very long time. Looking at the inscription on the jewel which was presented to him by the Lodge of Israel, it bore the date of 1873. He still remembered with the greatest gratitude the courtesy which was extended to him during the time he was Master. Although he saw many strange faces in the lodge he recognised many old companions of his youth. He had not forgotten the principles he had learned in the lodge, to do all that he possibly could to support Charity. He remembered going with Bro. Littaur to Carnarvon to open the first chapter in North Wales, of which he was one of the founders. Ever since then he had been a subscribing member, not alone of the lodge but of the chapter, and representing as he did on the present occasion with Bro. Bishop, Mayor of Southampton, and Bro. Lashmore, P.M., the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, he must say that that province had done its duty to the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas referred in a special manner to the Lodge of Israel being a Jewish lodge, carrying out the tenets of Holy Writ and doing what good it could to all mankind. The Lodge of Israel was composed of both Jews and Christians; it knew nothing of the religion of a brother; he was simply a brother Mason. As Sheriff of Southampton he attributed a great deal of his position to being connected with Masonry. He did not mean that he was chosen sheriff because he was a Mason, but because, being connected with lodges and chapters in Southampton, and being associated with all religions connected with Masonry, they had looked on each other, not according to what their religions might be, but according to their ability and the estimation in which they were held. As a member of the Hebrew persuasion, he ventured to say that the Hebrews confined their religion strictly to their homes and places of worship, that when they became public men their chief endeavour was to be able to prove that they were true and loyal to their Queen and country, and they did their very best in public society, in connection and association with their Christian brethren, for the good of mankind in general, and of the town with which they were connected.

Bro. Hogard, I.P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," who, he said, during their various terms of office, had done all they could for the prosperity of the lodge. The lodge was in a highly prosperous condition. It had never been their endeavour to make their lodge a big one, but only to introduce into it men of the best quality—good men and true. He hoped that would be the aim of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Cohen, P.M., Treasurer of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, responded to the toast of "The Charities," the latter stating that it was always a charm to him to come to the Lodge of Israel, which was foremost in the work of Charity. It had been his pride for many years to do all he could to stimulate the brethren's efforts in support of the great Masonic Institutions. Last year Bro. Hogard was Steward for the Boys' School, and that night the W.M. was Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he sincerely trusted that the W.M. would have a successful list.

The other toasts followed.

The evening, which from beginning to end was a most delightful one, was enlivened by some excellent recitations by Miss Emanuel and Bro. Humphrey Cohen, and some beautiful singing, under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, Org., by Miss M. Forster, Miss Louisa White, Bro. H. J. Phillips, and a violin solo by Mr. A. Friedlander.

**Euphrates Lodge (No. 212).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, Bro. F. G. Burstow, W.M., in the chair. Bro. West, P.M. 933, W.M. elect, initiated Mr. George Hendry, after which the veteran Bro. Louis Stean, P.M., installed Bro. John West as Master of the lodge for the year. The brethren appointed to office were Bro. F. G. Burstow, I.P.M.; H. Wagstaff, S.W.; R. Woods, J.W.; P. H. Recknell, P.M., Treas.; D. Glass, P.M., Sec.; Max Mendelssohn, S.D.; W. W. McLean, J.D.; T. Payor, I.G.; J. Day, D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Burstow.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Burstow, W.M.; West, S.W.; Woods, S.D.; Max Mendelssohn, I.G.; P. H. Recknell, P.M., Treas.; D. Glass, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Cullen, P.M.; T. Rushton, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Tichiaz, W.M. 917; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. Ginnis, 1472; Holwood, 1472; J. Lanyars, 55; F. Phillips, 2267; J. Keable, 174; Knight, 860; Mead, 141; and others.

When the lodge was closed, the brethren partook of a banquet, and honoured the usual toasts.

After the formal toasts,

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Master," said he happened to be on better and more affectionate terms with Bro. L. Stean than he was with the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and other Grand Officers. Bro. Stean had taken a job on that night which would puzzle many young Masons, and he had taken that job on for very many years. That night he had done it to the satisfaction of the brethren, and they were all pleased with it. Not only that, he was the oldest member of the lodge—the patriarch and father of the lodge. That was something to be proud of, and he hoped Bro. Stean would be another 46 years with them, and that all the brethren would live to see it.

Bro. Stean, P.M., said it was with a great deal of feeling he rose to respond to the flattering terms used by the W.M. There had been a great deal said about doing the installation, but he did it with a great deal of pleasure, and he should always be pleased to do it. As the oldest member of the lodge, he might say that he was initiated in 1830, and during that time he had never been absent from any one meeting. He had travelled to many other lodges, and in foreign countries, and whenever he went he was well received. He had the true interests of Freemasonry at

heart, and in doing his duty he reminded the brethren that they must support the Charities. He had always received in that lodge feelings, which were indelibly imprinted on his heart, that he could never forget, and he felt it a duty and a pleasure whenever he could do anything for the Euphrates Lodge or any of its members, to do it.

Bro. Glass, P.M. and Sec., proposed "The W.M." He said the I.P.M. had entrusted him with that duty out of a true spirit of Masonry and brotherly love. The W.M. and he (Bro. Glass) had worked side by side many years, not only in Masonic circles, but in their families. They knew each other's characters well. As a Mason the W.M. was a year younger than he. They had worked in lodges of instruction together; the W.M. was made Master of the lodge in 1884; he (Bro. Glass) was made Master in 1883. The W.M. was H. in the chapter when he (Bro. Glass) was Z. They followed on each other's heels; they worked in the same school to get instruction. His (Bro. Glass) means did not enable him to join the Doric; and in addition he was rather conservative, and thought if he had any energy to throw away he should do it in the Euphrates Lodge, in which there was quite enough for him to do as Secretary. It was a disagreeable duty to remind brethren of their arrears, but still it was a duty, and it had to be performed. When he rose to propose the health of Bro. West he could honestly say from many years of experience that a better Mason did not exist. He might have had his fads like others, but as a Mason he was a thorough Mason, and as such it was surprising that he had not brought his son into the lodge. He thought that a year would not pass without the brethren having the opportunity of seeing two John Wests in the lodge, and he hoped that there might yet be another John West in the chair of the Euphrates Lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said he felt proud to be in the chair of the Euphrates Lodge, although he was not going to take advantage of that. He was going to be as humble as Uriah Heap. His motto was fair play and no favour, and he should endeavour to leave an example for every one to copy. He thanked Bro. Glass for what he had said of him. They had not worked exactly shoulder to shoulder, for he (the W.M.) had been a little behind Bro. Glass, although close behind. However, they would be level presently, as in a year's time he would be a Past Master of this lodge. He hoped it would be a successful year. If it was not it would not be for a want of energy or trying on his part.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," said he was sure that while the P.M.'s shewed up in the way they did the Euphrates Lodge would be carried on with *éclat*. That was French, but speaking in plain English, there were no better brethren to be found than the P.M.'s of the Euphrates Lodge. He was not speaking of them for their beauty, but for their talent, which was second to none.

Bro. Burstow, I.P.M., who was called upon to respond for the body of P.M.'s, said it was somewhat out of place to call on him, the youngest of the P.M.'s. However, the P.M.'s were very pleased at the way in which the brethren had received this toast, and they hoped to beat many installations, and receive from the incoming Master a similar welcome to that they had had that evening.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiate," said the initiate that evening was a good man, but he should leave it to the brethren to prove it. He was, however, sure they would find him a good man in the future as he had been in the past.

Bro. Hendry, in acknowledging the toast, which was most cordially drunk, thanked the brethren for electing him, and the W.M. for initiating him. He hoped when he had served his apprenticeship he should make a good journeyman.

All the visitors responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and complimented the lodge both on its working and its hospitality.

Bro. Tichiaz reminded the brethren that the soirée and ball of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, 917, would be held on the 11th inst., and the tickets, inclusive of everything, were 12/6 each, and the proceeds would go to the Masonic Charities.

The other toasts, viz., "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Tyler's Toast," closed the proceedings.

An exceptionally choice performance of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Organist, was given by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. John Bartlett, and Bro. T. Kempton. The accompanists were Bros. Haskins, and Mr. H. Pinchbach.

**Montefiore Lodge (No. 1017).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-st., W. Present: Bros. T. Honey, W.M.; C. Van Dyk, S.W.; J. Grunbaum, P.M., J.W.; S. V. Abraham, P.M., Treas.; M. Levy, Sec.; J. Rosedale, S.D.; A. H. S. Taylor, J.D.; D. M. Davis, P.M., D.C.; F. N. Hardinge, I.G.; E. Solomon, Steward; R. Goddard, Tyler; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; S. Pollitzer, P.M.; L. S. Solomon, P.M.; H. H. Myers, P.M.; J. Manger, P.M.; A. D. Cohen, J. Medawar, G. F. Moss, S. Lichtenfeld, V. M. Abraham, F. Cooper-Willis, W. Rooke, S. Salomon, and several other brethren, in all about 70. The visitors were Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; C. E. Mulvey, W.M. 179; Griffiths, Prov. G.D. South Wales; J. E. Blank, 185; H. J. Lyon, 205; H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; and others.

In the absence of the W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Valentine, P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Medawar, Sichel, Finlayson, and Izard were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Mr. Van Dyk was initiated. Bro. Valentine having quitted the chair, Bro. S. V. Abraham assumed the position of W.M., and the W.M. elect having been presented, Bro. C. Van Dyk was installed into the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

**Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).**—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W. A very large number of brethren attended, both members of the lodge and visitors. Bro. George Reynolds, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. W. Jacobs, P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; S. Hewett, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; George Coleman, P.M., Sec.; James Woodward, S.D.; G. H. Foan, J.D.; George Stacey, P.M., Org.; William Unwin, I.G.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; Wright Barringer, Homer Price, L. Isaacs, N. Snow, W. Honeyball, Walter J. Thrussell, J.

Citron, W. Humphreys, W. J. Green, J. Pullen, E. Mills, W. A. Dowling, A. Freeman, W. Belsham, J. C. Bond, John Mayo, J. Alexander, W. R. Faulks, Ernest Novell, Turner Wilson, W. B. Sage, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Barfield, P.M., P.G.T.; Thomas M. Waller, 2191, late Consul-General U.S.A.; G. Tiffen, 95; W. H. Gulliford, P.M. 1017; T. Neal, 1348; E. A. Ainsworth, 1744; W. S. Emden, J.D. 1228; H. White, P.M. 1287; F. P. Hill, W.M. 2146; G. J. Gilby, 2146; E. Rogers, P.M. 60; H. Morris, 1348; B. R. Paul, 2191; G. Dickenson, I.P.M. 1681; W. Brindley, P.M. 1608; W. Hancock, 1056, S.D. 2191; P. Kay, 1708; E. Creed, J.D. 976; H. Marks, P.M. 1349; J. Solomon, 205; C. Godfrey, S.D. 2021; H. F. Dessen, 2191; W. Roots, W.M. 1273; F. G. Nicols, P.M. 706; G. A. Holditch, C. S. Swoffer, 558; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15, S.W. 2191; C. S. Buck, 1702; John Skinner, P.M. 538, D.C. 2191; Frank Laughlin, 1305; G. C. Howitt, 296; C. G. Cutler, Albert Monk, 1237; J. Marshall, S.D. 1237; F. Lockett, 1638; J. Haylock, 1624; G. Mooremare, P.M. 1638, 1981; A. Harris, 2191; R. C. Green, W.M. 1642; W. Ireton, F. Jackson, S.D. 1612, 2191; H. Robinson, 1681; F. W. Stephens, 1348; Asmond, S.D. 1348; W. Sams, P.M. 1638; James Rowe, 2191; G. A. Bergholz, 2191; G. Gardner, W.M. 2309; J. Willis, 1828; H. Hewett, S34; A. Weston, 1929; and A. Swagwell, 2264.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was taken as read, every member of the lodge having had a copy of the balance sheet, which was unanimously adopted. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. George Coleman, P.M., to whom was entrusted the duties of Installing Master, and whose efficiency in giving the ceremonies are well known. On this occasion, although coming from a sick bed, his performance was the admiration of the assembled company from the perfection of accuracy with which it was conducted, and the serene feeling which was given to the delivery of the ritual. Bro. Samuel Hewett having been duly placed in the chair, where there was a Board of 26 Installed Masters, invested Bro. George Reynolds, I.P.M., and the following brethren were made officers for the year: Bros. George H. Reynolds, S.W.; James Woodward, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; George Reynolds, I.P.M., Sec.; George H. Foan, S.D.; William Unwin, J.D.; George Stacey, P.M., Org.; Arthur L. Bullen, I.G.; George C. Bond, D.C.; T. A. Dickson, P.M., James W. Belsham, and Henry Willis, Stwds.; and Robert F. Potter, Tyler. The investitures were admirably executed by the new W.M. The W.M., in presenting the Immediate Past Master's collar, pendant, and jewel, said: Bro. Geo. Reynolds, it is my first and a very pleasing duty to present and invest you with the collar of I.P.M. of this lodge. From the very excellent manner in which you have carried out your important duties during your Mastership, I feel assured that should I at any time require your advice or assistance, my reliance on you will not be misplaced. I will also take this opportunity of presenting you with this handsome jewel, which the brethren have unanimously voted you, and which I feel you so richly deserve. Bro. G. Reynolds, I have very much pleasure in presenting you this jewel of I.P.M. of Covent Garden Lodge, as some small mark of the esteem in which we all hold you, and may the G.A.O.T.U. give you health and strength to wear it amongst us for many, many years.

Bro. George Reynolds, I.P.M., in acknowledging the gifts, said he was quite at a loss for words to thank the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the kindness they had always shown towards him. He should prize the jewels much, more especially as the collar and pendant were the first given to a P.M., which was not only a very great compliment, but a great honour, and he hoped to wear them many years, and be useful amongst them. In accepting the responsible duties as Secretary, he felt that the appointment from the W.M. had the entire approval of the lodge, and hoped not only to give their worthy W.M. satisfaction, but the brethren also, and trusted they would all work harmoniously together.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet in the Victoria Hall, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini.

The choice dessert was the gift of the W.M., and the flowers were supplied by Bro. T. A. Dickson, P.M.

When the banquet was disposed of, and grace having been said, the toasts were promptly proposed.

The W.M. then said: Brethren, before commencing the toast list this evening, I should like to make a few remarks. The first is, that the regular Masonic toasts are so well known and so often repeated, that it is very difficult indeed for a W.M. to say anything fresh in proposing them. Secondly, we have a splendid array of musical talent here this evening, and a long musical programme to go through. I therefore propose, with your permission, to cut the speeches as short as possible, being well assured that in so doing I shall be consulting your wishes as well as my own.

The W.M. then said: The first toast I have the honour to propose is one that is always received in any assembly of Englishmen, and particularly Freemasons, with the utmost loyalty and cordiality. I therefore ask you, brethren, to be upstanding, and drink to "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," coupling with it the Craft, which was loyally responded to.

The W.M. having given "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," then proposed the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said: Brethren, we are honoured this evening with the presence of several very distinguished Grand Officers, and, on behalf of the lodge, I beg to thank them most sincerely for the honour they have done the lodge by gracing our board with their presence, and I couple with the toast the names of Bros. A. Barfield, P.G. Treasurer, and Rogers.

Bro. A. Barfield, P.G. Treas., in acknowledging the toast, said that Grand Lodge always had the interest of the Craft at heart, and the Grand Officers gave much time in carrying out their onerous duties. He had often been invited to the Covent Garden Lodge, and he assured the brethren he had spent a most enjoyable evening, both in the lodge and at the banquet table.

Bro. J. Rogers, G.S., also replied.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he hoped that the brethren would drink the toast in a bumper. At the first installation meeting he attended after he had become a M.M. he remembered the feeling he had at the toast of the health of the W.M., never thinking that it would ever fall to his lot to propose it. Through the



kindness of the brethren he was in a position to do so, and it was a pleasure not to be forgotten. That pleasure was all the greater to him, as he felt he was succeeded by a brother who would be a credit to the chair. He was no stranger amongst them, for many round the festive board saw him every day, and knew that in all his transactions he bore the good name of being an honourable and worthy brother, one that was beloved by all. As a working Mason few could excel him, and he hoped that during his year of office he would have plenty of work to do, and that at the end it would prove a fruitful one.

The Worshipful Master, in replying to the toast, said: Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M., Past Masters, Officers, and brethren,—I return you my heartfelt thanks for the very kind and flattering way in which your I.P.M. has proposed the toast of my health, and you brethren, for the very cordial manner in which you have received it. Our I.P.M. has been pleased to speak of my abilities in a manner which to say the least is very far fetched; believe me, brethren, I appreciate at its utmost value the honour you have conferred upon me by placing me in the chair, and I can assure you, brethren, that anything I can do to advance the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren, I shall feel great pleasure in doing, and I will endeavour, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U. so to conduct myself that at the expiration of my year of office you may have no cause to regret having placed me in this proud position. Brethren, I thank you.

The Worshipful Master then said: Brethren,—the next toast I have the honour to propose is one which needs no words of mine to make you receive it with the utmost cordiality and enthusiasm. Need I say it is that of our esteemed "I.P.M., Bro. G. Reynolds." During his Mastership I am certain he has won the esteem and approbation of every member of the lodge by the very excellent manner in which he has managed the affairs of the lodge, and extricated us from the very difficult position in which we were placed when he took the chair, and I ask you, brethren, to be upstanding and drink with the utmost enthusiasm to the health of your I.P.M., Bro. G. Reynolds.

The I.P.M., in replying, said he thanked all for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and for the kind words of the W.M. He assured them that he sat at the banquet table that evening with much happier and pleasanter feelings than last year. It was with a very heavy heart he occupied the chair, and felt that he had a serious task before him. But thanks to the forbearance and kindness of the brethren, great difficulties had been overcome, and the lodge was now out of trouble, and in, he trusted, smooth water, with prosperity before it. They could scarcely understand his feelings that evening, but they were of thankfulness in being able to hand over to their W.M. a good bill of health, and hoped there were good times in store for the Covent Garden Lodge. He assured the brethren he would do all in his power for the benefit and prosperity of the lodge, and trusted his duties as Secretary would be carried out to their entire satisfaction. He looked upon the P.M.'s collar, pendant, and jewel, as tokens of affection from the brethren of the lodge, and what he had done as W.M. had met with their approval. To Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., he was deeply indebted for undertaking the duties of Installing Master, and he knew that he had performed that arduous task to their satisfaction. Before resuming his seat, he thanked the Anglo-American brethren for their presence there that evening. They had seen him installed as W.M., and have also seen him as I.P.M. He missed one from their number, a veteran of a Mason, their first Master, Bro. Brackstone Baker, who was, unfortunately, suffering from influenza, but felt sure all hoped that he would soon be restored to good health.

The W.M. then said: Brethren,—The next toast I have the honour to propose is one which is always received in the Covent Garden Lodge with the utmost pleasure. It is that of "Our Visitors." We are honoured to-night with the presence of 52 visitors, very many of which are of distinguished rank, and constitute an array of which any lodge might well be proud. Many amongst them I recognise as old friends and visitors here, and I am also pleased to see a number of new faces; but whether old friends or new, on behalf of the lodge, I give them all a most hearty welcome, and I trust this will not be the last time we shall have the pleasure of welcoming them at our festive board, and I ask you, brethren, to be upstanding, and drink to the health of our visitors, and I shall couple with it the names of Bros. J. J. Woolley, 2191; T. M. Waller, late Consul-General U.S.A.; Geo. Gardner, P.M.; and Harrison Ainsworth.

Bro. M. Woolley, P.M. 15, in responding to the toast, said: Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren,—I thank you one and all, more particularly Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M., whose guest I am this evening, for the kind and hearty reception given to myself and the other visitors here present. I may now tell you that this is my first visit to the Covent Garden Lodge; not because Bro. G. Reynolds, did not invite me before, on the contrary, I have had many invitations from him, but this is the first I have been able to attend, and I should most certainly carry away a fond recollection of the handsome way I have been received by you all. I might also say I and your I.P.M. are Anglo-Americans, and it is within the bounds of possibility I may be the next W.M. I should be glad to see some of the Covent Garden Lodge present at the installation; the selection I leave to my worthy Bro. G. Reynolds. In conclusion, I wish the Covent Garden Lodge every prosperity, and again thanking you, leave the toast in more able hands.

Bro. G. Gardner, P.M., said: W.M., officers and brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge,—Unlike the former speaker, it is not the first time that I have had the pleasure of being present at your gatherings and witnessed the good work of the lodge, and partaken of the hospitality of the same. I think I have seen your newly-installed Master in each and every office that he has filled in the lodge. I received an invite from him for to-night, but had already received one from my brother on my right, Bro. Dowling, W.M., and first initiate of the Chiswick Lodge, who had been installed only the night before, and I am sure on his, as well as the lodge, I can hope that you, W.M., may have a very pleasant year of office, and that I may have the privilege of again visiting the lodge during your Mastership, to see the work done in a way well worthy of your lodge's prestige, a sample of which you gave us in the appointment and investiture of your officers. In conclusion allow me to thank you for coupling my name with that of the visitors.

Bros. Thos. M. Waller, late Consul-General of the United States at London, and one of the founders of the

Anglo-American Lodge, in replying, among other things, said that, although he was suffering from the prevailing and popular epidemic, he could not, even in obedience to his doctor's command, remain away from this Masonic gathering. He was gratified with the opportunity to express here, as he had frequently in his country, his appreciation of the kindness and hospitalities he had always enjoyed among English Masons. During the four years of his official residence as the Consular representative of his country in London, he had formed Masonic associations and friendships that he should fondly cherish for ever. He took, he said, especial delight in being with his brethren that night, in taking part in the solemn and interesting ceremonies of installation, conducted as they had been in the presence of Officers of the Grand Lodge of the kingdom, and receiving as they had their complimentary approval. That gathering composed so largely of visitors, and from so many of the lodges of London, was significant for the respect and friendship the Craft entertained for Bro. Reynolds, who had faithfully and worthily wielded the gavel of the W.M. of the lodge during the past year, and for him who that night had been in tailed in his place, and who would, judging from the happy way he had that night begun, sustain the high record of his office for the year to come. Bro. Waller, in conclusion, spoke pleasantly of some features of Masonic banquets in England, which had not, he regretted to say, been introduced on such occasions on the other side of the water, but which he should think it his duty to bring to the early attention of his convivial countrymen.

Bro. Harrison-Ainsworth, Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren—I thank you very much for drinking my health in conjunction with that of the other visitors, and also for so kindly coupling my name with the toast. I had no idea that I should be called upon to speak, and could have wished that you had selected some one else from among the other fifty-one visitors, who would have been able to respond in a more appropriate manner. However, since you have heard the eloquent speech of our American brother on my right, I am quite sure you will forgive any shortcomings on my part, for I do not think I can add anything to what he has said. I may just remark that I have been exceedingly pleased with the able and efficient manner in which this lodge has been worked, and the installation ceremony performed, this evening. I was so fortunate as to receive an invitation (which it gave me great pleasure in accepting) from your immediate Past Master (Bro. George Reynolds), than whom a more zealous and indefatigable Mason I feel sure does not exist. I have known him for some years, and can safely say that he goes heart and soul into whatever he takes in hand; in fact, he would be an ornament to any lodge with which he was connected. Brethren, I again thank you for the hearty manner in which you have received the toast of the visitors.

The W.M., in proposing "The Installing Master, the Past Masters, and the Treasurer and Secretary," said: Brethren,—As the hour is late, I shall couple the next two toasts. It need no words of mine to commend the toast to those of you who heard our Installing Master, Bro. Coleman, P.M., in the beautiful ceremony of installation. Those who were not present, I can assure you, missed a great treat. I am very pleased to see such an array of Past Masters here, as I feel confident that, with such a number of competent advisers, I cannot go very far wrong. In our Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., and our Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M., we have two thoroughly reliable and esteemed officers, and I certainly think this lodge is to be congratulated on having two such experienced brethren in those important offices, and I couple with this toast the names of Bros. G. Coleman, Installing Master, and E. Jacobs, P.M., Treasurer.

Bro. Coleman, who had acted as Installing Master, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the way in which they had responded, and said he was only too pleased to be of assistance to the lodge, and should at all times do his best to assist in any duty he was asked to undertake.

Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been drunk. He felt very happy in knowing that he had to work with so persevering a Secretary as their I.P.M., and to him it would be a pleasure. They had but one view, viz., the prosperity of the lodge. No one but the P.M.'s knew what their I.P.M. had accomplished during his year of office. He had put them straight in all ways. The books were now in thorough order, and it must have given him many hours of hard labour to get them so perfect. Nearly all the Past Masters had installed their successors, but their I.P.M., with change in his official duties and the work of their books, could not be expected to do so. He must have neglected what is so essential to the success of a lodge, the books being in good order. He hoped that the I.P.M. would be spared many years to be amongst them as their Secretary, and on his behalf and his own he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which the toast of Treasurer and Secretary had been received.

The W.M. then said the next toast, brethren, is a very important one. It is that of "The Officers," as without good officers it is impossible for a W.M. to carry out his duties in a satisfactory manner. I feel confident, however, that the officers I have appointed will loyally support me to the utmost of their ability. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. G. H. Reynolds, S.W., and J. Woodward, J.W., to which those officers replied.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening, one not to be forgotten, and the brethren, on parting, expressed themselves as having been delighted with the whole proceedings.

Letters, expressive of regret at not being able to be present, many suffering from the influenza epidemic, but sending congratulations, were received from Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; J. Pendlebury, A.G. Secretary; E. Terry, Grand Treasurer; Augustus Harris, Grand Treas. nominate; Sir Polydore De Keyser, G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.M. 2191, F.G.D.; Frederick Kedg, W.M. 2191; Theodore H. Tilton, S.W. 2191; James Terry, Secretary R.M. Benevolent Institution; W. Fincham, P.M. 1348; Charles Kedgley, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, P.M.; M. Crook, J. C. Button, A. Bullen, I.G.; R. Sparrow, and 11 other brethren.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred. W. Stephens, assisted by Bros. A. Weston, A. Strugnell, Frank Laughlin, and the songs and recitations were much appreciated by the brethren, and gave great pleasure.

**Stuart Lodge (No. 1632).**—A regular meeting of this influential lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when there were present Bros. Edward Pettit, W.M.; Henry E. Vickers, I.P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M.; Henry Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Alfred Bannister, P.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Vickers, P.M., Treas.; Charles Lindsey, S.W.; Charles Fruen, J.W.; G. H. G. Morgan, S.D.; A. Crofts, J.D.; J. Bolding, I.G.; W. H. Vickers, Org.; R. Barham, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Beaumont, A.D.C.; H. Mascall, Stwd.; Thomas Bowler, Tyler; Caleb Morrish, A. Burgess, and T. J. Webb. Visitors: Bros. Henry Hurgers, 1556, P.P.G.S. Surrey; W. H. Maling, P.M. 1278; John Sanderson, P.M. 700; J. Hearsom, S.W. 167; I. H. Nicholas, J.W. 1280; E. M. Batters, J.D. 1280; F. Taylor, 2256; W. Merrill, 72; and Louis Lee, 2309.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Frank Flower being a candidate was initiated, and Bro. Ferres passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Henry E. Vickers, P.M., in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. very impressively raised Bro. Webb to the Third Degree. Bro. Charles Fruen, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Henry C. Vickers, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Bowler, Tyler. A proposition was then brought forward by the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z., that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his Mastership, and as a mark of esteem from the brethren on the termination of a most prosperous year of office, an honour which was most appreciated by the W.M., who returned thanks, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to a most enjoyable banquet, presided over by the W.M.

The usual toasts having then been given, interspersed with songs, recitations, instrumental music, &c., a most successful and cordial evening was brought to a close.

Bro. Louis Lee, R.A.M., presided at the pianoforte and organ in his usual skilful manner, and the table was sumptuously provided by Mrs. George Venables.

**Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).**—This civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Schultz, W.M.; J. Young, P.M., acting S.W.; T. Simpson, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.D.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., Hon. Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., D.C.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., P.M., P.G. Treas.; P. N. Lardner, A.D.C.; H. Bennett, Stwd.; Veit, Cattell, Bachoffner, McCullough, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Ousey, 59; T. O. Harding, M.A., 859; May, 1278; Prince, 1278; and Peyrut, 2060.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken, Mr. E. B. Brown was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., and Bro. G. R. E. McCullough was subsequently passed. Bro. Phillips, P.M. 1986, was then balloted for as a joining member. It was proposed by Bro. Capt. Walls, seconded by Bro. Young, P.M., and carried unanimously, "That the sum of £5 ss. be subscribed from the Benevolent Fund of this lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on the list of Bro. E. Schultz, W.M." Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., then gave a notice of motion "That the sum of £5 be voted from the funds of the lodge towards the 'Binckes' Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a well-served banquet.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Having done full justice to the pledge, he wished to thank those members of the lodge and their friends who had done so much for him in the past in again placing him at the head of the poll during the recent Common Council contest in the large and important Ward of Farringdon Without. During the 15 years he had been connected with the Corporation of London he had endeavoured to do his duty, and, if they would allow him to say so, that it had been through his efforts that the fine City Almshouses had been erected at Brixton. He was proud of being a Past Grand Treasurer of England, he was gratified in being a Corporator of the great City of London, and last, but not least, he felt honoured in being a P.M. of so good a lodge as No. 1745 unquestionably was.

Bro. Dr. Lott also made a neat and pertinent speech.

"The Health of the W.M." followed.

Bro. Schultz, in reply, said that it was difficult for a brother not born in England to thoroughly master the intricacies of the Craft ritual. The brother who proposed his health appeared to think otherwise. He had endeavoured to do his best, and so far his year of office had been a happy one. He did not like to say unkind things, but he felt somewhat hurt that he had been so badly supported by the majority of his officers. Fortunately, the Farringdon Lodge possessed a strong working cohort of Past Masters, and they had gallantly come to the rescue, and pulled him through.

"The Initiate" came next, and Bro. Brown responded in a speech of some merit.

The toast of "The Visitors" drew, in reply, excellent responses from Bros. Ousey, Harding, and others.

"The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Capt. Walls, J. Young, and T. Simpson.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order.

Bro. H. J. Lardner responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Prower, P. Lardner, and H. Bennett.

The proceedings of the evening were considerably enhanced and enlivened by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Dr. Lott, J. Young, N. Prower, and P. N. Lardner.

**Empire Lodge (No. 2108).**—This successful lodge, which has during the last few years been doing excellent work on the unique lines laid down at its consecration, held the annual installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The members present included Bros. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.G. Stwd., W.M.; Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., Prov. S.G.W. Essex, I.P.M.; Andrew Miller, J.W., W.M. elect; G. Herbert,

Sec.; E. E. Harding, J.D.; E. Behnke, I.G.; F. Jameson and E. Turner, Stwds.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; C. Moses, P.M.; Hermann Klein, Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. Clifford, F. L. Firminger, G. Pallard, and A. Harvey. Visitors: Bros. Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., W.M. 2127; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; W. C. Jameson, 40; H. G. Collins, S.D. 1636; N. Hanhart, S.D. 222; T. Caseley, I.P.M. 1693; R. Kershaw, 2256; F. Woods, 969; Herbert Haynes, I.G. 162; A. Saxon, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, W.M. 1361; A. B. Powell, P.M. 1494; J. A. Levy, 27; E. D. Lister, P.M. 969; C. Wilkinson, 1257; F. W. Campbell, A. Thwaites, 1765; Col. R. W. Edis, G.S. of W.; E. C. Mulvey; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, numerous letters were announced from Colonial lodges warmly reciprocating the fraternal feeling expressed in a recent circular letter issued by the Empire Lodge, and forwarding the names of distinguished brethren desirous of becoming Colonial members. A very satisfactory balance sheet, showing a substantial balance of about £400 to the credit of the lodge, was received and adopted. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. C. G. Wilson, W.M. 2084, Dundee, Natal; J. W. Holding, I.P.M. 2084, Dundee, Natal; F. H. Field, 2084, Natal; J. Cole, Treas. 2084, Natal; A. B. Barker, 2084, Natal; H. E. Henderson Davis, 1771, Jamaica; H. J. Moses and W. R. N. Virgoe, New Grand Lodge, Victoria; Dr. J. T. Brett, Combermere Lodge, Melbourne; R. B. A. Virgoe, Combermere Lodge, Melbourne; J. T. Leach, M.D., D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago; E. A. Thomson, I.P.M. 508, D.G. Sec. Eastern Archipelago; H. D. Perkins and F. A. Gillam, Calcutta Lodge, 106.

Several gentlemen were successfully balloted for as candidates for initiation, and Mr. Walter Clifford, being in attendance, was impressively initiated by Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas. The chair was then assumed by Bro. Howard Room, Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex, who installed Bro. Dr. Andrew Miller as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers' collars were distributed as follows: Bros. G. C. Herbert, S.W.; E. Harding, J.W.; Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas.; E. E. Behnke, S.D.; Jameson, J.D.; Harrison, I.G.; Moses, P.M., D.C.; H. Klein, Org.; E. Turner and F. L. M. P. Firminger, Stewards; and Evenden, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. H. H. Room, concluded his duties by an excellent rendering of the usual addresses. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, I.P.M., and remarked that the I.P.M.'s year of office had been marked by one act which would be always memorable, and of which the brethren had heard that night, and his uniform amiability, kindness, and geniality, and his exposition of every good quality which a Master should possess, had endeared him to every brother in the lodge. Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., I.P.M., briefly expressed his great gratification at the honour conferred upon him. It had been a singular gratification to him to have presided over them during a year somewhat memorable in the history of the lodge, since it marked the accession of a number of distinguished Colonial brethren. He thanked them for the compliment paid him, and for the kindness and goodfellowship exhibited during his year in the chair. He desired to present to the lodge the first copy of his "Colonial Year Book" in which he had placed a short history of the lodge, including the excellent oration delivered at the consecration. Bro. Treval presented to the lodge a handsome banner, on which was inscribed the names of the Past Masters, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Notices of motion were given by the Treasurer to place 25 guineas on the W.M.'s list for the R.M.I. for Boys, and to constitute the lodge a Life Member of the South African Masonic Educational Fund by subscribing £10 from the fund. Several other notices of motion were given, and letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, F. Richardson, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Major Cook, E. Monteunis, Trueman Wood, Thos. Fenn, Edwd. Terry, and Richard Eve. Bro. Trendell, I.P.M., proposed as a joining member Bro. Sir W. B. Griffith, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Gold Coast.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., responding for "The Grand Officers," said that as one of the few Grand Chaplains resident in London, it often fell to his lot to assist at the consecration of lodges when they always gave the happiest forebodings for the future of the lodge. He was glad to say those forebodings were always more or less answered. These were not days when lodges could afford to fail, but there were few lodges which succeeded, as the Empire Lodge had succeeded, and few lodges had made their mark, as this lodge had done, not upon England alone, but upon the universe.

Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., also replied, and said the Grand Officers were deeply sensible of the responsibility attached to the positions they filled, and were always ready to promote the interests of the Craft. He wished the W.M. and the lodge a pleasant and prosperous career, and congratulated the lodge on being presided over by so distinguished a Mason.

Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, I.P.M., said the gavel had been entrusted to him for a pleasing duty. The toast they would drink with the greatest possible pleasure was "The W. Master for the year 1890." He was quite certain from what they had seen of their excellent brother, the W.M., that his year of office would be distinguished both, so far as he was concerned, by excellent and accurate working and by the general welfare of the lodge. The members viewed with great pleasure Bro. Miller's position in the chair, and he (the I.P.M.) was expressing the feelings of their distinguished guests as well as their own, when he said he wished the W.M. most heartily all possible health, energy, and success in carrying out the work of sustaining the great traditions of the Empire Lodge, for they were great, although of modern date. They congratulated Bro. Miller upon the distinguished post he had attained, and upon the excellent officers appointed, and wished all success in the future to this young and most distinguished lodge.

Bro. Andrew Miller, W.M., said it was his exceedingly pleasant duty to return thanks for the way in which they had been kind enough to receive the toast of his health. He esteemed it a great honour, as well as a great privilege, to occupy the position he did that night, and the duties incumbent upon him of discharging the functions belonging to it. He should do his utmost to discharge those functions, and

fulfil the obligations attached to the office he occupied as worthily as possible, and hoped to make good the kind words which had fallen from the I.P.M. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their extremely kind reception of it, and trusted they would accept a very inadequate reply, for his tongue was never eloquent when deep thoughts were in his heart.

"The Initiate" having been cordially given, and responded to by Bro. W. Clifford, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," and expressed his regret that Bro. Edward Terry and the Grand Treasurer nominate were unable to be present. There were, however, several very distinguished Grand Officers and guests present whom they were glad to see, for it was the very *raison d'être* of the lodge to receive visitors. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, from whom they might expect a very interesting and humorous speech, and Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., of the United Service Lodge, in which he (the W.M.) was initiated.

Bro. Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, W.M. 2127, said he had been called upon to return thanks for the visitors, and he felt much honoured in having been selected, for he saw around him brethren who would do much greater honour to the task. The W.M. had done the best he could to prevent him making a speech by promising that which was good. It occurred to him that if he told them something they least expected to hear it might be interesting. He was going to say nothing about Masonry. Admiral Inglefield then related a stirring sea story of 100 years ago, concerning his grandfather, who contrived to steer 800 miles without a compass, but with the aid of a watch, which Admiral Inglefield held in his hand on the present occasion, and which still keeps good time.

Bro. Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, W.M. 1361, also responded, and said that having seen the W.M. initiated, he felt proud to see him installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge could not have a better Mason for the position, for he was one the brethren would all appreciate, and one which would keep up the lodge as it had been kept up. The Empire Lodge held a very important position in that country bringing together as it did the Colonial brethren from all parts of the world, and had a grand future before it.

Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., I.P.M., replying for "The Past Masters," said their lodge had a distinctive function. Many lodges were started with excellent intentions, but faded away and disappeared altogether, the reason being that they did not rest on a substantial foundation. The Empire Lodge numbered many distinguished brethren from the other end of the world, who were keeping unsullied and bright that great Anglo-Saxon name that had carried their fortunes throughout the world. Their lodge in its Masonic capacity would be only too glad to receive Colonial brethren residing in the mother country. They were glad to assist Grand Lodge in that way, as it was their privilege to receive distinguished Colonial Masons and entertain them. He looked forward with the greatest confidence to the future of the lodge. He thought the difficulty would be not to extend their numbers, but to keep them within limit. There could be no question that distinguished Colonial brethren having made their fortunes in the Colonies were glad to find a Masonic home with them. The Past Masters felt that they, with the Worshipful Master, constituted a sort of committee of discretion and advice, which was of the highest importance, and in a year or two they might have to decide whether they should restrict their numbers. They had a high ambition there could be no doubt, and were acting in the purest and simplest feelings of Masonry in drawing together those brethren who, always loving the old country, had gone abroad and added lustre to that country in the colonies. These brethren returned, and took up their Masonic residence in this lodge, and therefore there was a great future before the lodge. So far as any power or little experience he might have, it would be thoroughly and entirely at the service of the lodge. Although he had joined the distinguished, though limited body of Past Masters, he looked for many years of usefulness in the lodge. He looked to see their numbers recruited from the ranks of Colonial brethren, and their lodge carry out in the best manner possible that great function it possessed to draw together in a feeling of brotherhood, and thus materially assist in uniting the mother country with her daughter lands.

Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., Essex, also responded, and said that having had a very active share in the inception and consummation of the lodge, he felt proud of it. He would not go over the whole history, but he had experience, having been in the Colonies, of Colonial brethren, who, coming to this country and visiting English lodges, felt they were received heartily, but they also felt they ought not to come unless they had a right. These brethren felt they ought to have a home lodge, as well as home clubs. In his letter the Earl of Carnarvon wrote that it was not his habit to accept honorary membership of lodges, but any lodge that drew closer together the Masonic ties was doing a great service. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at Brighton, did him (Bro. Browne) the honour to say, the day before their great meeting, when 39 Colonies were represented in the lodge—"You are doing a great service to the Craft and the Empire"—and he thought the lodge might be proud of those words. The Past Masters would always be ready to do their duty and help the W.M., but he felt they were going to have a long period of rest, for, from the evidence given by the W.M. from the chair, the Past Masters were quite certain their office would be a sinecure. He could not say all he would in appreciation of the kindness he had always received, but he thanked them one and all.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Howard Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.

Other toasts were given, the last being the Tyler's toast, which concluded a very pleasant evening.

During the evening the following brethren rendered several musical items: Bros. W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; H. Klein, Org.; Saxon, and Wheatley, and Bro. Behnke gave a recitation.

**Lodge La France** (No. 2060).—If we take in consideration the epidemic which is now afflicting London, this lodge showed a very good attendance at the last meeting on Monday, the 20th ult. One of the Stewards and the I.G. were the only absentees among the officers, so that the new W.M., Bro. L. Clerc, was well supported, having besides the assistance of Bro. Fenn, P.B.G.P., who is always ready at any time to take any part which he may be called

upon to fulfil. The W.M., as his first task, had to raise Bro. Lautère to the Sublime Degree of M.M. This ceremony he performed with that impressive manner which it commands. The W.M. then requested Bro. St. Clair to take the chair and pass Bro. Guillot to the Second Degree. This Bro. St. Clair, I.P.M., did in his accustomed perfect manner, and called upon Bro. T. Fenn to give the explanation of the tracing board. To Bro. Fenn it does not matter if he is doing the ritual in French or in English, he is equally at home in both languages. Bro. L. Clerc, W.M., having resumed his seat, was elected Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and we have no doubt he will be well supported by the brethren of the lodge, which is already a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and makes it a rule to be represented each year at one at least of the Festivals.

Business over, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, of which, for once in a way, Bro. E. Delacoste, the courteous manager of the Café Royal, was enabled to partake. No further comment is therefore necessary.

The speeches being short and to the purpose, do not require reporting in detail. Suffice it to say that all the loyal toasts were heartily proposed and received.

Bro. E. Monteunis, G.S.B., in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," took the opportunity of mentioning that Bro. Fenn had been obliged through delicate health to leave early, but had left him as his deputy to invite all the members of the Lodge La France to come to the festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and to say that the more accepted his invitation the happier he would be.

These sentiments were confirmed by Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., and Bro. E. St. Clair, I.P.M., under whose reigns Bro. T. Fenn had expressed the same cordial invitation.

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," and "The Past Masters," to which Bro. E. H. Thiellay, the first Master of the lodge, was called upon to reply, were as heartily received as the preceding. So was that of "The Visitors," to which Bro. A. L. Thierry, of 1287, responded in most feeling terms, stating that although of French extraction he regretted that his birth in England deprived him of the privilege of being eligible as a member of the lodge. The lodge had all his sympathy, and he wished the W.M. and all the brethren every success.

We have no doubt that before long Bro. Thierry will be informed that there is a Chapter La France, were no such restrictions exist, and where he will meet the same brethren. Other visitors also responded.

The W.M., having congratulated himself on being supported by such excellent officers, called for the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after having spent a most pleasant evening.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge** (No. 2321).—This new lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 9th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., J.W.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; E. P. Peterson, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O. Org.; John Thornton, I.G.; A. J. Boyle, O.G.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Ellis, A. Holmes, and G. Root, and the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Balme, P.M. 61; A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Shropshire; John Birkby, P.M. 750; Geo. H. Niven, S.W. 750; John Oates, 1379; and W. S. Smith, 1018.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed. Bro. G. Root was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Riley, I.P.M., and Bailey, P.M., D.C. Bro. Bailey referred to the proposed scheme for raising £2500 to provide for the retirement of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, when after discussion it was referred to the next lodge meeting for further consideration. The Treasurer introduced his financial statement, which was referred to the Lodge Committee for consideration and report.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered from the brethren and visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and with toasts and songs a very pleasant evening was spent.

### BRENTWOOD.

**Hope and Unity Lodge** (No. 214).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Goode, for whom much sympathy was expressed on account of the death of one of his children, the chair was taken by Bro. H. G. Hobson. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. G. C. Morant, the W.M. elect, was most ably installed W.M., who appointed and invested the following brethren officers: Bros. F. Landon, S.W.; W. Quennell, J.W.; G. Cooper, P.G.D., Treas.; W. W. Brown, P.P.G.O., Sec.; E. C. Wills, S.D.; J. Ramsey, J.D.; and A. R. Meggy, I.G. In addition there were also present Bros. J. C. Quennell, P.M.; P. B. Page, P.M.; A. W. Wallis, and visitors: Bros. Schartau, G. D. Morant, and Armstrong, but owing to the prevalence of influenza several members and visitors were prevented from attending. Bro. P. W. Imbert-Terry was elected the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the sum of £2 was granted to the "Binckes" Annuity Fund. After a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for a very handsome kneeling stool, presented by him to the lodge, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Mason.

The musical arrangements, it is hardly necessary to say, being under the direction of Bros. Brown, J. C. Morant, and Schartau, were of a most enjoyable character.

### CHESTER.

**Lodge of Independence** (No. 721).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members of the above lodge on Monday, the 13th ult. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. W. H. Finchett was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Humphreys, into the position of W.M., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Humphreys, I.P.M.; E. Rush, S.W.; W. Peers, J.W.; G. F. Adams, S.D.; John Bennett, J.D.; T. Browne, I.G.; Alfred Wild, Stwd.; C. Stanyer, Org.; A. Stevenson, Treas.; T. Knowles, Sec.; W. M. Richmond, Almoner; W. Johnson,



D.C.; J. W. Hall, Tyler. Among the brethren and visitors present were the following: Bros. his Hon. Judge Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M.; Richard Newhou e, P.G. Sec.; T. S. Adams, S.W. 1474; Thomas Owen, Stwd. 1432; J. F. Edisbury, P.P.G.J.W. North Wales, 1336; F. Minshall, S.W. 425; G. R. Richmond, I.P.M. 1576; S. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.G.D.; John R. Nicklin, I.P.M. 707; J. Sheriff Roberts, W.M. 425; W. M. Lightfoot, P.P.G.D., 425; R. B. Breston, P.P.G.S. of West Lancashire; F. Cameron, I.G. 153; Henry G. Little, P.P.G.S. North Wales, S.W. 1674; Alfred Paris, 425; Francis H. Tait, J.W. 425; J. D. Bolton, W.M. 1477; J. B. Mareton, 1477; Jas. Salmon, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.D.; John C. Robinson, 249, P.A.G. D.C. West Lanc.; John Mills, P.M. and Treas. 425; W. H. Hodges, Sec. 1325; Alfred Parkes, P. M., P.S.G.W.; I. Matthews Jones, P.P.S.G.W.; Robt. Hunter, P.M. 1088, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; R. C. Edwards, P.M. 721; W. Johnson, P.P.J.G.D. 721; Herbert Ellis, P.M. 721; Felix Thomas, P.M. 721; J. Dennis, 721; B. Adams, 425. The brethren to the number of 90 afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bolland and Sons.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., when the array of purple on the dais formed a very prominent feature in the proceedings. A fraternal visit of Provincial Officers was made on the occasion. The W.M., Bro. William Brown, presided, and was surrounded by Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; M. Corbett, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. M. Pybus, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, I.P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; E. Shewbrooks, P.M.; William Davidson, P.M. 1970, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1676, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Pattison, P.M. 97, P.A.G. Sec.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 80, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Stollie, P.M. 48, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Armstrong, P.M. 1119, P.P.G.D.C.; E. S. Hilding, P.M. 539, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. W. Bain, W.M. 949, P.G.R.; M. J. Wheatley, P.M. 1970, P.P.G.D.D.C.; R. Hauxwell, P.M. 1334, P.G. Std. Br.; and Thos. Coulson, P.M. 1970, P.P.J.G.D. The following officers and brethren were also present: Bros. W. F. Raeburn, S.W.; Tom Spedding, W.M. 1643, as J.W.; M. R. Wright, Sec.; W. J. Jobson, S.D.; G. Craighill, J.D.; Wm. Stafford, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. H. Denton, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; T. Chegwidden, W. Douglass, G. C. Potts, R. Swanston, J. J. Bowman, J. T. Corking, T. Thompson, W. J. Campbell, T. Wright, G. Hibbert, R. Brason, A. Scott, W.M. 1676; C. P. Laidler, Stwd. 1664; J. W. Brown, P.M. 541; Jas. Robinson, S.W. 1119; J. Todd, P.M. 1274; G. N. Patterson, S.W. 424; W. Wright, P.M. 1119; W. R. Legg, W.M. 1294; M. A. Lax, I.P.M. 1274; and others too numerous to mention.

Bro. T. W. Stollie was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., the S.W. explaining the working tools. Afterwards Bro. J. K. Sinton was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who also gave the tools and the tracing board. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and a proposition approving the principle of contributing the sum of £2 10s. per lodge to the "Binckes" Pension Fund was also carried.

After other formal business the lodge was closed, and the numerous company adjourned to the refreshment board.

#### HEATON NORRIS.

**Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the George Hotel. The ceremony was interesting, whereas one of the candidates raised was the brother of Bro. A. Pemberton, P.P.G.D.C. The business was to raise Bros. A. W. Pemberton, E. J. Hall, and F. D. Haddon, the ceremonies being performed respectively by Bros. A. Pemberton, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Bassnett, W.M.; and Kenneth Maclean, P.G. Steward. It is very pleasing to notify the ceremonies were all carried out in an exceedingly impressive manner, and, as regards Masonic duties, the evening was an important one.

There were present Bros. R. Bassnett Preston, W.M.; Joseph McKim, S.W.; William A. Vaughan, J.W.; A. Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Walter H. Vaughan, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Knott, S.D.; Henry Smith, J.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Wilson, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; Kenneth Maclean, P.G.S.; James Cookson, P.P.G.S.; C. W. Bickerton, P.M.; Alf. W. Pemberton, Frank D. Haddon, E. J. Hall, Arthur Keymer, G. W. Cookson, Charles Cruch, and Fred Rudgard. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Vaultchoff, S.W., 317; J. Davenport, 1045; Wm. Cole, P.M. 1588; J. W. Wilkinson, P.S.G.W.; H. G. Small, 1140; A. Lawley, S.W.; J. Rome, P.M. 1009, P.P.G.S.; Wm. W. Wilson, P.M. 1140; and C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D., 993.

#### FERSEY.

**Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).**—On Wednesday, the 8th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier, the members of this lodge assembled in strong force, as well as a large body of brethren from other lodges in the province, to assist in the ceremonies of the Second and Third Degrees, to take place as announced among the agenda of the summons for the evening. The lodge had adopted the Emulation working some years ago, and we are inclined to think, judging from two or three other lodges, the Stability working will ultimately give way for it. We may also say here that the second Wednesday in every month this lodge holds its regular monthly meetings, which are generally numerously attended. Present were, of its own members, the following: Bros. C. Baker, J. T. Baker, I.P.M.; J. T. du Jardin, P.M.; T. Adderson, S.W.; J. A. Balleine, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; L. P. Hespriadoux, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Inglis, S.D.; A. J. Le Quesne, J.D.; J. W. Linney, D.C.; Walter Fentum, Org.; F. E. Hyne, I.G.; Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler; J. G. Le Gros, John Durell, P.M. 590; C. Booth, John Marett, G. Gadden, W. Stott, W. Hunter, J. Linney, R. Malet de Carteret, C. Naylor, P.M. 244, 958; Alfred Anslow, C. Lincoln, John E. Hamon, F. A. Bennett, J. De Veulle, H. B. East, R. Watson, late 958; and others. Visited by the following: Bros. W. Newman, S.D. 1003; C. J. Rensug, late 244; E. Oldridge, W.M. 1003; J. Flinn, 1003; T. Palmer, J.W. 491; W. C. Bridle, 491; Dr. G. Spawton Catlow, W.M. 50; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Rogers, 1003; G. J. Cobden, 958; F. W. Wood, 877; John Wright, 877; P. Blampied, P.M. 245; H. Becker, S.W. 590;

Captain J. Shield, 1003; W. W. Richardson, W.M. 491; F. Vincent, P.M. 1003, A.G.D. of C.; James A. Samson, 245; R. J. Smith, 491; F. Proust, 490; E. Le Bas, 1003; J. H. Le Podevin, 491; D. A. du Mosch, Lodge Noordstar, Alkmaar, Holland; W. Hunt, E. H. Drake, A. Hunt, W. Aubin, J. C. Barrette, and E. Kelly, all of 1003; J. E. Le Gresley, and others.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. C. Baker, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Secretary informed the brethren that the initiation of Captain W. S. Rumsey, who had been duly balloted for and accepted at a former meeting, must be deferred to a lodge of emergency, the said candidate being absent from the island on a Wednesday. A telegram from Bro. J. Le M. Prowings, received just before the opening of the lodge, was next read, stating that the brother was unable to take the M.M.'s Degree on that night. Bro. W. Fentum, the Organist, greatly enhanced the proceedings of the evening by his talent. The Sec. read a letter from the widow of a late brother applying for relief, and the case having been investigated, the usual temporary relief from the Charity Fund of the lodge was granted. Bros. D. A. Du Morsh, of Lodge Noordstar, Alkmaar, Holland, and J. Le Montais Prowings, late of this lodge, were proposed as joining members.

After the usual routine business had been disposed of the Secretary took an opportunity of recommending the *Freemason* as the organ of the Craft, and "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Almanac for 1890," the two being powerful means of diffusing Masonic knowledge among the brethren. (This brought three new subscribers and found a sale for nine almanacs, and this we consider is worthy of the imitation of other Secretaries.)

There being no other transaction to be brought forward, and the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 50, adjourned to the banquet room of the hall, where a sumptuous supper had been provided, and which was heartily discussed and ample justice done to.

The management of the gastronomic part of the evening's proceedings having fallen once more into the able hands of Bro. George Rogers, P.M., the Masonic caterer of Jersey par excellence.

The after proceedings were conducted in the happy manner usual amongst the brethren of this, the senior lodge in the province. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., most cordially received, and responded to.

During the evening an excellent programme of instrumental music was carried out by Bros. J. L. du Faye, Thos. Adderson, C. Lincoln, H. Becker, G. Proust, F. Vincent, and others, and Bro. W. Fentum, Org., musical director, to whom a special toast was given by the W.M. for getting up this entertainment.

The brethren dispersed at a late hour.

#### LEWES.

**South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, High-street, on the 15th ult., when there was an unusually large attendance. Bro. J. W. Broad was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Smith Stone, the latter being presented with a Past Master's jewel for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The South Saxon stands second on the list of Sussex lodges in numerical strength, and its financial condition is very satisfactory. The following Past Masters were present: Bro. J. C. Lucas, P.P.G.W.; J. Admas, P.P.S.G.D.; Jos. Farncombe, P.P.G.W.; T. R. White, P.P.G.D.C.; G. E. Chapman, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Every, and G. Holman. Among the members of the lodge present were Bros. W. Wright, Albion Russell, Gerard Lloyd, W. Stone, J. H. Bull, J. Peters, S. Starnes, R. H. Ellman, G. S. Phillips, G. Wilson, H. Constable, R. Weston, W. Bolland, and R. A. Stock. The visitors included Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.D.; Crawford Pocock, Prov. G.W.; R. Clowes, W.M. 2201; H. Dowell, P.P.G.D.; T. W. Dean, P.G.S.B.; J. O. Lewis, P.M. 960; J. J. Snelgrove, 1303; Josiah Wilmot and J. Ryder, 2200; F. R. Terson, 1110; C. F. Hollands, W.M. 1797; T. Wickham, 2187; Harry Broad, 1797; O. Lemmon, P.M. 341; S. Denman, P.M. 732; W. B. Isworth, 1636; L. R. Styer, W.M. 315; F. Guy, 1636; A. J. Lewis, 140; G. R. Godfree, P.M. 315; and Henry Carvill, P.M. 201. The following officers for the ensuing year were appointed: Bros. Wm. Wright, S.W.; Wm. Stone, J.W.; Albion Russell, D.C.; James Adams, Treas.; Gerard Lloyd, Sec.; John H. Bull, S.D.; Jas. Peters, J.D.; Walter Flint, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. W. Farnan.

"The Health of the Newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir William Marriott, M.P.," "The New Senior Warden of the Province, Bro. Crawford Pocock," and "The W.M., Bro. J. W. Broad" were especially honoured.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent vocalisation of Miss Edith Welling, Mrs. J. W. Broad, Mr. J. Farncombe, jun., Bros. Willmott, W. Stone, and others. Mr. Horace Jackson was the accompanist.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292).**—The members of this lodge held their festival of St. John on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Lime-street. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, and the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Wensley, assisted by Bro. Wadsworth, P.M. The W.M., Bro. W. C. Briggs, invested the following officers: Bros. H. D. Foulkes, S.W.; G. A. Henser, J.W.; W. Hughes, Treas.; Thomas Vernon, Sec.; R. Cobb, S.D.; J. Dear, J.D.; Thomas Carter, I.G.; F. T. Foulkes, D.C.; Chris. Wadsworth, Charity Steward; A. Read, Gregory, Maw, and H. Read, Stwds. At the close of the ceremony the I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Wensley, was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place), as a token of esteem and appreciation.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet served in the ball room, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the latter proceedings the members again showed their regard for the I.P.M. by presenting to him, for Mrs. Wensley, a useful and beautiful piece of plate, as a souvenir of his successful year of office.

#### TROWBRIDGE.

**Lodge of Concord (No. 632).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Silver-street, on Thursday, the 16th ult., and as the object was to install Bro. W. R. Brown as W.M. for the ensuing year, considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings, and numerous brethren attended from neighbouring lodges as will be seen by the following: Bros. Roger Brown, W.M. elect, S.W.; F. Selfe, J.W.; W. J. Mann, P.M. Treas.; T. S. Hill, P.M. Sec.; H. Chapman, Assist. Sec.; H. White, S.D.; H. Mundy, J.D.; J. Lansdown, Org.; J. W. Jones, P.G.A.P., P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; G. I. Palmer, P.M.; J. H. Foley, P.M.; A. Parry, P.M.; A. E. Heathcote, Geo. Snailum, F. M. Garlick, J. Chapman, Wm. Walker, James Huntley, H. B. Norris, S. T. Wood, O. Leak, A. J. G. Stancomb, C. J. Jones, R. Gowing, H. Millington, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Stanley, J. L. Usher, and I. K. Rogers; and the following visitors: Bros. Sir G. Goldney, P.G.W. Eng., D.G.P.M. Wilts; M. S. Ironside, 132; Thomas H. Holroyd, P.M. 973; F. Sloper, S.W. 663; F. C. Kent, P.M. 1295; A. P. Hall, J.D. 2227; H. W. Pinniger, J.W. 2227; S. Anderson, Sec. 2227; W. H. Read, P.P.S.G.D. 2227; H. R. Watts, 2227; N. Browne, W.M. 355; A. Beaven, P.M. 1271; H. Bevir, P.M., P.G.S., 355; W. Sainsbury, 2227; A. W. Moore, S.W. 973; J. Chandler, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C. 355; James Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts; J. J. Trask, S.W. 2227; A. G. Hayman, P.M. 973, P.P.G.S. Somerset; and others.

The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Pocock, and after the usual business, which included the election of two new candidates, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was performed by Bro. Sir G. Goldney, and ably assisted by Bro. G. I. Palmer. The ceremony being concluded, the new W.M. in an impressive manner appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Selfe, S.W.; H. Chapman, J.W.; T. Wood, Chap.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; H. White, Asst. Sec.; H. Mundy, S.D.; A. Cox, J.D.; G. I. Palmer, D.C.; F. Garlick, I.G.; J. Lansdown, Org.; G. Snailum, Stwd.; and H. Bailey, Tyler. The charges to the officers were given in an able manner by Bro. F. Kelland. Before closing, the new W.M. tendered the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Goldney for his presence among them that day, to which Sir Gabriel suitably responded. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. H. Millington.

The brethren then adjourned to a most enjoyable banquet, held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

The chair was taken by Bro. W. Roger Brown, W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to, and a pleasant time spent.

#### WHITBY.

**Lion Lodge (No. 312).**—On Monday, the 20th ult., there was a large attendance of the brethren of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, John-street, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. H. Attlay as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the Installing Master, Bro. John Stevenson, P.M. The following are the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. R. W. White, I.P.M.; John Brand, S.W.; Joseph T. Oliver, J.W.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; B. Newbold, Sec.; E. Smithson, S.D.; T. W. Rennison, J.D.; L. H. Watson, I.G.; G. Remmer, D.C.; H. Robson, Org.; Dr. Smailes and Z. Waite, Stewards; and T. H. Trueman, Tyler.

After the ceremony had concluded, about 40 of the brethren sat down to the installation banquet at the Crown Hotel, when the W.M. presided, and the S.W. occupied the vice-chair.

The banquet was admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

Before and at the conclusion of the repast, grace was said by Bro. the Rev. L. Powson, 543.

The usual loyal toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. J. T. Stewart, P.M., proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.; the Hon. R. O. Powlett, Dep. P. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. G. W. Smailes responded.

"The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was proposed by Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Col. T. N. Marwood and Sergt. Geo. Wright, R.A.

The W.M. acknowledged the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. R. W. White, I.P.M.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M.," was proposed by the Chairman, who alluded to the fact that Bro. Stevenson had been a member of that lodge for 46 years, and Installing Master for more than a quarter of a century. He dilated upon the high position which Bro. Stevenson occupied in the Craft, and the esteem in which he was universally held.

Bro. Stevenson responded in very appropriate terms, observing that he felt sure the impressive ceremony which had been gone through that day conveyed practical lessons which ought to sink deeply into every Mason's heart.

Bro. J. S. Moss, P.M., proposed "Prosperity to the Lion Lodge."

The next toast was "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother, Captain R. Milburn," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Capt. Milburn.

The Vice-Chairman proposed "The Past Masters of the Lion Lodge," and Bro. R. W. White, who responded, remarked that the lodge was about 100 years old, and its centenary celebration was therefore approaching.

The Chairman proposed "The Officers of the Lion Lodge," and Bro. Oliver responded.

"All poor and distressed Masons," given from the chair, elicited a practical and substantial response.

"Absent Brethren" having been given by Bro. J. N. Lawson, in a neat speech, the Chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was suitably responded to by Bros. W. C. Dyson, P.M. 1611; J. Holt, S.W. 509; C. H. Lloyd, 643; H. Hayes, jun., Sunderland Lodge; Rev. L. Powson, and R. Hamilton, 1040.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies" and "The Host and Hostess."

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs sung by Bros. J. Oliver, T. H. Trueman, J. T. Stewart, Dyson, Lloyd, George Elliott, G. Wright, J. N. Lawson, and H. Hayes, and a recitation was given by Bro. Z. Waite. The singing of "Old Lang Syne" brought the festive gathering to a close.



## WHITEHAVEN.

**Lewis Lodge (No. 872).**—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., when Bro. J. S. Moffat was installed by Bro. Dr. J. F. Muir, W.M., in a very able manner, and the following brethren were invested as officers, viz.: Bros. D. Atkinson, S.W.; E. Pattinson, J.W.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Treas.; R. Shepherd, Sec.; A. W. Johnston, S.D.; Thos. Blenkinsop, J.D.; F. Farquharson, D.C.; Robt. Mann, I.G.; A. J. Fowler and H. Ainsworth, Stwds.; and J. Sewell, Tyler.

Among those present were Bros. Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Cowman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Brackenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. Matthews, P.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.S.G.W.; A. Moordaff, W. B. Dalzell, L. Taylor, W. D. P. Field, P.M. P.G.D.C.; Thos. Fisher, J. Wood, W. C. Johns, P.M. 119, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Starkey, S.W.; J. Thompson, S.D.; W. H. Bewlay, J. P. Bennett, Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Richardson, H. Murphey, D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; W. A. Johnston, 327; J. Reed, 371; J. Ward, M. A. Simpson, 132 (I.C.); Isaac Dickinson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; G. W. Roll, 1225; G. H. S. Smith, 1400; H. Hartley, W.M. 1660, P.G. Stwd.; J. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; J. Wilkinson, 57; Robt. Bentley, 1654; Chas. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Heathcote, S.W.; J. Jenkinson, W.M. 2285, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. W. Turner, S.W.; and others.

Telegrams, with congratulations to the W.M., were handed in from Lodges 371 and 1390. Two candidates were proposed, and, with "Hearty good wishes" from 11 lodges represented by visitors, the lodge was closed.

Bro. Moffat invited all present to accompany him to the Grand Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and, with a long toast list, and a few capital songs from Bros. Hodgson, Starkey, Johns, and Taylor, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, when there were present Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M. 860, W.M.; J. Hurdell, P.M. 1348, S.W.; B. Kidder, P.M. 12, J.W.; C. J. Fox, P.M. 201, Preceptor; G. J. Baker, 108, Sec.; W. Vogt, J.D. 55, S.D.; Galloway, Stwd. 1590, J.D.; and E. Bond, P.M. 860, I.G.

The lodge having been opened, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren in a very able manner: 1st and 2nd Sections, Bro. Vogt, J.D. 1348; 3rd, Bro. Galloway, Stwd. 1598; 4th, Bro. Piper, S.D. 177; 5th, Bro. Kidder, P.M. 12; 6th, Bro. Hurdell, P.M. 1348; and 7th, Bro. Jenkins, W.M. 860. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Lincoln, J.W. 534; 2nd, Bro. Newnham, 145; 3rd, Bro. Mayo, 1541; 4th, Bro. Fox, P.M. 201; and 5th, Bro. Hurdell, P.M. 1348. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Bond, P.M. 860; 2nd, Bro. Jolly, J.W. 1929; and 3rd, Bro. Baker, 108.

**MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).**—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at Tupps' Restaurant, S. Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Greenway, W.M.; Paul, S.W.; W. Hughes, J.W.; Cleghorn, P.M., S.D.; H. R. Maynard, J.D.; W. Hoggins, I.G.; Dickson, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Wood, Secretary; Blundell, P.M.; Gartley, P.M.; Pratt, P.M.; Cator, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; Dickey, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Sadler, P.M.; G. Tyler; Edmunds, P.M.; W. F. Hughes, P.M.; F. Marx, P.M.; C. Corby, P.M.; J. Scheu, W. Goldfinch, Passingham, J. Klein, W.M. 957; Shales, Myddleton, Gittens, W.M. 179; Klapka, J. Mason, Thompson, R. Hughes, R. Harvey, Powdrell, J. Cain, Williams, Griffiths, Cook, Evenden, Mathews, Hick, R. Curzons, and W. J. Hall.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and resumed to the First, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Scheu, D.C. 179; 2nd, Bro. Hoggins, 179; 3rd, Bro. W. F. Hughes, P.M. 179; 4th, Bro. W. Dickson, P.M. 179; 5th, Bro. W. Goldfinch, 1604; 6th, Bro. J. Paul, W.M. 1287; 7th, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree: Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. F. Marx, P.M. 957; 2nd, Bro. Edmunds, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. Cator, P.M.; 4th, Bro. C. Corby, P.M. 957; 5th, Bro. G. Wood, W.M. 1681. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree: Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. C. Curzons, S.D. 1681; 2nd, Bro. Cator, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. C. Corby, P.M. 957. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. It was proposed and unanimously carried that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the Sections; also that he be elected an honorary member, to which the W.M. very feelingly replied, and accepted. Bros. Sadler, P.M.; Cator, P.M.; and Gartley, P.M.; were proposed and elected members of this lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).**—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Shaw, W.M.; Bullen, S.W.; Brander, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Blum, Treas.; Reynolds, acting as Sec.; Cursons, S.D.; Blythe, J.D.; Grice, I.G.; Blundell, Cator, Haslett, Sedgwick, Forscutt, Shaw, Matthews, and Osborne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Bullen, S.W., worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Taylor having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Bullen, S.W.,

was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. Farwig informed the brethren that after that evening the lodge of instruction would for the future meet at the St. James' Restaurant (entrance in Piccadilly). On rising for the third time, it was proposed by Bro. Bullen "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M. 1614, and Secretary, for his kindness in coming and acting as Secretary *pro tem.* during the absence of their worthy Secretary (Bro. Jones) through illness, and helping this lodge of instruction," seconded by Bro. Blythe, and carried unanimously, to which Bro. G. Reynolds replied. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed and adjourned till the following Monday.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).**—A meeting was held at St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. W. Rooke, W.M.; Oakshott, S.W.; Lord, J.W.; S. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; Van Dyk, S.D.; Michael, J.D.; Fewing, I.G.; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; B. Da Costa, P.M.; Cooper, Willis, Finlayson, H. Lichtenfeld, Lyon, Sichel, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sichel acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Finlayson acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141, W.M.; W. R. Hutton, S.W.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Crutenden, S.D.; H. Windeatt, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; S. V. Woodman, Steward; W. Death, I.P.M. 511; and E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543.

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. Woodman being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Death being the candidate. Bro. Hutton was elected W.M. for next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. J. M. McLeod. It was notified that many brethren were unable to attend owing to the prevailing influenza. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; S. Napper, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Cox, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; C. Hiller, A. Walter, and C. G. Gray.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gray answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gray being the candidate. Bro. Hiller answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Hiller being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Napper was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed. The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in February.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. James Rowe, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; A. L. Bullen, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; G. H. Foan, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; Charles Lambert, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Walter Hancock, C. O. Burgess, George J. Read, W. Browne Kidder, F. W. Buxton, John S. Caier, G. A. Berholtz, J. H. Hemming, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. L. Bullen, S.W., worked the 1st Section, and the Deputy Preceptor the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. A. Burgess having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. Cursons, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, announcing his intention of working the second ceremony. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. M. Noakes was unanimously appointed Assistant Secretary, *pro tem.*, being proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**STUART LODGE (No. 1632).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present: Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Bolding, S.W.; Lindsay, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Pettit, S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Fruen, I.G.; Vickers, P.M.; Mills, Bilbey, Crowe, and Vickers, jun.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. opened the lodge to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Bolding was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. Powell, W.M.; H. D. Smith, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, Treas.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; R. H. Broom, S. Ransom, J. H. Taylor, H. H. Burrington, J. C. Conway, M. Rosenberg, and F. L. Chandler. Bro. E. Connell was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. H. H. Burrington being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. L. Chandler. The 3rd Section was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, and the J.W., Bro. A. F. Scholding worked the 5th Section of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. C. Conway worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. Connell was elected a member. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the Secretary write a letter to Bro. Finch, proprietor of the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, thanking him for his kindness in allowing the use of the room in which they had held their lodge meeting." After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. Graves, W.M.; De Paiva, S.W.; Toulmin, J.W.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Harpour, S.D.; Billingham, J.D.; Besant, I.G.; C. W. C. Webb, Lea Smith, Gaze, Marshall, Stow, Mountford, Hallock, Wood, Burne, and Schofield. Visitors: Bros. A. Smith, Williams, and Berry.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the first. Bro. Lea Smith took the chair, and the ceremony of initiation and the charge was rehearsed, Bro. Stow acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the work would be the ceremony of passing, and the tracing board. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Harpour was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. David Stroud, P.M., W.M.; L. Fountain, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Barth, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); T. Jobson, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; Richard Josey, P.M.; H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; F. Woodward, G. E. Higginson, J. Arnott, A. Love, T. J. Head, W. P. Brown, W. J. Tatton, J. D. Phillips, F. J. Manning, R. N. Carter, and T. A. Stevens.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Manning retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Brown offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been properly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a Past Masterly style. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Stroud rehearsed the ceremony of installation, with the exception of the inside working. The lodge was resumed to the various Degrees, as necessary, the salutes being given as usual, Bro. Fountain acting as W.M. elect, and the three addresses were given by Bro. Stroud. Bro. Fountain was elected W.M. for the first meeting in February. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Davies on his accession to the position of W.M. of his mother lodge, the Temperance, No. 169.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; F. Thomas, S.W.; J. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Metherell, S.D.; G. McCrow, J.D.; L. Nathan, I.G.; George Vickery, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a fairly good manner. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Collings, Preceptor, gave an explanation of the tracing board, the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. F. Thomas, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. G. Vickery, 1767, was elected a joining member, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Cox for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction, which terminated the business of a pleasant and instructive evening.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; F. Walden, S.D.; Biggs, J.D.; L. Nathan, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; M. Speigle, P.M.; F. A. Bath, and W. H. Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bath candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. W. H. Wilson candidate. The lodge was resumed, and on the usual rising Bro. A. Williams, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the third rising the W.M., Bro. J. Cox, was complimented for the very able and correct manner he had rehearsed the ceremonies and carried out the duties of the chair. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z. 1509, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, J. elect 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. elect 975, J.; John Davies, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. C. Williams, M.E.Z. elect 733, S.N.; J. Crutenden, 779, P.S.; H. P. Gilbert, 834, 1st A.S.; J. Sims, P.Z., M.E.Z. 834; W. E. Jameson, 176; C. G. Wetzlar, J. elect 1604; and G. Swann, 2nd A.S. 733. Visitor: Comp. W. Hillier, 834.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of ex-

altation was rehearsed, Comp. Wetzlar being candidate, the addresses being very ably rendered by the Principals. Comp. Hillier was elected a member. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Capt. Vincent, P.Z., Z. elect 1329, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Marsden, H. elect 1329, H.; Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; Stone, 1275, S.E.; Wilson, 1329, S.N.; Murché, 1329, P.S.; G. Gill, 1329, A.S.; Addington, Z. 1275; Goldschmidt, 1329; Gooding, 1329; Grummant, P.Z. 1275; G. L. Moore, Z. 169; Patrick, Z. 1623; Bannister, 449; Dove, and Whiteman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comps. Gill, Goldschmidt, Bannister, and Gooding were elected joining members. Comp. Marsden was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road (opposite the Canonbury Railway Station). Present: Comps. John McLaren, M.E.Z.; William Iron, H.; James Scarlett, J.; John Evans Sheffield, S.E.; Wm. Perrin, S.N.; and several other companions.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comp. J. McLaren, assisted by his officers, and a very instructive evening was spent. The chapter was then closed.

All Royal Arch Masons will receive a cordial welcome to this chapter of improvement.

## WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

### LECTURE BY BRO. G. W. SPETH,

SECRETARY, QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, LONDON.

The annual meeting of this society was held at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Monday, the 20th ult. Among the brethren present there were Bros. the Prov. G.M. of West Yorks, T. W. Tew, J.P., President of the Society; the D.G.M., Henry Smith; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, MacBean, J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., of 2076; J. Monckman, P.M. 1018; J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600; H. France, P.M. 1019; H. Oxley, P.M. 495; H. G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., J. Mathewman, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec., H. Smith, P.M. W. H. Milnes, P.M., F. Simpson, P.M., and W. Ash, P.M., of 1019; G. Bolton, P.M., and J. Gerrard, P.M., of 154; W. Pickard, P.M., and T. Howden, P.M., of 1019; Manning, Birkenshaw, and Fitzpatric, W.M., of 495; J. J. Martin, W.M., Lutze, Spencer, and J. H. Lee, of 1019; T. P. Robinson, 2069; Banks, 1019; F. Taylor, 154; A. Leach, Scholten, J. Martin, and Kingswell, of 495; White and Sheard, of 1019; G. Carbert, 495; A. Shaw and H. Childe, of 154; T. Gosney and W. Hall, of 1019; H. Goodyear, P.M. 495, and others.

Bro. H. S. CHILDE, one of the Secretaries, then read the minutes of last meeting, which were put and confirmed. Letters or telegrams of apology were announced from Bros. J. L. Atherton, P.M. 439; W. C. Lupton, P.M. 974; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, P.G.W. North and East Yorks; Tudor Trevor, P.M., and Wm. Watson, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Hon. Librarian West Yorks, of 2069; and T. B. Fox, P.M. 208.

The report and balance sheet for the year just ended were read by Bro. MATTHEWMAN, who showed that both numerically and financially the Society was in a very satisfactory condition. These were adopted by the meeting and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

This being the annual meeting, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

On the motion of Bro. MATTHEWMAN, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, was unanimously elected President.

Bro. Tew, who, from its commencement, has shown marked interest in the Wakefield Literary Society, expressed his thanks, and promised to do what he could in the interest of the Institution, believing that it was calculated to create greater interest in Masonic matters, and thereby do great good.

Four Vice-Presidents, consisting of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. Smith, and the Worshipful Masters of the three Wakefield lodges—Bros. Garforth, 154; Fitzpatric, 495; and Martin, 1019, were next appointed.

The Treasurer, Bro. J. B. Manning, 495, and the two Secretaries, Bros. J. Mathewman, P.M. 1019, and H. S. Childe, 154, were unanimously re-elected. They all three consented to serve for the ensuing year.

A Committee of nine brethren—three from each Wakefield lodge—was next chosen. They were Bros. J. Gerrard, P.M., G. Bolton, P.M., and W. Fennell, from the Unanimity; H. Oxley, P.M., B. Glover, P.M., and T. Hargreaves, P.M., from the Wakefield; and H. Smith, P.M., W. Ash, P.M., and T. Gosney, from the Lodge of Sincerity.

The business proceedings being now complete, the President, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., introduced the lecturer in cordial and complimentary terms. He took occasion also to advert to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, explaining its end, aims, and objects, showed the great results which had already accrued from the formation of that distinctly literary lodge, named some of its illustrious Presidents and members, and gave a most interesting account of the term "Quatuor Coronati," explaining why it was so-called, and describing the place with which its name was associated, adding personal reminiscences of his visit to Italy in the spring of last year, and his "pious pilgrimage" to that hallowed spot.

Bro. SPETH then came forward, and announced his lecture as "The Degrees of Ancient Freemasonry." His object, he declared, to be an explanation of the ceremonial usage of ancient Freemasonry, and for the purposes of his lecture decided to call proceedings previous to 1717 "Ancient," whilst those since that date he characterised as "Modern," not, he carefully explained, that there was any line of demarcation symbolically or philosophically speaking, between the two periods, but simply that he did it for convenience, as he was, in fact, going to argue their continuous and consistent oneness from early times down to the present. The lecturer then gave an able definition and exposition of symbolism as distinguished from ceremonial, illustrating his points by reference to matters familiar to every Masonic mind but which cannot in a newspaper be re-produced. He showed the absolute belief in his teachers which formerly possessed the pupil in Freemasonry amounting to credulous infatuation; then the rise of the iconoclasts, those Masonic heretics and infidels, who, lacking knowledge and full of prejudice, maintained in their shortsighted ignorance that Dr. Desaguliers had invented and introduced most of our symbolism between the years 1721 and 1730. Next the rise of the school which maintained that as the resemblance between many of our symbols and those of the Hermetic philosophers, alchemists, and (so-called) Rosicrucians was so close, the reasonable probability was that the symbolism of these then moribund societies was seized upon and engrafted upon the then also expiring operative Masonic Craft, and lastly that the tendency of recent Masonic opinion, founded as it is upon much closer historic research, is now becoming distinctly in favour of the position taken up by Bro. Gould at a meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge on 3rd January, 1890, when he enunciated this statement: "The symbolism of Freemasonry, or at all events a material part of it is of very great antiquity, and in substance the system we now possess has come down to us in all its essentials from times not only remote to our own, but also to the founders of the earliest of Grand Lodges." Bro. Gould pointed out that much of our present symbolism was not understood even at the present day. Bro. Speth gave instances—he showed that some of the same symbolism is recorded in Pritchard's "Masonry dissected" of 1730, and "The Grand Mystery of Freemasonry dissected" of 1724, and that these agree in important respects with the laws of the Aberdeen Lodge of 1670; but he also pointed out that in 1730 these matters were as little understood as now, and pertinently asked if we could believe that Desaguliers and his contemporaries would introduce new matter which they could not themselves understand, the inference being irresistible that in 1724 these symbols were so old that their very meaning was lost—owing probably to imperfect transmission. Bro. Speth then gave illustrations of symbolic expressions, which had dropped out of use because unintelligible, and carefully examined a familiar Masonic question and reply which he characterised as "blatant nonsense." He also quoted Albert Pike, the "Nestor of American Freemasonry," who maintains that the essence of Freemasonry lies in its symbolism, and that when we recover the true meaning of our symbols we shall understand the Craft, and further that a true Masonic symbol is not a mere allegory or figure of speech, but that every symbol is the embodiment of a great fundamental moral truth. Illustrating this point, Bro. Speth quoted from the "Golden Ass" of Lucius Apuleius, a Platonic philosopher of the second century, who declared on his initiation into the mysteries as then practised in Greece that he went to the Confines of Tartarus, and that he saw the sun at midnight. The lecturer here explained what he believed was meant, and applied it to our Masonic instruction to an initiate, pointing out that its true meaning was forgotten in 1717, and that our modern lecture-makers had done their best to obscure it for ever. Having established Bro. Gould's contention that our symbols are ancient, Bro. Speth next cautioned W.M.'s and Masonic instructors upon allowing candidates to remain in their pathetic ignorance, and admonished them to offer at the end of a ceremony such an explanation to an initiate as would reasonably reconcile him to what was otherwise unintelligible; let us not be afraid he continued, to confess that our symbols are traditional, so venerable that their real meaning has been in some instances lost, but that they are not as some of them appear—a childish play upon words—but contain the crystallised essence of sublime truths. Bro. Speth next went on to argue that though our symbolism is undoubtedly ancient it does not at all follow that our ceremonies are equally so. It is possible to conceive that in olden times a mere oath was administered, and that the various doctrines and symbols were inculcated by a species of exhortation delivered either at one or at various sittings, but this he did not consider very likely, as the laws of probability would lead us to infer, that our ancient brethren, like ourselves, conveyed their teaching in a dramatic form by means of ceremonies. These ceremonies may have been one, two, three, or more; and the lecturer declared his conviction that they were two only, and that those two embodied our present three. The rest of the lecture was taken up with the establishment by comparison and evidences of various kinds of this theory. This was most cleverly worked out, beginning with an enquiry into the status of the mediæval artisan who, Bro. Speth showed, was controlled by his guild or craft. As a youth he had to be apprenticed for, in most cases, seven years to a member of the guild, in order to acquire skill and knowledge. If he learned his trade by other means than by appren-

ticeship he was a "cowan," and ineligible to obtain work wherever a guild of his craft possessed any power. If apprenticed to a workman not a member of a guild his apprenticeship was counted void. His indentures were entered on the books of the craft, and thus arose in Scotland the term "Entered Apprentice," which term, so far as can be gathered, was unknown in England before 1717. After having served his time he was required to pass an examination and produce a masterpiece, after which he was declared a "master workman." There was no intermediate stage. He was then free to join the guild, and thus became a "Fellow of Craft," a title which, however, conferred no distinctive rank. Once, however, having taken up the membership of the guild, he was free of the craft wherever he might be, his status being recognised in all parts of the kingdom. In this respect the laws of the Freemasons appear to have differed from those of other trades; wherever a Freemason journeyed the guild or lodge must find him work once he had demonstrated himself a Fellow. And the next question is—how did he do this? Clearly by means of grips, signs, tokens, &c., by means of which he made himself known, and in receiving which some "ceremony" must have been passed through. Thus the Mason's ceremony is established. Bro. Speth then quoted Masonic documents of undoubted antiquity to prove that early Freemasons knew only of two grades—Apprentice and Fellow. The term Master Mason was Scotch, the English expressions were A. and F. Of these MSS. there are 56 known, the earliest dating from 1583, and they contain the legendary history of the formation of the Craft of Masonry and the laws and regulations of the Freemasons. They are usually known as MS. Constitutions. A photographic copy of the Scarborough MS. was exhibited by the lecturer, and a quotation read from the Grand Lodge MS. of A.D. 1583, which is preserved in the library of the Grand Lodge of England. The address Bro. Speth pointed out is invariably "Good Brethren and Fellows," not "Masters;" nowhere is there any distinction of rank found between Master and Fellow. After citing many authorities, and mentioning others, the following conclusions were arrived at: That apprenticeship entailed being made a Mason; that the act required the assent, and therefore the presence of a number of Fellows; that the legendary history of the Craft was recited to the novice; that he then had to take an oath on the Volume of the Sacred Law. This constituted "making a Mason." Next that a Fellow's ceremony had peculiar secrets; that it was conferred only at an annual assembly and after previous examination, and that a secret charge was communicated. Bro. Speth next showed how membership of the Craft amongst gentlemen or speculative Masonry began, quoted Elias Ashmole, 1646; Randle Holme, of Chester, 1665; John Aubrey, 1660, —1670, Dr. Plott, and others, in support of his statements, but, at the same time, stoutly maintained that it was confined to two Degrees—the Apprentice and the Fellow. This contention, which the lecturer appears most conclusively to have established, was illustrated by extracts from the York minutes, and even those of Grand Lodge of a later date. A long and most interesting excerpt from the *Flying Post*, No. 4712, published in April, 1723, was here introduced, and Bro. Speth suggested that possibly the editor, who appears to have tried to curry favour with both Masons and non-Masons, had obtained his information from some discontented operative Mason, who, seeing his lodge now consisted of speculative Masons, gentlemen with whom and himself there could be little in common, took his information to the sympathising proprietor of the *Post*, and poured out his woes to the Editor, whose consolation, was, doubtless, in proportion to the amount of "Copy" obtained. Be that as it may, the evidence pointed distinctly to two Degrees only. Bro. Speth also mentioned a parchment roll shown to him by Bro. Stanley, of Margate, in February, 1888, which, whilst in most respects, it resembled the ordinary MS. Constitutions, contained at the end a doggerel rhyme, which was declared to be the prophecy of Roger Bacon "writ" on the south side of one of the pyramids of Egypt. This rigmorale, the events mentioned, in which Bro. Speth believes he has satisfactorily determined to have occurred during the year preceding the death of Queen Anne, which took place August 1st, 1714, was read by the lecturer. We fear we must not re-produce it here, for more reasons than one—but content ourselves with saying that like all the independent evidence which had previously been collected and brought to bear, it supported the two Degree theory emphatically. And now Bro. Speth attempted to show when and how the Third Degree of to-day took its rise. He contended that the present Master Mason's Degree was simply a severance of a certain portion of the ritual existing in the two earliest grades, and its establishment as a separate function conferring the rank or status of M.M. This, however, the speaker declared, was conjecture merely; at the same time distinctly avowing his own personal opinion that it was, so far as our present knowledge went, the most reasonable explanation of the rise of what he had proved to demonstration to be non-existent before 1717. The Hiram Legend and the interesting Masonic questions connected therewith were here treated in a most lucid and masterly manner, but beyond that we cannot say more in print. The evidence of Dr. Marks, the learned Jewish Rabbi, in relation to this matter was commented upon, and the lecturer expressed a devout hope that the MS. which Dr. Marks, whose evidence is unimpeachable, declared he had seen, would be rescued from the oblivion into which it appears to have sunk, and be found by some persevering inquirer on the shelves of

the Bodleian or amid the priceless accumulations of the British Museum. Bro. Speth then sketched the history of the *Philo-Musica et Architectura Societas*, an institution which was formed in 1725, and lasted but a few years, but whose minutes are still preserved to us. This society, which comprised Masons only, was unauthorised, was even reprimanded by Grand Lodge, but worked the Third Degree, and its proceedings appear to be the earliest established record of anything of the kind. From this period the Master Masons' Degree appears gradually to have spread until it obtained universally, though its *raison d'être* cannot be said to have been by any means satisfactorily explained. We regret that so much that was full of information and was treated in Bro. Speth's critical, but not dogmatic, style is incapable of being reproduced in our pages, his explanations and illustrations anent Masonic words being intensely interesting, but its nature and character preclude it. Bro. Speth concluded a learned, thoughtful, and suggestive lecture—a lecture in which he showed himself both student, teacher, and philosopher—in the following words: "And now, brethren, to sum up the whole matter. My contention is that in early days there were two ceremonies, one only of which was mystic; that in course of time these were performed consecutively on the same evening and practically became one; that they contained all the essentials of our present rite; that about 1724 or 1725 they were first split up into three by some adventurous lodge; that this practice was by no means universal even as late as 1738, and that it gradually obtained throughout the Craft. I have no doubt that my special assertions here and there may be contested with some show of success, but I feel confident that as a whole my thesis will sooner or later win for itself general acceptance; it smooths over many difficulties and reconciles many discrepancies which have hitherto puzzled the Masonic student."

Bro. Speth's lecture was listened to with the keenest interest and appreciation, and a most cordial vote of thanks to him was proposed by Bro. J. GERRARD, P.M. 154.

This was seconded by Bro. T. P. ROBINSON, 2069 (Editor and Proprietor of the *Wakefield Express*), who humourously commented on the strictures of the lecturer in reference to the editor of the *Flying Post*.

Bro. OXLEY, P.M. 495, and others supported the vote, which, in a few well-chosen words, was put by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. H. SMITH, who had taken the chair owing to the retirement of the President.

It was carried unanimously and most enthusiastically.

Bro. SPETH, who was evidently much gratified by the very favourable impression he had produced, thanked the brethren of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society for the patient and attentive hearing they had given to him, and for the high compliment they had paid him by inviting him to visit them. He could not forget that it was to Wakefield that he was first asked, and whatever might be his reception in the other towns of Yorkshire which were included in his programme, he would carry away with him a very lively sense of the kind appreciation they had shown him, and the hearty Yorkshire welcome accorded to him.

After the lecture a social hour was passed with the brethren, during which Bro. Speth won golden opinions through his genial wit and humour.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TYRONE AND FERMANAGH.

The usual quarterly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Dungannon, on Monday, the 27th ult., to install officers for the year and to transact other general quarterly business. The officers for the year are as follows:

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| Bro. W. G. Ternau, M.D., 205 | Prov. S.G.W.     |
| " James Crossle, 230         | Prov. J.G.W.     |
| " W. F. Black, 332           | Prov. G. Treas.  |
| " O. Ternau, M.D., 205       | Prov. G. Sec.    |
| " Rev. J. Monray, 230        |                  |
| " C. K. Irvine, D.D., 230    | Prov. G. Chaps.  |
| " J. W. Taylor, 230          |                  |
| " Lewis Richards, 9          |                  |
| " Henry Irvine, 332          | Prov. S.G.D.     |
| " William Purdon, C.E., 891  | Prov. J.G.D.     |
| " J. C. Sugars, M.D., 9      | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " A. Anderson, 547           | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " J. W. E. Macartney, 332    |                  |
| " William Teele, J.P., 891   | Prov. G. Stwds.  |
| " Thos. H. Aikin, 122        |                  |
| " J. G. Donaldson, 470       | Prov. G.S.B.     |
| " J. L. Magill, 470          | Prov. G. Org.    |
| " Graham Brown, 470          | Prov. G.I.G.     |

By reference to lodge list we find therefrom that the officers in Provincial Grand Lodge are from Omagh, 3; Cookstown, 3; Enniskillen, 4; Aughnacloy, 4; Newtown Stewart, 1; and Dungannon, 3.

### LECTURE BY BRO. G. W. SPETH AT YORK.

On Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., Bro. Speth delivered his lecture on the ritual before the brethren of York, under the auspices of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328. The lodge was opened at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., in the absence, in the South of England, of Bro. the Dean of York, W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., occupied the chair of S.W., and Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236, occupied the J.W.'s chair, there being present representatives of all four

York lodges, forming a most appreciative audience. The lecturer was introduced by the acting W.M. in a few sentences.

The lecture occupied about 85 minutes, and was most attentively followed throughout.

At its conclusion, Bro. T. B. Whytehead moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and requested a representative of another lodge to second the same.

This was done by Bro. Todd, 236, supported by members of the Eboracum and Agricola Lodges, and was carried with acclamation.

The lodge was then closed.

### THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

The annual meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on Friday evening, the 24th inst., at headquarters in Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. A. D. Hesketh. The accounts of Bro. Tyson, Honorary Treasurer, showed that the amounts received in rents from lodges during the year was £466; from lodges of instruction, £37; from chapters, £73 10s.; miscellaneous rents, £40 5s.; and for occasional meetings, £157 15s.; total, £1000 15s. 10d. After payment of all accounts, there remained a balance in bank of £189 16s.

The accounts were passed, and votes of thanks given to the various officers for their services during the year. Bro. T. H. W. Walker was elected chairman of the Hall Committee; Bro. A. Cotter, vice-chairman; Bro. J. T. Callow, Honorary Secretary; Bro. J. N. Tyson, Honorary Treasurer; and the following were unanimously elected members of the Committee: Bros. A. D. Hesketh, J. Macnab, T. J. Jarman, J. B. Mackenzie, R. Foote, E. Morgan, D. Jackson, W. E. Coxon, J. Molloy, R. G. Bradley, H. F. Neale, J. Pemberton, A. Soldat, R. H. Leake, J. Beesley, G. Morgan, T. D. Jones, E. R. Latham, W. Maddox, W. Sweetman, and T. Salter.

### MASONIC BAZAAR AT MIRFIELD.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., a bazaar was held in the Masonic Hall, Mirfield, for the purpose of reducing the debt on the building lately erected by the brethren of No. 1102. The efforts of the ladies interested in the bazaar had brought together a goodly array of both plain and fancy articles.

It was opened on the first day by Bro. E. T. Ingham, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cambridgeshire, of Blake Hall, Mirfield; on Friday was re-opened by Bro. T. Bateman Fox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire, of Dewsbury, and on the last day, Saturday, by "Ye Popular and muchie respected Burgess offe ye Village," Bro. John Walmsley, C.C., P.M., P.Z., of Nab House, Mirfield. The total amount raised was £390, and every one connected with the bazaar deserve all praise for the success which has attended their efforts, especially seeing that the weather was for the most part very unfavourable, especially on the two first days.

The following ladies presided at the various stalls, viz.: "Atte one offe ye Fancie Stalles"—Maistresse Ibberson, assisted by Maistresses John Barker, James Barker, and A. A. Stott; "Atte ye othere Fancie Stalle"—Maistresse Crowther, assisted by Maistresses J. K. Ibberson, G. H. Lister, W. H. Wilkinson and Miss Lister; "Atte ye Stalle yclept Playne"—Maistresse Fairclough, assisted by Maistresses T. Lang, J. Milner, and G. Armitage; "Atte ye China and Basket Stalle"—Maistresse Walmsley, assisted by Maistresses J. H. Simpson and William Wilson; "Atte ye Flower Stalle"—Ye Demoiselles E. Crowther, K. T. Crowther, E. Ibberson, and L. Lister; "Atte ye Refreshment Stalle"—Maistresse Hare, assisted by Misses M. A. Simpson, E. Lister, T. M. Thornton, E. Sykes, and E. Walmsley, "A Wonderfull Golden Mine" was prepared by Maister Herbert Anderson; "Ye Wryters offe ye Records" were Maister W. Beaumont and Maister W. H. Wilkinson.

The "Booke offe ye Doeings atte ye Bazaar" was compiled by Maister John Barker, who, along with the other brethren of the lodge, did everything they could to add to the comfort of all those who visited them, and we congratulate all concerned on the result of their labours.

### FUNERAL OF BRO. J. ODDY, I.P.M. 754.

The funeral of Bro. James Oddy, I.P.M. High Cross Lodge, No. 754, took place on the 23rd ult., at Tottenham Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of brethren and friends. Among these were Bros. Dr. Hall, J. Webb, J. Linzell, A. Taylor, Dance, Clarke, Little, J. Pinder, J. Avery, J. F. Mayo, J. H. Young, Barlow, Wilson, Baker, H. Henderson, and others. Representatives from Craft and Mark lodges, and Royal Arch chapters, of this and surrounding districts, were also present. Wreaths were placed upon the coffin by the High Cross Lodge, the proprietor of the Seven Sisters Hotel, and several others. Our deceased brother, who was connected with many other societies, was held in very great esteem by a numerous circle of friends.

The Duchess of Fife has become Patroness of the Scottish National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Some 1100 marines and blue-jackets of Rear-Admiral Fremantle's fleet were inspected by the Sultan of Zanzibar on Tuesday, having previously gone through a number of evolutions greatly to the satisfaction of his Majesty.

### MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 8, 1890.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.  
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall.  
173, Phoenix Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne Hill, at 7.30.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumber-and, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.  
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.  
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal, Regent's-street.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory, Acton.  
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.  
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1615, Bayard, 33, Go den-square.  
1704, Cable, Cannon-street Hotel.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
765, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.  
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1093, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
2150, Tivoli, Tivoli Restaurant, Strand.  
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, London Collee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgecombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Fues.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.  
Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.



## MARK LODGES.

336, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street.  
 315, Henniker, 84, Red Lion-square.  
 315, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
 350, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 355, Rose Croix Chapter.  
 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Grand Chapter, at 6.

## CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road.  
 1585, Royal Commemoration, White Lion, Putney.  
 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall.  
 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
 Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
 Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
 Lodesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.  
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.  
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.  
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

## CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.  
 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 338, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1351, St. Clement Danes, 225, Strand.  
 1361, United Service, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, Paddington.  
 1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.  
 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.  
 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.  
 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
 2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.  
 143, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.  
 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.

## MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

## CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Society's Asylum, Ball's Pond-road.  
 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemason's Hall.  
 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
 2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
 St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
 St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.

Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.  
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.  
 Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms.

## MARK LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

## CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall.  
 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 MARK LODGE.  
 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, February 8, 1890.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

| CRAFT LODGES.         | Hands                     | Nottingham              |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bolton ... 37         | Worcester ... 529         | Lowestoft ... 1452      |
| Bath ... 53           | Stokeley ... 543          | Kingsbridge ... 1486    |
| Halifax ... 61        | Banbury ... 599           | Castleford ... 1542     |
| Harlestone ... 85     | Thrapston ... 607         | Woking ... 1504         |
| Dunkinfield ... 89    | Southport ... 613         | Swansea ... 1573        |
| N. Walsham ... 102    | Wimborne ... 622          | Market Drayton ... 1575 |
| Lynn ... 107          | Basingstoke ... 694       | Alford ... 1600         |
| Preston ... 113       | Wellingborough ... 737    | Witney ... 1703         |
| Whitehaven ... 119    | Ashbourne ... 850         | Henley ... 1895         |
| Bridgewater ... 135   | Petersfield ... 928       | Wadebridge ... 1954     |
| Wakefield ... 154     | Ipswich ... 959           | Maldon ... 1977         |
| Plymouth ... 156      | Fowey ... 977             | Acton ... 1996          |
| Dover ... 199         | Sutton Bridge ... 985     | Hounslow ... 2094       |
| York ... 236          | Altrincham ... 1045       | Harlesden ... 2098      |
| Barnstaple ... 251    | Rochester ... 1050        | Calstock ... 2166       |
| Batley ... 264        | Lancaster ... 1051        | Henfield ... 2187       |
| Berkeley ... 270      | Saltash ... 1071          | Kington ... 2240        |
| Bradford ... 302      | Blackley ... 1077         | Fairfield ... 2290      |
| Hebden Bridge ... 307 | Oswestry ... 1124         | Manchester ... 2322     |
| Torquay ... 328       | Sherborne ... 1168        | R.A. CHAPTERS.          |
| Truro ... 331         | Birmingham ... 1180       | Whitby ... 312          |
| Ross ... 338          | Silloth ... 1220          | Truro ... 331           |
| Halesworth ... 388    | Sheffield ... 1239        | E. Stonehouse ... 1205  |
| Leamington ... 395    | Exeter ... 1254           | MARK LODGES.            |
| Haworth ... 408       | Liverpool ... 1264        | South Molton ... 9      |
| Gainsborough ... 422  | Bradford-on-Avon ... 1271 | Hull ... 12             |
| Northwich ... 428     | St. Ives ... 1272         | Basingstoke ... 37      |
| North Shields ... 431 | Saffron Walden ... 1280   | Tenby ... 256           |
| Brightingsea ... 433  | Market Rasen ... 1286     | Maidenhead ... 257      |
| Petty Curry ... 441   | Halifax ... 1302          | Middlesborough ... 276  |
| Oldham ... 407        | Bocking ... 1312          | Gateshead ... 293       |
| Oxford ... 478        | Seaford ... 1380          | Henfield ... 386        |

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

| Birmingham    | 74  | Ventnor      | 551  | Alford             | 1600 |
|---------------|-----|--------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Chatham       | 184 | Liverpool    | 823  | Bromley            | 1692 |
| Norwich       | 213 | Wokington    | 962  | Landport           | 1776 |
| Bradford      | 302 | Levenshulme  | 993  | Walton-on-the-Naze | 1799 |
| Brighton      | 315 | Saltash      | 1071 | East Retford       | 1802 |
| Pembroke Dock | 378 | Mossley      | 1218 | Snaresbrook        | 1804 |
| Uxbridge      | 382 | Carlton Hill | 1221 | Godalming          | 2101 |
| Reading       | 414 | Sutton       | 1347 | Hull               | 2134 |
| Ramsgate      | 429 | Old Brompton | 1424 | Walthamstow        | 2256 |
| Huddersfield  | 521 | Canterbury   | 1449 |                    |      |

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

| CRAFT LODGES.        | Havant | Walton-on-Naze    |      |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|------|
| Nottingham           | 47     | Crewkerne         | 814  |
| Norwich              | 52     | Gloucester        | 839  |
| Plymouth             | 70     | Honiton           | 847  |
| Lowestoft            | 71     | Wotton-under-Edge | 855  |
| Bristol              | 103    | Cambridge         | 859  |
| Hereford             | 120    | Lincoln           | 948  |
| Durham               | 124    | Penryn            | 967  |
| Burnley              | 126    | Lensly            | 974  |
| Margate              | 127    | Bradford          | 974  |
| Sheerness            | 158    | Crew              | 979  |
| Rochford             | 160    | New Millford      | 990  |
| Windsor              | 209    | Ulverston         | 995  |
| Littleborough        | 226    | Cockermouth       | 1002 |
| Dudley               | 232    | Maldon            | 1024 |
| Keighley             | 265    | Alfreton          | 1028 |
| Brighton             | 315    | Chipping Norton   | 1036 |
| Oxford               | 340    | Newnham-on-Severn | 1067 |
| Neath                | 364    | Salford           | 1134 |
| Millford             | 366    | Manchester        | 1161 |
| Huntingdon           | 373    | Batley            | 1214 |
| Wareham              | 386    | Weston-super-Mare | 1222 |
| Berwick              | 393    | Redcar            | 1244 |
| South Molton         | 421    | Poulton-le-Fylde  | 1256 |
| Monmouth             | 457    | Blandford         | 1266 |
| Ashton-on-Makerfield | 484    | Brigg             | 1282 |
| Gloucester           | 493    | Wrexham           | 1336 |
| Folkestone           | 558    | Woking Station    | 1395 |
| Burton-on-Trent      | 624    | Crowle            | 1482 |
| Malton               | 660    | Amlwch            | 1488 |
| Liverpool            | 673    | Ilkley            | 1522 |
| Newcastle            | 685    | Marlborough       | 1533 |
| Stroud               | 703    | Cheadle           | 1587 |
| Bridlington          | 734    | Southampton       | 1780 |
| Ashby-de-la-Zouch    | 779    | Padstow           | 1785 |
| Launceston           | 789    | Sutton Coldfield  | 794  |

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

| Darlington | 111 | Halifax            | 448 | Willington Quay | 991  |
|------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| Whitehaven | 119 | St. Austell        | 496 | Jarrow          | 1119 |
| Margate    | 127 | Aylesbury          | 591 | Edmonton        | 1237 |
| Weymouth   | 170 | Cleckheaton        | 603 | Harrington      | 1400 |
| Batley     | 264 | Lee                | 704 | Huddersfield    | 1783 |
| Lewes      | 311 | Wootton-under-Edge | 855 | Dartford        | 1837 |
| Maryport   | 371 | Stockton           | 940 | Beckenham       | 2266 |

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

| CRAFT LODGES. | Newchurch | Bristol           |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Birmingham    | 74        | Wigton            |
| Sunderland    | 94        | Yeovil            |
| Bury          | 128       | Rye               |
| Poole         | 137       | Sandbach          |
| E. Stonehouse | 159       | Morley            |
| Sidmouth      | 164       | Shipley           |
| Guernsey      | 168       | Bishops Stortford |
| Heckmondwike  | 258       | Dorchester        |

|                 |      |                    |      |                  |      |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Ramsgate        | 429  | Tiverton           | 1135 | Frizington       | 1660 |
| Newport, Mon.   | 471  | Alnwick            | 1167 | Rayleigh         | 1734 |
| Berkhamstead    | 504  | Wymondham          | 1193 | Halifax          | 1736 |
| Congleton       | 533  | Sandwich           | 1206 | Hurstpierpoint   | 1797 |
| Framlingham     | 555  | Oakham             | 1265 | North Walsham    | 1808 |
| Ormskirk        | 580  | Chester-le-Street  | 1274 | Tenterden        | 1854 |
| Carnarvon       | 606  | Swansea            | 1323 | West Hartlepool  | 1862 |
| Ludlow          | 611  | Atherstone         | 1333 | Liverpool        | 2042 |
| Manchester      | 645  | Wigan              | 1335 | Chertsey         | 2120 |
| New Mills       | 654  | Leigh              | 1354 | Tunbridge Wells  | 2200 |
| Farnworth       | 678  | Chipping Sodbury   | 1363 | Long Eaton       | 2234 |
| Chesterfield    | 681  | Solihull           | 1431 | Leeds            | 304  |
| Colchester      | 697  | Barton-upon-Humber | 1447 | Yeovil           | 329  |
| Chorley         | 730  | Woolston           | 1461 | Preston          | 333  |
| Llandudno       | 755  | Warminster         | 1478 | Monmouth         | 357  |
| Boston          | 838  | Eastwood           | 1493 | Blyth            | 357  |
| Pontefract      | 910  | Portmadock         | 1504 | Scarborough      | 1243 |
| Bungay          | 929  | Cannock            | 1520 | Sowerby Bridge   | 1251 |
| East Looe       | 970  | Carlisle           | 1532 | Liverpool        | 1351 |
| Lower Broughton | 992  | Dunmow             | 1543 | MARK LODGE.      |      |
| Jersey          | 1003 | Camborne           | 1544 | Haslingden       | 113  |
| Douglas         | 1004 | Tue Brook          | 1620 | Workington       | 282  |
| Hull            | 1010 | Slathwaite         | 1645 | KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. |      |
| Liverpool       | 1013 |                    |      | Cheltenham       | 72   |
| West Malling    | 1063 |                    |      |                  |      |
| Derby           | 1085 |                    |      |                  |      |
| Ivybridge       | 1091 |                    |      |                  |      |

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

|               |     |                |      |                    |      |
|---------------|-----|----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Chatham       | 20  | Longton        | 546  | Chorlton-on-Medock | 1459 |
| Shrewsbury    | 117 | Newbury        | 574  | Bromley            | 1805 |
| Ryde          | 175 | Liverpool      | 594  | Herne Bay          | 2099 |
| Dover         | 199 | Wisbech        | 800  | Hendon             | 2206 |
| Bingley       | 439 | Worthing       | 851  | Beckenham          | 2266 |
| Haverfordwest | 464 | Canterbury     | 972  |                    |      |
|               |     | Sowerby Bridge | 1283 |                    |      |

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

| CRAFT LODGES.     | Shaftesbury | Thornton Heath |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Newcastle-on-Tyne | 472         | Shoeburyness   |
| Canterbury        | 509         | Shoreham       |
| Chichester        | 531         | St. Leonard's  |
| Bath              | 539         | Kidderminster  |
| Hull              | 625         | Sandhurst      |
| Merthyr Tydvil    | 637         | Northampton    |
| Ipswich           | 703         | Reading        |
| Richmond, Yorks   | 761         | East Cowes     |
| Ringwood          | 792         | Ashburton      |
| Bournemouth       | 803         | Stratford      |
| Haslingden        | 856         | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Todmorden         | 913         | Southampton    |
| Devonport         | 971         | Bristol        |
| Liverpool         | 976         | Hebden-Briggs  |
| Coventry          | 1012        | Upper Mill     |
| Heywood           | 1070        | St. Austell    |
| Blackburn         | 1072        | Arwick         |
| Leeds             | 1231        | Birmingham     |
| Beverley          | 1284        | Liverpool      |
| Macclesfield      | 1304        | Dunstable      |
| Ashton-under-Lyne | 1324        | Cheltenham     |
| Beccles           | 1379        | Waterfoot      |
| Fareham           | 1384        | Cardiff        |
| Manchester        | 1473        | Furness        |
| Stalybridge       | 1495        |                |



The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m.

It is announced that the Marquis of Lorne will preside at the 75th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum.

Professor Tyndall has given a donation of fifty guineas to the Belfast Society for the Extension of University Teaching.

Her Majesty has sent donations of game and cast linen to King's College, St. George's, Great Northern Central, the London, and other hospitals.

Lord Hastings has left England for Australia on a visit to Bro. Lord Carrington, his brother-in-law, at Sydney. His lordship proposes returning home in May.

Sir Edward Guinness has contributed £100 to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, in commemoration of the visit of the Prince of Wales on the 16th ult.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Valentia, and members of most of the county families were present at the Bicester Hunt Ball on Tuesday evening.

The Lady Mayoress will hold receptions at the Mansion House on the first and third Tuesdays in every month until further notice, the first being arranged for Tuesday next, the 4th inst.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., who some time since visited the south of France for the benefit of his health, has greatly improved and will be able to resume his public duties next month.

The announcement has been contradicted that Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke intend visiting the Riviera this year. They have been spending the winter at Easton Lodge, and have no present intention of leaving England.

The marriage of Lord Cantilupe, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of De la Warr, with Miss Dorothy Heseltine, eldest daughter of Mr. John P. Heseltine, of Walhampton Park, Lymington, has been arranged to take place in July.

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and Bro. the Marquis of Hartington have issued invitations to their respective supporters in the House of Commons, to be in their places at the opening of Parliament for the transaction of business on the 11th inst.

The usual letters have been addressed by the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., as leaders of the House of Commons to the friends and supporters of the Government, announcing that important business will be submitted for consideration, and requesting them to be present at the opening of Parliament, which will take place on Tuesday, the 11th instant.

The St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, will in future meet at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly entrance, on Monday evenings at 8 o'clock precisely, Bro. Ernest Farwig, P.M. 180, Preceptor. We wish the lodge of instruction every success in its new quarters. Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M. and Secretary 1614, has kindly consented to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

Strenuous efforts are being made for the establishment of a Polytechnic for South-West London, on the same lines as the Peoples' Palace at Mile End. The Earl of Cadogan presided at a meeting in the Chelsea Town Hall in furtherance of the project on Tuesday, and the Charity Commissioners have undertaken to devote £50,000 towards it on condition that a like sum is raised by the ratepayers. About £18,000 remains to be subscribed.

The University Boat Clubs have not been able to agree as yet to the date for the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. The dark blues wish it fixed for the 22nd March, when the tide will suit at a convenient hour of the day, but Cambridge objects to so early a date on the ground that their term does not end till the 8th March. Their crew, therefore, will have the time for practice on the course seriously cut down, and propose the 29th March, when the tide suits at an hour inconvenient for the attendance of the public.

Bro. J. L. Toole was entertained at dinner by the Savage Club on Saturday last, previous to his departure for Australia, there being a very large attendance on the occasion. A picture is in course of being painted for the forthcoming exhibition at the Royal Academy, in illustration of a Saturday night at the old club quarters in the Savoy, and among those who will be introduced into it are Bros. J. L. Toole, Henry Irving, Sir Somers Vine, and Sir Frederick Abel.

Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore de Keyser presided on Saturday last at a banquet given by him, with the permission of Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, to those who had assisted, as far as England was concerned, at the International Exhibition at Paris last year. Bro. the Lord Mayor was present as a guest, and so also was M. Waddington, the French Ambassador, who distributed the crosses of the Legion of Honour awarded to English exhibitors.

Bro. Colonel Edis presided at the annual regimental dinner and prize distribution of the Artists' Corps at the Criterion, on Saturday last, and in the course of one of his speeches announced that to the £400 received from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the regiment itself would add £500 or £600 in order that it might be fully and completely equipped. The prizes were distributed by General P. Smith, commanding the Home District, in the absence of Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, through illness.

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

Bro. W. R. Baskcomb, of the Drury Lane Lodge and "elsewhere," has been delighting audiences at Westminster, and also at Gaywood, in Norfolk, by giving his amateur "Monopolylogue" entertainment in aid of a local Charity. Bro. Baskcomb's histrionic and musical talents are well known, and the versatility displayed on these occasions was extraordinary. He also had the advantage of being assisted by his gifted wife, who is a gold medalist and Associate of the Academy of Music.

Bro. Clarence William Harcourt, solicitor, of 13, Moor-gate-street, died, after six days' illness, on Sunday at Selden House, Anerley-road, S.E. His age was 59 years.

Bro. James Judd's many friends in the City will hear with pleasure that he is now on the high road to convalescence. On Sunday he was able, for the first time, to leave his bed.

Bro. Edmund Yates entertained at the Albion on Wednesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Bro. Sheriff Harris, and a distinguished company of journalists and litterateurs.

Bro. Augustus Sala has again entered into the matrimonial state. On Saturday, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, he was married to Miss Bessie Stannard, third daughter of Mr. R. Stannard, C.E.

On Saturday last, Mr. Henry Bailey (one of Mr. Isidore de Solla's most successful pupils) sang in place of Signor Foli, at the Albert Hall Scotch Festival, and, as on former occasions, met with very marked success.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, and Lady Halsbury have been suffering from the prevailing influenza, and so, too, have their children, who on recovering were attacked with the measles, and are not convalescent enough to visit London.

The 31st anniversary of the birth of the German Emperor was celebrated on Monday by the German residents in London, the German Ambassador, Count Hatzfeldt, giving a dinner party at the Embassy in Carlton House-terrace, in honour of the event.

The Marquis of Salisbury has almost regained his health and takes exercise daily in Hatfield Park. Acting, however, under medical advice, he has not visited London, but has transacted the business of the Foreign Office at Hatfield, with the help of his private secretaries.

Bro. Toole, who has been dined and otherwise entertained to an extent which must seriously have impaired his digestive organs, will not be without the consolations of friendship, even on his road to Australia. Mr. Clement Scott will accompany him as far as Brindisi.

We are gratified to hear that there is a decided improvement in the condition of Bro. Alderman Renals. On Monday he was able to be removed from Eastbourne to his residence at Highbury. It is hoped that in a week or so he will be again able to appear in civic circles.

The installation meeting of the Star Chapter, No. 1275, took place at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when Comp. Crook was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. 'enedetti, as H.; and Comp. Fleck, as J. We hope to give a full account next week.

There died recently at Ober Esslingen, Wurtemberg, Bro. F. W. Breitling, a P.G.P. of the Grand Lodge of England, and P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192. Bro. Breitling was initiated at Stuttgart, but was elected a joining member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge so long ago as 1839.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured before the members of the Balloon Society, on Friday evening, the 24th ult., on the subject of "The Light of the Future—Electricity." On Friday next, the 7th inst., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., will take the chair at a lecture on "Sewage Utilization," to be given to the society by Mr. W. C. Sillar.

Mr. C. W. Somerset, the original Lord Dorincourt of Mr. Seeborn's version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and the late exponent of the same part in Mrs. Bennett's own adaptation, has been engaged to play Cyrus Blenkarn in "The Middleman" company starting in February to visit Liverpool, Manchester, and all the principle provincial towns.

John Aird, M.P., has consented to preside at the dinner that is to be given to-day (Friday), in aid of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association. The association, it may be stated, grants annuities of £20 to aged or infirm cabmen. Cabmen themselves are expected to support it by a subscription of 5s. a year, and 1200 do so, but as there are 8000 actually employed in London it is apparent that so far the movement has not been taken up with any very great enthusiasm.

We learn with regret of the decease, on Friday, the 24th ult., of Mrs. Renals, mother of Bro. Alderman Renals. The deceased lady, who was in her seventy-ninth year, had been ailing for some few days, but up to quite the last nothing serious was anticipated. Deceased leaves to mourn her loss a husband and four sons. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Nottingham Cemetery, there being a large attendance of mourners. The Alderman, by reason of his indisposition, was unable to follow the body to the grave.

The Primrose Club will hold their Fancy Dress Ball at the Savoy Hotel, Victoria Embankment, to-night (Friday), when "The Pompadour Band" of young ladies, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Clausen, will take part in the entertainment by discoursing favourite selections during the evening, and doubtless add to the laurels they deservedly earned for themselves last season at the Albert Hall. The dance music will be performed by "L'Orchestre Militaire;" conductor, Mr. J. A. Hamilton. The arrangements are under the sole control of Lieut.-Colonel Ord, the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Primrose Club. The next Smoking Concert will be held at the Club on Friday, the 7th inst., under the presidency of Sir John Campbell, Bart., C.B.

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.

It is stated that the Queen, in March, will go to Aix-les-Bains, not to Homburg, for a few weeks.

The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, of which Bro. Alderman Renals is W.M., will hold an emergency meeting on Monday next.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon will be leaving England shortly for foreign parts, having arranged to travel for the next five months through Italy and Greece.

Her Majesty has been pleased to present a quantity of linen and a number of pheasants for the use of the patients in the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road.

Miss Ellen Terry has been on the stage 33 years. Patti has been 27 years on the operatic stage; while Mrs. Stirling (now retired) was for nearly 50 years before the public.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has very much improved in health lately, and is expected to be able to leave Murton Hall, Norfolk, before the week is out.

At a Masonic bazaar held at Mirfield for the purpose of reducing the debt on the building lately erected by the brethren of Lodge No. 1107, the handsome sum of £390 was raised.

Bro. Parke, who, in the capacity of surgeon, accompanied Mr. Stanley in his last search expedition, was entertained at a banquet by the Freemasons of Alexandria, where he was formerly stationed.

"Collector" desires to thank those brethren who have been good enough to send him on a copy of their lodge summons to add to his collection, and will be glad to receive others addressed "Collector," care of Editor, *Freemason*.

The Exchange Telegraph Company is informed that the principal speakers at the dinner at the City Liberal Club on the 4th inst. will be the Earl of Aberdeen, Sir James Whitehead, Sir Charles Russell, and Mr. Gully, Q.C.

Lady Stanley, wife of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, has been suffering from a severe attack of the influenza epidemic, having been overtaken with it about a fortnight since.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, was on Tuesday last, the 28th ult., installed by Bro. Chas. T. Tyler, P.Z., in the chair of H. in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday, and attended the marriage of the Duc de Santona with Mlle. de Murrieta. Bro. General Lord Wolseley and Lady Wolseley, and the other guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales, left Sandringham early in the week.

It is proposed to erect at Westminster a panorama representing the Bastille, and the Old Rue St. Antoine (year 1789). A company with a capital of £40,000, in £5 shares, is being promoted for the purpose. Amongst the first subscribers is Mr. Henry Garle, while the directors will include Bro. Ex-Sheriff Newton (Chairman) and Bro. Alderman Renals. The company has been registered by Bros. T. Beard and Sons, of 10, Basinghall-street.

The Corn Exchange, Northampton, was the scene of an interesting gathering last week. Upwards of 800 old people were entertained to a substantial meal by the Freemasons of the town, and a subsequent musical and miscellaneous entertainment. The whole proceedings reflected the greatest credit on those who organised the treat and contributed so liberally to the fund. We hope to give a full report in our next.

"History of the Apollo Lodge, York, in Relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, &c." By William James Hughan. London: George Kenning, 1889. We gave a preliminary notice of this book in our last number, it is only necessary, therefore, to advise our readers that it is now published, and will be found well worthy a perusal by those who are members of the great fraternity of which it treats. Mr. Hughan is an extensive writer on Freemasonry, and a great authority upon all matters relating to the Craft. Copies of his book may be obtained from him at Torquay.—*Western Antiquary*, Plymouth.

An influential deputation waited on Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs at the Mansion House, on Monday, for the purpose of suggesting the advisability of erecting a memorial to the late Lord Napier of Magdala, amongst those present being Bros. Admiral Lord Alcester, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart. On his lordship's advice, those present at once formed themselves into a committee, with power to add to their number, to carry out the proposal. What shape the memorial should take was left an open question for the present, but £1300 was at once subscribed towards its fulfilment. A vote of thanks to his lordship was cordially voted, and the proceedings then terminated.

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY.—The cause of temperance in the army will not be lost sight of at the forthcoming Military Exhibition at Chelsea, which will be opened next May. It is the intention of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors, to erect a handsome pavilion in the grounds in which, amid appropriate and ornamental surroundings, not only tea and coffee and aerated waters will be sold, but all the temperance beverages which now compete for the favour of the public. This will be a most valuable experiment, and will, we may be sure, be watched with interest by the military authorities, who will be able to judge of the suitability of the various beverages for sale in regimental canteens. Thus the temperance cause will be a gainer, and this establishment has an additional interest in view of the proposal made by Mr. Caine to bring before the notice of the House of Commons the good word done by Sir Frederick Roberts with regard to temperance among the troops in Hindostan.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.