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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

On Wednesday next the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons will take place in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir HENRY A. ISAACS, W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, will preside, and, as this is the first occasion on which the Chief Magistrate of London has occupied the important position of Chairman in behalf of this, our youngest Masonic Charity, it is to be hoped the result will be in all respects most gratifying. Present indications are certainly very encouraging. Last week we recorded that the Board of Stewards comprised 291 brethren, but since then the number has been increased to 308, and there are still some days remaining in which it is almost certain that a few further additions to the list will be made. The newcomers will have but little time for canvassing, and will, therefore, be unable to swell the total materially, but what they raise or contribute personally will be so much more grist to the R.M. Benevolent mill, while the mere fact of the Board of Stewards having increased so considerably during the last few weeks will stimulate the earlier Stewards to make additional efforts, so that they may not be beaten in their honourable struggle to score big totals by those who volunteered their services almost at the eleventh hour. In fact, as far as numbers go, the Board stands out well, while its distribution as between London and the provinces is what might have been expected, London, which furnishes the Chairman of the day, being represented by 167 Stewards, and the provinces by 141 Stewards. There are then fair grounds for hoping—and we need hardly say how earnestly we trust the hope will be realised—that at all events the total of last year will be surpassed, and that the sum which it will be Bro. TERRY'S privilege to announce on Wednesday will not be so very far removed from that which he announced at the Festival of 1888.

Having stated thus clearly our hope that the approaching celebration will be a success of no mean order, let us set forth the reasons which render it necessary that Bro. Sir H. A. ISAACS should be supported with more than the accustomed vigour. These reasons have been offered in many previous articles, but they will bear repetition. In 1887 the Benevolent Festival yielded—in round figures—£19,000; in 1888, the return was £15,000; last year it fell to £13,500. On the other hand, the number of annuitants on the two Funds, which was increased to 409—180 men and 229 widows—in consequence of the success in the year of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, but has remained stationary since, necessitates an annual outlay which, if we include the half annuities received by a fluctuating number of widows is not very far short of £15,000, to say nothing of the amount required for working expenses and maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon. Thus, last year's Festival fell short of the sum expended in annuities alone by some £1500 and it is certainly desirable that such a falling off should not be repeated on Wednesday next. Again, we must take into account the marked tendency in the lists of candidates to increase in number. In 1887, there were some 128 candidates, but, though a number of new annuities were created in consequence of the success of the Festival, there were about as many presented themselves at the election in 1888. In 1889, the number rose to 140, while at the present moment there are 151 on the lists, namely 68 men and 83 widows. What steps the Committee of Management will recommend should be taken in order to cope with the very serious difficulty thus caused remains to be seen, but in the meantime we are anxious that our readers should realise the position in which the Institution is placed. It has enlarged its establishment to the utmost extent consistent with prudence, but there are still 151 poor old brethren and widows of brethren, whose claims to the benefits of the Charity have

been carefully examined and recognised. At present room for only 24 of them can be found, namely, 14 men and 10 widows, and of these only three-fourths will become annuitants immediately on election, the other six—three men and three widows—being taken on as the necessary vacancies occur. Of course, more vacancies may arise between now and the third Friday in May, and in that case, it will be possible to elect more immediate annuitants; but even so, the number shut out for a further year at least will be greater than it has ever been before. It is a hard task to be obliged to keep on raising £15,000 every year to provide the present annuities; prudence forbids that the Committee should dream of recommending a further increase in this annual liability—except under conditions which we dare not hope to see realised; and at the same time, when all the vacancies, both immediate and deferred, have been provided for at the election in May, there will still remain from 110 to 120 poor old people, for whom nothing whatever can be done. We trust the Stewards and the brethren generally will keep these facts in their minds, so that no effort on their part may be wanting to secure an ample return of donations and subscriptions at the Festival which is now so close upon us. May the total be worthy of the distinguished brother who has undertaken to preside, and who has been exerting himself so vigorously, as well as worthy of the Board of Stewards, which has been formed for the occasion, and worthy of the whole body of English Freemasons!

FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of our principal, or what might very properly be called, our official school of instruction in the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 28th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Sir HENRY A. ISAACS, P.M., and W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, Lord Mayor of London, has kindly undertaken to preside. It will be seen from our advertisement columns that the list of Stewards contains the names of some of our ablest and most prominent ritualists, such as Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, who is equally at home in the work, whether it is done in the English or French tongue; Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., and predecessor of Bro. FENN at the same Board; Bros. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Col. S. H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary; and Bros. J. C. PARKINSON, FRANK RICHARDSON, J. H. MATTHEWS, and C. F. MATIER, who are all as proficient in the work of the lodge as they are capable expositors of the mysteries of the Craft.

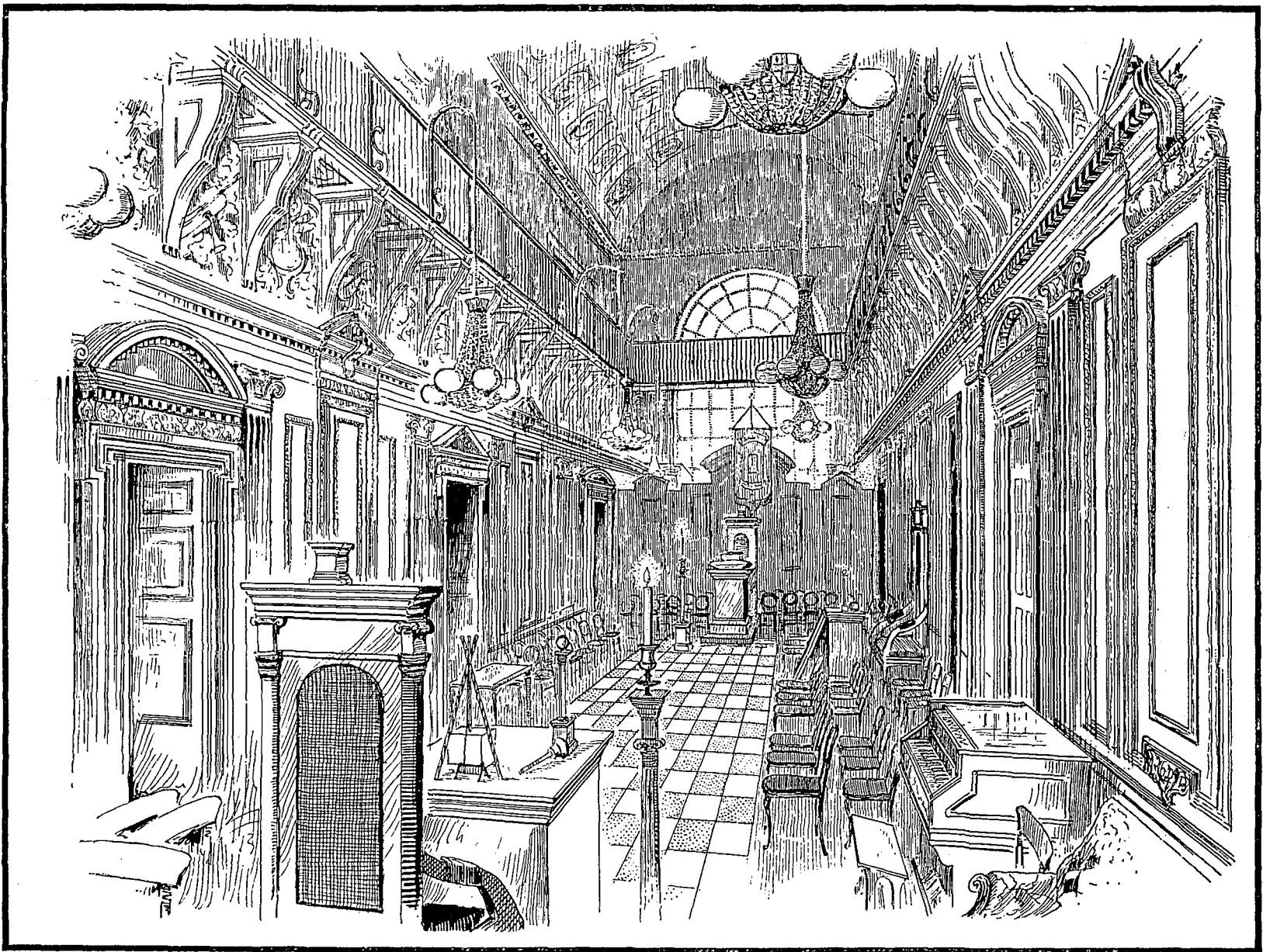
The festival will be, as usual, in two parts—the first being the labour in lodge when the Second Lecture will be worked by sundry brethren with Bro. FENN as W.M.; and the second, the supper or refreshment to which all who have assisted at the former will be most justly entitled. It is indeed, as a rule, an admirable gathering which musters on the occasion of this annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and to which it is hardly possible in the interests of Masonry that too much prominence can be given. Where the instruction is oral, it is by no means difficult for errors of remission or commission to be made unnoticed in the first instance, which afterwards, through laxity of attention, become perpetuated. It is important, therefore, that there should be one school dominating all other schools, so that whatever apparently slight variations from the established forms and ceremonies may be permitted or winked at in the latter, there may always be one supreme standard by which the work done in our lodges may be tested and adjudged perfect or imperfect. The Right Honourable the Chairman at the Festival of Friday next is himself an experienced Craftsman, and will be well able to appreciate the importance of the meeting at which he is presiding, and we trust the event will prove as instructive in respect of its introductory part, and as entertaining in that which follows as it has been at the summer Festivals which have been held in more recent years.

NOTABLE LODGE MEETINGS.

III.—THE MANSION HOUSE.

Freemasonry has always been held in high favour in the City of London, and though it is only of late years that so much prominence has been given to the fact of some of its Chief Magistrates and leading citizens being members of our Society, a reference to any Masonic history will show that from a few years after the establishment of our Grand Lodge in 1717 down to the erection of Freemasons' Hall, the ceremony of installing a new Grand Master was almost invariably performed in the hall of one of the great City Companies. Latterly, however, it has happened on more than one occasion that the Lord Mayor for the time being, having already rendered good service to the Craft in various ways, has been appointed to high office in Grand Lodge, and in token, as it were, of the honour thus conferred upon him, he has generally contrived to include among the events which he is expected or invited to take part in, or preside at, in his official capacity, some Masonic function or banquet. Thus Bro. Lord Mayor Stone, who, in April, 1875, had the honour of being appointed Junior Grand Warden by the Prince of Wales im-

fession, as well as for brethren who were patrons of the drama, or were directly or indirectly associated or brought into contact with it in the fields of artistic and literary labour. Its principal founder was none other than Bro. Augustus Harris, lessee of Drury Lane Theatre, who considerably permitted that its meetings should be held in the Grand Saloon of that theatre; its first Master was Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, a highly distinguished Mason, and a known patron of the arts generally. Bro. Augustus Druriolanus himself was the second Worshipful Master, and the third and fourth were Bros. Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield respectively, the former of whom ranks high in the political world, and is a distinguished member of the legal profession, while the latter has a world-wide reputation as an Arctic explorer, and has proved himself on all occasions a gallant and capable sailor. The fifth in order of succession is Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, who was installed in the chair last week, and who for many years past has enjoyed the reputation of being a perfect master of our ritual, as well as an able and genial ruler. Under such rulers as the brethren we have enumerated, and with the support and assistance of such an energetic worker as Bro. J. C. Parkinson and others,



THE LODGE ROOM.

mediately after his installation as M.W.G.M., presided a few weeks later at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir F. W. Truscott, J.G.W., in 1880, as W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, entertained the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, at a grand banquet at the Mansion House, while Bros. Sir J. W. Ellis and Sir R. N. Fowler gave each a similar entertainment, and also presided each as Chairman at a Boys' School Festival. But to Bro. Sir Henry A. Isaacs belongs the honour of having, by special dispensation from the Grand Master, been installed in office as Worshipful Master under the hospitable roof of the Mansion House, the circumstances attending this memorable meeting being of so unique a character as to justify us in including it in our series of "Notable Lodge Meetings."

Firstly, as regards the lodge which has thus been permitted to meet at the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London. Though its career has lasted only four years, the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, has from the very day of its constitution taken a conspicuous place in the front rank of our leading London lodges. It was started with the idea of providing a special Masonic home of their own for members of the dramatic pro-

and lastly, with so numerous an array of sterling brethren on whom to rely for future Masters and officers, it is not to be wondered at that the Drury Lane Lodge should have attained, so early in its career, a position of such prominence, or that its installation meeting, wherever held, should have been, and seems likely to be, one of the principal events in our Masonic career.

But this is not new to our readers, who have read with pleasure the report we published last week of this memorable gathering. The novelty lies in the fact that for the first time in its history, two of the principal apartments in the Mansion House were used for Masonic, not for Civic, purposes, and what is still more rare, perhaps, in the history of our Order, that a veteran and expert Craftsman, who in his civil capacity had risen to be the Chief Magistrate of the City, was installed in office as W.M. of his lodge under his own roof. Lodges have before now been held at the house of a member, and more than one palace has been the scene of the initiation of a Royal personage, but never before, so far as we have read or heard, has there been such a combination of unusual circumstances as happened on this occasion, on Tuesday of last week, when the Lord Mayor of London was installed at a meeting held in his

official residence W.M. of a distinguished lodge, ordinarily held in the Saloon of our great National Theatre, and composed of senators, statesmen, actors, authors, musicians, and private gentlemen. As for the Mansion House itself, we almost venture to think that this notable meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge under its roof will remain one of the most interesting among its historical associations. It has not enjoyed a particularly long existence. In former days the Lord Mayors of London had no special residence set apart for their use. They lived in their own houses, which were mostly in the neighbourhood of the Poultry, and where the Mansion House now stands was formerly the Stocks Market—so called from a pair of Stocks which stood close by. This Market, which was originally designed by Henry Salis, Mayor of London, in the tenth year of Edward I.'s reign, to help maintain London Bridge, was devoted to the sale of fish and flesh, and in 1543 it accommodated 25 fishmongers and 18 butchers, while on the north side were 22 fruitstalls, and gardeners in the unoccupied area sold fruit, roots, herbs, and flowers. After the great fire no market was held for fish and flesh, but only for fruit, &c. In 1739, however, in the Mayoralty of Alderman Perry, the first stone of the present building was laid, and in 1753, the then Lord Mayor—Sir Crispe Gascoigne—took up his residence in it. The architect was Mr. Dance, and the style of architecture is Greek, the columns which support the portico being of the Corinthian order. The cost of erection was close on £71,000, a great part of which was met by the fines imposed on those who were chosen, but declined to serve the office of Sheriff. Externally, the Mansion House is sombre in appearance, but it contains a number of very fine apartments, the principal being the Egyptian Hall, designed by the Earl of Burlington, the Venetian parlour, the drawing and ball rooms, which are magnificently decorated, Wilkie's parlour, the picture gallery, while the kitchen is a large hall with several ranges in it, each large enough to roast a whole ox, and other appointments on a similar scale. The lodge met, and Bro. the Lord Mayor was installed in office in the old ball room, while the banquet was served in the Egyptian Hall, a magnificent apartment, which is capable of accommodating quite 400 guests. What of Egyptian there may have been originally about this hall has long since disappeared, but it is, nevertheless, an apartment of fine proportions. Rows of columns along each side support the roof, which is vaulted, while in niches in the walls themselves are some magnificent specimens of statuary by some of our best-known English sculptors, among them being the "Alastor" and "Hermione," by J. Durham; "Egeria" and the "Elder Brother," in "Comus," by Foley; "Griselda," by Calder Marshall; and "The Morning Star," by Bro. G. H. Bailey, R.A.; while in the saloon are Foley's "Caractacus" and Wakes's "Sardanapalus." For the purchase of this statuary a sum of £10,000 was voted by the Corporation after the Great Exhibition of 1851. There is also a fine collection of plate, the sum originally expended in its purchase being over £11,500; but many and valuable additions have since been made. In short, the building and everything connected with it is worthy of the great functionary who occupies it, and the ancient and opulent City over which, for the time being, he is elected to preside. And, though it has witnessed many a brilliant gathering in the course of its 130 or more years, we are confident it has never witnessed one more brilliant than that of the 11th inst., when upwards of 300 brethren—more than half of them Present and Past Grand Officers—were gathered together, in all their splendid paraphernalia, as the guests of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, and to do him honour on his installation as the fifth Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE, No. 2335.

Probably the most interesting Masonic consecration which has ever taken place in Liverpool or the neighbourhood was fixed for Monday, the 18th inst., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, where the above lodge was added to the already long list of the West Lancashire Province. As the name indicates, the new lodge is specially intended for brethren of athletic proclivities, and it would appear from the returns already to hand that the 99th lodge in the province over which Bro. Lord Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M., presides with so much acceptance is likely to be one of the most prosperous which has been brought into existence within recent years.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Segar, P.P.G.W., who was assisted by Bros. E. H. Cookson, P.S.G.W., acting S.W.; S. G. Sinclair, P.P.G.W., acting J.W.; Dr. T. Clarke, P.G. Reg.; R. Betley, P.A.G. Sec.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G.C., acting Chap.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec., acting Sec.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D., acting I.G.; and J. C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C., acting D. of C. The chief visitors were—

Bros. E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Patterson, P.G.D.C.; J. Sutton, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Willings, P.G.D.; W. H. Ball, P.A.G. Tyler; J. G. Hallwood, P.M. 1042; H. J. Nicholls, I.P.M. 2042; P. Sword, W.M. 1380; J. Gregson, I.P.M. 1380; W. Jones, W.M. 1264; W. Platt, W.M. 2325; J. Bowyer, W.M. 667; J. M. Smyth, W.M. 2114; W. T. Oversby, P.M. 1393; T. Adams, P.M. 673, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Rogers, W.M. 2324; W. Kohn, S.W. 1264; W. Rawsthorne, S.W. 1182; W. M. Gawley, S.W. 1570; Eli Brooks, J.W. 2294; J. Greenlees, J.W. 1505;

J. Bain, J.W. 2114; J. Mantle, J.W. 823; I. Williams, J.D. 1356; W. West, Sec. 241; J. Scott, Sec. 2194; and W. J. Doran, Org. 1570.

During the consecration ceremony, Bro. Round's anthem, "Behold how good," was effectively sung by Bros. J. Lane, W. Griffiths, J. Bain, J. Greenlees, J. West, and W. Latham, the post of Organist being occupied by Bro. J. Pugh.

Bro. R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas., was installed the first W.M. of the new lodge by Bro. Segar, assisted by Bros. Sinclair and Cookson. The following were the officers appointed, elected, and invested: Bros. J. Winsor, I.P.M.; R. R. Ellis, S.W.; R. Lloyd, J.W.; A. H. Morecroft, Treas.; T. J. Parkes, Sec.; J. Lane, S.D.; T. Price, J.D.; W. Orry Callow, I.G.; J. Shield, D.C.; Dr. Crozier and J. Langford, Stwds.; J. Pugh, Org.; and J. Doran, Tyler.

At the close of the business, there were 14 propositions for initiation and 12 for joining, the lodge already numbering between 30 and 40 members.

At the close of the business, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Consecrating Officers, who were elected honorary members of the newly-consecrated lodge.

The brethren subsequently sat down to dinner, and in the course of the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Gardner delivered a most eloquent oration.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

Bro. Foote's distinguished career in Masonry commenced in 1874, when at the age of 30, he was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, of which, after serving in all the intermediate offices, he became W.M. in 1880. Impressed with the sublimity of its teaching and the nobility of its objects, and actuated by a benevolent heart and a passionate zeal in the cause he had espoused, Bro. Foote rapidly became a prominent member of the Craft, his energy and ability receiving due recognition at the hands of those who dispense the honours of the Fraternity to deserving individuals, and it may safely be said that in no case has such honours been more wisely conferred or more highly prized than by the recipient with whom we are now dealing.

As an illustration of the time and labour which has been devoted to the maintenance and advancement of our ancient and honourable Institution, it may be mentioned that at the present time Bro. Foote is an active member of no less than eight Craft and five Mark lodges, in addition to his connection with the more exalted Degrees in Masonry up to the 15th Degree.

His name appears as founder, P.M. and Treas. of Prudence Lodge, No. 2114; Founder and P.M. of Apollo Lodge, No. 2042; founder and first W.M. of Havertree Lodge, No. 2294; P.M. and Treas. of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570; P.M. and Treas. of Emulation Lodge, No. 1505; founder of Lathom, No. 2229—Provincial Officers Lodge; member of Perseverance Lodge, No. 155; and founder and first W.M. of the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, consecrated on the 10th inst. He is also P.P.G. Treas. of the Province of West Lancashire, to which office he was appointed in 1885.

In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Foote ranks as P.Z. of St. John's Chapter, No. 673, and P.P.G.N., while as a Mark Mason we find his name associated with the following: Founder and P.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 359; S.W. of the Lebanon Time Immemorial Lodge; member of West Lancashire Lodge, No. 65; founder and member of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 393; and member of the Walton Lodge, No. 161, and P.P.G. Treasurer.

When to the foregoing we add that Bro. Foote has been Chairman of the Masonic Hall and House Committee, and is a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities, both Metropolitan and those attached to his own province, and Secretary also of one of them—the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution—a better estimate may be formed of the extraordinary progress which has been made during 16 years' honourable and valuable association with the brotherhood.

If other evidence were needed to prove how earnestly Bro. Foote has kept in view the scriptural injunction "whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," it will be found in the following brief extract which we cull from the biographical sketch previously alluded to, and with which we will bring our observations to a close:

"In Mr. Foote, the local (Liverpool) Charities have a staunch supporter and a trusted advocate and friend, while in another though humbler sphere where toiling thousands are to be found daily struggling to prolong an existence almost intolerable, Mr. Foote is ever to the fore, and ready with encouraging words and open purse to mitigate in some degree the squalls and misery with which they are surrounded.

"A man of unquestioned ability, actuated by the purest and most unselfish motives, and combining withal sound business tact, and a capacity for, and love of, hard work, he has, by means of these attributes, succeeded in converting into a genuine and solid reality his Utopian dreams of years ago."

MASONIC VISITING.

One of the signal pleasures arising from Freemasonry is that which is incident to Masonic visiting. Of course we enjoy attending our own lodge; it is our especial home; there we meet the members of our own immediate family; but Freemasonry is an endless chain of families extending around the globe. It is no euphemism to say that in every land the Freemason may find a home, and in every clime a brother. This is not figure of speech, but fact. But many who never become travellers desire to visit in their own country, and their own city. There is a charm in visiting another Masonic lodge, meeting even in the same Masonic temple as our own lodge. It may be a next-door neighbour. Yet in it we are abroad. We there widen our circle of experience, our knowledge of the Masonic world. We there, amid old associations, meet new associates. It is the same old work, the same secret art and mystery, the same symbols and allegories; but all else is new, and new life is sometimes thus acquired by the brother, who has been previously following only a time-worn, monotonous path.

As all roads lead to Rome, so every road leads to a Masonic lodge. You cannot go astray in seeking one. Wherever there are all the outward tokens of Freemasonry—a Masonic Hall, a Masonic Temple, or even an unpretentious lodge room—duly guarded by the Tyler, and thus protected from the approach of the profane, a Freemason may venture to present himself. But if the customary Craft indications are lacking—the doors kept wide open, or ajar, where one may walk in unchallenged, or peep in—beware! That may be the resort of clandestines, or so-called latter-day saints, or the profanest of the profane. It requires some skill to visit wisely. The brother must have his Masonic wits about him. He must not be like the Acacia, ever green. He must be bright, a reading Mason, not merely on speaking terms with Freemasonry, but intimately familiar with its mysteries. Such a one cannot go astray.—*Keystone*.

FLORIAN, J. P. C., CHEVALIER DE, is one of those literary men who, as Besuchet well says, have the most honoured their goodly profession by integrity of morals; one of those whose glory is none the less for his modesty. He was descended from a knightly family of distinction, and born at the Château de Florian, in the Basses Cevennes, in 1735. He died in 1794. He was a relation of Voltaire's by marriage, and first of all page of the Duc de Penthièvre. Florian, though in the army, is best known by his charming tales, "Numa Pompilius," and many other works, and especially his "Fables." He was a zealous member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Sœurs."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

21, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.,
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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honour to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary of the above Institution on the retirement of Bro. Binckes, and I hereby beg to solicit your vote and support.

I have recently retired from the Army Service Corps, after upwards of 20 years' service at home and abroad, and I am now 42 years of age.

During the period of my service I have held several acting Colonial appointments of considerable trust and emolument, including that of Auditor-General of the West Africa Settlements. I served throughout the Ashantee War, 1873-74, under Bro. Sir Garnet (now Lord) Wolseley. In 1881, I was on the Special Staff of Bro. Sir Samuel Rowe, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Gold Coast Colony. I was afterwards employed for five years as Head of the Commissariat Department and Acting District Paymaster in the West African Command.

The duties performed by the Army Service Corps (late Commissariat and Transport Staff) in connection with Barracks and Military Hospitals, are in many respects analogous to those performed by the Secretary in connection with the School; amongst others, the charge of buildings and the provision (by contract, purchase, or otherwise), and the accounting for all Food, Fuel, Light, Bedding, Furniture, Medical Comforts, and Hospital Clothing.

I, therefore, venture to think that the experience of office detail and the knowledge of accounts which I have acquired, might be of considerable advantage to this Institution; especially as I am led to understand that some improvement in the system of accounts is desirable.

I attach a statement of my Masonic records, and beg to add that I am a Life-Governor of the Institution.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. EGERTON BENNETT, LT.-COL.
P.M. No. 773, etc.

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CRAFT—Initiated, 6th January, 1870, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Installed W.M., 27th December, 1876, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Installed W.M., 27th December, 1879, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Member of Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

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of the Lodge will take place

AT FREEMASONS' HALL,

On Friday Evening, the 28th of February, 1890,

on which occasion

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR,

Has kindly consented to preside.

The Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock p.m. precisely.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., Treas.,
as W.M.

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ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

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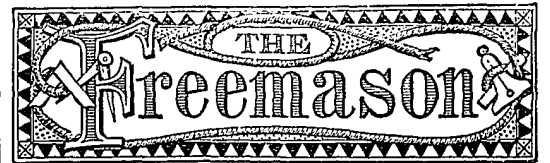
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Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The brethren of Lodge Perseverance, No. 164, Sidmouth, have issued a circular announcing that, having purchased a most eligible freehold site in the principal street of the town, it is their intention to erect a Masonic Hall, &c., and the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone in Masonic form will be performed. The circular goes on to say that, "As this is the first occasion on which such a ceremony has taken place in this part of the county, it is desired that the proceedings shall be worthy of our Craft, and imposing to the spectators, and with this end the co-operation of neighbouring lodges, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, is earnestly and fraternally desired."

The consecration of the Universities Lodge, No. 2332, will take place at Durham to-morrow (Saturday), when Bro. H. B. Tristram, D.D., P.G. Chap., will be installed as Worshipful Master. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Purey Cust, Dean of York, will be the Installing Master. We are glad to see the University of Durham, following the example of Oxford and Cambridge, has determined to have a lodge of its own.

The Grand Master of Idaho at the last annual communication of his Grand Lodge, requested and obtained its authority to appoint a Grand Lecturer, who should go the rounds of the country and endeavour to establish something like a uniformity of work. The request was not made a minute too soon if the Grand Master's experience of the many kinds of work in force among his lodges is a correct representation of the facts, and we have no reason to doubt his statement.

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He stated in his address that when he exemplified the work before the several lodges, he found, "what was apparent to all, that no two lodges worked alike. Coming, as the brethren did, from nearly every State in the Union, and some from abroad, not only had each lodge a favourite and different work from every other lodge, but in many cases those working in the same lodges differed as widely as the lodges themselves.

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Great as is our enthusiasm for efficient working, we confess that we do not envy the Grand Lecturer the task before him. Not only will he have to travel over a vast extent of territory in order to visit the widely scattered lodges in this jurisdiction, but it will be his special duty to reduce into something like order such a chaos as is rarely to be found in Masonry, or even elsewhere.

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We imagine also that it will be as well that the brother who is appointed to this office should have the gift of tongues. In the newer States and territories of the Union, the population is apt to be a little mixed as to its origin. On visiting a lodge in a particularly new locality, the Grand Lecturer may find its members composing brethren of every nationality under the sun, including even the interesting Heathen Chinese, and it puzzles us to divine how he will be able to reconcile not only their various modes of work, but also their various tongues. A lodge in Idaho, if the members come from such various parts, must be a reproduction on a small scale of the confusion of tongues at the building of Babel.

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The Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York, so named after Bro. F. R. Lawrence, Immediate Past G.M., and located in Rochester, was constituted on the 25th November last by Bro. J. W. Vrooman, M.W.G.M. In the course of the proceedings Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, presented the lodge on behalf of Bro. Lawrence with a magnificent set of jewels and a silver trowel. The first W.M. was Bro. William A. Sutherland, who immediately after his installation, was appointed District Deputy G. Master for the 22nd District.

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The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts held its annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 11th December last, when Comp. A. G. Pollard was re-elected G.H.P., and Comp. A. F. Chapman Grand Secretary. The day following the Grand Lodge met in annual communication, 167 lodges being represented. Bro. Samuel Wells is the M.W.G. Master for the current year, and Bro. Sereno D. Dickerson, Recording G. Sec.

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The Grand Lodge of Virginia has decided on establishing a "Masonic Home," and Bro. A. G. Babcock has contributed the sum of \$5000 (£1000) towards the Endowment Fund. If there are many more Babcocks in the State, the work of endowment will be speedily accomplished.

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The fraternity in Baltimore contemplate holding a fair for the purpose of relieving the Masonic Hall of its load of indebtedness amounting to some \$70,000 (£14,000). We trust the fair may prove a success, in other words, that it will fare well with this Masonic fair in the fair city of Baltimore.

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The Templar organisation in Ohio includes 46 private commanderies, with a total aggregate membership of 6133. Its General Fund amounts to close on \$17,500, and the expenditure was within its income for the past year. The present G. Commander is Sir Knight H. Perkins, and the Grand Recorder Sir Knight John N. Bell.

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Chicago is to have the finest Masonic Temple in the world. It is to be erected in the very near future, if the negotiations now pending do not miscarry, and will cost \$2,500,000. One quarter of a block will be occupied. The intention is to build a towering structure of neat design that will far overtop any of the tall buildings in the vicinity. The lower floors will be constructed with a view to leasing them for a huge European hotel.

Correspondence.

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

ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest your article in to-day's *Freemason* on the above subject, the occasion of it being some remarks that recently fell from a distinguished colonial brother. And while I freely admit that your article is fairly written and its tone moderate, it appears to me, nevertheless, to put one side of the question only, and so is necessarily (although, of course, the constant readers of your paper will not need to be assured, unintentionally) one-sided. Pray give me an opportunity of putting the other side of the argument. You think that the Past Masters of a province ought not to be called upon to give an account of themselves, or in other words that the Provincial Grand Master ought not to be furnished with an annual account of their attendances. You appear to intimate (pray pardon me if I misunderstand you) that when a brother becomes a Past Master he has done his share of work, that if he thereafter continues his lodge subscription it is simply to retain his status in the Craft, and that he naturally leaves the work to be done by the younger brethren. Now, Bro. Editor, I must try to dissent from this, for in the first place I cannot but think it of great service to the Provincial Grand Master to be informed who among the Past Masters of each lodge are still in active work and in active sympathy with their lodge, attending regularly, and by their attendance being in a position to give the Worshipful Master the assistance he so often greatly needs, both in the shape of counsel on the business of the lodge and also of active participation in the working of the ceremonies; by such advices regularly sent him the Provincial Grand Master is enabled to confer the reward of merit in the form of a provincial appointment on such brethren who best deserve the distinction, and by such a system, worked with discretion and tact, the provincial honours would be conferred on those brethren who not only best deserved them but with whose promotion their fellows would be most satisfied; further, it would create some ambition among the Past Masters to be regular in their attendance at their lodge meetings, and while there to be assiduous in rendering aid to the Worshipful Master and helping in the proper rendering of the ceremonies, for they would be assured that their services would receive recognition (and we know that it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour) by the eventual conferring on them of the much coveted purple collar. But how would it be under the state of things your article appears to advocate? Then, a brother having passed the chair would feel that his work was done; that he may, it is true, attend the lodge, but he would have very small inducement to do so, for he would only be present as a spectator and the result would very soon be that he would absent himself altogether. Having, as you put it, done his share of the work, the P.M. would have no stimulus in the form of ambition for qualifying for provincial rank, and so the lodge would suffer, being left entirely in the hands of the younger brethren—the recruits—while the P.M.'s—the veterans—would not attend. I cannot consider this, the inevitable outcome of such a system, the best attainable result. As an instance, I myself saw at a Provincial Grand Lodge some time since (I will not say when or where, as I am dealing with a principle only, but I vouch for the facts), brethren appointed to office who had only then recently passed the chair, and in one case a brother was only a newly-installed W.M.! And this was in a large province, where many old and still active P.M.'s were still undistinguished by provincial rank. Had the system you do not approve of, but the advantages of which I have above tried in my feeble way to point out, been adopted in the province I speak of, such a state of things could not have happened, for the P.G.M. is a brother who is admittedly incapable of partiality or favouritism, and whose desire is to distribute provincial honours according to merit. But how, under our present system, can any ruler of a province attain this end? Necessarily, he is in comparative ignorance of the most meritorious of the eligible P.M.'s, and, like hitting in the dark, his appointments are often made almost at random.

I trust I have not trespassed too much on your space, but I feel that much more may be well said on the subject, and that the subject is one of great importance to the welfare of English lodges, both at home and abroad.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
Feb. 8. IGNOTUS.

LODGE PRESENTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sorry, Bro. Editor, to again trouble you, but I am sure your sense of fairness will allow me a few words in reply to the two letters in your issue of last Saturday on this subject.

I will first comment upon "West Yorkshire's" letter, and afterwards deal with Bro. Riley.

It is amusing to see "West Yorkshire" write "that he has not the slightest personal object in this matter," when it was he who started this correspondence, and pressed it on. What could his object be? Surely not to see his communication in print?

"West Yorkshire's" reference to the Past Masters as a body being accused of a "dog in the manger policy," clearly shows that he is not "particular" what he writes. My letter cannot be so construed by anyone with an unprejudiced mind.

As to his statement that he knows what my letter means, and how it came about, I am glad he does—it may give him relief, but he certainly does not give much information. I think "West Yorkshire" is one of the two Past Masters who was induced to change their minds, referred to in my last letter, and this may account for his knowledge.

Bro. Riley's communication is an amusing one, and appears to have been written under great excitement. He, like "West Yorkshire," tries to construe my letter into what it cannot mean, and poses himself as an injured innocent. There is only one way in which he can construe my letter to refer to himself, and that is by being one of the three Past Masters referred to in my last letter. My letter did not refer to the Past Masters as a body in any part of it.

Bro. Riley says he was not asked to subscribe, and, on inquiry from the Past Masters who were working with me, I find he is correct; but he tells me that it was within Bro. Riley's knowledge. Bro. Riley is not, however, a subscribing member of the lodge referred to.

With reference to the statement "that I am not particular what I write," and that I know that "the Past Masters were shut out altogether," I can only repeat that what I said in my former letter is perfectly correct. If Bro. Riley will inquire of the Treasurer of the lodge referred to, he will find that he (Bro. Riley) has not been "particular" in what he has written. If the junior brother referred to by Bro. Riley made the remark he quotes, it was made on his own responsibility, and he must bear it.

I am quite content to leave my former statements as the arbiter, as suggested by Bro. Riley, and I am prepared to meet "West Yorkshire" before a Committee of the lodge, and thresh this matter out, if he has not had enough already.

It is not necessary to traverse Bro. Riley's statements where he uses such words as "wiser men," "fools," "Solomon's rebels," and "better men." They are always appreciated at their true worth by unbiased readers.—I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ALSO WEST YORKSHIRE.

February 17th.

WHO ARE FOUNDERS OF A LODGE?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sorry to express dissent from your judgment on a point which is almost always one of some discussion and frequently of heart-burnings at the institution of a new lodge; but in answer to such a question which was raised at the foundation of the Empire Lodge, in 1885, I received a printed reply from the Grand Secretary containing the following paragraph:

"In consequence of irregularities that have in some cases taken place, I think it well to remind you that the brethren who sign the petition, as petitioners, are the only founders of a lodge, and that, therefore, no brother who has not signed the petition can become a member of the lodge until he has been regularly proposed, seconded, and balloted for in open lodge."—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

LENNOX BROWNE, 30^o, P.M., &c.
Member of B. of G.P.

February 15th.

A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In his letter of the 27th December, printed in your issue of to-day, Bro. Mills seems to have missed the point at issue. The quotation he gives from our worthy G.S. is no doubt correct, and indeed bears me out in the line I took in my letter in your issue of 12th October. But Bro. Cooper's letter in yours of the 26th October in no way conflicts with the G.S.'s ruling, as Bro. Cooper alludes only to the proceedings in a Board of Installed Masters. As Bro. Mills will see by referring to the correspondence in your issues of 9th and 16th November, Bro. Cooper's letter entirely explained to me the only difficulty I had felt in the matter; but apparently when Bro. Mills wrote he had not seen the later letters.

If Bro. Mills will point out in what points he considers Bro. Cooper's letter does not agree with the G.S.'s ruling I should be obliged to him.—Yours truly and fraternally,

February 15th.

LEX SCRIPTA.

FREEMASONS AND CHURCH RESTORATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a recent issue of the *Freemason* I have read with great interest the account of the Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory, and the presentation of a statue of the great Crusader to Lichfield Cathedral.

The English Order of St. John of Jerusalem (though having no connection with the Sacred Council and Grand Master at Rome) is doing a good work at present in initiating the examinations for first aid and

otherwise assisting in hospital work, and it would be well if the Knights Templar generally could emulate the zeal for good works shown by the Anglican League of the Knights Hospitallers.

The incident at Lichfield seems to point out how my brother Knight Templars may worthily assist in restoring those historic fanes, some of which existed when the Order was in all its glory—and the Templars might often have opportunities of helping the Church in other ways as good Christian soldiers—if they would only seek to be of use.

Whilst on the subject of Freemasonry and church restoration, it may be well to remind our younger brethren in the Craft that during the last 20 years or so Masons have in many places worthily aided the Church in this way. I well remember the first great ceremony of note, when the reposed of Gloucester Cathedral was presented by the Freemasons of the province, at a cost of, I think, £1400, and unveiled with stately ceremony at a magnificent and never-to-be-forgotten service in the presence of the Bishop, Lord Sherborne, the Prov. Grand Master, and some 700 brethren.

When I visited Chester Cathedral lately I was delighted to hear the vergier inform the party he was taking round after the service that the sedilia and pulpit, both elaborately sculptured works of art, were presented by the Freemasons.

The west front of Bath Abbey, with a very curious antique representation of St. Jacob's ladder and the angels ascending and descending, was also partially restored by the Freemasons at very considerable cost—something like £3000 I have heard. The Lady Chapel at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol; St. Alban's Abbey; Worcester Cathedral; Durham Cathedral; Tewkesbury Abbey; and, I think, Peterborough Cathedral, have also been beautified and adorned by gifts from the Freemasons.

Everyone remembers the magnificent spectacle of the laying the foundation of Truro Cathedral by the Prince of Wales and the Grand Lodge of England some years since, but I believe the Grand Lodge has never given *one penny* towards the building, which at present is sorely in need of funds.

When the Prince of Wales returned from India £4000 was given as a thank-offering to the National Lifeboat Institution. Now that our Brother, Prince Albert Victor, is touring in India, and running considerable risks no doubt, like our beloved Grand Master, one's thoughts naturally turn to his anticipated return in peace and safety.

When, by the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, he is once more amongst us, is it too much to ask that the Freemasons may again propose to give some thank-offering to the Almighty for the safety afforded to the heir to the throne; and what more pleasing in His sight than a noble contribution towards the building of the beautiful Gothic cathedral in Cornwall erected to His glory and for His worship?—Faithfully yours,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.

February.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Among the many-sided benefactions of Freemasonry, none more deserve the sympathy and support of the Craft than the Benevolent Institutions, which provide a home of rest for worthy, aged, but impoverished brethren, and afford provision for the support of their widows. Of this sacred duty I have, as the Masonic representative in England of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, received a conspicuous example from Bro. Charles E. Meyer, himself an active and a distinguished member of that Grand Lodge, well-known to many brethren on this side of the Atlantic.

The purport of his communication is to announce that Bro. Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who is, moreover, the accredited representative there of the United Grand Lodge of England, has handed over to the trustees for investment (of which Bro. C. E. Meyer is one) the sum of £5000 as a free gift to his Grand Lodge, the interest on which is to be applied for the relief of the widows of Master Masons above the age of 45 years. The scheme is this: £100 of the interest is to be distributed each year to deserving widows. The balance of accruing interest to be added to the principal and re-invested until the fund amounts to £10,000; then £300 per annum is to be thus applied, the balance of interest again allowed to accumulate, until the principal sum, the *corpus* of the fund, reaches £20,000; thenceforth and for ever the whole produce of the investment is to be distributed among the widows. The first payment is expected to be made next July. This munificent gift is a memorial fund in remembrance of Bro. Patton's deceased wife. Outside contributions to it are, therefore, not acceptable.

I cite this princely example (notwithstanding the Republic) of true Philadelphian benevolence in the hope that on the eve of the festival of our own "Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows," the English Craft may to some extent emulate the noble example of our own kith and kin across the Atlantic, the claims of which Institution were so forcibly urged by Bro. Lord Euston at the recent Mansion House banquet for the installation of

our distinguished brother the Lord Mayor as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, who will preside at the approaching festival of the Institution. I may add that at the instance of the trustees of Bro. Patton's Fund, our energetic Secretary, Bro. James Terry, has been good enough to forward to them a copy of the rules and regulations governing our own Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which has been duly appreciated, and will serve to assist the trustees in framing analogous laws for the appropriation of the fund. The characteristics of Freemasonry are of no country, creed, or colour, nor have they any politics or party spirit.

This is not the only fountain of Masonic benevolence in the *City of Brotherly Love*. There is, in addition, the "Stephen Giraud" charitable bequest of many years since for the relief of poor and distressed Master Masons, without regard to nationality or jurisdiction. Originally £4000, by judicious management, the fund has increased to about £14,000, and there is the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," now amounting to £14,400, for the relief of widows of Master Masons in distress. The annual interest on both these funds are applied as indicated. It has been justly considered that in old age the means of earning a livelihood, however scanty, is more restricted for women than for men.

All honour to Thomas Ranken Patton, our Representative at the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania!

BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D.,
Grand Representative of Pennsylvania.

February 17th.



MARK GRAND LODGE CALENDAR FOR 1890.

This very handy guide is in its fifth year of issue, this last being the best of the valuable and most useful series. Being edited by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, one naturally looks for perfection in such a work, and, what is still more, *finds it*, for we fail to see how it can be improved or added to, having in mind the object of its issue. So far as we have tested it, this neat and well got-up publication has been found to be absolutely correct, notwithstanding that the details have a very wide range, the lists including not only the Mark lodges "in and near London," as the title-page indicates, but also the Craft lodges and other bodies assembling in the Mark Masons' Hall, so that the work is quite a Masonic *vade mecum* for that building, and certainly an indispensable companion for those who belong to such lodges, &c., that assemble in that commodious and convenient home. It is, however, much more than this, as it appeals to all members of the Mark Degree, providing as it does a complete roll of all the Grand Officers from the inauguration of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1856 to now. It is remarkable that throughout that long period there has only been one Past Grand Master died, viz., Bro. Canon Portal, and only one Past D.G.M., viz., Bro. W. R. Callender. All the Prov. Grand Masters from 1857 are duly noted, as also the D. Prov. G. Masters, exhibiting, when required, years of decease so far as known. Some, however, are not filled in, and we feel assured Bro. Matier would be glad to have the years of decease of the following brethren, viz.: *Kent*, Charles Purton Cooper, Prov. G.M.; *Wales (S.W. Division)*, Edmund S. Stanley, Prov. G.M.; *South Australia*, Benjamin A. Kent, Prov. G.M.; *Devonshire*, Rev. P. H. Newnham, D.P.G.M.; *Sussex*, Dr. J. M. Cunningham, D.P.G.M. There are also a few dates to be supplied relative to Past Grand Officers deceased. A new feature is the "Special grants by Grand Lodge for Special Purposes"; and the numerous tables, brought down to date, respecting the receipts and expenditures of various funds, numbers of certificates issued from year to year, and very many other particulars, prove how thoroughly well has the editor done his work. The *Freemason* Printing Works may also be credited with the excellent typography of this most welcome annual.

MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE.

This wee book, ably compiled, carefully condensed, and literally crammed with information, is now in its 14th year of publication, and, from first to last, all the copies have been circulated at Bro. Whythead's expense, who is thus both editor and donor. For N. and E. Yorkshire there are 30 lodges, with 2022 subscribing members, and 16 chapters, with 614 members, the former being an increase of eight, and the latter a decrease of three from the last return. In West Yorkshire there are 75 lodges, having 3471 members (increase of 55), and 38 chapters, with 1189 members (decrease of six); so that in Yorkshire there are 105 lodges, with a roll of 5493 subscribing members. Full particulars are afforded of the places and times of meeting of all these lodges, chapters, &c., and the wonder is that in such a small space there is to be found so much relating to the Craft. We should much like to see that the three Mark lodges in Hull had joined the Prov. G. Lodge for that Degree, as "unity is strength," even if it costs a little to render that union complete. We tender our thanks, as per usual once a year, to the editor for his most acceptable gift, and much wish his example was contagious.

LANE'S HANDY BOOK TO LISTS OF LODGES.

Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, England, the patient, persevering, skilful and scholarly author of *Masonic Records, 1717-1886*, and other works, has just issued "A Handy Book to the study of the Engraved, Printed, and Manuscript Lists of Lodges (*Moderns and Ancients*) from 1723 to 1814."* This work opens up a subject which is of large interest to Freemasons. Bro. Lane is described as "the most competent critic of Masonic lodge lists in the world;" and the appreciative review concludes as follows: "We cordially commend Bro. John Lane's *Handy Book to the Lists of Lodges* to American Freemasons interested in lodge enumeration, and especially to Pennsylvania Freemasons, &c."—*Keystone*, Nov. 30th, 1889.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 3).—This ancient and prosperous lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. Cochrane, W.M., and was supported by Bros. Jno. Larkin, S.W., W.M. elect; S. R. Lovett, J.W.; Geo. Low, P.M.; Treas.; Jas. W. Squire, S.D.; W. D. Townsend, J.D.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P., D.C.; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; A. W. Weeks, P.M.; Chas. Terry, P.M.; A. H. Larcombe, P.M.; C. Challén, P.M.; J. W. Block, P.M.; Geo. Cordwell, P.M.; H. M. Phillips, P.M.; Thos. Kayler, P.M.; W. A. Cragge, P.M.; Thos. Barrett, P.M.; and a large number of members. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Taylor, 2146; A. E. Thomson, 172; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; A. F. Clifford, J. Simpson, 77; Jno. Barnett, jun., W.M. elect 2191; R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 263, P.P.G.D. Kent; W. H. Kirby, J.W. 1965; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; Jno. Nicholls, 475; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; Chas. Lee, J.W. 1624; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; Geo. Mickley, J.W. 63; W. Belchamber, 193; W. Lloyd, W.M. 145; J. C. Jones, P.M. 2099; E. Wilding, W.M. 1541; A. Camp, P.M. 1056; A. B. Medwin, S.W. 1657; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; G. A. Streeten, 2022; J. J. Jones, J.D. 92; E. Brooks, S.W. 765; P. Phillips, 820; J. Weiss, P.M. 1491; Lovett King, 2190; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes were confirmed, and Mr. Frank Feller was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. E. Shand, 79, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Skillbeck Wood passed to the Second Degree. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. John Larkin was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cochrane, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed, and, with two exceptions, were invested: Bros. Dr. Lovett, S.W.; Townsend, P.M., J.W.; Low, P.M., Treas.; Squire, P.M., Sec.; Kinsey, S.D.; Wellcome, J.D.; Sebastian Hart, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; Perryman, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; Dr. Sanberg, I.G.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. Squire, P.M., Sec., was absent through ill-health. An effective rendering of the three addresses by the Installing Master, Bro. Cochrane, I.P.M., concluded the ceremony. £15 was voted from the Benevolent Fund to a brother in distress, and a petition signed to the Board of Benevolence. The newly-installed W.M., who is already a Vice-Patron of the R.M.B.I., having signified his intention of serving another Stewardship on its behalf, and having started his list with a princely donation of 60 guineas, the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to further increase his total. £2 10s. was voted towards the scheme for ensuring a pension to Bro. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys. A notice of motion respecting the fee for joining members was unanimously carried, and the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was admirably served. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that if in his attempt to respond to the comprehensive and important toast, the Worshipful Master had just submitted for the reception of the numerous body of brethren assembled, he should indulge in apologetic remarks for the want of finding new words or fresh language in which to clothe his reply, he would be only using the plea of anyone called upon to respond for any one of their Masonic toasts, inasmuch as they were all of a routine character, and must be more or less familiar to all. If it be accepted as an axiom, and he apprehended it must be so, that those upon whom honours were bestowed were sensible of the responsibilities, he hoped and trusted, with reference to the Grand Officers, no matter how exalted or humble, there was no one, while appreciating the honour, was not thoroughly sensible of his responsibility. With reference to the first portion of the toast, it would be impossible for any one to say anything fresh with respect to the recognition of the great, long-continued, and important services of the two illustrious noblemen—the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M. Their names were household words throughout the Craft, and those who had had frequent opportunities of observing the manner in which they discharged their duties, and the admirable assistance rendered to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. in supervising and ruling the best interests of the Order, could best testify their worth. With reference to that numerous body—the Grand Officers—he hoped that, while acknowledging the honour conferred, they would never be unmindful of their responsibilities. He was sure they who were honoured would always endeavour to do whatever duty devolved upon them to the best of their ability, and he trusted sincerely that whatever duty they were called upon to discharge they might at least endeavour to merit the

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sympathy and approval of the brethren. He could only say this—that, speaking for himself and his two good brethren on his right, they had never shirked work or duty, and, he trusted, never would while health was spared. However that might be, while thanking them and appreciating their hospitality, which they did to the utmost extent, his colleagues would allow him to be their mouthpiece to express to the W. Master their congratulations, which should be as earnest and hearty as the members, on the distinguished position he had attained, and no wishes could be more sincere that he would enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. S. Cochrane, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said the brethren had had the opportunity of seeing and hearing the W.M. invest his officers, which was only a slight test of how he was going to continue during the year. They must not be too critical on the first night, for it was a severe ordeal to stand up and address 70 brethren, many of whom were Past Masters. Before the W.M. left his office he would have worked the Degrees in a masterly manner. They had never had a better man as W.M., for Bro. Larkin had started by making a present of new collars for the officers. The brethren would therefore be upstanding and drink to the health of the W.M., wishing him health and strength to enjoy a prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. Larkin, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind words in which he had proposed the toast. He regarded it as a great compliment, and thanked him for his kind wishes, and also thanked the brethren for placing him in that important office. He should endeavour to deserve, before the year was out, the position in which he was placed. Before resuming his seat he would propose "The Health of the Installing Officer and I.P.M." He sincerely thanked Bro. Cochrane, I.P.M., for the way in which he had attracted the attention of the brethren to the working of the lodge during the past year and put them on the alert. He was grateful to the I.P.M. for help in the past, and had no doubt that help would also be extended to him during the coming year. He had the pleasure of placing a Past Master's jewel on Bro. Cochrane's breast, trusting he would be spared with health and strength for many years.

Bro. S. Cochrane, I.P.M., returned thanks for the cordiality evinced in the reception of the toast, and for the kindness he had received from every member throughout his year of office. His year had been a very pleasant one, and if he had done the business to their satisfaction, he did not require any more praise.

"The Initiate" was next given and appropriately responded to.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," assured the brethren that the Institution the W.M. was about to represent was one that must commend itself to the most favourable consideration of every Freemason. There were unfortunately 151 seeking election and but 13 vacancies. This was a most lamentable state of things, and entirely different to their Educational Institutions, where there were two elections annually. If a candidate was not successful at an election of the Benevolent Institution he had 12 months to wait, and of necessity there would be something like 130 who would have to go away unrequited at the next election. This was very lamentable, but there was the truth to face, and if he could only get a number of Stewards like the W.M., who would head their list by a princely donation, it would be of great assistance. The Institution had received from this lodge many Stewards, and the W.M. was following out what had been done before, not only to support the dignity of the lodge, but all concerned in Freemasonry. When they considered that all these old folks were over 60, some over 70, and some 80, it was a serious thing if they had to wait another 12 months, for when the day came they might not be here to be elected. Therefore, if there were any present who had not contributed he trusted they would place their names upon the W.M.'s list.

Bro. John Barnett, jun., W.M. elect 2192, in response to "The Visitors," said he was always gratified to find himself a visitor in a Masonic lodge. That occurred pretty frequently, but, at the same time, the present occasion was an exceptionally pleasant one, and few things would have kept him away from this very old lodge, for he had seen the W.M. installed. He had sat under Bro. Larkin's Master-ship in another Degree, and would confirm the I.P.M.'s observations that their W.M. would perform the work to the satisfaction of all. The W.M. installed that night was a man of honour, generosity, and fidelity, and he was gratified to be present, amongst so many distinguished Masons, to see him attain the chair.

Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, thanked the I.P.M. for the privilege of visiting that old lodge, and right glad was he that he availed himself of the invitation, as he had spent a very pleasant evening. He thought that the custom prevailing of visiting other lodges was a useful one, for it afforded the opportunity of renewing old friendships and making new ones, and of cementing that great bond of fraternity of which they boasted. He knew Bro. Cochrane was a hard-working and enthusiastic Mason, but he was quite unprepared to find him going through the installation ceremony in so able and impressive a manner, being aware that lately he had had little or no practice.

Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., and Lloyd, W.M. 145, also replied.

Bro. Low, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," expressing his regret that Bro. Squires, P.M., Sec., was absent through ill-health, this being but his third abstention in 47 years.

Bro. Dr. Lovett, S.W., returned thanks for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

A programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. Sebastian Hart, Organist, assisted by Bros. R. J. Ward, Lovett King, and the Lyra Quartette.

Lodge of Tranquillity (No. 185).—The installation of this old lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. J. M. Levy, W.M., presiding. The brethren present included Bros. Alexander Levy, Prov. G. Treas. Criqueand, P.M.; J. M. Levy, I.P.M.; Meyer Harris, P.M.; A. A. Marks, P.M.; R. J. Bloomfield, P.M. (Installing Master); J. D. Barnett, P.M.; W. D. Bayley, P.M.; S. M. Boaz, P.M.; J. H. Ross, P.M.; Nathan Defries, P.M.; and Solomon Barnett, P.M.

Visitors: Bros. R. E. H. Goffin, W.M. 2030, P.M. 1572, and P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Emanuel, W.M. 205; Lancaster, W.M. 1668; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; N. P. Vallentine, P.M. 1017; Sandheim, P.M. 225; Vandyck, P.M. 1017; Blankesley, 1298; Tite, 1558; Ordh, 144; Rev. Francis L. Cohen, 120 (I.C.); J. E. Blank, 205;

Weber, 90; Osborne, P.M. 1602 and 1897; Meyer, 2158; Gardner, 188; Honey, 1017; Telling, 2182; Price, 1920; and T. Nelson MacLean, 179.

The W.M. initiated in splendid style Mr. Philip Ornstein and Mr. John Wm. Taylor, after which ceremony, Bro. Bloomfield, P.M., at the request of the W.M., installed Bro. Asher Isaac Myers, a member of the lodge for nearly 20 years, and its Secretary, as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a Board of Installed Masters to the number of 22. The new W.M. invested as his officers for the year Bros. L. L. Bloomfield, S.W.; J. Eisenmann, J.W.; Harry Tipper, P.M., Treas.; S. Rosenfeld, Sec.; J. D. Barnett, P.M., Org.; E. Barnett, S.D.; Lewis Levy, J.D.; I. M. Marks, I.G.; I. Lazarus, D.C.; D. Hills and L. L. Bloomfield, Stwds.; and Rawles, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Bloomfield, P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.

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

The Worshipful Master subsequently in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said loyal Englishmen were always pleased to have the opportunity of drinking this toast, and it gave him great pleasure to ask the brethren to give expressions to those feelings of loyalty which he knew animated them. The Queen reigned on the throne, and she reigned in the hearts of all her subjects. He remembered on one occasion seeing her Majesty open a hospital, and every one present thought how suitable her position was then. They all had evidence when human suffering occurred, how her womanly heart went out to show the sympathy she had with that suffering, and how she, as a woman, poured out sympathetic words to console the bereaved.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The M.W.G.M.," said that from a Masonic point of view this was one of the most important toasts. The Prince of Wales was the head of the Masonic Fraternity; he was no mere figure-head. They had been told on authority that he took a personal and intimate interest in everything down to the most minute detail, connected with the Order. He had been told by a P.M. of the lodge that he was Steward on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales, and he was very much honoured by taking part in that ceremony, and by being picked out to be one of the stewards to meet the Prince of Wales the night before. To show how the Prince went into detail, he might mention that his Royal Highness went to look at the chair he would have to sit in to see if it fitted him. It was a remarkable fact that the Prince of Wales did take in every possible way a similar interest in everything. He saw once an amusing incident, which showed clearly the kindness of the Prince of Wales. It was at the opening of one of the exhibitions, when the provincial mayors were invited, and they were all introduced to the Prince. One of them fell down sprawling—a big fat man. Everyone laughed; but the Prince, with the true instincts of an Englishman, thought of the feelings of the poor man on the floor, and he was the first to go to the man and ask whether he was hurt. The Prince never forgot the name of an individual who was presented to him. All these things went to show that he endeavoured to make life agreeable to those about him. The Prince of Wales was the beau ideal of an English gentleman, and the brethren, as Masons, knew the interest he took in the Craft and matters pertaining thereto.

Following this toast up with that of "The Pro Grand Master," &c., the W.M. said the Grand Officers did all they could to keep the high ideal of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and others before their brethren.

The W.M. next gave "The Initiates," and said all who were present in the lodge knew how well and worthily the initiates of the evening went through the ceremony. He need not repeat what he said in lodge about Bro. Ornstein, but Bro. Ornstein had proved himself to the brethren to be a right worthy Mason. When he and Bro. Ornstein were talking once about Masonry some two years ago he (the W.M.) said if ever he was Master he should wish him to be his first initiate; and so he was that night. Those of the brethren who knew Bro. Ornstein knew him to be as honourable and zealous as he was a right good fellow in every relation of life, and from what was said in lodge of Bro. Taylor, he was sure he would prove himself to be an equally good Mason and an equally good fellow among them.

Bro. Ornstein, in reply, said he had to express to the W.M. and the brethren his warmest thanks. He was deeply touched at the kind manner in which the W.M. had referred to the acquaintance which had existed between them—an acquaintance he might say, which had been long and had grown into a very close friendship. That close friendship had extended with the growth of years. From the superficial knowledge of Masonry, which he had only been able to obtain during the proceedings of that evening, it appeared to him that the ancient Craft was intended to foster and promote such friendship as that to which he alluded. He sincerely hoped that he might be an honourable member of the ancient Lodge of Tranquillity, and he assured them he highly prized having been admitted a member of it. He thanked the brethren for electing him, and expressed to them at the same time his sincere obligation for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and drunk.

Bro. Taylor thanked the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren for drinking, his health so heartily. He would do his best to appreciate the honour they had done him by electing him a member.

Bro. Alfred A. Marks, P.M. (for the I.P.M., who had been obliged to leave early), proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the first place he would refer to the W.M. as having done a great many duties in the lodge. He had long acted as Secretary of the Lodge of Tranquillity, and had fulfilled the duties of that office to the satisfaction, not only of Freemasonry in general and to Grand Lodge, but to this lodge in particular. Every member of the lodge, judging from his (Bro. Mark's) own experience of ten years, had always received every kindness at his hands; everything they wanted to know they had only to apply to Bro. Marks for, and they were always received with kindness and hospitality. Going to the work of the Worshipful Master, he could not help thinking of it. When the W. Master proposed the health of the M.W.G.M., he said the Prince of Wales's health was not simply an ornamental toast; it was a toast of usefulness that could not be done without. Now he (Bro. Marks) said the toast of the M.W.G.M. was one that was always received with every obligation in Freemasonry in general. So should be the toast of the W.M. who had acted as he had with similar cordiality. The W.M. was not only the head-stone or an ornamental stone. The toast of the W.M. was a most important one, if they

had to look to the W.M. as a head in various subjects—in the religious course, the philosophical course, the Masonic course. With regard to the present W.M. of the Lodge of Tranquillity, whose name was Asher Myers, on the toast list they had the Scriptural quotation, "Let Asher be acceptable unto his brethren." The toast of the W.M. was acceptable to the brethren. He (Bro. Marks) had known him many years, and it seemed a remarkable point that his name was Asher, as the brethren were all perfectly aware of his qualities as a man, as a Mason, and as the Master of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was pleased to be in the chair, and he was more pleased that he was there by the favour of the brethren. He looked forward to having that good favour, not only during the ensuing year, but during many, many years. He hoped to live to perform that most pleasing task any Mason could have, that of initiating his son. Such a privilege had been accorded several P.M.'s of the lodge. One had the great distinction of initiating his grandson, but his (the W.M.'s) eldest son was a long way off the limited age yet, but he (the W.M.) hoped that all the brethren would be spared to see the ceremony. He most heartily appreciated the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. Nothing should be wanting on his part to keep the confidence the brethren had reposed in him, or to serve the brethren as well as they deserved. To be the W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge was about as high an honour, short of being a Grand Officer, that could possibly be attained to. He was looking the other day over a list of the old members of the lodge, and he found recorded the names of some of the most honourable men they had in the Jewish community. So great a man as Edward Larker was recorded on the roll. The majority of the present honorary officers of the United Synagogue, one of the largest Jewish congregations in the world, all entered when they were young, and it was known that they were of the right stuff, and he believed they had still many years before them to have recorded such honourable names. Being Master of such a lodge, to his mind meant a very great honour, and he meant to try and deserve and be worthy of it.

Bro. Goffin, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was always a delightful task to do so, and that night there was a goodly number of visitors. The W.M. and his colleagues had obeyed the injunction of the constitutions of Masonry in inviting visitors to the lodge that they might perform their duty. He was delighted beyond what he could say that Bro. Philip Isaacs had given him the opportunity of meeting the brethren, and particularly to be introduced to that veritable progenitor of Bro. P. Isaacs, that grand old Mason who had passed more years in Masonry than Bro. Isaacs could upon earth. He would congratulate the W.M. upon being installed in the chair of so worthy and noble a lodge as the Tranquillity, and he congratulated all the officers, and the Installing Officer, on the way in which the ceremony was performed. It was quite evident to his mind that all the brethren of the lodge were animated by one sentiment to make Masonry what the grand old types, Moses, Abraham, and Solomon intended Masonry should be. It was an institution which taught men that although they were divided on earth by those social cobwebs which so often jarred and disturbed their happiness, the divisions of politics, the dogmas of so-called religion, the environments that surrounded them in their daily avocations, yet in lodge those cobwebs were swept away, and men met as brothers who knew nothing but the grand brotherhood of man. Masonry taught them above all things to honour God, love their country, and obey its laws; it taught their hearts to beat in harmony with the wants of those who were true to their sacred vows to Masonry; and although he would not say that Masonry could make bad men good—the bad men had no right and no business among Masons—it did make them as men better men, better fathers, better husbands, and better friends; it taught them to live the life of human creatures, that they were honestly, uprightly, manly, and benevolently to live the life of to-day, not the life of yesterday, lest they became murderers against God; not the life of to-morrow, lest they became visionaries and forgot Him, but to live the life of human creatures to-day, because they were to act as in His presence. Masonry led them on to that noble future where the divisions of time should cease, where sorrow and sighing should flee away. And if they all lived up to the tenets and principles that were incorporated in the beautiful and grand old ritual of Freemasonry, founded upon the ages of the past, they might then with pleasure and with confidence say that if all the so-called religions of the earth were scattered to the winds and chained up by the flames, leave them only the remnants of the teachings of Freemasonry, and it would be said—"Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the Grand Lodge above, where the divisions of time shall cease, and brotherhood continue throughout all eternity."

Bro. Emanuel, W.M. 205, also replied, remarking that the fact of all the Masters of the Jewish lodges being invited, showed that those lodges were unanimous in their feelings.

Bro. the Rev. Francis Cohen said that nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to be present at the installation of one who in private life he was proud to call a friend. Again, nothing could have afforded him greater gratification than to have been present when Bro. Ornstein was initiated. There were others present, some who knew him when he was a child, and others whom he had known when they were children. He had come across men in Masonry whom he had reason to esteem and prize, in many other capacities in the outside world, and this was a great pleasure because until that evening he was not aware they belonged to the world-wide Fraternity. Nothing could more forcibly impress on one's mind the living realities of Freemasonry than to find at a time, and in a manner when sentiments towards the Sister Isle were so very varied that there was but one sentiment, that of true Fraternity, so aptly expressed from the chair. In communicating with his mother lodge it would afford him the highest gratification to say that whatever might be the feelings Englishmen privately and individually might entertain towards Irishmen, the English Masons and the Irish Masons had but one feeling towards each other, that of true Masonic Fraternity.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters," one of whom was the present Lord Mayor of London. They had also Bro. Marks, whose working they had the benefit of in his own year, and also only a few months ago. They ought to value the presence of Bro. Levy, who was Master of the lodge so long ago as 1851, the Exhibition year. Then they had Bro. Meyer Harris, who had been so well referred to by Bro. Goffin, who was not

only an honourable man himself, but, "by their fruit ye shall know them." He had the satisfaction of knowing that every branch of the good tree was equal to the tree itself. Then there was the Installing Master, Bro. Bloomfield, as worthy a Mason as it was possible to know, who installed the W.M. that night in a manner which must have given satisfaction to everyone; certainly it impressed him very much with the responsibility of the task he had undertaken. His kindness to him (the W.M.) exceeded anything he could give expression to. Bro. J. B. Barnett was another who did so much to render the ceremonies impressive. Then Bro. Sol. Barnett, a very useful Mason, was another, all of them were the best of Masons, and all took the deepest interest in the Lodge of Tranquillity.

Bro. Bloomfield, P.M., responded. Eighteen years ago he occupied the chair, but there was a charm in the gavel, which, when he took that implement up that night, he felt as if the eighteen years had flown away, and there he was "Richard himself again." He was pleased and gratified that he had succeeded, but he knew there was not a Past Master among the Past Masters who would not have been pleased, proud, and happy to install Bro. Myers.

The other toasts were given, and the brethren separated. Under the direction of Bro. Alfred Smythson, a selection of music was performed, and there was some lovely singing by Bros. Arthur Weston and Wilford Price. Bro. Odell gave some good recitations, and a surprisingly fine performance of Irish airs was given by the Criterion Hand-Bell Ringers, conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper, P.M. and Treasurer.

Belgrave Lodge (No. 749).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Bros. Henry W. L. Hobbs, W.M.; Edward Triggs, S.W.; P. Parsons, P.M.; J.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. E. Austin); H. Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; W. D. S. Turpenney, S.D.; J. H. Brand, J.D.; S. Banks, I.G.; Joseph W. Hobbs, P.M., D.C.; Homewood, Tyler; Thomas Weeks, P.M.; G. S. Elliott, P.M.; Greenwood, P.M.; F. A. Leech, P.M.; Coltart, P.M.; and a number of members and visitors.

This was the first appearance of the W.M. after his installation in November last, and received, on taking the chair, the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren on his recovery from the prevailing epidemic. After the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, Mr. William Crygier was duly proposed as candidate for initiation. The ballot having proved unanimous, he was initiated. Bro. Corbett was passed. Bros. Miskin and Denton were raised to the sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremonies throughout were most impressively rendered by Bro. Hobbs.

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

On the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were observed.

The toast of "The Initiate," proposed by the W.M., was heartily responded to.

Bros. Sprake, Jones, and Maseby responded for "The Visitors."

Harmony was contributed by Bros. Doresa, Boyle, Hexter, and Parsons.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; Edwin Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; A. Williams, J.D.; E. Newland, D.C.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; Hans Scharieu and C. J. Chambers, Stwds.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; C. Dopson, P.M.; G. E. White, Edward Lucas, H. Pinn, R. Phillips, E. D. Richards, J. Worth, A. Pauchin, T. Johnson, R. Gerbert, H. W. Dyne, H. Spencer, A. White, H. Hewitt, H. S. May, R. Shaw, J. F. Cliburn, W. Iredale, W. G. Boyes, A. J. Hardwick, J. C. Morgan, C. Heine-mann, and Jean Stehr. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Lewis, 493; F. Jones, 2266; J. Davies, W.M. 169; H. P. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; J. S. Packer, 1558; and W. P. Coke, 2168.

This being the election meeting, a considerable amount of business had to be got through. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Jean Stehr, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. H. W. Dyne was passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Jean Stehr was initiated by the W.M. in his usual perfect manner. Bro. Edwin Lucas, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. F. Butt, P.M., was again unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The Audit Committee was also appointed. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Coplestone for the very able way he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. The coming year is expected to be a very prosperous one for the lodge under the guidance of so worthy and esteemed a brother as Edwin Lucas. There are already three gentlemen proposed for initiation at the ensuing installation meeting in April. The numerous friends of Bro. Sims, P.M., Preceptor of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, will be pleased to learn that he received on this occasion a very substantial addition to his Steward's list for the approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I., and all those who know Bro. Sims heartily wish him the success in his Stewardship that he so richly deserves.

After the business was over, the brethren partook of a very nice banquet, and some good singing from several of the members, intermixed with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, brought a very enjoyable evening to a pleasant termination.

Cosmopolitan Lodge (No. 917).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., the evening being inaugurated as the "Ladies' night." Among those present were Bros. Carlo Tichiaz, W.M.; Egbert Roberts, Org., I.P.M.; T. Draper, S.W.; E. Francis, J.W.; Lovell Keays, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Bott, S.D.; J. Curtis, J.D.; W. Salmon, I.G.; G. A. P. Antunovich, D.C.; G. M. Taylor, P.M., and R. Prime, Stwds.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., Tyler; G. Redding, P.M.; J. T. Salmon, P.M.; A. Hamilton, P.M.; Wm. Pitt, P.M.; H. Forss, P.M.; G. Thomas, J. Smyrneo, Thos. Lucas, J. Williams, J. R. Hewett, Wm. Smith, C. Hirsch, J. Johnson, J. Nicholson, C. J. Stewart, R. C. Read, G. B. M. McLean, J. A. Cupper, F. Crowther, Thos. Lunt, and several visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. McLean, Cupper, and Crowther, and the same having proved unanimous, they were impressively initiated by the W.M. After other ordinary business, the lodge was closed.

Having repaired to the ball room the brethren were met by the ladies and guests, and a concert ably presided over by Bro. Roberts, I.P.M., was rendered, assisted by Mr. Forss, jun., Mr. Leroy (ventriloquist), Bros. Hewett Sanders, Hamilton, P.M., Mrs. Hamilton, and others; the same being thoroughly appreciated, many encores being demanded and given.

A cold collation having been in the meantime prepared (the catering of which reflects great credit on the new management) the company sat down, and after having done ample justice to the repast, at its conclusion the usual loyal toasts were given.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Roberts, I.P.M., during his remarks, drew attention to the able and most satisfactory manner in which he, the W.M., had made all the necessary arrangements to make "The Ladies' Night" a great success, at personal inconvenience and loss of time, and he was amply rewarded for that by the smiling and happy faces beaming around him, and judging therefrom he felt sure they all hoped this would become an annual institution of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master briefly responded, and stated that the interests of the lodge always were, and ever would be, the sole object and pleasure of his future study. He gave the toast of "The Ladies" which was received with cheers and applause. He, the W.M., said that in his opinion no gathering or society was properly adorned in the absence of the ladies, and after several other remarks of eulogy, Mr. Taylor, jun., responded for the ladies in a neat and appropriate little speech, which was cheered.

The ball room was then again resorted to, when the rest of the evening and the early hours of the morning were spent in the light fantastic toe, to the beautiful strains of Bro. Stuart Lane's band, and the company then separated amidst the greatest possible expressions of satisfaction from all at the most enjoyable evening spent.

Doric Lodge (No. 933).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. J. Hall Brown, W.M.; J. Gray, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Smith, J.W.; W. Wainwright, Treas.; T. G. Scott, Sec.; A. R. Walker, J.D.; W. A. Moss, I.G.; W. A. Hine, Steward; E. T. Seddon, Org.; R. Tucker, P.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; A. Calver, P.M.; R. Ayton, P.M.; J. G. Stevens, P.M.; J. Crane, P.M.; W. R. C. Moore, J. Rushforth, G. G. Hodsoll, A. Steedman, E. E. Pearson, W. Caslake, G. W. Austin, J. T. Johnson, T. Johnson, W. Cullen, J. Denn, C. Dance, F. Cates, and F. Newport. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; J. M. Broad, I.G. 2255; T. de Courcy Meade, W.M. 142; C. James, P.M. 15; J. Evans, A.D.C. 1260; H. J. Hallow, P.M. 1662; W. Harvey, P.M. (Stockholm); A. R. Trews, P.M. 959; A. Brock, 857; G. G. Parkins, 860; J. M. Knight, P.M. 95; J. Camp, 1695; A. Abrahams, 1349; and C. Basil Cooke, S.D. 1928.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. John Gray, S.W., was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. Hall Brown, his immediate predecessor, the impressive ceremony being performed in admirable style by the Installing Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hall Brown, I.P.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; A. R. Walker, J.W.; Wm. Wainwright, P.M., Treas.; A. Calver, P.M., Sec.; T. G. Scott, S.D.; W. A. Moss, J.D.; E. E. Pearson, I.G.; A. Steedman, Steward; J. T. Johnson, D.C.; and E. T. Seddon, Org. The W.M. presented Bro. Hall Brown with a handsome Past Master's jewel. On the motion of Bro. Barnes, seconded by Bro. Crane, and supported by the I.P.M., a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. G. Scott for his valuable services in undertaking the duties of Secretary on the emergency caused by the death of Bro. Barron, P.M., the late Secretary.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet.

The usual loyal and formal toasts having been duly honoured,

The Immediate Past Master proposed "The Health of the W.M." It gave him, he said, great pleasure to propose the toast, and to congratulate the brethren on the perfect manner in which Bro. Gray invested his officers, which augured well for the work of the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast (which was heartily drunk), thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had responded to it. He promised to act during his year of office according to precedent, provided that was not opposed to the prosperity of the lodge and harmonious working. In proposing "The Past Masters of the Doric Lodge" he said they could always depend upon a good array being present. There were nine or ten with them that night, which was a very fair proportion. No lodge could be really strong without a good number of experienced advisers amongst the ranks of its members. Their Past Masters were not only capable but willing at all times to impart Masonic knowledge to their juniors in the Craft. He himself was especially indebted to Bro. James Smith. The father of the lodge, Bro. Barnes, alone was a tower of strength, and they had all appreciated the splendid manner in which Bro. Brown that evening had rendered the ceremony of installation.

The Immediate Past Master thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel he had received. It would always remind him of their kindness.

Bro. Barnes said he had spent many happy evenings in this lodge, but when he felt that the time was rapidly coming when for him the end would be, and that was rather a melancholy reflection. But when he looked over the list of Past Masters, he knew they were all deserving of praise, for they had all done their duty with credit to themselves, and with advantage to the lodge. That being so, he was sorry that one or two P.M.'s should be mentioned to the exclusion of the others. It was a glorious thing to see that the officers of the lodge knew their duty, and wanted no prompting. The P.M.'s of the Doric would always be found equal to any duty they might be called upon to perform, and he believed such a spirit would continue. Each one would, he was sure, impress on those coming after them the necessity of being able to do their work on accepting office in the lodge. That was their 27th anniversary, and the W.M. was the 28th brother who had been installed as Master, and he trusted that the lodge would long prosper.

Bro. Jas. Smith also responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors." They had a good list of visiting brethren with them, and they cordially welcomed them. No fewer than six of their visitors were W.M.'s and P.M.'s. With regard to Bro. Harvey, from Stockholm, although he was a subject of Bro. King Oscar of Sweden, it was to his credit that he was born an Englishman. In the name of the lodge, he welcomed the visitors, and called on the brethren to cordially drink their health.

Bro. James, P.M., in response, remarked that he was sure the visitors would all feel that it was good to be there. He had often observed how small the world was, and the Masonic world was even more circumscribed. He had been pleasantly surprised to find that Bro. Gray, who he had known for a long time, but without knowing that he was a Mason, had been installed as W.M. that evening. An additional pleasure to that of meeting his friend, the W.M., was the excellent working of the Doric Lodge. The Doric working brought out all the principles of Freemasonry in bold relief. In the Fourth Degree the Doric was not excelled by any lodge.

Most of the other visitors also acknowledged the toast, and spoke highly of the working of the lodge and the hospitality of the brethren.

Bro. Wainwright, in response to the toast of "The Treasurer," said that one of the highest honours that could be paid to a Past Master was to elect him Treasurer, and he thanked the brethren for again re-electing him.

Bro. Calver, replying as Secretary, observed that a new collar had been placed on his neck that evening and he did not yet know whether it would gall him or fit easily. In all the offices he had previously held he had endeavoured to do his best and he would do his utmost to fulfil his new duties.

Bro. Brown, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," appealed to the brethren to strengthen his list at the Benevolent Festival, to which he was going as Steward. He had already reached three figures but he desired to take up £150.

Bro. Stephens also responded.

"The Health of the Officers" having been proposed and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

A capital musical programme was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. Seddon, by Bros. Pearson, Hodsoll, Newport, Cates, Scott, and Steedman. Bro. Calver gave a recitation with finished elocution.

Urban Lodge (No. 1196).—This distinguished lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 11th inst., when Bro. Robt. Manuel, the S.W. of the lodge, was installed by Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z., &c., the Secretary of the lodge, into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board which numbered 47 Installed Masters. Bro. Fairchild excelled himself on the occasion, for it is not too much to say that the ceremony of installation was never performed with better taste or in greater perfection than it was performed on this occasion. The new W.M. also showed that the brethren might expect perfect work from him during his year of office. In investing his officers he showed this, and also in the manner in which he closed down the lodge in the Three Degrees. The list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows: Bro. Robert Manuel, W.M.; Washington E. Haycock, P.M. 901, I.P.M.; Frederic R. Farrow, S.W.; R. S. Oakeshott, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c., Treas.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c., Sec.; Charles Hawksley, P.M., 1196, &c., D.C.; C. Purdon Clarke, S.D.; A. Montie Webb, J.D.; W. C. Niblett, I.G.; S. Temeyer, Org.; Japheth Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c., H. Gillard Glindoni, J. Williams Rogerson, and James S. Mountford, Stwds.; and James Very, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the members of the lodge and their guests, making a company of 89, dined together in the adjoining building, and at the conclusion of the banquet the customary toast list was proceeded with.

The Worshipful Master at once proceeded with the toast list. Upon rising he said brethren, with all loyalty to the crown and with every affection and regard for our ancient and honourable Institution. I give you the honoured toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was received with enthusiasm and honoured with a hearty fire.

In proposing the next toast the W. Master said that it had been said on high authority that man was a gregarious animal. He thought their meeting was a presumptive proof that that statement was correct; but it was possible to gregarious under varying conditions, and he ventured to think that when they gregarious under Masonic conditions they were in a very happy position, because not only did they feel, if they had the Masonic sentiment in their hearts that whether they knew the brethren intimately or less intimately, there was a feeling of brotherhood that linked the whole brethren together there that night. He believed if that was the whole sentiment of Masonry it would stamp the Institution as a valuable one, but looking at it as a whole he did not think they were insensible to recognition from high authority, and therefore, he thought it added weight to what he wished to urge, that Masonry was highly honoured in having one who was not only Heir Apparent to the Throne, but one of the best of good fellows, who honoured Masonry by being the M.W.G. Master. He thought also they were fortunate in having as the second Grand Officer of their body so distinguished a statesman as the Earl of Carnarvon. Without further preface, he would give the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He had thought that there was a Past Grand Officer present among them whose name he could associate with the toast, but found that he was mistaken in this respect.

This was also received by the brethren with all possible enthusiasm.

Bro. W. E. Haycock, I.P.M., then rose and said: Brother Wardens and Brethren and Visitors,—It is my high privilege, and that privilege is largely pervaded by a sense of pleasure, to offer for your acceptance the next toast, which is that of "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Urban Lodge." It is a very stale statement to say that it is a difficult thing to speak of a man's good qualities in his presence, but although my dear and respected friend, our W.M., is a member of a distinguished profession—that of the law—the chief characteristic of which is extreme bashfulness—I shall on this occasion as briefly as possible venture to give a few reasons why you should drink with that hearti-

ness which was never absent from any toast proposed in the Urban Lodge, the health of the W.M. of the lodge. For nearly a generation it has been my privilege and great advantage to be an intimate associate of the W.M., and during that time I have observed your W.M. when he has been called upon has shown the qualities of fortitude, virtue, and charity; and on every such occasion your W.M. had ever been at the zenith with respect to those high and ennobling qualities. I can speak of your W.M. as one who is not by any means a stranger to this Urban Lodge. You have had the opportunity, the delightful opportunity, to observe the working of your W.M., as S.W. during the year in which I had the distinguished honour of presiding in the chair; and I feel that he is the most highly accomplished amongst those who have reached the chair, and I am sure you will agree with me in saying that I do not exceed the plain statement of fact when I say that he has discharged those duties with credit to the Craft, and highly creditable to this Urban Lodge. It too frequently happens in speeches of this kind that we do not confine ourselves strictly to truth (he meant among the outside world who are not Masons), but I speak to you, brethren, as to those who know that I would not infringe the sacred domains of truth, even to do honour to a man to whom we cannot do too much honour. You have experienced his good qualities, so have I; and we can have no doubt that Bro. Robert Manuel, the Master of this lodge, will maintain the prestige of this distinguished lodge, and, if possible, transcend the highest possible attainments which have been reached by those who have preceded him. As a citizen, he is a man with the backbone of a man—a man modest in his demeanour. We have a right to expect great things from him, and I venture to say that the expectation with regard to Bro. Manuel will be realised, and that at the end of his period of office my words will have been fully proved. I therefore ask you to charge your glasses, and drink the health of Bro. Robt. Manuel, W.M. of the Urban Lodge.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said: I fear my old and esteemed friend, I.P.M. Haycock, has got me into a rather tight place, and I would ask you to allow a very liberal discount off the too flattering words which he has said. Much as I value his kind words, much as I value your approval, I could almost desire both to come at the end of my year of office, rather than at the commencement of it, because I should then be able to say whether I was worthy of the words Bro. Haycock has used. Indeed, any man who enjoys the privilege of being W.M. of a mother lodge (and there is a good deal in that) feels a certain sense of hopefulness that he will acquit himself in his office with credit to his mother lodge. What shall I say with regard to myself? I will say nothing with regard to myself. But there is another question with regard to the I.P.M. It looks a good deal like log-rolling, because he has been honouring me, and now I am going to honour him. But he has been through his year of office, and has been through it with distinct earnestness of purpose. I would rather hear the ceremonies rendered by a man a little imperfect than by rote, if, notwithstanding the imperfect working I found the heart underneath it. Now we have not only perfect rendering by the I.P.M. but the heart underneath it as well. But I think where he distinguished himself most was when he presided at the festive gathering of the lodge. I think he made some of the most graceful and appropriate speeches which it has been my pleasure to hear. He is a great student of English literature, and any one who wishes to speak with effect must either have prepared himself or read and attuned his mind by intimate acquaintance with the great English writers who have made this country of ours distinguished in the forefront of literature. It is one of the privileges of the W.M. to adorn the breast of his immediate predecessor with a jewel; and I do not think a jewel can be more deserved than that which I now pin upon Bro. Haycock's breast. Brethren, I give you a toast that I am sure you will honour, I give you the toast of "Bro. Haycock's Health."

In returning thanks, Bro. Haycock said that it was a long established usage—one that was almost dignified into a custom—a custom which he thought was more honoured in the breach than in the observance, that where a company of one's countrymen ventured to express their approbation of services rendered before their eyes, for the majority of us (he said it with shame) to say "I do not deserve all these things that have been said about me; and I am very humble indeed, and I am totally unworthy of the eulogies you have been good enough to pass upon me." Now he (Bro. Haycock) thought that was bad; in the first place it was nothing else but rank hypocrisy, and in the second place it was a direct charge of untruthfulness against those who had been good enough to say that which they believed to be true. He ventured to think that the brethren had thought that when he occupied the post now occupied by Bro. Manuel that he did his best for the welfare of the lodge and for the extension of Masonic principles; that he succeeded he ventured to feel assured, if at all events he knew that through his year of office, although conscious that he was not "letter-perfect," he thought that the spirit of Freemasonry was not absent. He did the best he possibly could; he had always before him the fact that this lodge had in the past, as in the present, very distinguished men in it—men distinguished by high intellectual attainments, and by that which was equally honoured—great heart. He would mention two of the late lamented—Henry Marston and H. L. Blanchard. With Bro. Marston he had the opportunity and high privilege of many interviews, and had found him an enlightened and high-minded gentleman; and Bro. Blanchard was one of the kindest creatures who ever owned the name of a man. In Masonry he (Bro. Haycock) had always tried not to dishonour it; to do nothing to bring it into disregard with the outside world who were not Masons; and that he had not altogether failed had been assured him by the words that had come from the Master. Bro. Haycock concluded by thanking the brethren for listening to him, and trusted that he might be spared for many years to wear the jewel with which they had presented him.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Health of the Visitors," and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Prideaux, Q.C., Recorder of Bristol, Boyle, and Watson, Past Grand Master of Delaware, U.S.A.

Bro. Prideaux, in reply, said that the words of infallible truth—that infallible truth which regulated the conduct of the true Mason towards himself, towards his brother, towards his neighbour, and towards his God—had said that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh; and he was sure that in speaking not merely for himself, but also

for his brother visitors, he could apply those words to himself. He was aware that he was surrounded by men of high intellectual power, but he desired to speak out of the heart rather than out of the head—the heart which ruled supremely in the mind of the true Mason. This was to him a proud and happy day; he had for many years been intimately associated with their honoured and respected Master and their no less honoured and respected I.P.M., because he had had the honour of presiding over a debating club of which they had both been most valued members. He knew them well, and knew the kindness of their hearts, the excellence of their disposition, the overwhelming love and affection they had for their brother Masons, and that no man could more proudly and deservedly occupy that position than themselves. Of that he was quite assured, because of his intimate association with them in the Sylvan Club, of which he was the president. Though he was more fortunately situated with regard to the Sylvan Club, though he was not an active member of the Urban Club, he thought he might say that he had been intimately situated even with the Urban Club, they had done him the great honour to make him an honorary member of the club for some slight services he had the honour of doing them when he presided at their annual festival in connection with the greatest man that ever improved the mind of man—the immortal Shakespeare. He quite admitted the intimate connection between the Sylvan Club and the Urban Club, and felt as if he might almost consider himself a member, not only of the Urban Club, but also of the Urban Lodge, because of the free association between the Sylvan Club and the Urban Club and the Urban Lodge, and, owing to that association, it was that he had had the honour of being called on, as the first brother named, to respond to that toast. And he did respond to it from the bottom of his heart, not merely in his own name, though to him it was a great pride and satisfaction. The visitors must feel with him that they had had a great honour done them, a great moral induction, a great intellectual treat, to witness the manner in which the splendid work had been done in the lodge. He asked them this: throughout the length and breadth of Masonry had they ever seen work more gloriously, more Masonically, more perfectly celebrated than it had been by their valued friend, Bro. Fairchild? and from the bottom of his heart he asked whether they had ever seen the duties of the Master in lodge more ably discharged than they had been that day by the W.M.? It was impossible that they should do so. Bro. Prideaux went on to say that he loved Freemasonry from the bottom of his heart; the more he saw of it the more he loved it, because he knew that the tenets were based upon the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The learned brother concluded by tendering his grateful thanks for the very kind and friendly reception that the visitors had received at the hands of the lodge.

Bros. Boyle and Watson also responded on behalf of the visitors.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Fairchild," and in replying, Bro. Fairchild said that the Master, referring to the ceremony he had that day passed through, had referred to the possibility that he felt a difficulty in sitting down. For his part Bro. Fairchild said, without questioning the W.M.'s accuracy, he rather felt a difficulty, not in sitting down, but in rising to respond to that toast. He could quite appreciate the I.P.M.'s delicacy in leaving him (Bro. Fairchild) to do the work. He was sure that Bro. Haycock could have done the ceremony himself, but had thought he would confer a compliment upon him by leaving the work for him. That work he had done to the best of his ability, and he hoped he had done it to the satisfaction of the lodge.

The toast to "The Health of the Past Masters" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who mentioned the name of Bros. Bray, Heap, Butler, and Fred. Exdine, and the last-named brother responded.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed, and called forth responses from the principal officers, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening a selection of music was performed by Bros. Arthur Thomas, Edwin Bryant, and Franklin Clive, Bro. S. Lehmer, the Organist of the lodge, being pianist and conductor. In addition to the music there were two telling recitations contributed by Bros. Fairchild and Haycock.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The installation meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. Harry Hunt, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers: Bros. S. Napper, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; R. Loomes, D.C.; and A. Hagan and A. Cox, Stwds. The following brethren were present: Bros. D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. Petch, P.M., I.P.M. 2278; C. Hiller, C. Isler, J. Gravatt, J. W. Amand, C. H. Stevenson, W. Taylor, G. W. E. Walker, F. W. White, C. Horst, E. J. Harrison, D. C. Ritchie, W. C. Hiller, J. H. Sheldrake, A. Fearnhead, A. Combes, C. Weber, G. W. Hooker, C. A. Chapman, J. A. Blount, E. A. Beer, G. A. Hull, P. Faber, W. Jarvis, A. Snook, B. Bridgwater, T. Ganter, F. Simmonds, J. Baker, and W. B. Hartridge. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Chretien, S.D. 1328, and 2278; H. S. Trego, I.G. 1839; Walter Hancock, 1056, S.D. 2191; F. Cakebread, 1178; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; J. McLaren, 1805; C. Roe, I.G. 1891; H. J. Fletcher, 1693; C. H. Abrams, 511; W. H. Caton, P.M. 1365; and G. W. Andrews, 2021.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Amand and Walker were raised to the Degree of M.M. The installation of Bro. Sidney Napper, W.M. elect, was afterwards proceeded with, the duties of the ceremony being divided between Bros. Holness, P.M., and Cox, P.M., and the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Hunt. Bro. Napper, W.M., having been placed in the chair, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; W. T. Tyrrell (appointed in his absence) D.C.; A. Combes, P.M., and J. A. Blount, Stwds.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. The Treasurer's account, as audited, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Notice was given of a proposal to vote £2 10s. from the funds of the lodge to Bro. Binckes' retiring fund. A candidate was proposed for initiation. Bros. White and Hull signed and received their Grand

Lodge certificates. The W.M. informed the brethren of his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted as the contribution of the lodge to his list. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt.

Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

The W.M., replying to the toast of his health, said he had been a member of the lodge 13 years, during which time many changes had taken place. Some brethren had been removed by death, others by resignation. He hoped, however, to continue his connection with the lodge for many years to come. He trusted the lodge would prosper under his Mastership as it had prospered before. He should do everything in his power to that end.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt," was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who warmly congratulated the I.P.M. on the close of a most successful year of office, and concluded by presenting him with the Past Master's jewel previously voted.

Bro. H. Hunt, I.P.M., briefly expressed his thanks.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who regretted that the list of visitors was shorter than had been hoped; they were very pleased to see those brethren who had been able to attend, and he hoped to see them all again during the year.

Bro. Caton, P.M. 1365, said it was the second time he had attended the lodge as a visitor; he had been much interested in the working. If the W.M. performed the other duties of his office in the same manner in which he invested his officers and presided at the banquet table, he would go through his year with credit. The W.M. and himself were members of the same chapter. He thanked the brethren for the way in which the visitors had been received.

Bro. Walter Hancock, S.D. 2191, and Preceptor of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, said the motto on the toast list, "Bid these friends welcome," was one well understood and acted up to by the lodge in the entertainment of their visitors. He was exceedingly pleased to be present, and to see the general working of the lodge. He occupied an exceptional position with regard to the lodge, though not a member of it, he felt as much interest in it and in its working as though he were. He joined the Islington Lodge of Instruction as a learner, but the then Preceptor resigning he was asked to accept the post, and with great diffidence he accepted it. At that time the attendance had dwindled down to a wretched average, but they had worked away for three or four years and now might well be pleased at the progress made. Personally, he was proud of the confidence placed in him and the friendly feeling shown to him at all times, and wished the mother lodge success.

Bro. G. T. Chretien, S.D. 1328, responded in a few well chosen words.

Bro. C. Kempton, P.M. 1287, remarked that at the installation there was not one Richmond in the field, but many; it was a good and notable feature that so many Past Masters should be able and willing to take part in the work. He thought that though the W.M. was a Napper they would never find him napping.

Bro. Holness, in replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said he regretted that he occupied the position of senior P.M. that night, through the absence of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., Treasurer, and father of the lodge, who was prostrated by illness. No one took greater interest in the lodge, and he was sure that Bro. Mather's absence and the cause of it would be regretted by everyone present.

Bro. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, said it was a great pleasure to him to be called upon to perform any duty in the lodge. He had filled every office in the lodge, including two years as I.G., so he considered he had earned the position he had attained. His interest in the lodge, however, was still as great as ever.

Bro. J. Petch, P.M., also replied.

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec., in reply to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he was glad to be able to state that there was no time during the existence of the lodge that the funds were in so satisfactory a condition. There had been no curtailment of the enjoyment of the brethren, but they found their Benevolent Fund growing to a respectable sum. This fund was invested, and they were receiving interest upon it.

The next toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," which was replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alderman Joseph Renals, W.M., supported by Bros. E. Anderton, I.P.M.; A. B. Hudson, S.W., W.M. elect; E. V. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; S. White, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; M. R. Webb, J.P., J.W.; J. Larkin, W.M. 3, S.D.; E. F. B. Fuller, J.D.; G. Rawlinson, I.G.; J. Shotton, S. Croft, and others. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. P. Walkden, Org. 1361; R. Taylor, 140; J. P. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 2168; J. Furrott, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1507, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; S. R. Lovett, S.W. 3; A. T. Pearce, P.M. 1572; G. Harlow, P.M. 1613; E. J. Baylis, P.M.; J. H. Dunn, 901; C. Lee, J.W. 1624; H. W. A. Cooper, 1747; G. Everett, P.M. 177; J. O. Carter, P.M. 209, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; R. A. Morgan, P.M. 1671; J. C. Chubb, 96; W. Maple, P.M. 656; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572, &c.; J. M. Wood, 33; H. M. Bates, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; W. D. Townsend, J.W. 3; B. Turner, P.M. 1328; A. Hunter, P.M. 1494; E. E. Harding, J.W. 2108; G. Low, P.M. 3; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; J. R. Cross, 2021; F. Taylor, P.M. 1260; A. Sandberg, I.G. 3; W. J. Charles, W.M. 22; W. R. Brooks, I.P.M. 22; J. Salmon, P.M. 2077, P.G. Reg. Essex; Baron de Bush, 1827; L. M. Myers, P.M. 188; M. Turner, J.W. 1329; A. J. Altman, W.M. 60, P.G.S.; G. Jones, 101; Alex. Peebles, P.M. 1827; A. Ashley, 3; C. Hilton, 1141; G. T. Thorne, P.M. 1232; B. G. Repton, 1818; L. King, 2190; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were confirmed, and the report of the Committee of Finance received and adopted. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., who was, unfortunately, too unwell to attend, the chair was assumed by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., who installed Bro. A. B. Hudson as

W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Alderman Renals, I.P.M.; M. R. Webb, S.W.; Jno. Larkin, J.W.; S. White, P.M.; Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; E. F. B. Fuller, S.D.; G. Rawlinson, J.D.; J. Shotton, I.G.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Sir J. Monckton. The W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Alderman Renals, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. A telegram was received from Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor expressing his regret that he was too unwell to be present.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Grand Officers," welcomed Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., whose name he coupled with the toast, uniting with it that of the Installing Master. They all knew what a thorough Mason Sir John Monckton was, and they were very much indebted to him for having taken the place of the Grand Secretary in carrying out the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., said that was not the first time he rose to respond to this toast, and he was glad to be so well supported on both sides. He wished he was supported in the ability to do full justice to the toast which the W.M. so kindly and fraternally proposed. He confessed to considerable regrets, which he alluded to in the lodge, to find himself in the position he was, because for the first time he thought, since this had been a working lodge, they had missed the assistance of their beloved and esteemed Grand Secretary. He thought Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had been a sort of perpetual Installing Master, and an excellent Preceptor, for when he worked in a lodge, it did good. The Grand Secretary was not only in bed, but suffering very great pain, and he felt sorry for him, and was sure they all did, for a more worthy brother did not exist. Bro. Col. Clerke, therefore, asked him to represent him. As an old Mason, of between 30 and 40 years, he was never better pleased than when lending a hand in some way or other. The W.M. had showed him what he might well be proud of—a list for the Old People, and it was a great credit to the lodge that he could take up such a good list, for it showed that the Aldersgate Lodge was doing its work thoroughly well and Masonically. He thanked them heartily in the name of those distinguished brethren with whom his name was coupled.

Bro. Alderman J. Renals, I.P.M., said he did not like to have a difference with his superior officer on the installation night, but he ventured to think the brethren would agree with him. He had to join issue with the closing remarks of the W.M. in giving the last toast, when he said it was the last loyal toast. In the Aldersgate Lodge they claimed loyalty as one of their strong points, and especially loyalty to the W.M., and it was that toast he asked them to drink with him. It had been his privilege on many occasions during the past year, when he occupied the post occupied by Bro. Hudson, to refer to him, not only in admiring, but truthful terms, for no W.M. ever had a more sincere or harder worker for his S.W. than he had had in Bro. Hudson. He had referred to Bro. Hudson's loyalty, not only to the lodge, but also to the chair, and also to the manner in which he performed his duty and the knowledge of the ritual he had displayed. He ventured to say that they had in their W.M. not only a kindly, genial, but also an able Mason, and he prophesied that the coming year would see them holding their own in the Masonic world and that his prophetic words would become prophecy fulfilled when, at the end of the year, they thanked him for so kindly ruling over them.

Bro. A. B. Hudson, W.M., said he felt a great deal more diffidence in rising to respond than he felt in proposing the other toasts, and that they could understand. He thought the I.P.M. had proclaimed him beyond his dues. He had endeavoured to act as a Mason should, and in succeeding to the chair he hoped he should continue to do so, and throughout his year maintain, not only the dignity of this lodge, but the credit of the Masonic Craft in general. Bro. Sir John Monckton was good enough to allude to the flattering way in which his application with regard to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had been received. He certainly had a handsome list, extending beyond £100, and upon that point he would like to say that it was not yet closed. He could not do more than thank them for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Visitors," and said their lodge, especially on installation nights, prided itself on having a numerous body of visitors, and he had to thank the visiting brethren who had responded to the invitations given.

Bro. Hy. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Middx., in response, said he did not know why he had been selected to speak first. He had certainly given great attention to Freemasonry in the past, more than he could hope to do in the future. He had known the W.M. some years before he became a Mason, and in his profession. Bro. Hudson's work was as well done as in Masonry. He was sure that, if the W.M. had time, health, and strength, he would perform the ceremonies in an able manner. He was glad to know the brethren had responded well to the W.M.'s application for the Benevolent Institution, for he believed it was the best of the Institutions. They could not be boys or girls, but they might be old men, and, therefore, the Institution demanded their care and attention. The visitors thanked the lodge very much for the excellent work given in the lodge, and they could not have had a better banquet. The W.M. had a fine year before him, and would do his work to the satisfaction of all.

Bros. Altman, P.G. Stwd., and Frank Tayler, P.M., also replied.

The "I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next submitted by the W.M. He said the I.P.M. was a brother who had passed through the chair with honour to the lodge and credit to himself. Bro. Renals had made his mark in another way besides Masonry, for it was within his knowledge the rapid strides with which he ingratiated himself in the favour of his neighbours and others in his Ward. After a very short residence in business amongst them, Bro. Renals was placed in the most honourable position of Alderman of the City of London, and from the particular ability he showed in regard to his duties they had not the slightest doubt that when he is called to the higher position of Chief Magistrate he would be found equal to the occasion. Bro. Anderton, P.M., was one of those thorough Masons who had gained the esteem of the members. Bro. Jolliffe, P.M., Secretary, and Bro. Froom, P.M., were amongst those present. He should couple the names of the I.P.M. and Bro. Anderton, P.M.

Bro. Alderman J. Renals, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said that twelve months ago they were pleased to confer upon him the honour of Worshipful Master of the lodge. He accepted that honour conscious of the difficulties that would surround his acceptance of it. He accepted it with all the duties and obligations belonging to it, conscious as he was of the abilities of those who had preceded him. He had one aim and one desire—to maintain the prestige of the lodge and the high position it had attained in the Masonic world. Certain as he was of the good intentions he had had, and that those good intentions had not been followed up by a practical result to his own satisfaction, he assured them he should be greatly satisfied if they were to say of their W.M. for the past year, that while he had not arrived at the heights of excellence attained by those who had preceded him, at the same time they were conscious he had done his best.

Bro. Anderton, P.M., also responded.

The Worshipful Master said he had next a very pleasing toast to bring to their notice—that of "The Officers." It was of no use having a Master unless he was supported by worthy brethren determined to do their duty. In presenting that toast he had a particular gratification of introducing the names of several brethren—some of them Past Masters of tried service. Firstly, he would refer to Bro. White, P.M., who was unanimously elected Treasurer, and he was sure the funds could not be entrusted to the hands of a more worthy brother. Bro. White was now some few years a P.M. of the lodge, and had always assisted in various directions. In Bro. Jolliffe, P.M., they had almost the lodge, because it was to him they were so much indebted for the success of all their entertainments, as well as for the general well-being of the lodge. He looked to the S.W. to support him in a hearty manner. If he mentioned the name of Bro. Larkin, J.W., it was simply a by-word for everything that was generous and good as a Mason, and he looked to him for the support he was sure he should receive.

Bros. White, P.M., Treasurer; Jolliffe, P.M., Secretary; Webb, S.W.; and Larkin, W.M. 3, J.W., responded.

Before the Tyler's toast was given the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 2168," thanking him for the assistance rendered by him in the lodge room.

Bros. J. A. Brown, A. James, J. Kift, and F. Bevan rendered a capital selection of music during the evening.

Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, W., Bro. E. Burritt Lane, W.M., presiding. Among the officers and brethren present were the following: Bros. T. E. Biddlecombe, S.W.; J. B. Sargeant, J.W.; J. Mills, Sec.; S. Wilford, J.D.; J. T. Hutchinson, I.G.; W. C. Hutchinson, Stwd.; A. F. Howard, P.M., D.C.; H. E. Robertson, S. Dunn, E. C. M. Fischel; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Poupart, P.M. 9; G. M. Preston, P.M. 861; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146; and E. M. Tacon, P.M. 1196.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and other business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The loyal toasts having been received with due honours, the remaining toasts were proposed and responded to in the brief manner usual in this lodge, where harmony is the principal feature.

In consequence of many absentees, occasioned by the prevailing epidemic, there was no set programme.

Among those who contributed to the musical part of the evening's entertainment were Bro. J. T. Hutchinson, with "The Village Blacksmith" and "Oh, ruddier than the cherry;" Bro. J. B. Sargeant, with a MS. song, which he has not yet presented to the public; Bro. Poupart, with "I loved the maid for loving me," by Maddison, a ditty simple and quaint in feeling; and Bro. E. Burritt Lane, W.M., with "The Longshoreman," by Chesham, a song now in considerable vogue. Bro. R. Sebastian Hart did yeoman's service with his excellent accompaniments.

Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since the installation of Bro. W. A. Dowling as Worshipful Master, was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Monday, the 10th instant, when there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren present to enjoy his admirable management of a long and varied programme of work. The W.M. was supported by Bros. J. Brown, S.W.; R. Wimpey, J.W.; George Everett, acting I.P.M.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; F. Walden, S.D.; B. Kenyon, D.C.; J. Rowling, I.G.; E. P. Delevante, Org.; W. C. Dickey, Stwd.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Prov. S.G.W.; and a large number of lay members. The visitors in attendance were Bros. R. E. H. Goffin, W.M. 2030, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. Poupart, I.P.M. 9; W. H. Stanley Mansfrell, 2309; W. H. Hankam, 2309; T. E. Scott, P.M. 771; J. Stait, I.G. 1743; W. J. Cattler, 1361; Frank Perkins, 1984; H. Tyser, I.P.M. 2147; J. Pollard, W.M. 2147; G. Cooze, 2184; A. Freeman, 1616; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Messrs. F. J. Hubbard, F. Browne, C. Wright, and E. Bartlett were successful at the ballot as candidates for initiation. Bro. W. J. Harrison, 946, was duly elected a joining member. Bros. H. Wright and W. S. Whiteley were raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. George E. Margrate passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then initiated the following candidates into Freemasonry viz., Messrs. F. J. Hubbard, F. Browne, H. Wood, C. Wright, and E. Bartlett. The ritual in the three Degrees was rendered by the W.M. in a careful and impressive manner, and fully deserved the commendations subsequently bestowed by those present. It is a *sine qua non* that during the present year the work will be performed with the perfection it deserves, and that the lodge will continue to progress as satisfactorily as in the past. On the motion of Bro. George Gardner, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. George Everett, P.M., the sum of £5 was voted from the lodge funds in support of the fund being raised to ensure a pension for Bro. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Business of a routine nature was transacted, and the lodge was then closed.

After banquet the preliminary toasts were briefly but heartily disposed of.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., said that in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the duty devolved upon him of proposing the next toast. When he told them that he never in his life rose with greater pleasure than on

the present occasion, he was speaking from his heart, and was telling them what he felt. They were aware that the toast he was about to submit was "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He was quite sure he need only mention Bro. Dowling's name for them to greet it with heartiness and enthusiasm. Their W. Master, when he was inducted into the chair a month ago started by performing the initiation ceremony, and did it in a manner that reflected the greatest credit, and they then said what an excellent start he had made. That was but one degree, but he had totally surpassed that. On the present occasion they had put him to a far greater test, as he had had to perform the whole of the Three Degrees, and the most experienced Mason could not have performed them in a more able, effective, or efficient manner than their W.M. had rendered them that day. He (Bro. Everett) felt a great pride in being able to recount all these good things of their W.M., because he was the first child of the lodge. Some six years ago he initiated Bro. Dowling, and he was, therefore, his father, so far as Freemasonry was concerned, as he first gave him light. He had a right to expect good things of one who had—if he might say so—come of such good parents, and their W.M. had done credit to that parentage. They, therefore, hailed the W.M. with much pleasure and felt proud to have him amongst them. Speaking as an old Mason, he had never known a young Mason who took upon himself the cares of the chair and performed them in a more efficient manner. He came that evening to assist Bro. Dowling should he require assistance, but their W.M. went through the Three Degrees, and not only knew the ritual but rendered it a most impressive manner. The W.M. was what they expected and a great deal more, and was held in respect by all. If he talked for half an hour he could not enhance their good opinion of him, and he, therefore, gave them in all sincerity the health of their W.M.

Bro. W. A. Dowling, W.M., said he could only sincerely thank them for the very kind way in which they had received the toast of his health, and Bro. Everett for the flattering things said of him. He was rather afraid they had commenced praising him too soon, for when they had a good servant it was a bad thing to praise him too soon, as he might take liberties. He was thankful to Bro. Everett for showing him the light of Masonry, and was pleased he had satisfied them since he had been in the chair. During his year his endeavour would be to give them satisfaction and carry out the ceremonies in the way he thought they ought to be worked according to his ideas.

"The Initiates" was duly honoured, after which

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," observing that there were but two Past Masters present that evening; but what they lacked in quantity was made up for in quality. Bro. Geo. Everett, the first P.M. of the lodge, was always ready and willing to assist in the working, and in carrying out the arrangements necessary to make the lodge a success. Then they had Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Sec., whose good qualities as a Mason were well known, not only for his hard working, but for his efforts for the Masonic Charities.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., in response, said he was glad the W.M. had given him the opportunity of saying a few words early in the evening. He thanked them heartily for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that there were only two Past Masters present, but they were somewhat peculiarly situated. There were six Past Masters in the lodge, but, through circumstances over which they had no control, some of them were unable to attend to their duties. The I.P.M.—Bro. Lord George Hamilton—gave great prestige to the lodge by going through the chair, and held a high position in the State, and they did not, therefore, expect him to attend, as he had important duties to perform on the eve of the opening of Parliament. Bro. Dr. Lawrence, P.M., Treas., was all geniality and kindness, and they liked to have him amongst them, but he had been called away that evening on professional duties. There was, however, this encouraging fact, that, whereas in some lodges it was necessary for the Past Masters to be present, as the work could not very well be carried out in a proper manner without their assistance, in their own lodge they were in that happy position, not only as regards the W.M., but also the Wardens and officers, who were all thoroughly efficient, that if there had been no Past Master present, he could say in all sincerity the work would have gone on in a proper manner. For a young lodge that was very satisfactory, and he was happy to pay those compliments so richly deserved. He again thanked them very heartily for the way in which the toast had been received.

Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Sec., returned thanks, but as he should have to say a few words later on for the Treasurer and Secretary, he would simply thank the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of them as Past Masters, and to assure the brethren that they would endeavour to do their duty to the Chiswick Lodge.

Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, W.M. 2030, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, replying for "The Visitors," said it was his first visit to the lodge, and he had been delighted, not only with the working, but with the general hospitality of the lodge. He was rather afraid he should be among a number of strangers, but he found their world was a small one. He was delighted to find that Bro. Everett was the first W.M. and founder of the lodge, and that his dear friend, Bro. T. C. Walls, whom he had known for a considerable time, and met frequently in degrees somewhat of an exalted character, was also a member. He had been delighted with the genial hospitality extended to the visitors, and more delighted to see the admirable working of the W.M., who had that evening initiated as many as the Constitutions permitted. The speeches of the initiates evinced that they were men of the right stamp. These initiates had seen what they were called upon to do to assist brethren in distress, and also saw the link existing between the brethren who enter the lodge for the first time, and pledged themselves to do all they could to promote the comfort, harmony, and goodwill of the brethren in general. He hoped they would come on in time to those emblems of mortality that would link them to higher things. To him Masonry had a great charm, because it acknowledged from the beginning the great brotherhood of man, and looked forward to the great Fatherhood that should, and does, unite them all from Heaven to earth. In conclusion, he thanked the W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the harmony and goodfellowship that it was possible for one man to bestow upon another in what was called the "Fourth" Degree.

Bros. Poupart, I.P.M. 9, and Mansfield, 2309, also replied.

Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" was followed by the Tyler's toast, which terminated the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., there being a large attendance, including Bros. Leven Taylor, W.M.; J. W. Brigg, I.P.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; T. Bland, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; J. Jones, S.D.; W. Todd, J.D.; G. H. Ward, D.C.; W. Forman, Org.; A. Smith, I.G.; W. W. Haywood and G. C. Copestick, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Frayer, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Woodiwiw, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Worsnop, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; W. H. Roberts, P.M.; A. Butterworth, F. Ball, D. Ottewell, W. N. Toft, T. Tinkler, B. Varley, J. Machin, D. Woollatt, Dr. Legge, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, P.P.J.G.D.; G. C. Smith, W.M. 802; F. Stone, I.P.M. 1085; T. Oldham, S.W. 802; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; and Rev. Price, J.W. 253.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Walker, S.W., who very feelingly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and promised to do all in his power to maintain and uphold the high prestige of the lodge. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Day, Tyler. Bro. Toft was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by his officers, in a manner which highly gratified the brethren. A candidate was proposed by Bro. A. Frayer, P.M. On the proposition of the W.M., Bro. J. Walker, S.W., and W.M. elect, was elected to represent the lodge at the next Girls' School Festival. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Wright, P.M.; and G. Sutherland, J.W.

After the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards met for refreshment in the lower hall, after which the usual toast list was gone through, with the addition of "The Health of the W.M. elect."

HORWICH.

Horwich Lodge (No. 2324).—The regular meeting of this young but successful lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Railway Hotel. There were five candidates for initiation, five passings, and five raisings. We compliment the W.M., Bro. J. Rogers, upon his great perseverance in facing such a stupendous task. He performed most of the ceremonies himself, assisted by Bro. Dr. Farmer, P.M.

Although the lodge was called for an early hour, there was a good gathering of brethren, including Bros. Thomson, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; J. G. P. Simpson, Sec.; A. H. Crump, S.D.; H. H. Muckler, J.D.; E. Hindley, I.G.; W. M. Varley, Steward; J. Dent, Tyler; Henry Taylor, W. H. Sprague, J. E. Lambert, Geo. Holford, L. Tetlow, S. Goldstone, P.M. 348; and G. Sam Smith, P.M. 1134 and 1170.

MANCHESTER.

St. George Lodge (No. 1170).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Ogden, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The principal business of the evening was election of W.M. and other officers for the ensuing year, which terminated with the following result: Bro. Thomas Black, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. A. H. Jefferies, P.M., P.P.G.D.D.C., Treas.; Bros. Thomas Black, W.M. elect, and Whatter, Auditors; Bro. Ogden, W.M., Charity Representative; and Bro. J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., P.P.G.S., acted as Secretary in place of Bro. George Hunt, P.M., who was very much indisposed. There were present Bros. John Ogden, W.M.; Thomas Black, S.W.; R. W. Routledge, J.W.; H. H. Jefferies, Treas.; E. W. Irving, P.M., acting Sec.; W. H. Buckley, S.D.; W. Craig Royle, J.D.; Luke Suthers, I.G.; Jas. Sly, Tyler; John E. Lees, P.M.; W. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.T.; A. H. Williams, P.M.; W. Brookes, P.M.; G. W. S. Smith, P.M.; W. Eldershaw, P.M.; J. Horrocks, P.M.; E. B. Scott, T. H. Black, and J. H. Whatter. Visitor: Clare Edgar Towell.

St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst. There was a large and distinguished gathering of brethren, the occasion being the installation of Bro. John Baird, W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed in an unusually pleasing manner by Bro. J. H. Dalglish, W.M. The officers were invested as below, and addressed by Bro. E. Roberts, P.M. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by Bro. Christopher Wren, I.P.M. Officers: Bros. J. H. Dalglish, I.P.M.; J. E. Ashton, S.W. (Bro. Chadwick, proxy); C. P. Dunkerley, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Treas.; A. L. Jones, Sec.; T. C. Olney, S.D.; E. Roberts, P.M., J.D.; C. Wren, P.M., D.C. and Chap.; W. H. Cunningham, Org.; W. Bennett, I.G.; T. Hunter and W. Howard, Stwds.; and J. Sly, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremony, Bro. J. H. Dalglish, I.P.M., remarked he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask Bro. C. Wren, P.M., to accept from the brethren a most beautiful Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the great energy and zeal he had shown for the lodge, not only during his year of office, but previous and since he held the chair of St. David's Lodge, and asked him to accept it in the same spirit in which it was offered, not for its intrinsic value alone, but as a bond of union between him and every member of the lodge, and wished him long life to wear it. Bro. C. Wren, who evidently spoke with some emotion, thanked the brethren in a few graceful words. The busi-

ness being satisfactorily concluded, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed from the very many visitors present, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren, with their guests, held a banquet at the Grand Hotel, which was of a *recherche* character, and the tables were profusely decorated with orchids, roses, and other rare flowers and plants, and being most brilliantly illuminated, gave the room a very picturesque appearance.

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

We regret pressure on our space prevents us from giving the capital speeches in length that followed each toast, but suffice it to say that each one was of an exceptionally brilliant and pithy style, which is very acceptable on an occasion of this kind.

Great regret was felt at the absence of the much-beloved Bro. J. E. Ashton, who ought to have been invested as S.W., but was unable to be present, being seriously indisposed. A telegram was dispatched to him in the following terms:

"The brethren of St. David's, assembled at the Grand Hotel, regret your absence, and send sincere wishes for your speedy recovery to good health."

At the same moment one was received from Bro. Ashton, "Wishing all present hearty good wishes."

There were present Bros. James Hertz Dalglish, W.M.; Christopher Wren, P.M.; W. Baird, S.W.; J. Davis, Treas.; Charles P. Dunkerley, Sec.; T. C. Olney, S.D.; Arthur Jones, I.G.; T. R. Pue, P.P.J.G.D.; Evan Roberts, P.M.; Robert Chadwick, P.M.; Thos. Elliott, P.M.; James Sly, Tyler; Thos. Hunter, William Howard, W. Bennett, and H. Kinlock. Visitors: Bros. J. McLaren, P.S.G.W.; N. A. Earle, P.J.G.W.; Thos. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Eaton, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chadwick, 1387; Alf. Raynton, P.M. 1213; Geo. Lloyd, P.M. 1730, 2231; Henry Hatch, P.M. 220; and George S. Smith, P.M. 1134, 1170.

The exquisite 18-carat gold jewel which was presented to Bro. Christopher Wren, P.M., was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Manchester and London.

Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove. There were present Bros. F. W. Lean, W.M.; Allen Avison, I.P.M.; Alf. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; Ben Brierley, S.W.; N. Dumville, Treas.; E. W. Irving, P.M., Sec.; Richard Morley, Org.; John Goss, S.D.; John Hulme, J.D.; Jas. Simmons, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; W. Dumville, P.M.; C. Turner, P.M.; Jno. Jackson, H. G. Sadler, and A. S. Kinnell. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Barlow, 1219; Jas. Trevor Smith, P.M. 1417, Octabedia, South Africa; Geo. Sam Smith, P.M. 1134 and 1170.

The lodge was opened by Bro. F. W. Lean, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was an initiation, the ceremony being performed very satisfactorily, and in that earnest manner for which the W.M. is so well known.

All other business being concluded, the lodge was closed, after a very pleasant evening's work.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; J. H. Bletcher, S.W.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. Constable, S.W. 1482, Sec.; W. G. Winter, P.M., S.D.; G. Kenyon, J.D.; A. Goodhead, Org.; W. Pickering, Steward; P. Livingstone, Almoner; H. Bratonshaw, Org. 1482; T. Staniforth, P.M. 1482, P.P.G. Purst. Lincolnshire; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. W. P. Robotham was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. A. L. Peace, W.M., assisted by Bro. T. Staniforth, P.M. 1482, P.P.G. Purst. Lincolnshire. The lodge was then closed.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting took place on the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Present: Bros. G. Chapman, W.M.; S. J. Dalton, I.P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; G. Lamb, as S.W.; F. J. Halliwell, as J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; and most of the rest of the officers, many brethren, and several visitors.

The initiation of a candidate and of a serving brother completed the business of the evening, after which Bro. Whytehead presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. Whymper, a copy of his "Religion of Freemasonry," and, on behalf of Bro. Ware, the last bound volume of the *Chronicle*. Votes of thanks were accorded to the donors. It was resolved to contribute from the lodge funds the sum of 50s. towards the commutation scheme of the Binckes' Pension.

The names of two candidates and one joining member were proposed, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards meeting at supper in the banqueting room.

Royal Arch.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Comps. R. Whitfield, Z.; John Wood, P.Z., as H.; William Brown, J.; W. M. Pybus, S.E.; R. H. Holme, as S.N.; Thos. R. Jobson, P.S.; John Boazman and J. Arkley, as A.S.; Robert Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Janitor; William Towers, and others.

Letters of apology were read from some of the officers, explaining their absence through illness caused by influenza. The ballot was taken for Bro. W. Dalrymple, P.M. 48, and he was afterwards duly exalted by Comp. Whitfield, Z., and the Third Lecture was delivered by Comp. Brown, J. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed, and those in attendance adjourned to the refreshment board.

GUERNSEY.

Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).—A very pleasant meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., Comps. Smythson, Palmer, and Thorne occupying the chairs of Z., H., and J. re-

spectively. Bro. J. D. Robilliard, J.W. of Loyalty Lodge, was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comp. Pengeley, the I.P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Nicolle, carried out the duties of Principal Sojourner in a most able and effective manner. The lectures were entrusted to Comps. Thorne, Strickland, and Balfour Cockburn, in whose hands they lost none of their impressiveness. After the exaltation ceremony, resolutions were passed voting a sum of money to Loyalty Lodge in aid of a local pensioner of that lodge, and also to Fidelis Lodge in support of a brother who was qualifying as a Steward of a forthcoming festival of the charities. In the course of the evening Comp. Balfour Cockburn presented the chapter with a set of collars and jewels for the Principals. These very handsome regalia were supplied by the well-known establishment of Bro. George Kenning, a sufficient guarantee of their excellence and correctness.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at Tupps' Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Marx, P.M., W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Curzons, J.W.; Greenway, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Dickson, Treas.; Wood, Sec.; Hoggins, S.D.; Scheu, J.D.; Mathews, I.G.; Mulvey, P.M.; Gittens, P.M.; Cator, P.M.; Marcus, Shales, Harvey, Marcus, jun., and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cursons worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Mulvey, P.M., having offered himself as a candidate, answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Cursons then worked the 2nd Section. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. It was then proposed, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. occupy the position of W.M. for the ensuing week, who appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The officers meet on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., to form new by-laws, at 7 o'clock.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. Blythe, W.M.; Cursons, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Blum, Treas.; Reynolds, acting as Sec.; Brownwood, S.D.; Barfield, J.D.; Scheu, I.G.; Woods, Brindley, Sedgwick, Brander, Bullen, Dodson, Shaw, Hazlett, Corby, Blundell, Matthews, Mead, and Kirk.

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 then the Third Degree. Bro. Bullen worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Bullen having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. Woods worked the 2nd Section, and Bro. Brindley worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Cursons 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 their worthy Secretary, Bro. Jones, was still very ill, suffering from bronchitis. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this progressive lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. J. W. Corp, W.M.; Sykes, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Kirby, Preceptor; Freemantle, Sec.; Bulling, Treas.; Imlay, S.D.; Horne, J.D.; H. S. Wellcome, I.G.; Baker, Corp, sen.; Saunders, Sadler, Thompson, Mason, Fendick, and Passmore.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was most ably rehearsed by Bro. Corp, jun., who also delivered the charge. Upon the W.M. rising for the first time, the Secretary read a letter he had received, together with a very handsome box of working tools, from Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, who asked the brethren to accept this gift at his hands as an earnest of the keen interest he took in the success and welfare of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction. Great appreciation of this goodness on the part of Bro. Sudlow having been evinced by the brethren assembled, Bro. Kirby rose and said: "I feel it to be an especial pleasure to take advantage of an opportunity like the present to propose 'That the heartiest and most cordial thanks of this lodge be conveyed to Bro. Sudlow for his handsome and useful present.'" The Clarence Lodge is open to congratulation on being allowed to class amongst its patrons and supporters one who is so popular a Mason as Bro. Sudlow, whose popularity is to be attributed only to his devotion to the strictest principles of the Craft, and the splendid way in which he expounds and works the beautiful ritual of Craft Masonry. A more suitable present could not be forthcoming than these working tools, they being used emblematically to theorise on the virtues which, I am happy to be able to testify, are extensively practised by our esteemed brother and good friend Bro. Sudlow, from whom we are proud to receive them. In seconding the proposition, Bro. Henry S. Wellcome said: "It gives me great pleasure to second Bro. Kirby's motion, as I have known Bro. Sudlow well for many years, and know him to possess those noble qualities and attributes which characterise the highest type of a true Mason. I consider it a peculiar honour to the lodge to receive such a gift as these working tools, which are so intimately associated with our ceremonies, from Bro. Sudlow, for those who have seen him work in the Emulation Lodge and elsewhere know him to be one of the most skilful and perfect masters of Masonry in this country or any other. I consider it a privilege to second this proposal. Bro. Imlay said that before the customary show of hands in support of this proposition was made, he felt some one among the older lay members of the lodge should make some remark. He therefore wished to remind the brethren that they were indebted to Bro. Sudlow in other ways in addition to being so for the handsome present now on view. First of

all they had to thank him for their Preceptor, for he had provided him, and it was also through Bro Sudlow they obtained their warrant from the Bank of England Lodge. Bearing this in mind it was a pleasant duty to support a proposition like the one before the brethren. Bro. Dr. Thompson having been duly elected a joining member, the lodge was closed.

MONTEFIORE LODGE (No 1017).—A meeting was held at St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Marks, W.M.; S. V. Abraham, S.W.; H. Lichtenfeld, J.W.; E. Salomon, Treas.; S. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; F. N. Hardinge, S.D.; Rothchild, J.D.; B. Da Costa, D.C.; J. Freuner, I.G.; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; D. M. Davis, P.M.; Mariaus, Sherer, Finlayson, Harrison, F. Cooper, Willis, Hellbron, Oakshott, Lyon, Oxley, Jameson, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Van Dyk acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Third and First Degrees. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Oakshott acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; A. Cadbury Jones, W.M. elect 1441, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Dep. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. W. Curtice, S.D.; H. Campbell, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; W. R. Hatton, Steward; A. Hardy, P.M. 201; C. G. Wetzlar, P.M., W.M. 147; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; H. Lindfield, I.P.M. 211; J. V. Woodman, H. G. Holland, and H. Windeatt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy being candidate. Bro. Allman, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Holland being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First degree. Bro. Hillier then reassumed the chair, and invited Bro. Cadbury Jones to invest the officers, which was done very ably. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously voted to Bro. Hillier for the able manner he had presided as W.M. in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, which compliment was suitably acknowledged. Bro. Dehane thanked the brethren for their letter of sympathy sent to him while ill. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; J. D. Bromley, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; T. C. Seary, Org.; C. J. D. Rymer, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Jenkins, E. E. Berry, J. R. Hughes, S. C. Fort, W. Holroyd, W. Sage, C. O. Burgess, L. B. Long, W. Hancock, W. J. Thrussell, G. A. Bergholz, J. D. Graham, and H. Matthews.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. G. A. Bergholz having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second and then the Third Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. E. L. Beorg read the Auditors' report, from which it appears that during the year 1889 50 meetings have been held, the number of attendances of members, 956, giving an average of over 19 members being present at each meeting; the number of joining members during the year, 66. Three honorary members have been elected in recognition of their valuable services. The lodge has been opened in the First Degree 50 times; in the Second Degree, 42 times; and in the Third Degree, 25 times. The ceremony of initiation has been rehearsed 30 times; passing, 18 times; and raising, 17 times; investiture of officers, four times; and the Fifteen Sections worked by Bro. J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, and attended by the largest number of brethren known in this lodge, viz., 150. The First Lecture with the Sections have been worked 68 times; the Second Lecture with its Sections, 16 times; and the Third Lecture with its Sections, 14 times. The lodge has been resumed from one Degree to another 34 times; called off and closed down 10 times. Four letters of condolence have been sent, and votes of thanks recorded 24 times. The supper in connection with the lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion in April last, and proved a great success, being attended by brethren from all parts of London and many from the country. Bro. T. C. Weeks has acted as serving brother and Tyler during the year, receiving a New Year's gift of £1 1s., also one to the waiter (Bro. Tooley) of 5s., and gratuities were also given to those for services rendered at the working of the Fifteen Sections. The Auditors (Bros. G. H. Foan, E. L. Beorg, and W. Luff) beg to tender their sincere thanks, on the part of the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction to Bros. W. Brindley, Preceptor; James Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; F. M. Noakes, Assistant Secretary; and many other brethren for valuable services during the year 1889. On the motion of Bro. T. C. Seary, seconded by Bro. D. Bromley—"That the balance be carried forward, and that the Auditors' report be adopted"—was carried unanimously. Proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the Deputy Preceptor—"That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors"—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; R. Hovenden, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; J. Thomsell, Org.; W. Groves, S.D.; W. Unwin, J.D.; G. H. Foan, I.G.; J. E. Weeks, Tyler; Jas. D. Graham, F. W. Buxton, G. Foan, H. J. Desson, Homer Price, G. S. Peachey, E. L. Berry, James Rowe, T. C. Seary, A. Berholz, H. Matthews, R. E. Cursons, F. M. Noakes, and A. Cogliati.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. E. Cursons worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. E. L. Berry having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R. E. Cursons worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time Bro. E. J. D. Bromley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, announcing the work to be the Second Degree. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; G. Gardner, S.W.; J. Bartlett, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, Treas.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. Powell, S.D.; H. H. Burrington, J.D.; W. R. Hatton, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.M.; M. Rosenberg, J. C. Conway, H. Armfield, S. Ransom, T. Treadwell, H. D. Smith, and H. Foskett. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Haly and A. Davies.

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. H. Armfield being the candidate. Bro. F. L. Chandler having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. F. L. Chandler being the candidate. The following brethren were unanimously elected members—Bros. J. T. Haly, 1637; J. K. R. Cama, 2202; and A. Davies, 145. The S.W., Bro. G. Gardner was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. F. Rogers, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; and J. C. Conway were appointed to audit the accounts of this lodge of instruction for the past year. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, nominated Bro. W. J. Mason for re-election as Secretary, which was carried unanimously. The Preceptor also nominated Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., for the office of Treasurer in the event of our present Treasurer, Bro. H. Parkhouse, not continuing to hold that office. Bro. E. Rogers nominated Bro. G. Davis, P.M., for re-election as Preceptor, which was carried with acclamation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. Bush, W.M.; Lea Smith, S.W.; Harpour, J.W.; Marshall, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Toulmin, S.D.; Simmons, J.D.; White, I.G.; Hobbs, Fraser, Brewer, Godfrey, and Conford.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Godfrey acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. 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 the ceremony of passing, and the second tracing board would be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had for the first time filled the chair in the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); F. Craggs, Sec.; E. C. Gellowski, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; G. A. Knight, I.G.; Neville, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Neville offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the acting Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jobson, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; Davies, Preceptor; Sims, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); Fox, S.D.; Arnott, J.D.; and Ferris, I.G.

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 closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Davies, having offered himself as candidate for passing, and answered the usual question, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed in a very commendable manner. The 3rd Section was worked by the brethren, and the 4th Section by Bro. Davies, the questions being put by Bro. Sims, Deputy Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Davies, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. J. W. Jennings seconded—"That the S.W., Bro. Hillier be elected W.M. for the next meeting." Carried unanimously. Bro. Sims, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Davies, Preceptor, seconded—"That a vote of congratulation be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rawley Cross on the termination of his successful year of office as W.M. of the Creaton Lodge, and express their hope that the newly-installed Master may also have a prosperous year of office." Carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. J. H. Morrish, W.M.; G. McCrow, S.W.; L. Nathan, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; Walter Kersley, I.G.; F. Thomas, R. Ambler, W. Hunt, F. A. Barth, and C. Barber.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barber acting as candidate, at the conclusion of which Bro. Cox gave the ancient charge. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Barber and Kersley were elected joining members. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Morrish for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. McCrow was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; F. Dusterwald, S.D.; R. J. Steel, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. W. Dyne, and Hiscock.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. W. Dyne candidate. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. On the usual rising Bro. F. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. designate, 2246, J. 2202, 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.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; Geo. March, H. elect 733; and J. Smith, P.S. 889.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. March being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Mulvey, M.E.Z., for the able manner he had presided as M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter of improvement, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Carl Fleck, J. 1275, M.E.Z. designate 172, M.E.Z.; Patrick, H.; G. L. Moore, J. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; and Whiteman, S.N.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with unusual success. Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The balance-sheet was presented and received, and the Auditors received a vote of thanks for their work. Comp. Fleck was heartily congratulated on his able working of the Z. chair for the first time. The permanent officers were re-elected—Comps. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; and Voisey, P.Z., Treas. Their work was spoken of in the most eulogistic terms.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 19th inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, J. B. Grieve, George B. Chapman, D. D. Mercer, W. H. Perryman, George R. Langley, W. P. Brown, W. M. Bywater, J. H. Matthews, L. C. Haslip, James Bunker, Thos. Cubitt, T. W. Whitmarsh, E. Shedd, Charles Dairy, Wm. Whittley, W. Hopekirk, Matthew Clark, T. S. Taylor, W. J. Shadrake, Wm. F. G. Cook, Sir E. A. Inglefield, C. Vandyk, G. March, T. Weeks, A. Hand, P. J. Canning, M. I. Emanuel, E. C. Mulvey, H. Hooper, T. T. Dille, J. Warren, W. T. H. Mayer, Walter C. Smith, J. W. H. Sugg, W. T. Hunt, Herbert Moser, R. J. Moore, H. Massey, C. G. Wetzlar, J. Dann, G. M. E. Hamilton, Dr. J. Powdrell, C. Meierhooff, F. Charles McQuinn, John J. Berry, C. M. Brander, Edwin W. Lewcock, J. W. Page, Joseph Penney, J. H. Goldschmidt, Dranstion Carpmal, Robert Pringle, F. Burgess, E. W. Stanton, John Larkin, J. H. Price, Joseph Cox, W. A. Scurrah, W. J. Gardner, Thos. V. Turner, S. W. Wilkinson, J. S. Cumberland, Major H. Stephens, G. P. Minett, E. White, W. J. Bassett, Valentine Wing, Corrie Jackson, W. J. Halford, John Grey, A. H. Shepherd, Herbert Wright, Henry Johnson, Albert Escott, A. W. Weston, G. W. Sly, C. A. Woods, T. H. C. Cock, W. Clifton Crick, G. W. Perry, Arthur J. Dale, Nathan Salmon, H. E. Fraser, Chas. F. Luckhurst, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. H. Caton, J. Bull, C. Kedgley, S. A. Thompson, Thomas Harrington, G. S. Woodwark, N. B. Headon, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda for Grand Lodge of March 5th was submitted.

When the Board was opened, the brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the January meeting to the extent of £330. There were 43 new cases on the list, qualified by lodges in London, Fowey, Alderney, Jersey, Hertford, Kendal,

Thrapston, Lucknow, Lynn, Newton-le-Willows, Leeds, Plymouth, Bombay, Peshawur, Sandhurst and Castle-maine (Victoria), Plumstead, Teignmouth, Sowerby Bridge, Bermuda, Stockport, Gibraltar, Bungay, Loughton, Shipley, Ramsgate, and Deal.

In the course of a sitting of four hours and a-half the brethren dismissed seven of these and deferred two. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £920. This sum was divided into a recommendation to Grand Lodge for £75, one for £70, and one for £60; seven recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, four for £30 each, and one for £25; and immediate grants were made of £20 each to nine cases, £15 each to three cases, £10 each to five cases, and £5 to one case.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. AND MRS. OSCAR BARRETT.

On Friday evening, the 14th inst., the members of the company engaged at the Crystal Palace Pantomime, made presentations to Bro. and Mrs. Oscar Barrett, in acknowledgment of the kindness and consideration received at their hands during the past few weeks, in which they have been so agreeably and pleasantly associated together. The gift chosen for Bro. Barrett was a handsome solid silver claret jug, which was presented in the name of the company by WILLIAM HOGARTH, who in a happy speech commented upon the pleasant engagement all had enjoyed.

Bro. BARRETT acknowledged the gift in a few well-chosen words.

The presentation to Mrs. Barrett was made by Miss Edith Bruce, and it consisted of a pretty little keyless gold watch.

In place of a speech, Miss BRUCE read the following appropriate lines, composed for the occasion by Mr. Horace Lennard:

Dear Mrs. Barrett, *dear* to all now here,
'Tis no mere compliment we call you *dear*;
For you've endeared yourself, by kindness done,
To hearts of old and new friends, every one.
'T would be in vain for us to try and show
How much of our success to you we owe;
But ere we part, we have a pleasant task,
Accept our thanks and *this*—'tis all we ask.
Although the offering's small, we beg you take it,
With loving thoughts from all of us who make it.
And may it tick its time out loyal and true,
As all our hearts, dear, beat with love for you.

Mrs. Barrett was naturally affected by so much kindness, and Bro. Barrett had to say a few words of thanks on her behalf.

The little ceremony altogether was marked with much warmth and enthusiasm.

A GIFTED COMPANY.

At a recent meeting of Lodge Industry, at Lahore, a somewhat unusual occurrence took place after dinner. The occasion was that of the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Williams, who was duly installed by Bro. Dr. Calthrop.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were being proposed when it struck one of the brethren to use a foreign language. The idea "caught on," and though there were only one or two-and-twenty brethren present, no less than six European and seven Oriental languages found exponents. The speakers were Bros. A. Grey, in French; Stoddard, in German; Dr. Calthrop, in Latin; Koenig, in Italian; Manasseh, in Hebrew; Dhulip Singh, in Urdu; George, in Persian; Mukerji, in Bengali; Mohan Lall, in Sanskrit; Dr. Calthrop, in Hindi; Koenig, in Dutch; and Jusrawali, in Guzerati.

Then Bro. PARKER, the District Grand Master, who had previously spoken in English, very appropriately wound up with a most amusing specimen of the lingua franca spoken by the Punjabi pleaders practising before the Chief Courts.

It is a little remarkable that the provincial language, Punjabi, was not represented, neither were Pushtu, Biluchi nor Kashmiri; still the performance was decidedly a creditable one, and the Masonic Fraternity of Lahore may be congratulated on their linguistic talents.

MASONIC BALL AT LEICESTER.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., a Masonic ball, under the auspices of five Leicester lodges—St. John's, No. 279; John of Gaunt, No. 523; Commercial, No. 1391; Albert Edward, No. 1560; and Golden Fleece, No. 2081—in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held at the Court Assembly Rooms, Leicester. It was under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master; his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire; the Most Noble the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire; the Most Honourable the Marquis of Granby, M.P.; William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. His. Soc., Past Provincial Grand Master; S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), Provincial Grand Master; C. Fendelow, 33°, P.G. Std. Br. (Eng.), S.G.I.G., Provincial Prior (K.T.), &c.; Alderman Thomas Wright, J.P., Past Provincial Grand Registrar and the Deputy Mayor of Leicester; and Alderman Edward Wood, J.P.

Bro. J. B. Waring was Chairman of the Committee,

Bro. W. H. Swingler, Hon. Sec., and the following were members: Bros. W. M. Williams, J. H. Marshall, G. Crawford, and C. E. Birch, of 279; G. Newsome and W. H. Barrow, of 523; S. Knight, H. Howe, and H. Page, 1391; H. Clough-Taylor, J. D. Harris, F. Winterton, and Dr. Pratt, 1560; and G. Jessop, and W. H. Lead, 2081.

All the brethren were in full Masonic clothing, and this, with the brilliant dresses of the ladies, made a very pretty scene.

Bro. Henry Nicholson—one of the oldest Masons in Leicester—brought a strong and excellently balanced quadrille band, and, under his management, the music was of the best.

Supper was provided by Mr. Tanser, of the Masonic Hall, in one of the rooms downstairs.

There was a large attendance, but the Committee had taken care to restrict the issue of tickets, in order that the room might not be uncomfortably crowded.

CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association was held at Truro, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The income for the year amounted to 281 guineas, being in excess of the previous year. A large number of the Subscribers having now completed their five annual payments, the requisite provision for them was first made, and the remainder submitted to a ballot.

The following will now be registered as life voters of either, viz.: the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, or to the Girls' and Boys' Schools:

Falmouth—J. M. Carne, Mich. Little, Rev. B. Christopherson, Mrs. Fitzgerald, J. F. Dingle.
Penzance—Rev. C. Bowden, J. Lovell, J. H. Gartrell.
Truro (Fortitude)—T. C. Mack, W. H. Knight.
Helston—W. J. Winn.
Bodmin—Dr. Adams, Tom Whale.
Truro (Phoenix)—Phoenix Lodge, Amos Jennings, W. Christie.
Hayle—G. B. Pearce, W. Wagner, F. H. Pool.
St. Austell—Sir Chas. Graves-Sawle, Bart.
Liskeard—St. Martin's Lodge, St. Martin's Royal Arch Chapter, J. Stone, E. Venning, W. Hammond, J. F. Childs.
Redruth—Jas. Sims, Jas. Hicks, E. M. Cock, W. Wales, jun., Mich. Trestrail, T. C. Peter, T. A. Kistler.
Launceston—J. G. Moore.
Millbrook—The Earl of Mount Edcumbe, J. A. Bersey, A. Hawken.
Penryn—Mrs. T. Gill, Thos. Gill, Master P. Dawe.
Tywardreath—Col. S. Graham Bake.
St. Ives—Rev. J. Balmer Jones.
St. Columb—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.
Camborne—F. W. Thomas, J. C. Burrow, Rd. Rowe, J. Newland.

Through the medium of the Association, during the five years it has been in existence, over 1400 guineas have been collected for the Institutions named, giving the province a large number of votes, which are of great value in helping to secure to candidates the benefits of support during old age, and education and maintenance for the orphans.

The President, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edcumbe; the Vice-Presidents, and other officers were re-elected, and the following were elected a Committee of Management for the ensuing year: Bros. Joseph Sarah, H. P. Vivian, J. J. Hawken, R. A. Courtney, G. H. B. Reed, J. Hicks, and Carus Wilson.

The Hon. Treasurer, Bro. E. D. Anderton, and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, were thanked for their services.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 7th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R.

Applications for children to be placed on the foundation of the Charity were considered, and the Committee resolved to adopt all the candidates, the additional yearly expenditure for these new cases amounting to upwards of £70.

The draft annual report of the Institution, which voluntarily undertakes the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, read by Bro. Capt. MACNAB, was as follows:

"At the close of another year your Committee again feel thankful at being in a position to present a report exhibiting more than usual prosperity and usefulness. The gross income of the Institution, from all sources, as disclosed by the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1889, amounted to £2460 18s., being an increase of nearly £600 over that of last year. Of this total £1495 5s. 8d. was derived from donations and subscriptions; £735 6s. 1d. from interest on invested capital; and £240 6s. 3d. from the annual ball. It is pleasing to note that the wave of marked prosperity which has been passing over our land for the past year or so has left its impression upon the funds of this noble Charity, but it must be borne in mind that a substantial addition to the funded capital will soon be needed to maintain the income from that source at even its present level, owing to the fact that the next expiring bonds will, on renewal, yield a much smaller

rate of interest from the decreased value of money. We are pleased to see that our prediction as to the anticipated liberality of our younger lodges has been amply verified, and that our oldest, as well as our very young lodges, have distinguished themselves by their munificent support of this admirable Charity. During the year the benefits of the Institution have been extended to 214 children, viz., 193 on the Educational Fund, at an outlay of £1258 4s. 11d.; 17 on the Combined Fund (which clothes, educates, and maintains them), at a cost of £551 4s. 10d., allowing a proportion of presentations, besides which £25 was paid towards the advancement in life of four children, whose time on the other funds had expired. The number of applicants whose petitions were found in order were 34, every one of whom was placed on the foundation, whilst 35 went off, leaving, at the closing date, 221 children entitled to the benefits of the Institution. We would also ask your special attention to the smallness of our working expenses this year, for which we venture to claim an economy worthy of note by all administrators of public charities. During the year, death has removed from our lists three of our respected Vice-Presidents—Bros. J. Prescott, R. A. Davis, and Richard Brown, all good and worthy brethren, whose names will long live in our memories, especially the latter, who in his day performed valuable services to the Craft in general and this Institution—which he served as Hon. Secretary—in particular, contributing in no small degree to build up the substantial position it now occupies. Not a few Life-Governors have also crossed the 'irrevocable bourn,' but your good fortune has secured to both lists a large accession of brethren of position and of truly Masonic spirit. Special notice deserves to be drawn to the thoughtful liberality of our late lamented Bro. Crossley, of Lindsay Lodge, 1335, Wigan, under whose will the Institution has benefited to the extent of £320. Charitable acts of this nature are certain of reward, and say to every man whom God has prospered, 'Go thou and do likewise.' Our duties in preparing this report being ended, we desire to express our thanks to the Almighty for the good work He has permitted the Institution to do during the past year; to the various donors and subscribers for the liberal manner in which they have supported it; and we pray that he who cares for the fatherless and the widow may prosper these benefactors in all their undertakings, and foster in them that truly charitable spirit which blesses the giver as well as the receiver.—(Signed) Bros. G. Broadbridge, J. M'Nab, and T. H. W. Walker."

The report was unanimously adopted for recommendation to the Court of Governors, and the proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was recently held at headquarters in Hope-street, and from the Treasurer's statement it appeared that the sum now invested amounted to £3330. There was a balance in hand of £197; the annuitants' allowance involved an outlay of £179. £711 had been contributed by lodges, chapters, and private individuals; and £639 had been received under a legacy by the late Bro. A. H. Crossley.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

This distinguished centenary lodge held its 51st annual ball at Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of its W.M., Bro. Carl Theodore Fleck, P.M. 619, assisted by a Board of 19 Stewards. The guests, to the number of nearly 300, commenced dancing at 9 p.m., to an excellent band under the direction of Bro. J. L. Bareham, with the valuable assistance of Bro. Jarvis as M.C.

The first half of the programme having been got through, the guests adjourned to an excellent supper, after which the President proposed "The Health of her Majesty the Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," and referred to their readiness at all times to interest themselves in our Masonic Charities, as evinced by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presiding at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and being so instrumental in the munificent and unprecedented sum of £50,800 being raised on that occasion.

Bro. W. H. BAILEY, in proposing "The Health of the President," referred to the esteem in which he is held in the lodge, and that its destinies were safe in the hands of one who, by his geniality and urbanity, had endeared himself to the brethren.

The PRESIDENT returned thanks, and in proposing "The Health of the Ladies," referred to their willingness to assist at any Charitable meeting, whether a garden party, bazaar, or Masonic gathering, and was glad to see them there that evening assisting to increase their Benevolent Fund, to which the proceeds of the ball would be added.

Bro. TATTON SYKES, in a humorous speech, returned thanks on their behalf, and expressed a hope that they should all be present at the next annual ball.

Dancing was then resumed until a late hour, when the guests departed after a most enjoyable re-union.

A pleasing feature of the ball was that one set of the opening quadrille was composed entirely of the relatives of the President, viz., Bro. and Mrs. Carl T. Fleck, Bro. J. A. Fleck and Miss Fleck, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fleck, Mr. A. E. Fleck and Miss L. Fleck. Among the other guests and brethren we noticed—

Bro. R. Steele, Vice-President; Bro. R. C. D. Frances and Mrs. Frances; Miss Holliday; Bro. J. N. Street and Mrs. Street; Bro. R. J. Pettit; Miss M. J. Laseby; Mr. W.

H. Mason; Bro. W. P. Goosey and Mrs. Goosey; Bro. F. Goosey; Mr. and Mrs. Rowe; Mr. Murray; Miss Edwards; Bro. F. W. Jordan and Mrs. Jordan; Bro. W. J. Cousens and Mrs. Cousens; Bro. S. Cawley and Mrs. Cawley; Bro. A. Baker and Mrs. Baker; Miss M. Ringer; Mr. and Mrs. Foster; Mr. E. T. Lockett; Bro. W. H. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey; Bro. W. Poole, Mrs. Poole, and Miss Kate Poole; Bro. Geo. King, Sec., and Miss King; Bro. Schneberger; Bro. J. Hancock, Treas.; Bro. J. Cooper; Miss Sargent; Bro. F. Upton and Mrs. Upton; Bro. Harding; Bro. Kersley and Mrs. Kersley; Bro. W. Cowley and Miss Cowley; Bro. F. Hilton; Mr. and Miss Hilton; Bro. and Mrs. Whitehead; Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Martin; Bro. and Mrs. Quinn; Bro. and Mrs. Dawson; Bro. H. Tatton Sykes; Bro. T. Puyey; Bro. J. C. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson; Bro. G. Evans, I.P.M., and Mrs. Evans; and Bro. J. Whaley, P.M., and Mrs. Whaley.



Bro. Thomas Thorne, as usual, produced the new play at a matinee, and finding it met with universal approval, it forthwith went into the evening bills, where it is likely to stay. But Bro. Thorne need not have showed any timidity, for Mr. Buchanan has supplied him—as he did with “Sophia and Joseph’s Sweetheart”—a dramatic version of Richardson’s novel, “Clarissa Harlowe,” with an unquestionable success. Tom Fielding’s works most of us know, but we doubt whether half-a-dozen people who saw “Clarissa” ever had read Richardson’s novels. Though he lived 200 years ago, his works will have a sudden revival, for sad though it is, “Clarissa” is an intensely interesting play. It will be almost impossible not to shed tears at the acting of clever Miss Winifred Emery, who has never done anything more full of pathos and sympathy than in representing this spotless girl. In the last act she seems quite inspired, her tenderness is unexpressible. If what Mr. Buchanan depicts is a true record of life in London in the first half of the seventeenth century then we have no hesitation in answering in the affirmative the question, Are we better than our fathers? Richard Lovelace is a profligate of unlimited means. He keeps a number of persons to assist him in his debauchery. He persuades Clarissa, who is very unhappy at home, to fly with him to London, where he will place her under the protection of his sisters. He takes her to a hotel in Covent Garden and brings the ladies, Bab and Mary, who are his confederates, to see Miss Harlowe. They tell her that their house being under repair she must stay at the hotel for the present. Lovelace sees the way clear to carry out his design to ruin the girl who loves him. He gets Philip Belford to dress up as an officer and represent a friend of Miss Harlowe’s father whom she has never seen. This scamp, under the window of the hotel, feigns to upbraid Lovelace for carrying off the girl, and says that a tremendous scandal is being caused in the country home, but pretends to be appeased if Lovelace will make her his wife. Clarissa, who has overheard all, as she was meant to hear, awakens to the fact that she has compromised her honour, and consents to marry. Richard Lovelace now gets another of his harpies to dress up as a clergyman, and perform a mock marriage. The company leave, and Lovelace endeavours to secure the ruin of Clarissa, when Belford rushes into the room, having found out that the man who ruined his sister was his friend Lovelace. He demands a duel, and is going to take Clarissa to a place of safety, but is giving a toast which is a curse upon Lovelace; he drinks a glass of drugged wine, and so the fell deed is done. Belford calls Lovelace out and wounds him to death; but the latter is able to struggle into the house where Clarissa is dying. Her spotless soul is unstained, and triumphs over all physical corruption, and so the outraged girl clasps her lover, kisses, and forgives him. When her soul is fled, her betrayer falls at her feet, having expiated his crime. It is a moot point whether this should be the ending. It almost seems that such a fiend as Lovelace, penitent though he may be at the last, should not be allowed to die by the side of this pure woman—his victim. Mr. Buchanan has no doubt considered different ways of ending his play, and thinks this the best. We do not know that the author has not over-done it when he makes Clarissa see visions of the next world. She is no doubt a lovely character, but we think Mr. Buchanan goes too far. It will be seen there is not a gleam of anything but woe throughout the play. It begins with sadness, and it ends with tears, nevertheless, though people do not go to the theatre to cry, they will go to the Vaudeville. Bro. Thos. Thorne is well suited with the part of Belford. Mr. Tharlberg is certainly a fine young actor, and makes Lovelace an awful villain, but he is not quite strong enough for such a difficult part. Miss Ella Banister deserves a word of praise for her exquisite rendering of the part of Hetty Belford. Melancholy as Clarissa is, “Clarissa” will draw.

On the whole we like Mr. Jerome’s “New Lamps for Old,” with which Miss Cissy Grahame has inaugurated her régime as a manageress at Terry’s Theatre. It has been said with much truth that nothing is now-a-days sacred to the satirist. We do not see why the Ibsen craze and the Mona Caird school should not come under the lash of the writer of satirical plays. Mr. Jerome, without going seriously to work, shows in fun the nonsense of attempting to

tamper with marriage laws, and were marriage made dissoluble for the merest whim of either or both parties to the contract, that their required freedom would only be found to be worse slavery. If marriage chastises with whips, the Ibsen cult chastises with scorpions. In “New Lamps for Old” we are introduced to Edwin and Elvira Honeydew, who, having read about the new doctrine of individualism, which the world has always known as gross selfishness, are weak enough to believe that they are mis-matched, and the wife, having made the acquaintance of a drivelling poet of the individualism school, thinks she has met her fate. The husband meets with a horribly masculine female (we will not honour her by calling her a woman), who, it turns out, is the naturally divorced wife of the doggerel verse writer. He believes he has found his ideal. Edwin and Elvira fly away from home unknown to each other, and, with their respective new lovers, they find themselves at the same hotel at Richmond. Of course, all four meet, and frighten each other out of the house. The next morning they are at the Honeydews’ house, wiser, if sadder, couples, and the orthodox re-union brings the farcical comedy to a close. It is scarcely probable, but yet possible, that a couple eloping from one another would fix upon the same place and the same hotel for their honeymoon, but the playwright is allowed to take liberties of this description. The situation lends itself to much entertaining absurdities, which the author has made the most of. Bro. Penley, as an old family solicitor, who scents a case for himself and pursues the runaways to the hotel, is very funny when trying to collect evidence. He secretes himself in a lift, which is out of order, and so keeps running up and down at odd moments. Miss Cissy Grahame, if a little nervous is very bright, and her dresses are lovely. Miss Gertrude Kingston, as the unwomanly female, is as disgusting as she ought to be in the character. She has much improved in her acting. Mr. Bernard Gould is satisfactory as Edwin Honeydew, and Mr. F. Kerr is properly revolting as the unsightly poet. We liked “New Lamps for Old” because it is a bitter reflection on the unnatural and stupid cult called Individualism.

Obituary.

BRO. COLONEL TURNER.

After a long and severe illness, Bro. Col. Geo. Turner, well-known and highly respected by a very wide circle of Masonic, volunteer, personal, and business friends, died, on the 17th inst., at his residence, 46, Nelson-street, Liverpool, in the 66th year of his age. He was attended by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, in consultation with several other local medical men of eminence. Although the event was not entirely unexpected, the news of Bro. Colonel Turner’s death will be received with sincere regret by all who knew him during a long and honourable career. He was born at Northampton, but early in life he removed to Prescott, where he fulfilled with efficiency the duties of clerk to the magistrates. Deceased was also well known at St. Helens, his duties frequently calling him to that town. About 30 years ago he came to Liverpool and commenced business as an auctioneer and estate agent in Lime-street, subsequently removing to Church-street, where his tact and energy gave the firm a standing, which it maintains to the present time. The deceased was well known as a prominent and active Freemason, not only in West Lancashire, but in other provinces, taking a warm interest in all Masonic Charities, both local and Metropolitan. He was P.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, the Everton Lodge, No. 823, a popular member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, and was chosen by the brethren of West Lancashire to fulfil the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer, the only elective Masonic position in the possession of the brethren; also P.E.C. of William de la More Preceptory, and Vice-Chancellor in the Prov. Priory of Lancashire, past officer in St. Peter’s Rose Croix Chapter, and one of the founders and principal officers (in Lancashire) of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and one of the leading spirits in various other Masonic Orders. Bro. Colonel Turner’s connection with the Volunteer Force dates from the earliest days of the movement, and it is probably as a Volunteer officer that he will live longest in the memory of those who know him. His share in raising the force will doubtless be universally acknowledged. He was one of the promoters of the 74th L.R.V., and having obtained the sanction of her Majesty, he prepared the rules for the formation of the corps, under the designation of “The Saint Anne’s Rifle Volunteers,” in the early part of 1860; and on the 2nd July of that year he was gazetted lieutenant. In September of the same year the corps was present at the Knowsley review, and on September 28th Bro. Colonel Turner was promoted to the rank of captain. The authorised establishment was afterwards increased to three companies (with the late Joshua Ashley and Lieutenant-Colonel Steble as captains, and Bro. Colonel Turner as captain-commandant), and the 41st L.R.V. was attached, making four companies, occupying the same store-house in St. Anne-street. An amalgamation with the first L.R.V. took place in 1862 (which then became a consolidated instead of an administrative regiment), and Bro. Colonel Turner became captain of J Company, remaining as captain, but more frequently acting as a field officer, until the 21st February, 1876, when he was gazetted as major, on the resignation of Sir A. B. Walker. Lieutenant-Colonel Bousfield became commanding officer of the 1st L.R.V. in 1876 for the third

time, but in consequence of his parliamentary duties and other circumstances, Bro. Colonel Turner had practically the command of the regiment during the greater portion of the time from 1876 until Lieutenant-Colonel Bousfield’s death on the 21st May, 1883. As showing the kindly disposition which characterised the whole of Bro. Colonel Turner’s volunteer career, it may be mentioned that just previous to Colonel Bousfield’s death that officer had sent in his resignation, but at Colonel Turner’s request to the War Office authorities his resignation never appeared in the Gazette. On the increase of the establishment of the 1st L.R.V.—now the 1st Volunteer Battalion “The King’s” (Liverpool Regiment)—to twelve companies, the regiment became entitled to two lieutenant-colonels, and Colonel Turner was there-upon gazetted (2nd May, 1883) as lieutenant-colonel, and he became lieutenant-colonel commandant on May 21, 1883. He received the honorary rank of colonel on the completion of his 25 years’ service as an officer in July, 1885, and retired from the command of the “First” in December, 1885, receiving permission to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the regiment. At that time it was remarked that he had “reaped the reward of his assiduous labours on behalf of the volunteer force,” a sentiment which was echoed by his old comrades, who will learn, with feelings of regret, that an ornament of the volunteer force has passed away.

Egypt.

CAIRO.

Bulwer Lodge (No. 1068).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the new Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 4th inst. There was a large muster of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bros. O. G. Wood, W.M.; G. H. Charman, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Crookshank, J.W.; W. J. Box, Treas.; Ellis Mansfield, Sec.; J. Nimmo, J.D.; J. Collacott, I.G.; W. Hayes, D.C.; J. Mackintosh, Stwd.; E. Anselm, P.M.; J. Blake, J. Sullivan, W. Bailey, A. Vivian, J. A. Hamilton, N. Spathis, A. M. N. Bishop, P. Black, Carton de Wiart, R. E. Sheehan, W. Johnson, H. Searle, J. G. Willis, A. Jas. H. Large, Wm. Mackie, F. W. Miers, J. R. Macdonald, A. Hanauer, Wm. Heddick, H. J. Scott, C. Laudour, S. Mousally, A. A. Mortimer, J. Mitchinson, Milkem Shakoar, and W. Asted. The visitors included Bros. H. Bacoorn, S.G.W. Grand Lodge of Egypt; A. Marshad Delanoj, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire; J. Jameson, 3, Canada; Frank Allchin, W.M. 1157; Idris Raghbi, W.M. Hital Lodge (Egyptian Constitution); Emin Fakry, W.M. 1355 (E.C.); Ahmed Zukry, S.W. Hital Lodge (Egyptian Constitution); Yousef Chidiak, W.M., Guindy Ibrahim, S.W., and Ibrahim Chas. Rawy, J.W., of Sabat Lodge (Egyptian Constitution); G. A. Williams, W.M. 7-7 (S.C.); J. R. Gowan, H. Michael, 1331 (E.C.); Allan Borman, S.W., and Thos. Bent, J.W., of 1157 (E.C.); and George R. Zarb.

The lodge was then opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Charman was then presented by Bro. E. Anselm for the benefit of installation, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. O. G. Wood in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Scott, S.W.; J. A. Hamilton, J.W.; A. A. Mortimer, Treas.; A. M. N. Bishop, Sec.; J. Nimmo, S.D.; W. B. Heddick, J.D.; Ellis Mansfield, D.C.; A. Hanauer, I.G.; P. Black, W. Bailey, and W. Hasted, Stewards. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. O. G. Wood, with a Past Master’s jewel which had been unanimously voted at a previous regular meeting, at the same time congratulating him, in the name of the lodge, for the very satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties during his term of office.

The brethren then adjourned to the Hotel Continental, where the proprietor, Bro. Geo. Nungorritch, catered for his guests in an unexceptionable style.

During the banquet, at which over 50 brethren sat down, the band of the Egyptian Army, by kind permission of Bro. Sir Francis Grenfell, the Sirdar, played a very pretty selection of music.

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

Songs and recitations filled up the intervals in a very agreeable manner, the evening’s entertainment being brought to a close shortly after midnight with the Tyler’s toast.

Prince Christian and his son, Prince Victor, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jaune at their residence in Wimpole-street on Saturday last. Among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being the First Lord of the Treasury and Mrs. Smith, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, and Bro. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote.

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The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 1st prox., at 4 p.m.

Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, addressed a large meeting of his constituents at Leeds on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Elcho, M.P., is expected to return to town shortly in order to attend to his Parliamentary duties, but Lady Elcho and their children are spending the winter at Pau.

Letters have been received at Devonshire House from Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, dated from Gibraltar, giving a very satisfactory account of his lordship's state of health.

The first meeting this season of the Fox Club was held at Brooke's Club, on Saturday evening last, when Bros. the Earl of Arran, Lord Hothfield, and C. C. Cotes were among the members present.

Among those present at the 22nd annual festival of the French Hospital and Dispensary on Saturday last were Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and Bro. Sir P. De Keyser. The subscriptions exceeded £2000.

The Queen and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court left Osborne for Windsor Castle on Wednesday afternoon, and will remain there until some time next month, when her Majesty will pay a visit to the Continent.

Her Majesty has notified through her private secretary to Bro. Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P., that she will have much pleasure in patronising the Welsh Eisteddfod, which is to be held at Bangor in the course of the year.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley opened a new Wesleyan Soldiers' Institute at Woolwich on Tuesday, and in the course of his speech spoke in high terms not only of the good work done by the Wesleyans in the army, but also of the general good conduct of the British soldiers.

The Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Bro. E. R. Latham, W.M., with his Wardens and a large gathering of brethren, attended on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Green-lane Cemetery, the interment of Bro. Phillip Roose, I.G., who died suddenly on the 8th inst.

Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., and Col. A. Ridgway were among the principal guests at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, when the annual Festival of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution was held, the subscriptions, including one of 25 guineas from the Queen, amounting to about £900.

Barnum's Show at Olympia was closed on Saturday evening last, the audience which attended the final performance being very large, and among them the Princess Louise. Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and Bro. Sheriff Knill. After the performances Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a select supper, at which Barnum's health was drunk with enthusiasm.

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, hold their annual ball on the 27th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The success and happiness of these gatherings in the past has become proverbial, and we are convinced from the names associated with the management this year that an enjoyable time awaits those who are fortunate enough to attend.

The annual conversazione and ball of the St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, was held in St. Thomas's Hall, Denmark-street, South Shields, on the 15th inst. About 140 ladies and gentlemen were present, and the proceedings were most enjoyable. The hall was prettily decorated on the occasion. Bros. W. E. Moffett and J. T. Ross were M.C.'s, and Bro. J. McDowell, the Hon. Secretary, spared no efforts to make the event successful.

The first meeting for the season of the Dublin Masonic Glee Club took place on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, and was attended by over 80 brethren. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M., occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. T. Fitzgerald, Chapman, and Minchin. A varied and well-selected programme of music was admirably rendered by the musical brethren of the club, after which several songs were kindly sung by some of the visiting brethren.

The University of Toronto has been almost totally destroyed by a fire which broke out on Friday evening, the 14th inst., just at the time the buildings were about to be lighted for the annual conversazione. Some lighted lamps were being carried on a tray by some of the servants when the tray fell, and there being a short delay in giving the alarm, the fire soon raged, and the whole pile of buildings was soon enveloped in flames. Very little property was saved, the loss being estimated at 1,500,000 dollars (£300,000), while the amount of the insurance is only 160,000 dollars (£20,000).

The Lodge of St. John, No. 334, Omagh, will give a grand Masonic concert on behalf of the Masonic Orphan Schools, which will be under the patronage of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland and her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn, who have kindly consented to be present. The concert will take place on Wednesday, the 26th inst., and is creating no small stir in the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh. The Great Northern Railway (Ireland) will run special trains to Strabane, Enniskillen, and Dungannon, and a great re-union of provincial Masons may be expected. We wish them every success, and trust that the Schools may be largely benefitted by the effort.

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.

A new lodge is contemplated near Sheffield. Its headquarters will be at the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, Dore and Totley.

The Goldsmiths' Company have given the sum of £500 towards the extension and building fund of the proposed new London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, is in mourning, in consequence of the recent death of his sister, while Lady Halsbury has been staying at Southsea with their children, who have been suffering from measles.

It is announced that Bro. Lord Ernest Hamilton has definitely settled not to contest North Tyrone at the next General Election, and his brother, Bro. Frederick Hamilton, has been chosen candidate in his stead.

The Royal Commission on Civil Establishments held a meeting on Friday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P. Several important members of the service were examined as witnesses.

The installation ceremony will be worked at the Star Chapter of Instruction, at 7 30 p.m., this (Friday) evening, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, S.E., when all Principals and P.Z.'s will be heartily welcomed.

At the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs presided at the 23rd Anniversary Festival of the Drovers' Benevolent Institution, when subscriptions and donations amounting to £625 were announced.

A deputation from the Miners' Federation waited upon Bros. the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., on Tuesday, on the subject of the Eight Hours' Day Bill for Miners, and received a favourable consideration of their views.

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs has received a telegram from the Mayor of Newport, Monmouthshire, to the effect that her Majesty has been pleased to contribute the sum of £50 to the fund which is being raised for the sufferers by the Llanerch disaster.

It is announced that Bro. Justice Field has resigned his position as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Judicature. Bro. Justice Field was appointed in February, 1875, and has, therefore, served the 15 years entitling him to a pension.

Bro. E. Chamberlain calls our attention to the fact that it was he and not Bro. Jones as stated in our report of the Quarterly Court of the Boy's School, who seconded Bro. Eve's motion, that the minutes be confirmed, with the exception of that part giving the pension to Bro. Binckes.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, that a circular be sent to the lodges in Scotland asking answers to—(1) Does your lodge meet in premises licensed for the sale of excisable liquors? (2) Could premises other than licensed be obtained without serious difficulty? (3) What fees are charged for initiation?

The arrangements for the Masonic bazaar in Glasgow are getting on very well. In every part of the province the subject is being taken up and discussed in the right spirit. The Lodge Caledonian Railway voted £10 10s. at their meeting recently without a questioning murmur.

On the 14th inst. a ball was held in Hexham Town Hall, under the auspices of the Albert Edward Lodge. About 120 ladies and gentlemen were present, the hall being suitably decorated for the occasion. The music was supplied by Mr. Amers. Bros. Henry Bell and Thomas Ellis were M.C.'s.

On the 13th inst. a smoking concert was held by Lodge Caledonian, No. 392, Edinburgh, in the Literary Institute, in aid of the funds of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. Bro. G. Gillies, R.W.M., presided. The large hall of the Institute was completely filled. The programme contained between 30 and 40 items, and gave thorough satisfaction.

Perry and Co., Limited, announce the 15th ordinary general meeting, to take place on Tuesday next. The profits of the Company for the year 1889 amount to £25,206 16s. 4d., and the directors recommend a dividend of 12½ per cent., as against the dividend of 10 per cent. paid for the last six years. This is good business, and must be very satisfactory to the shareholders of this prosperous and well-managed Company.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, presided at the annual General Court of the Seamen's Hospital Society on Tuesday. The report of the number of sailors relieved since its foundation by this admirable institution was announced as 297,047. After his address the noble lord presented Mrs. Cleve with the portrait of Mr. Frederick Cleve, C.B., late chairman of the committee. Among the many naval officers of distinction present was Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B.

The remains of the late Bro. G. Wight were followed to Amble Cemetery, on the 13th inst., by a very large number of friends. Bro. Wight was widely known and highly respected. The deceased brother was W.M. of the Amble Lodge, and had just completed his year of office when his death occurred. He should have installed his successor on the 12th inst., but Bro. Alderman Adam Robertson performed the ceremony. To show their respect, a large number of brethren and friends attended the funeral. The service was conducted by Bros. the Rev. T. Fairbrother and the Rev. Thomas Appleton.

A meeting of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present: Bros. Henry Birdseye, W.M.; John Jonas, S.W.; J. S. White, J.W.; L. G. Myers, Treas. and Sec.; Quicke, I.G.; Rawes, Tyler; Cope, Anderson, and Joy. Visitors: Bros. Buck, P.M. 1707; Mann, P.M. 144; and Perkins, 6, U.S.A. The only business was the installation of the W.M., which was ably rendered by Bro. Anderson, P.M. The usual banquet and toasts followed.

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.

There was a large and fashionable attendance at the Grosvenor Club, Bond-street, on the 17th inst., it being "ladies' night," and among those present were Lady Herschell, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and Lady Monckton, Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie and Lady Mackenzie, Prince Victor Hohenlohe, and others.

The members of the National Society of French Masters were entertained at an afternoon tea at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress on Saturday last, when the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors in French from English schools and colleges.

As is usual at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in February, the meeting in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 13th inst., was a very large one. In the absence of Sir Archibald Campbell, M.W. Grand Master (who is at present on a sea voyage with Lady Campbell), the Earl of Haddington and Sir Charles Dalrymple, Grand Depute and Grand Substitute respectively, divided the honours and duties of the throne.

Mr. Fred Horner having again become full lessee of Toole's Theatre, has replaced "The Bungalow" in the evening bills, which goes along very merrily from start to finish in the hands of the capable artistes who play the parts. A new curtain raiser, by Mr. Horner also, which he calls "Isolda," was produced on Valentine's Day. It is a romantic little play, with a touching story, and excellently played by Miss Vane Featherstone, Mr. Matthew Brodie, and Mr. Basset Roe.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Newton occupied the chair at the half-yearly meeting of the Gaiety Theatre Company that was held on Monday at the theatre. In his remarks he expressed the opinion that the shareholders would consider that the report and the accounts were eminently satisfactory. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and a resolution, declaring a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. for the past half-year (carrying forward £522), was also passed. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and directors and the managing director.

All sorts and conditions of Englishwomen, old and young, will be catered for by the new weekly penny paper, *The Princess*, which will make its appearance on the 1st of March. Fashion, needlework, practical domestic economy, the care of children and of household pets and poultry, gardening, &c., will be dealt with, and correspondence invited. Competitions for the little ones and a children's page will be important features; a serial tale, appropriate illustrations, and home decoration will also be leading features of the new publication.

At a lodge of emergency of the Dover Military Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Edward Bacon, P.M., Inspector of Army Schools, who is leaving Dover for Aldershot, was presented with a very handsome marble timepiece as a token of the service he has rendered to the Military Jubilee Lodge since its formation nearly four years ago, and of which he was the first Secretary. The W.M., Bro. Major-General J. Cumming, late Royal Artillery, made the presentation in a brief speech, which was supported by the testimony of many members of the lodge.

An American writer says of Freemasonry at present that never before in the history of the age has it occupied so important a position. Never was its influence so marked, its membership so extensive, its teaching so revered. It is to-day the greatest of all earth-born societies, the handmaiden of religion and civilisation, the promoter of virtue and benevolence, the adherent to the grandest principles ever evolved from the active brain of man. Its standard is to be seen in every land and beneath every sun. It is not confined to the four walls of the lodge room, neither to the actions of the members of the Fraternity alone. The tenets of Freemasonry are to be found in every good word and work, giving form and beauty to the highest order of morality.

Bro. Benn W. Levy, Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of 17, Tokenhouse-yard, is desirous, we learn, of seeking election this year as one of the Sheriffs of London. Bro. Levy is an Australian by birth, though almost the whole of his life has been spent in England. There is no doubt that his election would afford the greatest satisfaction and delight to our Australian friends, as hitherto no Colonial by birth has filled the high office Bro. Levy now seeks. The firm he is connected with is that of Messrs. D. Cohen and Co., Australian merchants, probably the oldest, and one of the best known firms trading with the Australian colonies. Bro. Levy claims membership with the Barbers' and Liners' Companies, and the clubs to which he is attached are the St. Stephen's and the City Carlton. He is also a Fellow of the Geographical Society and of the Society of Antiquaries. His residence is 25, Pembroke-gardens. Bro. Levy possesses a fine presence, is a gentleman of culture, and enjoys the knowledge acquired in the course of wide and extended travels in various parts of the globe.

MASONIC BALL AT THIRSK.—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a ball in connection with the Falcon Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Thirsk, when there were between 30 and 40 couples present, and dancing was indulged in to the strains of Amer's band. The catering was entrusted to Mr. W. Hall, the Fleece Hotel, Thirsk, and the room, which was tastefully decorated, had been the work of Mr. Thomas White. Amongst the company present were Bros. Captain Bell, F. R. Hansell, W.M.; Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Dryden Buchanan, Dr. Hartley, W. W. Hall, G. E. Myers, C. M. R. Knaggs, T. Green, Z. Wright, A. W. Cass, C. Greensides, Goatby, Wm. Brown, G. W. Kemp, Wm. Colman, W. Horne, J. Gilling, Bulmer, Rev. W. T. Mackintosh, Rev. De Courcy Ireland, H. Ayre, G. Ayre, L. Thompson, and G. Kitchinman, jun.; Miss Myers, Mrs. Hyam, Miss Manders, Mrs. G. E. Myers, Miss Cass, Mrs. Greensides, Miss Allen, Miss A. Colman, Mrs. J. Gilling, Mrs. F. Rudd, Miss Bamlett, the Misses Watson, the Misses Fisher, Miss Manfield, and others.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter. Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.