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## THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We must confess to being disappointed at the result of Wednesday's Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The increase in the number of Stewards since Christmas had been so considerable that we were sanguine enough to believe that the total realised, if not quite equal to that of 1888, would certainly have exceeded that of last year, when the product was, in round figures, £13,500. As a matter of fact, the sum announced by Bro. TERRY on Wednesday was £13,095, or nearly £100 less than he announced last year; but doubtless, when the outstanding lists have been returned, and those already received have in some few cases been amended, we shall have the result about on a level with the £13,500 obtained in 1889. However, if our more sanguine expectations have not been fulfilled, there is at least the consolation of knowing that a goodly sum, sufficient with the permanent income to carry on the Institution for a further 12 months at its full strength, has been obtained; nor on the ground that all we hoped for has not happened, must we withhold the just measure of praise to which all who had a share in raising the total obtained are so properly entitled. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. ISAACS, though at the very last moment he was prevented by indisposition from presiding, Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, who in his lordship's enforced absence so generously discharged the vacant duties, the Board of Stewards, and last, but not least, Bro. JAMES TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, and his staff,—all of them did their utmost to ensure the success of the gathering, and are entitled to the thanks of the friends and supporters of our youngest Charity.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next is not likely to engage the attention of the brethren for any length of time. Nor will there be any unusual excitement over the election of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, it being the first occasion since the adoption in 1883 of the plan we then and have ever since so strenuously advocated of electing a new Grand Treasurer annually, on which no contest has taken place. In December last, Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, P.M. and founder of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, was the only brother nominated for the office, and his election, therefore, is, as a matter of course, a foregone conclusion. One matter of interest, however, is contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes which is certain to arouse a strong feeling of gratification, not only among those who may be present in Grand Lodge, but among the whole body of the English Craft. We allude to the announcement that some time since Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., and Past President of the Board, offered for the acceptance of Grand Lodge a portrait of himself, which was presented to him some years ago by the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, one of the many lodges which our respected brother has graced with his membership, and that the Board have accepted the gift with pleasure and directed that it shall be hung in the Board Room itself, as an honoured memorial of one who generally, as well as in his particular capacity of President of the Board itself for the protracted term of ten years, has rendered such important services to Freemasonry in this country. Our readers, and especially those who have known or been brought into contact with Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, will be delighted to know that future generations of English Masons will be able to judge for themselves what

manner of man he was, who in his day was one of the brightest ornaments of our Society.

Beyond this particular item in the report referred to, there is nothing of moment to draw attention to; but it is worth while noticing the exceptionally large number of warrants for new lodges which have been granted by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER in the course of the last three months. No less than 21 have been issued during that period, of which four are located in London, 11 will meet in the Provinces, and the remaining six in foreign parts. One of the London lodges is named after the GRAND MASTER'S son-in-law, Bro. the Duke of FIFE, while a second—the Warrant Officers' Lodge—will be composed of military brethren, but working under a civil warrant. Of the 11 new Provincial lodges, three belong to Lancashire West, which now has more than a century of lodges; one to Lancashire East; one to Oxfordshire, to bear the name of its respected Provincial Grand Master; two to Essex, raising the number on its roll to 32; one to Bedfordshire, bearing the name of a philanthropic Bedford worthy; one to Lincolnshire; one to Durham; and one to Hertfordshire, thus raising the lodges on its roll to a full score. Of the half-dozen new lodges abroad, two are added to the District Grand Lodge of Queensland; two to that of the Eastern Archipelago; and one to the District of Bengal, while the sixth will have its home in the South African Republic. Last year, the total number of new lodges was only 43, so that it seems as if English Masons had determined that the reductions on the roll of Grand Lodge, caused by the establishment of the new Australasian Grand Lodges, should be replaced as speedily as possible.

## HOTELS V. MASONIC HALLS.

The strong feeling in favour of private places of meeting for Masonic lodges as against licensed houses, originated perhaps by the openly expressed feelings of the late revered Grand Master, Lord Zetland, on the subject, has borne abundant fruit. In almost every town we find lodges meeting under their own roof-trees, and where such conveniences do not exist we see the brethren engaged in anxious efforts to secure the coveted accommodation. This is all very gratifying, because it exhibits an intense desire to do what is regarded as best for the welfare of the Craft, and it often proves that the brethren are ready to make great personal sacrifices in order to carry out such objects. It may not, however be out of place to consider for a few minutes the exact position now occupied by Freemasons' Halls, and the advantages, or the reverse, of all this expenditure of money in bricks and mortar.

It may be as well to recall the fact that at the time when the cry in favour of the erection of Freemasons' Halls was first heard licensed houses were under very different regulations to those which at present rule their conduct. Practically they were open all night, and even after the period when the first curtailment of hours began there was little or no excuse needed to obtain leave to suspend the closing rule. At that time also it was the rule for these houses to be daily and hourly frequented by every class of person, and the amount of liquor consumed was, in proportion to the numbers, greater than at present. That the consumption of intoxicants amongst the lodges was greater than at this period of history is pretty evident from the old Treasurer's books which have come into our hands in modern days, and that amongst the well-to-do classes the consumption of wines was larger than at present is a circumstance well known to all who have looked into the matter. Since those good old days, the law has taken a very much firmer grasp of the licensed victualling trade, which is now carried on under restrictions so minute and jealously carried out as to be almost

vexatious. Hence an hotel a century or even half a century ago differed very much from a similar establishment in our own day. Had the law as it at present stands been in existence at the beginning of this century, I very much doubt if the movement in favour of the erection of Masonic Halls would have ever taken place. The result of it has been to sink a very large amount of money, probably from one and a half to two millions, in this country in the erection and adornment of these buildings.

The position now occupied by these halls is precisely that of clubs, the subscribing members of the lodges owning or occupying being exactly that of club members. In many instances, Masonic clubs, on club bases and with club rules, have been formed in connection with them, and in large centres of population appear to flourish. This is all very satisfactory, very pleasant, and we are all very proud to see these evidences of our popularity, prosperity, and progress over the length and breadth of the land. Let us be quite sure that the advantages arising therefrom greatly outweigh the disadvantages of the older system. Suppose we briefly view the advantages and disadvantages of a Masonic Hall and an Hotel respectively as rival places for lodge meetings, and see what we can make out of it.

The Masonic Hall is private, and there is no danger of interference or undue prying. Most likely it gives to the brethren who have been at the pains and trouble of its erection, a deeper and more personal interest in the lodge affairs. It affords particular facilities for working ceremonies which are often wanting in buildings not specially adapted for the purpose, and it forms a safe local depository for the archives of the Order. Its disadvantages are that there is no limit to the hours during which it may be kept open, and consequently it offers temptations for undue prolongation of times of refreshment, which was the very identical ground of complaint made against the practice of meeting at hotels in the old days, and that it involves a very considerably larger expenditure of money. The Hotel is peremptorily closed at 11 o'clock in the provinces, and consequently at that hour an end must be made of all entertainments, whilst being under the supervision of the law, nothing can be alleged against the proper conduct of its frequenters. Its disadvantages are its want of privacy, the reluctance that some persons cherish to be seen to enter licensed premises, and the absence of conveniences for any permanent custody of documents. It is to the invariable custom in early days of lodges meeting in hotels that we owe, I suspect, the vast loss of records of our Craft. Masters and Treasurers were in the habit of keeping these valuable papers for safety at their own houses, and when these brethren were removed by death, the records were lost sight of, and usually destroyed as valueless.

It has been said of hotels by the profane that they hold out a temptation to members for "nipping" under the cloak of Masonic business. But the same argument holds good of the Masonic Hall, with the difference rather in favour of the hotel, for obvious reasons.

On the whole, I think the hall has the advantage over the hotel if it be properly managed and controlled, but it is plain that the leaders of a lodge and the trustees of its hall are responsible for its proper management, and it is their bounden duty to see that no abuses creep in, and that such regulations are carried out as will ensure the reputation of such a home of Masonry being above suspicion.

I should not have ventured to pen these remarks were I not known to be a strong advocate for the Masonic Hall system; but, in spite of belief in the advantages of private accommodation for lodges, I can see that weak points exist in that as in any other plan. I should like to have the opinions of other brethren on the subject, for I have often heard derogatory remarks made about lodges meeting on licensed premises, which I do not think are really merited or fair, and I think it should be clearly understood that the fact of a lodge meeting on its own premises by no means proves that its members are either more intelligent or better conducted than those of its sister lodge meeting under the sign of the "Goose and Gridiron."

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

### THE CLERGY AND FREEMASONRY.

The *South African Freemason*, of the 7th December, has the following notice of our article on the Clerical Attack on Freemasonry:

"As mentioned in a note last week, the *London Freemason* has found it necessary to take up the cudgels in a battle happily not often waged now-a-days, viz., to defend the Craft against an attack by a prominent clergyman of the Established Church of England. Fortunately, such clerical attacks are not often forth-

coming, and when they are we find it better to pay very little attention to them, and endeavour to live the tongue of the slanderer down. That the *London Freemason* has felt it necessary to depart from this attitude of masterly inactivity is noteworthy, and is only to be accounted for by a sense that the clerical onslaught was of too systematic a character to be altogether ignored. The writer is the head of one of the best known theological colleges in England—that of St. Bees—and his position gives him, of course, immense power of influencing a large proportion of the clergy of the future. As one development of this influence he has thought fit to issue a formal address to his students, couched in terms strangely suggestive of the Encyclicals of the Vatican, solemnly warning them against the Craft. The action is puerile, to say the least of it. Considering how many great religious and social questions are forcing themselves upon the attention of the clergy, it is passing strange that Freemasonry, which interferes with nobody, and only seeks to be allowed to travel quietly along its benevolent road, shall be singled out for anathema. The main charges against us are those of universalism in religious matters, and of possessing secret rites. Both these charges must seem to us who are behind the scenes, supremely ridiculous, that of secrecy the most of all. We know how very attenuated all that is really secret amongst us has become, practically involving nothing but our prescribed methods of recognition and some portion of our ritual. The study of the beautiful Masonic symbolism, and of the archæology of the Craft, interwoven as it is with the history of the religious systems of the ancient world, is certainly usually only perused by initiated Craftsmen, but there is no earthly reason why it should not be taken up by any outsider who likes to take the trouble. Secrecy obtains in almost every walk of life, and it must be proved to be detrimental to the community at large before it can be logically condemned. If the reverend canon whose letter has caused so much trouble can prove that Masonic secrecy bands men together for objects inimical to religion and society, he will have the best of the argument. But in the first place our formularies condemn, as strongly as words can, the least introduction of political or religious controversy into Masonry, and secondly, our practice goes in this respect much further even than our theory. Every Mason knows how completely such controversial matter is tabooed in even the most loosely conducted of lodges, and how men bitterly opposed in religion or politics seem to meet on the floor of a Masonic lodge on a footing that they never compass elsewhere. Our theories are open to our detractors in the Constitutions and Charges. Our practice is, of course, to some extent a sealed book, but they might at least judge of it by its effects. Has anyone ever found Freemasonry exercising any political or religious action? And further, are we not able to point to hundreds of Masons who occupy the highest positions in their own lands, and who at the same time are not only members of the Order, but persistent and earnest workers in it. We need only mention the Heir Apparent to the British Throne, Sovereigns and other members of half the Royal houses of Europe, and statesmen and soldiers without number. And it is very noticeable that in the British Empire, at least, the members of that party professedly most devotedly attached to law and order, are just as prominent workers in Freemasonry as their political opponents. Whatever may be the faults of such men as the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom and other leading political notabilities, nobody in his senses would accuse any of these estimable gentlemen of a leaning towards revolution. Surely even the most suspicious of outsiders might take the fruit of the tree as a fair evidence of its character. And now we come to the universal, or, as some of our detractors call it, the 'non-religious' character of Freemasonry. Now, we admit that Freemasonry to-day is universalist, but we emphatically deny that it is non-religious. On the contrary it emphasises right through the keystone of all religions, belief in a personal Supreme Being who takes supervision of the affairs of this world, and has revealed His will to man. Such a belief is certainly 'universalist' but within certain limited lines sufficiently defined to secure the first essentials of religious belief. And in practice we Masons know, and every reader of the Masonic newspapers can glean, that in religious matters the practice of Masonry is far ahead of its declared principles. Most clergy recognise this. In England we question if any class, in proportion to its strength, is so active in Masonry. And here the clerical element is very strong indeed. We made a rough calculation the other day that fully half of the Anglican clergy of the diocese of Grahamstown, including two Rural Deans, are Masons. The Dean of Capetown is D.D.G.M. of the Western Province, and we know of several leading ministers of Protestant bodies who have lately joined us. Truly if clergy and ministers like to utilise the Craft, they will find a most powerful basis ready to hand to help them in doing their own special work."

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

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

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th December, 1889, for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Bro. Augustus Glossop Harris, P.M. 2127, London, the only nomination.

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

A brother of the Lodge True Friendship, No. 160, Rochford ...	£50	0	0
A brother of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Lancashire Lodge, No. 116, Colne...	50	0	0
A brother of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London ...	60	0	0
A brother of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, London ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich ...	70	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that they have had under their consideration the rate of salary at present received by Brother Adam John Berry, fifth clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, who has served them for 14 years, and arrived four years ago at the maximum rate of £200 a year—as fixed for all the junior clerks by Grand Lodge in the year 1874—and whose age renders his prospects of future advancement very remote.

It appears to the Board that under the circumstances some small addition might fairly be made to his present rate, and they therefore recommend the following arrangement for the approval of Grand Lodge:—

"That the salary of Brother Adam John Berry be raised to £225 from the 1st January last."

The Board have further to report that R.W. Brother Sir John Braddick Monckton, P.G.W., has offered for the acceptance of Grand Lodge a portrait of himself, painted by Brother B. S. Marks, and which was presented to him some years ago by the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150. The Board are much gratified that an opportunity should occur of placing in some honourable position, the portrait of the eminent brother who presided over the Board for a period of 10 years with such distinguished ability, and have great pleasure in recommending that it be accepted with thanks by Grand Lodge, and placed on the walls of the Board Room.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
18th February, 1890.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5319 14s. 5d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £23 8s. 11d.

6. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1889.

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

- Lodge 2334, The Jersey, Bicester, Oxfordshire.
- " 2335, The Cycling and Athletic, Wavertree, Lancashire (W.D.)
- " 2336, The Shadwell Clerke, Penang, Eastern Archipelago.
- " 2337, The Read, Kwala Lumpor, Selangor, Eastern Archipelago.
- " 2338, The Aramac, Aramac, Queensland.
- " 2339, The Mistley, Manningtree, Essex.
- " 2340, The Ganges, Cawnpore, Bengal.
- " 2341, The Clemency, Oldham, Lancashire (E.D.)
- " 2342, The Easterford, Kelvedon, Essex.
- " 2343, The Sir William Harpur, Bedford, Bedfordshire.
- " 2344, The Albert, Southport, Queensland.
- " 2345, The Duke of Fife, Clapham Common.
- " 2346, The Warrant Officers', Freemasons' Hall, London.
- " 2347, The Grafton, Beak-street, Regent-street.
- " 2348, The Lombardian, Leadenhall-street.
- " 2349, The West Lancashire Century, South Shores, Blackpool, Lancashire (W.D.)
- " 2350, The Corinthian, Hindley, Lancashire (W.D.)
- " 2351, The Ermine, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.
- " 2352, The Universities, Durham.
- " 2353, The Broxbourne, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.
- " 2354, The Heidelberg, Heidelberg, South African Republic.

## FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, was to have presided, but, unfortunately, his lordship was seized with an attack of lumbago, which rendered him incapable of moving, and at the last moment he sent a telegram informing Bro. Terry that he could not leave the house. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, generously threw himself into the gap, and presided during the evening with the greatest ability. The company which supported him was a large one, numbering some 400 brethren, and there was also a very large gathering of ladies.

The brethren sat down to a splendid repast, and after it was disposed of, grace was said, and the list of toasts was proceeded with.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said before he proceeded to the toasts of the evening, he must apologise for being where he was. (No, no.) He had to ask the brethren to accept him as deputy for one who would so worthily have occupied the chair, and who would have given them a speech worth listening to—one who was capable of carrying away their hearts and the hearts of the ladies in the gallery. The cause of his being in that position was that shortly before the meeting a telegram was received from the Lord Mayor saying he was confined to the house with lumbago and was unable to move. All the brethren would feel regret as much as the Lord Mayor himself—a man who had done much for Freemasonry in the past, was doing much in the present, and who they trusted would do much in the future when he had recovered from that attack. He (the Chairman) had taken the chair at a few minutes' notice, and it was no easy task; but what he did would be for the best, and he hoped the brethren would bear with him. (Hear, hear.) The toast he had to propose was one that needed

very few words: it needed very few words from anybody when he was addressing a body of Masons, because their motto was Charity for one thing, and faithful allegiance to Masons' unwritten laws and the laws of the country in which they lived; therefore they were loyal to the backbone; and he asked the brethren heartily to drink to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who was Patron of that Institution, and so long ago as 1845 began her subscriptions with a donation of £50. Her Majesty was one who took an interest in all institutions that were charitable, and was a woman who, as a mother and as our Queen, was the best woman that the world had seen for many years.

The CHAIRMAN then said the next toast on the list was one which he was certain would be received as it always was, among all Masons, with acclamation and pleasure; it was "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." No better Mason lived in England, or in any part of the world, for among all the various and innumerable calls on his time, he never forgot Freemasonry; he had always Masonry at heart, and knew everything that went on very nearly as well as many of the brethren present did. When he said that he thought they had a Grand Master they ought to be proud of, and whom they ought to welcome when he came among them, which they only wished he could do a little oftener.

The CHAIRMAN next said the toast he had then to bring before the brethren was one that was not difficult to propose, but it was difficult to tell men who had done good and long service before their faces in flattering terms of what they had done. There were many present who had done good and valuable service in Grand Lodge as Grand Officers. To come shortly to the point, he would mention the name of the Earl of Carnarvon, a most worthy Mason. The name of the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, was the name of a man who in years gone by had done, and was doing still, as in the past, good and active service for the welfare of the Craft, both generally and in his province. To come to many others whom they met at the festive board, he might mention Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Fenn, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, and other Grand Officers. There were no less than four Past Grand Treasurers present, and, although they were Past Grand Officers, they were not lacking in their interest or zeal for the good of the cause of Freemasonry as it lived and prospered in England. In connection with that toast, he should ask only one to respond—the senior Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Derby Allcroft. Long might those brethren live to serve the Craft, and to be a guidance to those who were growing up under them.

Bro. J. DERBY ALLCROFT, P.G. Treasurer, in reply, said he concurred in the observations of Lord Euston that the brethren who were promoted to Grand Office did not by being raised cease to be active members of the Craft in general. Many others, to his knowledge, took part in lodge meetings, and, as the brethren saw that day with satisfaction, a great many took part in the charitable gatherings of the Order. They were very happy to be present to support the Chairman, and to show their interest in charitable works. So long as they were spared to be of use to the Craft, whether it was the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, or any other, their desire was for the good of the Craft, and their services would be at the disposal of the brethren.

The CHAIRMAN again rose and said it was with very great diffidence that he put the next toast, because it was a toast which the Chairman who was to have been present would have put in such language and so nicely, even without any preparation whatever, that he (Lord Euston) with no preparation felt utterly unequal to it. He regretted sincerely that the Lord Mayor was not present to propose the toast, because he had been looking forward to hear a speech he would be able to think of and carry away with him. The toast was the toast of the evening, "Success to the Institution" they were met to celebrate another anniversary of, and to show that they were still in harmony with their Charities, and were willing, so far as they were able, to continue that support of them which was necessary to their maintenance. (Hear, hear.) To go back for many years, to the start of that Institution, he supposed it was a duty to use a stereotyped speech on those occasions, but if the brethren would excuse him, he would go very cursorily into particulars and he should be much obliged to them. The fund originally was started many years ago under the Duke of Sussex, when only £400 a year was voted from Grand Lodge towards annuities, to be given to those Masons whom affliction, distress, and poverty, from no fault of their own, had overtaken. When they looked back and considered that it started at £400 and that they could now say they were spending nearly £15,000 a year, it showed that they had made progress, and that the Institution was well and thoroughly supported by those who, when they became Masons, professed Charity to be the aim and object of the step they then took. (Hear, hear.) It was an old and tried saying in the country, "that the proof of the pudding was in the eating," and he thought when they looked on those two figures of £400 and £15,000 there was a very reliable and solid proof that they were doing what was right and just by those old and aged ones. He would to God they could do more. It might interest the brethren to know that in the past few years over £200,000 had been paid away in annuities, and that they were going on and could go on, if they only had the money, relieving many more. There were an enormous number coming up for the next election, and there were very few vacancies; but the Institution could not go beyond its means, and the Committee very rightly said in their report, which he had before him, that they kept to what they were doing, to the numbers they were relieving, and anything that was over from the annual income they invested. He only wished they could invest a great deal more, because they never knew from day to day or from year to year how times might change, how everything that might affect property, mercantile arrangements, and other business might affect them; for what affected one affected others, from the highest to the lowest; it went right through, because when properties went down, rents went down, and labour was not employed so much. He was not going into any political questions, but they all knew those greater subjects came before them when people came to them and said—"Can you help so and so? Can you do this? Can you do this for us? Can you do it for others?" They had to look to themselves, to look at the balance at a certain house either in London or in the provincial towns, before they could say they could afford to give. If they could only get a large sum of money invested, it would be a great thing to have an annual income, and not to depend on a fluctuating sum, though he was happy to say in that Institution it had only fluctuated in the right direction, as they would see when Bro. Terry announced the lists. He hoped it would not be less than last year, but rather that it would be more. On behalf of him who ought to have been in the chair, who had been placed in the position of Lord Mayor of London, the head of the oldest civic body in the world, he might say that that civic body, from time immemorial, had been one, and continued to be one, of the most charitable organisers. Whenever necessity had to be relieved, where did the world go to but to the City of London? (Hear, hear.) The first person they went to was the Lord Mayor of London, at the Mansion House. (Hear, hear.) And how had such a fund always been responded to throughout England? Putting aside Masonry, what sums of money had they sent, not to our own people, but to people who had absolutely nothing to do with them, but simply because they were in want and distress. Therefore, he thought the brethren would agree with him in saying that the Mansion House, putting apart Masonry altogether, set Masonry an example that should be followed. The Lord Mayor continued to do what, by the old traditions of the City of London, it had done in years past. Long might it continue to do it, and might that old custom never be interfered with. (Hear, hear.) When he said that the Chairman who should have been there that night had been elected as head of that City of London, he would remind the brethren that the Lord Mayor had done good service in Masonry in years past; he was one of the finest workers in the Craft. He (Lord Euston) regretted exces-

sively that the Lord Mayor was not present, and he hoped Sheriff Harris would convey to him the expression of the deep regret of the brethren at his absence and the cause of it, and their hope that he would soon get over his illness, and long live to be an honour to the Order. (Hear, hear.) To go back to the main part of the question of the toast—The Benevolent Institution—it stood first on the list of the Masonic Charities. It had stood so, and long might it stand so, because, although they did support the coming generation that came after them, it was only right and just for them to look after, support, and comfort those, many of whom had done good work in Masonry, and given their money to it when they had it, but who, from no fault of their own, were plunged into the direst depths of misery and distress. He presided at the Festival of that Institution last year, and he went to Croydon and saw the old people in their home, and he must say that he saw several there who at some time of their life were living in affluence, but they were in happiness and contentedness, pleased and grateful for all that was done for them. The Institution was managed, and had been proved to be so, notwithstanding many questions were asked during past times, in the most admirable fashion—(cheers)—the Secretary, Bro. Terry, did his work in the most admirable way possible. (Cheers.) No brother ever went to Bro. Terry's office and found his door closed; no brother was ever refused information. Bro. Terry would go beyond that, and put himself to any trouble for the benefit of the Institution over which he presided, even though he had to travel from one end of England to the other. Bro. Terry belonged to his (Lord Euston's) province originally, and he (Lord Euston) was very proud of it, although it was long before the time he (Lord Euston) belonged to it. Bro. Terry still kept up his connection with it, and he (Lord Euston) was very pleased to know that such an officer as Bro. Terry was should emanate from that province. (Hear, hear.) He would now ask the brethren to drink "Prosperity to the Institution." Might the funds of Freemasons always be ready—which they always were—to assist it; might those seasons over which we had no power bring to us that prosperity in England that brought prosperity to our pockets, and enable us to do what we should like to do with regard to the Masonic Institutions. He gave them most heartily, most cordially—and might God grant it—every prosperity to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer, in reply, said, in the first place, he thanked the noble Chairman for so kindly filling the chair at a moment's notice, for they were at their wits' end when they read the telegram from the Lord Mayor telling them he was unable to preside. One thing was to be said, that never in the annals of that Institution had the same brother taken the chair in two consecutive years. They were looking forward with great anxiety to the announcement of the lists by Bro. Terry. The brethren might have read the short *précis* that had been put before them. They would see from it the number of candidates for the election in May next, and that when the election was over there would be still 125 brethren and widows left out in the cold. That had been a source of great anxiety to the Committee because they were wishful to put on the Charity as many as they could; but unfortunately, when they had provided for the annuities and the expenses of the Institution, they had only an assured income of £1000, and, therefore, unless they could secure £14,000 at each Festival, there must be a deficit to be made up one way or other. He therefore trusted, and all the Committee trusted with him, that the brethren would be as generous as of yore, and that another year they might congratulate themselves that they were free from difficulty, and that by the kindness of the brethren they might do more for the old people.

Bro. TERRY then read the lists of subscriptions.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., said the pleasure of proposing the next toast had devolved upon him. His noble brother who was now presiding would have proposed it had the Lord Mayor been present. In the Lord Mayor's absence the brethren were gratified in finding that a brother of such distinguished mark in Masonry had taken the position as his deputy. The toast he had to propose was that of "The Chairman." The brethren had had a taste of the noble brother's quality; they knew what he was capable of doing, had heard him, and seen how he had performed his duty in the chair. He had much pleasure in proposing that toast, because it was the health of a brother who had served Freemasonry on many occasions. During the last year he (Bro. Eve) had the special privilege of proposing that toast, as the Chairman of that Institution, when a large sum of money was subscribed to testify to the popularity of his lordship. His lordship's province assembled in large numbers, and, as the Secretary had just announced, they subscribed £700 or £800 towards that excellent Institution. Lord Euston had discharged his duties that evening with exemplary ability, and he (Bro. Eve) therefore had the greatest pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Chairman of the Evening."

The CHAIRMAN, in response, said he thanked Bro. Eve and all the brethren, from the highest to the lowest, for the kindness they had displayed to him in accepting him as a substitute for the Lord Mayor. He thanked them further still for the way they had responded to the toast, for the way they had received him, and for the indulgence they had given him. He thanked them all as Masons for the magnificent sum they had been able to bring to the funds of the Institution whose Festival they were now holding. Bro. Eve made use of a good deal of praise of him (the Chairman) which was, he thought, not quite due, because being an old soldier he held one motto as supreme—"Duty first, and pleasure afterwards,"—and if their duty was not a pleasure they had better leave it altogether, as no man could do well what he did not like, and if they did a thing at all it should be done to the best of a person's ability and power. He did not say there were not men who could do things better than others; there were, and if they had had the Lord Mayor in the chair they would have had something to carry away with them. However, he thanked the brethren, and he gave his word as a man and a Mason, if he could be of any use to Masonry at any moment he would to the utmost of his ability do it; the kindness of the brethren had been exemplified in many, many words, and he should always trust to that kindly feeling which prevailed in Freemasonry, and which said "Go on, brother, you have done your best, and we are glad to see you." He only wished he could do better and that he could do more. He thanked the brethren most heartily again for the kind way they had received that toast, for accepting him so genially as the deputy for one who would have presided with efficiency, for of all the speakers he had heard, the Lord Mayor was the best. He trusted his lordship would fill the chair yet, and charm the ears of the brethren with oratory which they would remember in their provinces when they went back, after bringing up even higher lists than had been brought up yet.

The CHAIRMAN next asked the indulgence of the brethren for a few moments before they proceeded to the Temple to hear sweet music and enjoy the society of the sex they all admired. There were matters which could not be passed over, which required and commanded their attention, not only in the ordinary sense of the word, but required their permanent support. They were met together that evening to celebrate the Festival of one of the great Masonic Charities. These Charities were more than one, they were three, that lucky number as some people called it. The Institution they supported that evening was for those who had passed through the struggle and toil of life, and who had been unsuccessful. Those who had been successful in that struggle in life had nobly and generously come forward and subscribed largely and magnificently on their behalf. But there were two more Festivals coming on. The brethren had that evening been intimately connected with those who were older than themselves, who had gone through the struggle of life. The other two Institutions had to do with those who in the very early stages of their lives were placed in a position of difficulty and distress—difficulty and distress for many reasons—that their parents were not

enabled, some from death, some from impecuniosity and those misfortunes that would occur to so many whether they willed it or whether they willed it not; but those young people had to begin the struggle of life, and to enable them to begin that struggle Masons had those two institutions which were so well known to them, and which had had so great success in the past—their Boys' and their Girls' Schools. He asked the brethren—he would not go into any details on the subject of either of those Institutions—but he asked them that, as they had been Stewards that evening, if there was anything left that they could part with without doing any damage to themselves or their connections, they would think that in the summer, one in May and the other in June, there were two festivals to come on, and any metallic substances they had which the old adage said made the mare to go, they would remember and come forward in the same hearty spirit that they had that evening, and place them at the disposal of those who had the struggle before them. They should remember they were helping those who were beginning the struggle: how hard it might be, or how prosperous it might be they could not tell; but the object the brethren had in view was to start them fair, to give them a lift on the way, to offer them an advantage if fortune favoured them to make a good ending, and perhaps enable them to make a return for what was done for them; men and women who would obtain life stewardships and say—"We have been brought up by you; we are willing to assist you; and we do it with gladness." If they gave them a chance, and they made use of it, he thought they would not forget the father or mother who started them in life. He hoped the brethren would with all cordiality drink to the other two Masonic Institutions, to which they cordially wished all prosperity. Long might those Institutions go on increasing in strength, in popularity, in prosperity, and might those who went out from them go on increasing in prosperity in the future. He called on Bro. Hedges to respond for both those Institutions.

Bro. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Girls' School, in reply, said, on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, he returned his most sincere thanks for the very cordial way in which the brethren had responded to that toast. He felt, however, that, notwithstanding the late hour of the evening, he must ask the brethren's permission to congratulate the Benevolent Institution on the magnificent success of that evening's festival. The Stewards had raised the average to £40 per list which spoke volumes for their endeavours, and which earned for them the gratitude of that Institution. The brethren had already been reminded, by the very eloquent and earnest terms in which his lordship had placed that toast before them, that the two Institutions to whose success they had drunk were anxiously waiting the celebration of their Festivals. The Boys' School deeply needed the brethren's earnest assistance, and he was quite sure that when June came round they would find the same liberality extended to them as had been given to the Benevolent Institution. Speaking more particularly for the Girls' School, that being the first Festival to follow, he would remind the brethren that Sir Francis Burdett, the esteemed Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, had very kindly consented to preside on Tuesday, May 20th. He asked the brethren most sincerely to use their efforts on behalf of that Institution. So recently as the year 1888, there had been a glorious Festival to celebrate its Centenary, in the Royal Albert Hall, and naturally, the year following there was a considerable re-action, and the result of the 101st Festival was much diminished. Of course, that was to be anticipated, but he and those associated with him trusted that this year they might be allowed a successful Festival, and one of which the Chairman should be proud. He thanked the brethren on his own behalf, on behalf of the Secretary of the Boys' School, and on behalf of the 527 young residents of the two Institutions. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said there was another toast which the brethren would receive with great pleasure and thorough gratification—it was "The Stewards," who had arranged for the comfort of the company that evening. Those brethren had met for some months past, and they had been the means of getting in that sum which Bro. Terry had read out—those brethren who had, by infinite trouble, collected that sum. He was quite certain that every brother present knew how difficult it was to some people to collect anything; whereas others went round, and, some by their personal charms, others by powers of persuasion, and some by undaunted "brass," demanded and got subscriptions where it would never be believed they would. They must, however, render hearty thanks to those brethren who had been the means of raising the large amount of the evening. The Institution would give its hearty thanks to them for that, and not only for that, but for the comfort they had provided for the brethren and the ladies who had graced the gathering by their presence in the gallery, and had put themselves to inconvenience in coming from all parts. He said, "Well done, good and trusty Masons; you have deserved well; enter into our hearts; and may you long remain there in memory of the large subscription you have given to us."

Bro. H. BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G.T., replied. He thanked the Chairman for associating his name with the Board of Stewards. He would remark that when in the discharge of the philanthropic duties of his exalted position in advocating the claims of the aged and afflicted, the widows and the fatherless, his lordship must feel a pang of sorrow passing through his generous heart, remembering that a large proportion of the result of his eloquence and of his benevolence must be expended in defraying the cost of the Charity dinner. He could assure his lordship that no such qualms of conscience need agitate his mind, for when a change came over the spirit of their dream when they entered into the regions of Masonic light, it was his privilege to state, and he did so with great satisfaction, that according to ancient custom the entire cost of that banquet and the entertainment to the ladies in the adjoining Temple was defrayed by the united subscriptions of the Board of Stewards. Every shilling of the magnificent sum announced by Bro. Terry passed intact into the treasury of the Institution. Thanking the Chairman again for the gracious way in which he had acknowledged the feeble but earnest endeavours of the Stewards to add some grains of comfort to cheer the declining years, to smooth the pathway to the Grand Lodge above of those of their unfortunate brethren who unhappily for themselves had fallen in the terrible battle of life.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Ladies," and the toast was responded to by Bro. Major LAMBERT, and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a charming concert was given under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, P.P.G.S.B. Herts. Bro. Morley was Toastmaster at the dinner.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

UNATTACHED.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Bro. The Lord Mayor, Sir H. A. Isaacs, CHAIRMAN	110	17	0	Bro. William Clarke	...	21	0	0	
;; Thomas G. Bullen	23	2	0	;; William Belchamber	...	10	10	0	
;; T. B. Daniell	10	10	0	;; William H. Bolt	...	...	...	...	
;; John A. Farnfield	15	15	0	;; S. Lea Smith	...	66	3	0	
;; Horace B. Marshall, sen., J.P.	42	0	0	;; J. H. Gregory	...	10	10	0	
;; Horace B. Marshall, jun., B.A.	10	10	0	;; Baron de Ferrières	...	10	10	0	
;; Francis H. Miller	10	10	0	;; O. Philippe	...	10	10	0	
;; William Pierpoint	52	10	0	;; John Jones	...	...	...	...	
;; Charles Sheppard	47	5	0	;; Major C. W. Carrell	...	10	10	0	
;; James Terry	168	10	0	;; John Skinner	...	10	19	0	
;; Edward C. Talbot	47	5	0	;; Hugh Cotter	...	...	...	...	
;; Henry John Strong, M.D., J.P.	24	12	0	;; L. C. Haslip	...	10	10	0	
;; J. H. Lane	...	...	...	;; William Masters	...	...	...	...	
				;; T. H. Beach	...	...	...	...	
				;; J. H. Baxter	...	10	10	0	
				;; Francis Shelton	...	10	10	0	
				;; Walter J. Nicholls	...	10	10	0	

Main table listing members and their contributions across various provinces including London, Herts, Kent, Lancashire, and others. Includes columns for name, lodge, and amount in pounds, shillings, and pence.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Summary table showing totals for various provinces like Middlesex, Norfolk, Northants and Hunts, etc., with columns for province name and amount.

175 STEWARDS—LONDON ... £6753 8 6
153 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ... £6341 13 0
GRAND TOTAL ... £13,095 1 6

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

We have pleaded guilty elsewhere to the charge of disappointment that the sum of the figures we are about to subject to the usual analysis is not larger. We were in hopes that a greater reaction would have set in in favour of this Institution...

£13,095, the portion obtained from the Metropolis was £6742 18s. 6d. It will be seen from these figures that the average per Steward's list is considerably below what we have been accustomed to in past ordinary years. On the other hand, there is a fair number of three-figure lists, though the highest amongst them are below the three-figure lists which have been announced at previous Festivals both for this and our other Institutions. The honour of occupying the highest place belongs to Bro. H. Magee, of Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, who was able to compile the handsome total of £216 13s., while Bro. S. W. Timson, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, succeeded in getting into his third century, the amount of his list being £202 7s. Then after a long interval we come to the list of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution, who, in spite of his heavy official duties and indisposition, was able to raise a total of £168 10s. Close up with him was Bro. Sir G. D. Harris, Steward for the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, with £166 18s.; and then follows Bro. Chas. Belton, who did his duty for the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, well, and raised £130. Bro. Prior, of St. John's Lodge, No. 90, obtained £125 18s., and Bro. D. D. Mercer, of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, £122 6s. 6d. Bro. J. R. Brown, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, was at Bro. Prior's heels with £121 16s., and was in his turn closely pressed by Bro. J. L. Anderson, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, with £120 15s. Then came Bro. Larkin, Steward for the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, with £117 12s., and Bro. A. B. Hudson, who acted for both Lodge and Chapter No. 1657 (the Aldersgate), and obtained £116 11s. Bros. Asher Barfield (unattached) and J. Kilvington, of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, tied with £115 10s.; Bro. Davies, Temperance Lodge, No. 169, made up a total of £101 9s.; Bros. John Darton, of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, and W. W. Westley, Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, completing the list with £100 each. There are also several other good amounts included in the Returns, some of which only just missed the honour of being comprised among the three-figure totals. Among these we note those of Bro. A. A. Marks, of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, £80 6s. 6d.; Bro. Richard Tilling, St. James's Lodge, No. 765, £80; Bro. N. P. Vallentine, Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, £84; Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, £94 10s.; and Bro. W. J. Halford, Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, £92 7s. 6d. In fine, London has acquitted itself creditably, and the Lord Mayor has every reason to be satisfied with the support he received from this portion of the Craft. It should be added that his lordship himself compiled the very capital list of £117 10s., in which were comprised his own donations and those of many among his civic and Drury Lane friends.

#### THE PROVINCES

acquitted themselves with their usual success, the number of Stewards being 153, and the aggregate of the Donations and Subscriptions they raised £6341 13s. In obtaining this result there were representatives sent up from 32 Provinces and the Channel Islands, while the following 12 Provinces, comprising amongst them some 164 lodges, sent no Stewards on this occasion, though, as will be seen from the accompanying particulars, they have all of them more or less frequently borne their part in these annual celebrations. **BEDFORDSHIRE** (five lodges) sent up a Steward to the Boys' School Festival last year, and was represented at the Girls' Centenary the year previous to the extent of close on £100. **BRISTOL** (nine lodges) has done nothing since February of last year, when it was represented by the late Bro. W. Purnell. Possibly, however, the fact of its government having passed from Bro. the Earl of Limerick into the hands of Bro. W. A. F. Powell may have diverted its attention to matters more immediately concerning itself, and when it has settled comfortably under its new chief, it will resume its interest in our Institutions. **DORSETSHIRE** (13 lodges) sent up two Stewards in February, 1889, whose lists together amounted to £156 10s. **HEREFORDSHIRE** (five lodges) has not entered an appearance at these festivities since the Girls' Centenary, and therefore we may hope that some of its brethren will undertake the office of Steward at an early date. **MONMOUTHSHIRE** (10 lodges) sent up no less than eight Stewards at the Boys' Festival in June last, the amount of their lists reaching to upwards of £300, and in 1888 it raised over £530, of which the bulk was given to this Institution, while in 1887 the Benevolent received £300 and the Girls' School £62 10s. **NORTHUMBERLAND** (23 lodges) raised £900 for this Institution in 1888, and £52 10s. for the Girls' Centenary, but has not taken part in any of the Festivals which have been held since. **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE** (14 lodges) figured for a moderate amount at the Benevolent Festival in 1889, and at two out of the three School Festivals in 1888, while **NORTH WALES** (19 lodges) sent Stewards to both the School Festivals in 1889, and was represented at all three the previous year, its total at the Girls' Centenary being within a fraction of £674. **SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION**—is able to give a very good account of itself for the last two years, the total of its subscriptions during that period being over £1200, of which £865 was received by this Institution in 1888, when its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., acted as Chairman. **WILTSHIRE** (11 lodges) raised £168 for this Institution in 1889, and over £340 for the Girls' Centenary the year previous; while **NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE** (30 lodges) did some heavy work in 1889, the first festival in aid of its local Charitable Association producing upwards of £1000, in addition to which it raised £105 for the R.M.B.I. in February, and £42 for the Girls' School in May. The remaining absentee is the **ISLE OF MAN** (seven lodges), which, however, was represented at the Girls' Festivals both last year and the year before. Thus, as regards the majority of the Provinces we have just enumerated, their absence from this particular Festival may easily be accounted for, while the chances are in favour of our finding them worthily represented at one or other of the School Festivals which have yet to come.

We now turn our attention to the Provinces, whose assistance has so materially benefited the Benevolent Institution, and to which, therefore, the Craft is so deeply grateful. The first in order is

#### BERKS AND BUCKS,

which is well to the fore, as usual, notwithstanding it has had the misfortune to lose its respected chief, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., who had presided over its fortunes for so many years and so successfully. Seven of its 25 lodges, and the chapter attached to an eighth, were represented to very good purpose by a more than usually numerous contingent of 13 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists, amounts to £434 12s. 6d. The Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury, was represented by half a dozen of its members, who, amongst them, gave £90 6s., and Bro. J. Hattersley, representing the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wraybury, which was only warranted in 1888, handed in the very capital list of £116 0s. 6d. This performance is the more creditable to the Province, seeing that last year it distributed £332 15s. among the three Charities, the Boys' School obtaining over £207, while in 1887 it raised over £947, and in 1888 £779, the total for the three years being but a few shillings short of £2060.

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

which has but six lodges, gave a useful £52 10s., by the hands of Bro. C. A. Vinter, who represented the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, and who is no novice in this field of labour. In 1889, the sum of £315 was contributed by this Province, the Boys' School receiving £162 15s., this Institution £94 10s., and the Girls' School £57 15s. In 1888 the last named School was favoured with the whole attention of the Province, the total raised for its use being £362 5s.; while in 1887 and 1886 the contributions were £537 11s. and £547 5s. respectively, all three Institutions having a share in the proceeds of each year.

Six out of the 40 lodges on the roll of

#### CHESHIRE

had a part in the excellent work accomplished on Wednesday, the sum of their lists being £110 5s. This Province, however, as we have been at the pains of pointing out in all our previous analytical articles, though from time to time it shows up well, is rarely represented, as from the number of its lodges we might have reason to expect, owing to its having its own Educational Institution, which does such excellent service in assisting the children of its indigent and deceased members. A better apology for an apparently small contribution from a strong Province could not be offered.

#### CORNWALL,

with its array of 30 lodges, had an efficient representative for one of them—the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle—in Bro. F. W. Thomas, who, on Wednesday, handed in a list of £110 5s., while at the Boys' School, last June, he figured with a list compiled from the Province generally amounting to 100 guineas. In May previous the Steward for the Province raised £99 15s. for the Girls' School, and in February the Old People received £157 10s. by the hands of Bro. G. B. Pearce. In 1888 Cornwall gave £465 5s., of which the Girls' Centenary received £372 15s.; while in 1887 its services were on a still greater scale, Bro. Pearce being its representative at the three Festivals, and handing in lists amounting together to £704 11s. These flattering attentions on the part of our Cornish brethren to the Masonic Institutions are indeed most gratifying to the latter, and in every way creditable to the former.

#### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

seems to favour the idea of taking part only occasionally in these celebrations and then playing its part well. Thus in 1883 it gave £1050 to the Boys' School, and again in 1886 it contributed £500 to the funds of the same Charity. In 1888, the sum of £210 figured in the Girls' School Centenary Returns, and doubtless the amount would have been higher, only in the preceding February it had raised £1050 for the Benevolent. Last year its efforts were on a smaller scale, its subscriptions being just a fraction over £140. On Wednesday Bro. G. Dalrymple, who has acted before as Steward, acted for Lodges Nos. 872 and 1660, and compiled a total of £73 10s.

Only two out of the 23 lodges on the roll of

#### DERBYSHIRE

sent up Stewards on Wednesday, Bro. the Hon. C. W. Trollope, representing the Arkwright Lodge, No. 1495, Matlock Bath, taking up a list of £32 7s., and Bro. John P. Fearfield, of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, Long Eaton, supplementing this with £10 10s., making the total £42 17s. We are tolerably certain to hear of this Province in connection with the coming Festivals of the Schools, so that the Returns for the whole year will doubtless compare well with the total of 1889, which was over £414, while in the previous four years it had averaged £810 per year. However, this high average is to be accounted for (1) by the presidency of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M., at the Boys' School Festival in 1886, and (2) by the large amount raised—upwards of £780—for the Girls' School Centenary in 1888. Such special incentives as these are not always operating to produce large totals, but we shall find Derbyshire doing her duty in 1890, as in previous years, generously and successfully.

Wednesday's Festival was not the first occasion on which the fortunes of

#### DEVONSHIRE

and its 52 lodges have been wholly or in part entrusted to Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and it must be allowed that the confidence thus exhibited is well requited by that worthy brother. On this occasion Bro. Lemon represented Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse, and his list was £207 1s. Last year the same brother was sole Steward at the Girls' Festival, his list comprising a personal donation of £94 10s., while at the Boys' School Festival he figured with £93 9s. to his credit, the total for the Province being £103 19s. In 1888, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., presided at the Boys' School Festival, and was admirably supported by his Province to the extent of £840, the Girls' Institution receiving £126, and the R.M.B.I. £47 5s., making the total for the year over £1013.

#### DURHAM,

as the contributor of 75 guineas (£78 15s.), has been very properly included in the list, though, as a matter of fact, it was not represented by any Steward. Last year, including the sum it religiously votes year by year to each of the Charities, it gave £354 18s., of which the Boys' School received £105, the Girls' School, £134 8s., and the Benevolent Institution £115 10s. In 1888 the Returns were more than double what they were in 1889, this Institution obtaining support to the extent of £122 15s., while the Girls' School, at its Centenary, received £375 18s., and the Boys' School £262 10s., the aggregate of the three being £751 3s.

#### ESSEX,

which has been increasing and multiplying in the matter of its private lodges in the last year or two, was represented by 11 Stewards on Wednesday, who acted on behalf of nine out of its 30 lodges and the chapter attached to a tenth lodge, the sum total of their lists being £385 16 6d. Among the items composing this total may be specified the list of Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., as representative of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester—the premier lodge of the province—which amounted to £52 10s., and Bro. Chamberlayne's £57 15s. Last year the Province subscribed £331 5s. 6d. to the Boys' School, £23 2s. to the Girls' School, and £291 18s. to the R.M.B.I., making together £646 5s. 6d. In 1888 the total was £1297 3s. 6d., of which the Girls' School obtained rather more than two-thirds; in 1887 it was £873 4s.; in 1886, £599 4s.; while in 1884, when Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M., acted as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, it reached the fine sum of £1546 7s. 6d.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

though it has but 14 lodges on its roll, is both a regular and a liberal contributor to our Institutions. On Wednesday, it sent up five Stewards, four of them being representatives of as many lodges, and the fifth—Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart.,—unattached. The Returns from these brethren amounted to £133 17s., of which £74 11s. was contained in Bro. E. Clare Sewell's list for the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Gloucester. Last year its total for the three Festivals reached only to £199 10s., but in 1883 it amounted to £621 3s. 6d., of which £520 18s. was subscribed for the Centenary of the Girls' School. In 1887, the sum was £221 11s., but during the three years from 1884 to 1886 its contributions—in which all three Charities shared—were £2240 9s., giving an average per year of nearly £747. Thus, with the exception of the year 1888, this Province has been doing less than its usual share of work, in consequence, no doubt, of having gone somewhat beyond its strength in 1884-5-6.

A somewhat similar remark may be applied to

#### HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

which, though it has some 46 lodges on its roll, has done nothing commensurate with its strength since the Girls' Centenary. On Wednesday, four of its lodges were represented by as many brethren, whose lists totalled up £130 5s. 3d. Last year, the Old People received £164 8s. 6d., the Girls' School £57 15s., and the Boys' School £144 18s., making together £367 1s. 6d. In 1888, the Returns reached £1355 1s. 1d., including £1149 13s. 6d. to the Girls' School, while in Jubilee year, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., presided as Chairman at

the Festival of this Institution, they were only sixpence short of £1883, of which the R.M.B.I. received £1785 9s. 6d. There is also, perhaps, another reason why this Province has figured at our more recent anniversary celebrations somewhat less conspicuously than in previous years, namely, that it has been establishing an Educational and Benevolent Association of its own, the contributions raised on this particular account being from £1800 to £2000. Under these circumstances, the smaller figures we have recorded at the last five Festivals in respect of Hants and the Isle of Wight are only such as might have been expected.

## HERTFORDSHIRE,

which has now 19 lodges on its roll, and a lodge at Broxbourne on the way to be consecrated, did well on Wednesday, the sum raised by its half-dozen Stewards, of whom Bro. John E. Dawson, Past D.P.G.M., was one, being £297 11s. Bro. Dawson acted independently, but to good purpose, his list being £57 4s. The five lodges represented were the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, per Bro. Rev. W. Mills; the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327; the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, per Bro. John Purrott, and two out of the three lodges consecrated last year, namely, the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, per Bro. C. M. Coxon, which subscribed £40 18s., and the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, which was represented by its principal founder and first W.M., Bro. C. E. Keyser, whose list amounted to £92 8s. Last year Hertfordshire, which then had only 17 lodges, contributed £240 to this Institution; £52 12s. to the Girls' School; and £78 15s. to the Boys' School; or together £371 7s. In 1888 it raised £649 19s. for the Girls' Centenary, and £146 15s. 6d. for the R.M.B.I., making together £796 14s. 6d., while in the Jubilee year it gave £606 7s., of which this Institution obtained nearly two-thirds, and in 1886, close on £505, of which the Benevolent received £279 5s. 6d. Of course, as Bro. Terry has been a Prov. Grand Officer of Herts for upwards of 20 years, and is immensely and deservedly popular in all the lodges, it stands to reason that he should obtain the chief share of support in this quarter, but the two Schools are by no means neglected.

The Province of

## KENT

invariably plays a prominent part in these Festival Returns, owing, no doubt, in a measure to its wealth of lodges, but chiefly we incline to believe because it has an excellent organisation for Charitable purposes. But whatever the reason, the fact is patent to all who study these lists. On Wednesday, 11 of its lodges and one of the chapters were represented by 11 Stewards, and the sum total of the lists compiled by them was £743 14s. Last year it subscribed £1460 16s. 6d., of which this Institution had the good fortune to secure £821 17s. 6d., while the Boys' School obtained £493, though the Girls' School, for manifest reasons, had to content itself with the more moderate sum of £145 19s. In 1888, the R.M.B.I. received £374 8s., the Girls' School, at its Centenary Festival, £3059 9s. 6d., and the Boys' School, only three weeks after the useful contribution, £254 13s. 6d. In the Jubilee year it contributed £1227 17s. 6d. to this Institution, £184 4s. 6d. to the Girls' School, and £508 14s. 6d. to the R.M.B.I., making together £1920 16s. 6d. These are very formidable figures, even when we take into account that Kent has now some 62 lodges on its roll, and for at least a dozen years previously had been working on the same generous scale, though being somewhat fewer lodges, not quite to the same amount.

Out of the 100 lodges on the roll of

## LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

there were only eight which sent up Stewards, but the 10 brethren who acted in this capacity compiled amongst them £217 17s. We have said before that except on great occasions we must not measure the amount of support received from East Lancashire by the number of its lodges, as it has an Educational and Benevolent Association with a capital of some £9000, which is doing right good service for its poorer and deceased members. On state occasions, however, it does splendidly, as some years ago when Bro. Col. Starkie presided for this Institution and the contributions from the Province were upwards of £3500. Again in 1888 it raised £2873 11s. 6d. for the R.M.B.I.; £1350 16s. 6d. for the Girls' Centenary; and £126 5s. for the Boys' School, or for the whole year £4350 13s. But such contributions, where there is a local Charitable organisation, can only be occasional.

The adjoining Province of

## LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

which has about the same number of lodges as its eastern neighbour, is even more extensively committed to the support of its local Charities. It has as many as three of them, which are well established and doing valuable service, the Systematic Educational Institution having a capital of about £20,000. We do not, therefore, look to it for any large amount of support for the Central Charities except on very special occasions, and then like East Lancashire it does well. Last year, for instance, its contributions to the three Institutions only amounted to £324 9s., but in 1888 the total raised for the Girls' Centenary, the Boys' School, and the Old People, was £2576 12s., of which the senior Charity received £2440 2s. On Wednesday nine Stewards acting for 10 lodges compiled amongst them the useful sum of £341 4s.

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

though it has but a dozen lodges all told, is most exemplary in its support of our Institutions, its custom being to give each a turn, so that its contributions may amount to a substantial sum. Thus at the Boys' School Festival in June last it raised £525; at the Centenary of the Girls' School in 1888 it figured for £648 10s.; in 1887 it gave its attention to the R.M.B.I., for which its contributions amounted to £250; in 1886 the Boys' School was favoured to the extent of £257 5s.; and in 1885 the Girls' School received £405; there being also a small amount to the credit of the Province at one or more of the intervening Anniversaries. On Wednesday Bro. A. McIvor Tindall, of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough, did duty to excellent purpose as Steward, and succeeded in compiling the goodly total of £189.

There are 23 lodges on the roll of

## LINCOLNSHIRE,

and on Wednesday two of them were directly represented, while Bro. H. E. Cousins acted independently. The sum total was £100 1s., which, considering that Lincolnshire raised £518 last year—that is to say, £448 14s. for the Benevolent Institution and £69 6s. for the Boys' School—is very creditable. In 1888 it subscribed £223 2s. 6d., of which £202 2s. 6d. was on account of the Girls' Centenary, so that the Province has been acquitting itself, admirably for some time past, the energy and solid good work done by Bro. H. E. Cousins being especially noteworthy.

The Metropolitan County of

## MIDDLESEX

now has no less than 49 lodges on its roll, and more than ever, therefore, may be relied upon to make its influence apparent on these occasions. It is regularly represented, and generally for substantial amounts, the sum amassed by the 11 brethren who acted as Stewards for nine lodges—the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham, being furnished with three—being £285 12s. 6d. Last year the total for all the three Festivals was £593 14s. 6d., of which this Institution was fortunate enough to obtain £390 3s. In 1888, however, the Province made a far better show, the sum raised being £1816 5s., of which the Girls' School, on the occasion of its Centenary, secured £1107 14s., while in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, the total was £1265 7s., which was distributed with tolerable impartiality

among the three Charities. In 1886 the amount was £1034 19s., of which the Old People had the satisfaction of receiving over £546. These figures, which might have been carried still further back, bear out what we have said as to the regularity and munificence of the contributions from the Metropolitan Province, while as regards Wednesday's total, we are confident it would have been on a larger scale but for the fact that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M., has undertaken to preside as Chairman at the Girls' Festival in May, when the Province will very naturally endeavour to show its respect for its chief by doing all in its power to support him.

The Province of

## NORFOLK

has 17 lodges on its roll, but being an agricultural county, its subscriptions, though readily and generously bestowed, are not on quite the same scale as in other Provinces where there are many such industrial centres. On Wednesday, however, three of its lodges sent up together £223 5s., of which Bro. Mills, of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich, had the gratification of compiling £157 10s. Last year its two Stewards for the Boys' Festival made up between them a total of £101 11s., while in 1888 this Institution obtained £63, and the Girls' School £214 4s., making together £277 4s. In 1886, when Bro. Lord Suffield P.G.M., presided at the Boys' Festival, it raised £420, so that though these figures are not on a large scale, they indicate a large amount of goodwill towards our Central Charities.

Since Bro. the Earl of Euston has had charge of the government of

## NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

this small Province, which has but 11 lodges on its roll, has been greatly distinguishing itself, its great achievement having been at the Festival of this Institution in February of last year, when Bro. the Earl of Euston presided, and the Province generously backed him up to the extent of £914 10s. 6d., the brethren who raised this sum being his lordship—whose list was £227 10s.—and 12 others, among whom were Bros. A. Cockerell (£120), W. Dixey (£100), and James Terry (£207 15s.). In May, Lord Euston acted as Steward for the Girls' School, and aided it to the extent of £26 5s., while on Wednesday, he gave a like sum, which, with the list of Bro. Carter, Steward for the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough, amounting to £15 15s., gave a total for the Province of £42. In 1888, its contributions amounted to nearly £333, of which £204 15s. was compiled at the Girls' Centenary, and £117 12s. for the Boys' School, while in the Jubilee year it raised £350 for the latter Charity. This is an excellent record, and very creditable to our Northants and Hunts brethren.

There was a small contingent of five Stewards from the Province of

## OXFORDSHIRE

on this occasion, the three out of the 10 lodges which were represented being the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, which had three brethren acting for it, and the Thames Lodge, No. 1895, Henley-on-Thames. Their lists reached the comfortable sum of £235 12s., the chief item being Bro. Colville Smith's list of £170 10s., which is more than an average contribution from this Province. Last year, Oxfordshire gave £276 15s. 6d., of which £186 19s. 6d. was received by this Institution, while in 1888 it raised £656 9s. 6d., the bulk of which was entered in the Girls' School Centenary Returns. In 1887 and 1886, it raised £261 6s. 6d. and £279 13s., so that it may always be relied upon to figure in the Festival Lists, and at times to contribute well.

## SHROPSHIRE,

since its constitution as a separate Province, has shown itself determined to be an active supporter of our Charities, and on Wednesday two of its 12 lodges made up a total of £96 12s., of which Bro. W. Belton, of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, was responsible for £49 7s., and Bro. Southwell, of the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, for the remainder. The amounts raised by this Province at last year's Festivals were £210 18s. for the R.M.B.I., £55 13s. for the Girls' School, and £94 10s. for the Boys' School, or together £361 1s. In 1888, its total was £807 10s., of which no less than £770 15s. was obtained for the Girls' Centenary, while in the Jubilee it showed to still greater advantage, its contribution at the 99th Anniversary of the Girls' School, when its P.G.M., Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., presided as Chairman, being £1022 17s. These figures are large for a Province of such moderate dimensions, and demonstrate that our Shropshire friends have their hearts well in the work of providing for our Institutions.

## SOMERSETSHIRE

is another of the Provinces which may be looked upon to appear regularly on these occasions. It has 25 lodges on its roll, and some very zealous brethren, who take good care that its interest in our Institutions shall not be allowed to flag for want of Stewards. It generally leaves the canvassing to one brother who does duty for the whole Province, and does it very effectually. On Wednesday, Bro. G. H. Perrett was the chosen representative, and his list was £130 7s. Last year, it allowed itself a slight rest, and the total for the two Festivals it attended—those of the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions—was comparatively small, amounting to no more than £162 5s., but at the Girls' Centenary, it raised the large sum of £946 1s., the major portion of which—£883 1s.—was obtained by the exertions of Bro. J. L. Stothert. From 1884 to 1888 its yearly average was £820, and from 1884 to 1889 £712 within a fraction.

The 10 lodges in the Province of

## SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION)

had one Steward in the person of Bro. J. Bevan Phillips, of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, but as yet he has made no return. In June last its two Stewards between them raised £204 8s., and in the May previous an unattached Steward gave £52 10s., making the total for the year £256 18s. In 1888, it raised £108 10s. for this Institution, and £105 at the Girls' Centenary, while in 1889 it raised £210 for the Boys' School. Thus, though with such a paucity of lodges, it cannot enter an appearance regularly, it does so from time to time in such a manner that each Institution in turn obtains from it a fair measure of support.

The one Steward who did duty for

## STAFFORDSHIRE

was Bro. M. Barker, of the Tudor Lodge, No. 1792, Harborne, whose list was exactly £200. In June last Bros. W. H. Bayley and John Bodenham, who are zealous partisans of all three Institutions, together with Bro. Tunnicliffe, of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, compiled a total of £199 10s., which added to the £210 raised for this Institution and £89 5s. for the Girls' School made the general total for the year £498 15s. In 1888 the Schools received between them £617 17s., namely, the senior School £365 7s., and the junior £262 10s., while in the Jubilee year the amount distributed among the three Charities was £698 5s., of which the R.M. Benevolent Institution received £132 6s., the Girls' School £320 5s., and the Boys' School £245 14s. Most of the service thus rendered is to be accounted for by the facilities offered by the Staffordshire Charitable Association to the members of the Province to become Life-Governors or Life-Subscribers of our Institutions, nor, seeing how beneficial are the results obtained, can we speak in terms too high of the Province for having started such an organisation and the energy with which its plans have been carried out.

No one would have considered the Province of

## SUFFOLK,

which has 21 lodges, and, like its immediate neighbour, Norfolk, is almost entirely agricultural, had been wanting in its duty to this Institution if it had absented itself from this Festival. Last year it subscribed no less than £1048 17s. 6d., of which the Old People received £326 11s., the Girls' School, for which Bro. Lord Henniker undertook to act as Chairman, £577 19s. 6d., and the Boys' School £144 7s. 6d. In 1888 it raised still more—£1105 12s.—of which £517 12s. was subscribed for the Girls' Centenary; and in 1887, £794 16s., the total for the three years being £2949 5s. 6d., or at the rate of very nearly £1000 a year. After a period of such successful activity, the Province might justly have claimed a respite, yet it sent up four Stewards, of whom one acted for the Province and its second senior lodge—the Doric, No. 81, Woodbridge—the sum of their lists being the very useful addition to the General Total of Wednesday of £211 15s.

The Province of

## SURREY

had two Stewards unattached and eight others acting as representatives for seven of its 43 lodges, and the result of their labours appeared in the list on Wednesday as £217 13s. 6d. Last year it distributed £496 4s. among the three Charities, of which the Benevolent Institution had the good fortune to secure £255 8s. 6d., while the Girls' and Boys' Schools were favoured with £138 13s. 6d. and £102 2s. respectively. These sums do not perhaps represent a high figure for so strong and influential a Province, but it must be remembered that in the preceding three years it had worked very hard, the total of its subscriptions in 1888 being £1298 14s.—including £1147 18s. for the Girls' Centenary—in 1887, £797 13s. 6d.; and in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M., presided at the Girls' Festival, a fraction over £1829, of which the favoured Institution received nearly £1346.

Of the 27 lodges on the roll of

## SUSSEX,

seven were represented by half-a-dozen Stewards, Bro. H. E. Price, M.D., doing duty for the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton, and another, to the capital tune of £41 19s. The other sums received make the total for the Province £247 5s. Last year Sussex gave its services to this Institution and the Boys' School, the latter obtaining £390 17s. 6d., and the former £229 10s. 6d., the total being £620 8s. In 1888, it raised in all £946 13s., of which £884 9s. was included in the Girls' Centenary Returns, while the small balance was about equally divided between the other Charities. In 1887 it raised £317 2s., and in 1886 £542 10s., but in 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M., was Chairman for the Girls' School, its contributions amounted to £1923 10s.

It was only a day or two before the Festival that three members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, sent in their names as Stewards, and so removed their Province of

## WARWICKSHIRE

from the list of absentees. Their contributions amount so far to £21, but the fact of their assisting on this occasion enhances the credit of their lodge, which, during the last three or four years, has done such excellent service. The very last occasion on which this Province figured in a list of Festival Returns was at that of the Benevolent Institution in February, 1889, when 14 members of the same Athol Lodge made up a joint list of £147. In 1888, too, it gave £1440 6s. 6d. to the Girls' Centenary, and then 30 members of the same lodge were included amongst its representatives, their joint list being £315.

## WORCESTERSHIRE,

with its 12 lodges, had a solitary representative in the person of Bro. T. R. Arter, who has acted in a like capacity at several previous Festivals, and who, on Wednesday, made a personal donation of £10 10s. But Worcestershire, though figuring to a small extent only on this occasion, has been mindful of its duty to our Charities. In June last, its five Stewards made up a total of £252, and in the previous February and May it sent up smaller lists, the total for the year being £365 16s. In 1888 its total, including £695 18s. for the Girls' Centenary, was £848 3s., and in 1887 and 1886 it raised £280 and £413 respectively.

On this occasion the strong Province of

## WEST YORKSHIRE

was represented by 17 Stewards, and the total contributed was £525. Last year it raised £415 for this Institution in February, £225 15s. for the Girls' School in May, and £770 for the Boys' School the month following, the total for the year, amounting to £1410 15s., being, however, below the annual average. But this is not surprising, seeing that in 1888 its subscriptions reached £3362 8s. of which the Girls' Centenary absorbed £2702 8s., while in the year of the Jubilee they reached £3800, inclusive of the purchase money—£2100—for two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of this Institution. Indeed, the average annual amount of the contributions from West Yorkshire during the last 15 years has been over £2200.

Welcome, Bro. Stranger! must have been Bro. Terry's exclamation when it was announced to him that the Channel Islands had remitted him, per Bro. William Stranger, the useful sum of £60 for the purposes of this Institution. Not that the body of lodges thus grouped together are by any means a stranger at these festive meetings, so that their appearance on Wednesday is as creditable to them as it must have been gratifying to the Secretary of the Institution.

## JERSEY

very comfortably completes the array of represented Provinces, Bro. P. G. Hamilton being the Steward, and the amount of his list £110 15s. The last occasion on which the Province was represented was at the Boys' Festival in 1888, when Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., was President of the Board of Stewards, and his list amounted to £215 5s.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have now gone carefully through the list of Returns, which amount to a far higher sum than we could possibly have expected from the comparative paucity of Stewards at Christmas, and which, though less than we had been led to anticipate, will materially assist in keeping this valuable Institution on a firm footing during the present year. The Returns, at all events, will have the effect of removing the fears which may have been felt in some quarters as to the ability of the Institution, to pay its way without trenching upon its invested capital, for a further period of 12 months.

## CONSECRATION OF THE FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 269, AT BLACKBURN.

The 39th chapter in the Province of East Lancashire was consecrated on the 21st ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, in the presence of a large assemblage of Royal Arch Masons by Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent of the province, assisted by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G. D. of C. Eng., P.G.H.; and the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, who at short notice took the place of Comp. A. Clegg, P.G.J.; with Comps. W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.D.C., and G. N. Blakie, P.A.G.D.C., as Directors of Ceremonies. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Lamb, P.G. Org.

A chapter was opened by the Grand Superintendent and presiding Principals at which were present—

Comps. Edmund Ashworth, P.G.S.B. Eng.; John Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.S.E.; E. G. Harwood, P.G.S.N.; W. S. Barlow, P.G.P.S.; N. Dumville, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Newton, P.A.G.S.E.; Col. J. S. Aspland, P.P.G. Registrar; John Booth, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Franklin Thomas, P.P.G.J.; W. Lamb, P.G. Organist; S. Goldstone, P.P.G.S.B.; Edwin Halliwell, P.P.G. Org.; T. Higson, P.G. Janitor; John Rigby, P.Z. 345; W. G. Thackeray, M.E.Z. 345; L. Haworth, P.Z. 345; W. Whalley, 345; Reuben Cook, P.Z. 53; S. H. Shorrocks, 1st A.S. 37; T. Cotterall, 345; J. Harling, P.Z. 286; Richard Loynd, H. 369; G. W. Whewell, 369; John Blezard, 369; Nicholas Gillett, 345; T. B. Parker, 345; H. A. Spurr, 139; James Hillgrave, W. T. Holland, C. H. Woods, and W. H. Green, 345.

The following founders were also present: Comps. T. Preston, Z. designate; Henry Croasdale, H. designate; G. H. Openshaw, J. designate; Henry Robinson, Lucas Edleston, T. P. Wilson, T. Standen, John Fawcett, Joseph Pollard, W. H. Cunliffe, S. L. Buckley, P.P.G. Treas.; and W. H. Peel.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. T. T. Mercer, P.Z., and J. Heap, who are also founders of the new chapter.

After prayer had been offered up by the acting J., the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called upon Comp. Chadwick, P.G.S.E., to state the wishes of the companions. The founders of the new chapter were arranged in order, and the P.G.S.E. read over the petition and the charter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT having received from the founders their approval of the officers appointed to preside over them, he requested Comp. J. H. SILLITOE to deliver an oration on the objects and aims of this Supreme Degree, which was as follows:—

M.E. Grand Superintendent and Companions,—In attending here to-day to consecrate this new chapter, the youngest at the present moment on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of England, we are reminded of the fact that we are in a district which may well be considered the cradle of Royal Arch Masonry. Some of the earliest records of this Supreme Degree are to be found in the archives of the old Anchor and Hope Lodge, at Bolton, where early in the last century it was worked in connection with the Craft. While out of the nine first charters ever issued by the Grand Chapter of Compact, being in the year 1769, four of them were for Lancashire, and three out of the four at present existing are being worked in our own province, viz., at Bury, Burnley, and Colne. This Degree is more august, sublime, and important than those which precede it. It is considered to be the summit and perfection of Freemasonry; it brings to light many essentials of the Craft which are traditionally reported to have been buried in darkness for a very long period, and without which, we are told the Masonic character cannot be considered complete. The important lessons which are taught in the Royal Arch ceremonies lead us to contemplate with gratitude and admiration the sacred source from whence all earthly comforts flow, also to continue steadfast in the discharge of our respective duties, and not only to promote each other's welfare, but to prevent approaching danger by giving in the most gentle manner advice and admonition. The symbols and ornaments which we see around us, and which are so fully explained in the various lectures pertaining to this Supreme Degree, all tend to instill into our hearts those lessons of exalted morality which, as Royal Arch Masons, we are bound to practice towards each other, while the explanations of the mysterious words and characters inscribed upon our pedestal and banners should inspire us with increased reverence of that Supreme Deity, the Incomprehensible Jehovah, whose Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omnipresence we continually acknowledge. The irradiated ribbon which forms the sash which we wear is not only a sacred emblem, but it also denotes justice tempered with mercy, and in that sense reminds us of the great mercy of our Heavenly Father, and also teaches us to be merciful towards our fellow creatures should their conduct be such as to merit reprehension and blame. The jewel which we wear upon our breasts being an emblem of eternity, and triunessence of the Deity, should inspire us with profound veneration for that Incomprehensible Being whose infinite wisdom directs, and whose unspeakable goodness preserves and blesses every work that has proceeded from His hands. In order that harmony and peace may be enjoyed at your meetings you should be careful to submit the character of every candidate for admission to your chapter to the most scrutinising examination, and by doing so you may further hope to find none amongst you but such as will promote the great aims and objects of our ancient and honourable Institution.

The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was sung by the musical companions, and after the first portion of the dedication prayer by Comp. G. H. Openshaw, the Grand Superintendent delivered the invocation.

The consecrating elements were carried in procession and properly applied, after which the Grand Superintendent dedicated the chapter in the usual form, and the acting J. having rehearsed the remaining portion of the dedication prayer, the choir sang the 122nd psalm, also the anthem, "Glory to God on high."

The consecration ceremony was concluded with the patriarchal benediction.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., at the request of the Grand Superintendent, installed Comps. Thos. Preston as Z.; Henry Croasdale, H.; and Comp. G. H. Openshaw as J., and, after having been duly elected, he invested Comps. Henry Robinson, S.E.; Thos. Standen, S.N.; T. P. Wilson, P.S.; Lucas Edleston and W. H. Peel, Asst. Sojs.; S. S. Buckley, Treasurer; and John Fawcett, Janitor.

A vote of thanks was proposed and carried with acclamation to the M.E. Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance and services, which was acknowledged by Col. Starkie, Grand Superintendent.

Several companions were proposed as joining members, also three brethren for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed.

At the banquet which followed, in consequence of the illness of the newly-installed M.E.Z., the Grand Superintendent presided in his usual kind and genial manner, which at all times adds so much to the enjoyment of those present at such social gatherings. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and being interspersed with some excellent music, the evening passed off most pleasantly.

## CANDIDATES FOR MASONRY.

Connected with the working of the Institution, perhaps there is no subject that has been more often referred to in the addresses of Grand Masters, reports of Correspondence Committees, and the Masonic Press, than the careful selection of material to be admitted to membership. The Craft have been admonished from time immemorial how important it is that care should be taken that no one be admitted without the most careful scrutiny; and yet it always has been, and most probably always will be, a fact that a large share of lodge troubles arise from carelessness at this very initial step.

A brief reference to this important subject, if not of interest to older brethren, will, at least, be of interest to those who are commencing their Masonic life. Among the earliest landmarks and the printed Constitution of Anderson, 1723, provides that "No man can be made or admitted a member of a particular lodge without previous notice one month before given to said lodge, in order to make due inquiry into the reputation and capacity of the candidate;" from which we perceive that the Craft of those early days were fully impressed with the idea that an evil tree cannot bear wholesome fruit, nor a bad man make a good Mason.

The third of the "Ancient Charges" declares that "the persons admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free-born, and of matured, discreet age; no immoral men, but of good report." Wholesome as this regulation unquestionably is, it must be admitted that there has been a culpable negligence in some lodges in enforcing it. It may be true, that with the best intentions, a committee or a lodge may be imposed upon by some of the many who seek admission to our Institution.—*New York Dispatch.*

## LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of this prosperous Institution has just been held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. The Society was shown to have been carried on most successfully. All applications made to it have been most generously met, and there remains a handsome and growing balance to meet future contingencies.

Bro. Warren was elected President for the ensuing year; Bros. C. L. Mason, first Vice-President; Christopher Anderson, second Vice-President; Cowbrough, sen., Treas.; and Charles Lowrey, Secretary. A large and representative Committee was elected, and composed of an equal number of brethren from each of the eight Leeds lodges.

The annual report of the Committee, which was unanimously adopted, is to the following effect:

"Your Committee now beg to present their thirteenth annual report of the working of this Institution, and in doing so have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, subscribers, and friends on the undiminished interest taken in the Society, and the success which has attended their labours during the past year.

"The capital account, which stood last year at £1585 13s. 1d., has now been increased to £1650 15s. 1d. by the following means, viz.: Two Life Governors—Bros. Thomas Turner, P.M. of Lodge 1311, and Henry Cowbrough, W.M. of Lodge 1042, have increased their payments £5 5s. each, becoming thereby Patrons. Bro. J. J. Booth and Bro. Wm. Bingham, P.M., both of Lodge 1042, have each subscribed £10 10s. in order to constitute themselves Patrons. Bro. H. Cowbrough has subscribed a further £15 15s., thereby constituting his son, Mr. Jas. Cowbrough, a Lewis, £10 10s., and Mrs. Cowbrough, a Patroness, £5 5s. Bro. Timothy Newby, also of Lodge 1042, and Bro. J. K. Blakey, of Lodge 304, have each contributed £5 5s., in order to constitute themselves Life Governors. Bros. J. K. Hattersley and James Yates, of Lodge 304, have each paid £1 1s. on account of their Life Governorships, and completed the amount under Rule 14. Bro. Suddick, of Lodge 304, has paid £1 1s. on account of his Life Governorship, and Bro. R. H. Fowler, of Lodge 1042, £1 1s., which, with £3 3s. previously paid, makes a sum of £4 4s. under Rule 14.

"This capital is invested as follows, viz.: £1000 Leeds Corporation 4 per cent. Stock, cost £1036 11s. 8d., and £450 3½ per cent. Stock, cost £454 18s. 11d., and the balance in the Leeds and County Bank."

"The revenue account for the year is as follows, viz.: Balance brought over from last year, £152 8s. 9d.; Interest received from the Leeds Corporation, £54 7s. 2d.; Subscriptions, £63 0s. 6d.; Bank interest, £4 10s.; making together the sum of £274 6s. 5d. The payments for education, &c., had been £72 9s. 5d., and incidental expenses, £12 19s. 9d., leaving, to carry over, the sum of £188 17s. 3d."

"There are on the funds of the Institution 10 children, viz., six boys and four girls. Two of the boys, however, will shortly cease to be chargeable, leaving four boys, of the respective ages of 9, 11, 12, and 13 years, and four girls, of 9, 10, 11, and 12 years.

"The Committee appointed at the last half-yearly meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the revision of the rules have completed their labours."

## LIFE SAVED THROUGH FREEMASONRY.

On the 17th of November, 1870, I left Southampton in order to proceed to San Domingo, in the West Indies, to examine and report upon the proposed Dominican Railway from Santiago to the Bay of Samana.

The weather soon became most violent, and so stormy and rough that our voyage extended far beyond the expected time. The coal was all used up, and they had to burn some of the ship timber, and it had been decided that some of the passengers' baggage would have to be sacrificed, and, although the storm abated and the weather brightened, we did not cast anchor at St. Thomas until the 7th of December.

In consequence of this terrible voyage, and our being so long overdue, all the corresponding packets had departed, and we were assured there was no alternative but to remain until the arrival of the next steamer from Southampton.

The amount of illness, and frequent deaths from yellow fever in St. Thomas was something awful. We tried every means to get away from the place, and even endeavoured to hire a small ship, but the cost was so great that I could not afford it myself, nor tax my business with the cost.

At this time a certain ship came into the harbour, proceeding on its own business to San Domingo. Every effort was made by my friends to induce the officers to take me with them, but as it was not a passenger ship the proposal could not be entertained.

Meeting the captain at a dinner hospitably given to us, I discovered that he was a Freemason, and when he found that I was one also, he immediately agreed to take me along with him to San Domingo; and never was I more thankful in my life than when I got away from the low lying and unhealthy place which we had inhabited at St. Thomas, although before reaching our destination the ship struck upon a rock, and but for the fine weather we might have all been lost, as we had to leave the ship and reach the harbour in small boats.

After these voyages of great peril, I reached the Island of San Domingo, and prepared to cross from the city of San Domingo to Porta Plato to examine and report upon Samana Bay, and consider the route for the line of railway which I had gone to inspect.

There was no means of travelling except upon mules and horseback for all purposes, men and goods, and when I started on my journey across the country, I hired at the city three horses, and engaged two men as guides, and an interpreter, and loaded the horses with instruments, baggage, provisions, and water, and at an early hour in the morning we started off upon our journey.

On the second day out we had to cross the River Nieva, and attempted to do so, being assured by the guide that it was a place where it would be safe to cross over on horseback. No sooner had we got well into the stream than we all suddenly sank in the depth of the water. We managed to save our lives by swimming, but the horses were all drowned, and some of our baggage and the whole of our provisions were carried away and lost.

Having got our clothes dried, we started on our journey on foot, carrying what was left, and after walking through a dense forest of prickly trees until next day, without any food or drink, we became quite exhausted, and saw no hope of getting to the end of our journey. While all sitting in despair, my interpreter said to me, "The other night at San Domingo Hotel I heard you talking to a gentleman, and I gathered from your conversation that you are a Freemason." "Yes," I said, "I am." Then said he, "I know there is a family of tobacco growers up among the mountains over there," pointing towards the hills, "who have been expelled from Cuba in consequence of their being Freemasons, and, if we can manage to get there, perhaps they would assist you with what you require to continue our journey." So after a long day's struggle through the forest, without food or drink, we succeeded in getting up to the house, and, upon inquiry, we found the proprietor, and explained to him the sad accident which had occurred, and the fearful state we were all in, and begged him to give us help. He supplied us with a little food and drink, but refused anything further. We were in such a fearful condition that it seemed quite impossible for us to proceed. I found that my guide had not mentioned the Freemasonry. He now said to me, "May I explain to him that you are a Freemason?" I said, "Yes, do, do." And we went again up to the house, and, after a little delay, the proprietor appeared, and my guide told him that I was a Freemason, and that he had heard that he was one also, and, if so, perhaps he would render us the assistance we required. His answer (in Spanish) was, "No, I am not a Freemason, but my daughter is, and if she will assure me that you are a Freemason, I will give you the assistance you require."

After a short delay the daughter was introduced to me. Dolores Torros was her name, and I shall never forget her, for she was handsome in appearance, and most kind and intelligent. She conducted me into a chamber, closed and fastened up the door, and put me through a most strict examination, and even corrected me in the termination of one word.

After she had completed her investigation she took me down and introduced me to her father, and told him that she had proved me to be a member of the Craft, and told him that he must provide me with horses and provisions and everything necessary to proceed on the journey. After a further stay of about two hours we received three horses and lots of good food and drink, and after an affectionate farewell we started off on our journey.

My guide told me that he had ascertained that Dolores Torros had been made a Mason in Texas, in the United States, where it is possible for a lady to enter the Craft.

Thanks to her, therefore, I finally accomplished the journey, though not without further adventures.

WILLIAM WILSON, M. Inst. C.E.,  
Burlington Lodge, No. 96.

21, Little Queen-street,  
Westminster.

## CENTENARY OF LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 175, GREENOCK.

The brethren of Lodge St. John, No. 175, celebrated the centenary of the lodge's existence by holding a grand banquet in the Town Hall, Greenock, on Friday afternoon, the 14th inst. The large hall was comfortably filled, and was most profusely decorated with banners, shields, and floral wreaths. The company consisted of brethren of the lodge, brethren of sister lodges, and a fair sprinkling from the "neutral world," and was presided over by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. D. McInnes, who was supported by a large and influential party, consisting of Bros. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Bailie D. J. Dunlop, and several of the town's dignitaries and officials.

The dinner card was in itself a work of art, and consisted of 10 pages, all of which were specially designed. The first page consists of the names of members of Centenary Committee. Page 2 has a fancy border, enclosing a copy of an old transparency in the possession of the lodge, showing the kneeling figure of St. John, while on a pedestal at the foot is the motto—"All the world a lodge, and every man a Mason." Pages 3 and 4 are devoted to the menu, which is enclosed by a bold scroll designed border. Pages 5 and 6 contain portraits of the R.W.M., S.W., J.W., P.M., and Chaplain. Pages 7 and 8 are treated with an

emblematical border, wherein is printed the toast list. Page 9 shows the tessellated pavement—two pillars—pedestal, with Bible, square and compasses, and other Craft emblems, while Page 10 gives a continuation of the names of Centenary Committee. The whole is bound in blue covers, on the face of which is printed "Lodge Greenock St. John, No. 175, centenary dinner; charter granted 1790."

After the banquet the usual loyal, patriotic, and civic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The toast of the evening was placed in the hands of Bro. BAILIE D. J. DUNLOP, who did the subject every justice, and it was of course responded to by the R.W.M., who gave a very interesting *resumé* of the history of the lodge.

Before the finish of the toast list, the JUNIOR WARDEN stepped forward, and in the name of the Centenary Committee presented to the lodge a handsome silk-painted banner, specially designed and executed by Bro. George Kenning, of Glasgow and London. The old lodge banner dates from about 1829, and has seen some considerable service on the occasions of the many foundation-stone layings, &c., in which the members of the lodge have assisted.

After the completion of the toast list the Masonic portion of the company joined a large gathering of the brethren who were in waiting outside the hall, and formed, with them, into a torchlight procession, which wended its way, to the great delight of the vast concourse of people who had turned out to witness the proceedings, along the busiest thoroughfares of the town, till they arrived at the Town Hall again, where the lodge was duly opened, and the brethren enjoyed themselves in their usual harmonious manner. The whole festival was a pronounced success, and reflects the highest credit on the committee appointed for its arrangement.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

## CONSECRATION OF THE EMPRESS OF INDIA CONCLAVE, No. 16.

The consecration of the above conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta. The brethren having petitioned the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order for a warrant authorising them to hold a conclave in Calcutta, and having pointed out that Bros. P. C. Dutt, A. B. Westerhout, H. C. Blaker, J. C. Banerjee, and S. P. Sarbadhary, of that city, had already received the First Degree in the American manner, the Grand Supreme Ruler was pleased to grant them a warrant of constitution, and to constitute them into a regular conclave.

On Friday, the 24th ultimo, the founders summoned a regular meeting, and having opened the conclave, recited the O.B. in the usual form. The following brethren approved by the founders were inducted in a most impressive manner by Bro. P. C. Dutt, Supreme Ruler, viz.: Bros. his Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, P.M. 233, P.S.G. Warden of England, and D.D. Grand Master of Bengal; H. M. Rustomjee, P.M. 229, P.D.G.S. Warden Bengal; W. H. T. Ayres, P.M. 825, and P. Pres. Dist. B. of General Purposes Bengal; E. G. Sinclair, P.M. 229, and P.D.G.S.D. Bengal; J. Abramovitz, P.M. 232, and P.D. Dir. of Cer. Bengal; D. N. Pundit, P.M. 392, and P.D.G. Sec. Bengal; R. G. Palmer, P.M. 67, and Dist. G. Purst. Bengal; H. Wood, W.M. 67, and D.G. Stwd.; S. N. Dutt, W.M. 234, and P.D.G. Stwd.; O. C. Mookerjee, S.W. 234, and others.

After the induction of the candidates, Bro. P. C. Dutt brought to the notice of the brethren that the G.S.R. had been pleased to confer on him the rank of Past G. Councillor of the Grand Council of England, and authorised him to consecrate the conclave. Bro. Dutt then requested the acting Secretary, Bro. S. P. Sarbadhary, to read the petition and the warrant, and to enquire of the brethren if they approved of the officers named in the warrant. Bro. Sarbadhary, after due enquiry, reported the approval of the brethren.

Bro. Dutt, being assisted by Bros. A. B. Westerhout, H. C. Blaker, J. C. Banerjee, and S. P. Sarbadhary, consecrated, dedicated, and constituted the conclave. Bro. Dutt then appointed and invested the following officers of the conclave for the year, viz.: Bros. A. B. Westerhout, Councillor; H. C. Blaker, Guide; J. C. Banerjee, Treas. (elected); S. P. Sarbadhary, Sec.; W. H. T. Ayres, V.D.; H. M. Rustomjee, V.D.; E. G. Sinclair, V.D.; R. G. Palmer, V.D.; D. N. Pundit, D.C.; H. Wood, Guard; J. Abramovitz, Steward; and N. M. Chatterjee, Sentinel (elected).

Bro. Dutt nominated Bro. His Royal Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar as a Grand Steward of the Grand Council of England.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the following candidates, viz.: Bros. R. F. Dedrickson, P.M. 218; P. Mallik, P.M. 234; J. Ghosal, 234; J. P. B. Le Patonrel, 371 (S.C.); A. C. Mukerjee, 234; F. Grünberg, 232; B. N. Banerjee, 234; H. C. Kerr, 232; and N. N. Sen, 234; which were ordered to be recorded.

A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, to be submitted before the next regular meeting of the conclave; and about a dozen candidates having been proposed for induction at the regular meeting, to be held on Friday, the 28th of March next, the conclave was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was served, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.



**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**

21, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.,  
February, 1890.

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 on a pension 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, and latterly at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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 record, 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.

**MASONIC RECORD.**

**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.

**ROYAL ARCH**—Exalted, 2nd July, 1872, Caledonian Chapter, No. 204; Member of Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7; Member of Domestic Chapter of Instruction.

**ORDER OF THE TEMPLE**—Installed K.T., 12th July, 1872, St. Joseph Preceptory; Knight of Malta, 1878, Blondel Preceptory.

NOTE.—The supporters of Bro. Egerton Bennett are requested, on receiving their ballot papers from the Institution, to please fill them up and to forward them to Bro. W. ALFRED DAWSON, P.M., P.Z., the Secretary of his committee, 21, Delahay-street, Westminster London, S.W.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**

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

Committee Rooms,  
Evershot, Dorchester.

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

W. DOUGLAS DUGDALE,

17th December, 1889.

Hon. Sec.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

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

BRETHREN desirous of supporting the Candidature of BRO. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD, Assist. Prov. Grand Secretary, Surrey, in the event of a vacancy in the Secretaryship, are respectfully solicited to forward their Names to Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Prov. Grand Secretary, Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

THE friends of Bro. EDWIN STORR, P.M., &c., will kindly note that in the event of a vacancy he will be a Candidate for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Robey Villa, Hornsey, N.

February 19th.

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R. MORELAND, Hon. Sec.

Finsbury Dispensary,  
Brewer-street, Goswell-road, E.C.

**To Correspondents.**

F.E.R.—The I.P.M., strictly speaking, is not an officer of the lodge, and it is, therefore, not obligatory on the retiring W.M. to invest him, but it is the universal custom, and should only be omitted under very exceptional circumstances. If the appointment is made, it is quite clear that it must be given to the retiring W.M.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR—A brother can only be P.M. of a lodge by service as Master therein for 12 months at least. On joining another he would be P.M. *in* but not *of* that lodge. Of this fact there cannot be a doubt, as "P.M. of a lodge" signifies past services accordingly.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

It will be pleasing news to the members of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, to know that their excellent example in relation to the cultivation of the literary side of the Craft, is being followed at the Antipodes.

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The Lodge St. Alban, No. 38, has been consecrated recently by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, the M.W.G.M. of South Australia, at Adelaide, the aims of its promoters being "to cultivate a higher standard of Masonic work; to promote literary effort and the diffusion of Masonic lore and knowledge."

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The editor of our South Australian namesake states that "we are well assured this will prove a very successful and important lodge, and although we have not in South Australia such Masonic literary giants as Gould, Hughan, Speth, and others, we welcome in the field a lodge whose members are desirous of, in some degree, participating in the work which the Quatuor Coronati is engaged in."

There will be, for the next few weeks, at all events a lull in the excitement caused by the celebration of annual Festivals of our Institutions. The first has been held, but close on three months more must elapse ere we find ourselves face to face with the Girls' School Festival. Just now, therefore, with nothing to call for any immediate attention, the brethren may advantageously turn their thoughts to the circular issued some time ago by the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School.

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It will be remembered that this circular contained full particulars about the scheme sanctioned by that Committee for raising a capital sum of £2500, and presenting it in lieu of a pension to Bro. Binckes on retiring from the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, after nearly 30 years' service. The £2500 was to be raised among the Craft generally, and it was reckoned that if each lodge gave £2 10s., the necessary sum would be obtained, and any surplus over would be placed to the credit of the Institution.

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We know that steps have been taken, or are being taken, in most of the provinces in the North of England, in order to give effect to this proposal, and other provinces elsewhere are favourable. But we hear very little of what is being done by the London lodges.

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The scheme is a good one, and the announcement of its having been sanctioned by the Provisional Committee was most heartily applauded at the last Quarterly General Court. Moreover, on the understanding that the scheme would be completed, the Provisional Committee withdrew the motion they had originally intended to propose of paying Bro. Binckes a pension of £250 a year for life. Thus, if the sum in question is not forthcoming, the Governors will have no option but to revert to the earlier proposal of a pension.

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As the circular mentioned six months as the time in which the money was to be raised, and as two of the six have already run their course, it seems desirable that London and the provinces which have done nothing as yet, should make a move—unless they wish the scheme to fail.

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A correspondent in *Notes and Queries*, for Saturday last, says—Can any reader of "N. & Q." supply me with an explanation of the verse in Burns's "Address to the Deil" which runs thus—

"When Masons' mystic word and grip  
In storm an' tempests raise you up,  
Some cock or cat your rage maun stop,  
Or strange to tell!  
The youngest Brother ye wad whip  
Off straight to h—ll!"

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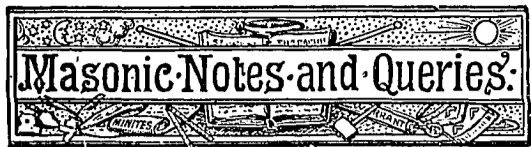
Amongst the numerous installations taking place in the Metropolis during this active Masonic season, the installation of the electric light at the Grand Lodge is not the least important. There are now signs of the approaching completion of the work, and we believe the visitors to Grand Lodge on Wednesday next will find the lights fully switched on in all parts of the building.

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Mark Mason's Hall, too, is almost ready for occupation. It will surprise our Mark brethren to find, when they assemble at the next meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge, what a magnificent hall has been provided for their use, and how well the premises have been adapted for the purposes to which the building is to be devoted. The phenomenal growth of the Mark Degree during the last few years has rendered a change of abode absolutely necessary, and it is a fortunate circumstance that a building so admirably adapted for all the requirements of the Order, as well as for the other Degrees which will naturally find a home under its roof, has become available at the moment it was so much needed. We shall hope shortly to give a full description of the premises, as well as a sketch of the principal hall.

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We owe an apology to Bro. Edwin Storr for introducing last week, in the notice of his candidature for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, which appeared in our advertising columns, an initial before his name which somewhat detracts from his individuality. The prefix in question was a very familiar one a few years ago, and it speaks well for the memory of "Charity Storr" that it is found difficult to disassociate the name from the initials "E. F." The many friends of Bro. Edwin Storr will not need to be informed of the fact that he is still with us, and has not, like his namesake, gone over to the majority.



## 867] AN OLD MASONIC DOCUMENT.

I have received from the Secretary of the Castlederg (Co. Donegal, Ireland) Lodge 799 (Bro. Irwin) a most peculiar old document. It was found in an old lodge chest, which is supposed to have belonged to Lodge 705 (now extinct), and in this chest amongst other relics were several sets of "Emblems of Mortality," several pounds of gunpowder, and a cable tow like a ship's hawser, also some other very old documents, amongst which are a Master's certificate and Royal Arch warrant, &c. The document I have bears a date of 1822, and the watermark on the paper is 1821, and from the following remarks, which I copy from it, bears out this date, for the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth, the "Lady Freemason," only died in 1800, and Lord Aberdour was G.M. in 1755. In describing a portion of the ceremony it says: "This is done lest a woman should offer herself, and though many women are as flat-chested as some men, the brethren are generally satisfied with a slight inspection, I would advise them to be more cautious, for it is probable that a woman with a tolerable degree of effrontery and spirit may one time or other slip into their Order for want of necessary prudence. If we believe the Irish, there is a lady at the present time in Ireland who has gone through the ceremony, and is as good a Mason as any of them." From the above and another remark, I also infer the writer was a Scotchman. A sketch is given of a drawing made on the lodge floor: "At the upper part of the room, which is generally done with chalk, or chalk and charcoal intermingled, though some lodges use tape and little nails to form it, which prevents any mark or sign on the floor." And further on it states: "The new made Mason (though ever so great a gentleman) must take a mop from a pail of water and wash it out." Still further on it describes this drawing as "the Grand Building, termed the 'Masonic Palaces,' and is described with the greatest exactness. They also draw other Figures, one of which they call the 'laced Tuft,' and the other the 'Throne beset with Stars;' there is also represented "a perpendicular line in the form of an instrument of a Mason called a Plumb line, and another figure which represents the Tomb of Hiram, the first Grand Master, who has been dead almost three thousand years." It explains that "Tubal Cain was the first person who made use of brass, iron, and other metals, and is said to be the inventor of music. His descent was from the fifth generation of Cain." In another portion it goes on to say, "The reader is desired to observe, that I here give the whole of the lectures as delivered in the primitive time, but the modern Masons leave out at least one half." It introduces a beautiful Masonic prayer, beginning as follows: "O Lord God thou Great and Universal Mason of the World, and first Builder of Man, as it were a temple, be with us, O Lord, as thou hast promised, &c." Most particular instructions are given as to the "Form observed in Drinking"—which begins thus—"The Table being plentifully stored with different kinds of Liquor, &c., and every man a glass before him, he fills it with whatever he pleases, &c." It goes on to give the "Fellow Craft's Song" in full, and makes a note at the last line of verse four—"Distinguished by the badge we wear."—"Here the whole lodge strike their right hand all at once on their aprons, keeping as regular time as the soldiers in St. James's Park when they strike their cartouch boxes." In the last verse it explains on the line "From Jubal down to Burlington" that "Burlington was the late Grand Master; at present Lord Aberdour fills the station." In opening the lodge, it goes on to say that "The Master takes off his hat, and declares the lodge to open as follows: 'M. This Lodge is open in the name of the Holy St. John, forbidding all cursing, swearing, or whispering, and all profane discourse whatever, under no less penalty than what the majority shall think proper. The Master then gives — knocks on the table with a wooden hammer, and puts on his hat, the other brethren being uncovered; then they sit down and drink promiscuously, or take a pipe of tobacco.'" These are but a few extracts from this peculiar old document, in which, as it states, "is embodied the whole of the Lectures as delivered in the primitive time," and throws a strong side light on the conduct of Masonry by our Forefathers.

JOS. L. CARSON (891 I.C.).

## 868] PICART'S CEREMONIES.

In No. 860 "Notes and Queries" I referred to "Picart's Ceremonies" particularly in relation to the plate of lodges on the English register, of A.D. 1735, which in some copies are reversed. Thanks to my fellow Masonic bibliographer, Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, I am able now to pretty well settle the point. The original plate of the work at Amsterdam, of A.D. 1736 (Edition 1723, &c.), Vol. VI., has the numbers of lodges running from left to right, so also has the edition of nine volumes (English), 1743, a set of which Mr. James Roche, of 38, New Oxford-street, has for sale at £3 18s. 6d. Another Amsterdam edition of 1789 (Vol. IV.), and likewise the Paris set of 1807—10 (which Mrs. Bennett had for sale, as noted in my communication of November 30th, 1889; but at once purchased by my friend, Bro. S. R. Baskett, of Evershot), also have the plate from left to right. Bro. T. H. Emmons, of Boston,

U.S.A. kindly writes to tell me that the copy (with others) in General Lawrence's Masonic library, published at Zurich (a very rare edition) 1739-44, is also of the same character, so that in all the foregoing the plate is of the usual order as respects arrangement. Bro. Carson, however, has an English edition 1733-9 (which is also in the British Museum, but was engaged officially when I was last there) in which the celebrated plate reads from right to left, so that he considers possibly this engraving by Claude de Bosc, began the reverse system, which quite spoils the effect of the arrangement. It is No. 1134 in Bro. Carson's important "Masonic Bibliography," which work, alas, is still incomplete, but I hope the zealous author will soon set about finishing it.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 869] AN 18TH CENTURY EDICT.

The *Kentish Post*, August 21, 1751, has the following: "Naples, August 3rd. Ever since the publication of His Majesty's Edict against the Free and Accepted Masons, it was generally conjectured that there were several persons of Distinction possessed of important posts who would soon be obliged to resign. His Majesty gave strict orders for a very narrow inspection into their conduct, and to sound the affair if possible to the bottom. The Commissaries who were instructed with such scrutiny, have not only used their utmost endeavours to sift out the Secret, but have actually made their Report to His Majesty, and assured him, that after the strictest enquiry they were capable of making they could find no just grounds to charge them with any principles that were either dangerous to the State, or inconsistent with the Laws of their Religion, as was at first very strongly surmised, and that for those reasons, they could not in justice carry into execution those rigorous powers with which they had been entrusted till they could get some visible Foundations for such severe proceedings. Upon the above Report His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give orders that all Prosecutions against all such suspected Persons should forthwith cease."

H. SADLER.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Canonbury Lodge (No. 657).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 13th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. S. Eve, F.R.C.S., W.M.; A. T. Trehearne, S.W., W.M. elect; Hicks, J.W.; W. Maple, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. P. Gillard, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Edwards, S.D.; H. S. Trehearne, J.D.; Chapman, P.M., acting I.G.; Lieut.-Col. Macmahon, P.M.; Gardiner, P.M.; Warner, P.M.; Dr. Garson, I.P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; Pearce, P.P.G.R. Middx.; Drew, W.M. 733; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. George Greenwood was passed to the Second Degree in an able and efficient manner by the W.M. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Lucas Rumsey, 1816, as a joining member. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Sir John Monckton assumed the chair and installed Bro. A. T. Trehearne as W.M., assisted by Bros. Maple, as S.W.; Pearce, as J.W.; and Chapman, I.G. The addresses being given by Bro. Dr. Garson, I.P.M. The ceremony was most ably performed. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hicks, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Maple, Treas.; Gillard, Sec.; H. S. Trehearne, S.D.; Debro, J.D.; and Chapman, I.G. Bro. Maple, P.M., moved, which was seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of five guineas be given from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons." A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Eve, I.P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sir John Monckton for his services as Installing Officer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large hall of the tavern.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Sir John Monckton replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in an effective speech.

Bros. P. de Lande Long and Fillan responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The proceedings were well carried out, and reflected great credit on the Treasurer and Secretary.

Westbourne Lodge (No. 733).—The first installation meeting of this lodge since its removal to the Holborn Restaurant, took place on Thursday, the 20th ult., when members and visitors, numbering considerably over 100, assembled to celebrate the completion of the 31st year's existence of this successful lodge. The W.M., Bro. W. Drew, who has presided during the past year in a manner conducive to the good working of the lodge and harmony amongst the members, had an opportunity, of which he made good use, of evincing his knowledge of the ritual, and his ability to render it in an impressive manner. He was supported by the following members: Bros. C. J. Biorn, I.P.M.; W. Burton, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Curtis, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Belsham, S.D.; R. J. Rogers, I.G.; A. Arrowsmith, Stwd.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P.; W. H. Faircloth, P.M.; L. A. Scott, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; T. W. Allen, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J.

C. Bell, P.M. 144; Edgar Horne, P.M. 731, P.P.G. Reg. Derby; W. W. Westley, P.M. 186; J. N. Bate, P.M. 70; W. Turner, 1066; J. G. Tongue, P.M. 534; W. J. Johnson, 1366; W. Scaman, 704; H. Whitney, 861; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; J. Rorke, 1441; W. C. Brown, J.D. 1934; George Body, 72; S. Pardoe, P.M. 1585; A. F. Tout, 72; C. Godfrey, S.D. 2021; E. Reed, 2021; R. Green, W.M. 1642; W. Mills, 1716; R. Forster, P.M. 1441; H. Herbert, 1745; W. Edwards, S.W. 1327; J. Chambers, 834; J. Machin, 731; H. Havens, 1558; E. Walker, P.M. 72; V. Larner, W.M. 157; J. T. Packer, 1558; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; E. M. Larder, P.M. 1642; W. F. Ford, S.D. 2168; N. Turner, P.M. 72; R. G. Edwards, 1257; C. R. Ellis, P.M. 1982; W. Thomas, P.M. 2169; H. Marks, 1563; A. C. Bonham, 1305; S. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; A. G. Garwood, 906; E. F. Whur, 901; A. T. Trehearne, W.M. 607; J. J. Chapman, P.M. 657; F. Eade, D.C. 901; J. S. Adkins, P.M. 990; A. Walker, 2032; E. Rogers, G. Stwd., P.P. G.D. Middx.; J. Conway, J.W. 1891; T. W. Heath, J.W. 1642; H. Fryer, P.M. 1155; W. W. Arter, I.G. 1986; J. Pullen, 1614; C. H. Dancocks, I.G. 1671; W. H. Kerr, S.D. 194; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes were confirmed, and the audit report, showing balances to the credit of the Lodge and Benevolent Funds of £44 and £344 respectively, was received and unanimously adopted. Bros. Roberts and Smith were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Crane and Harris passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Tom Crenys, having been approved by ballot, was initiated. The ceremonies were ably and impressively rendered by the W.M., who then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. W. Burton, in which function he was assisted by Bro. C. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G. Purst. The following officers were invested, with the exception of Bro. S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec., for whom general sympathy was felt in his present ill-health: Bros. J. W. Curtis, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; R. Rogers, S.D.; A. Arrowsmith, J.D.; T. H. Drake, I.G.; W. Faircloth and G. Price, Stewards; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., D.C.; J. Cumming, A.D.C.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The customary addresses received careful treatment at the hands of Bro. Wm. Drew, I.P.M. and Installing Master. Bro. L. Ascott, P.M., was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, vice Bro. Cottebrune, P.M., who has resigned the position.

Routine business having been transacted, and grants made from the Benevolent Fund to two brethren in distress, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then enjoyed an excellent banquet, after which the usual toasts received due notice.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said he should not attempt, at that late hour, any eulogy of the merits of those distinguished brethren. They had that evening a most eminent Grand Officer with them, of whom they were proud, and that would be an additional incentive to the brethren to heartily receive the toast.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., said that in a very few words he would express his thanks to them for having so handsomely received the toast.

Bro. Wm. Drew, I.P.M., then remarked that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and he daresay the brethren anticipated what he was about to say. He had to propose "The Health of their W.M." He was sure many present had known Bro. Burton for a number of years, and he had personally known him some time. He always looked upon him as a very prominent Mason, and now regarded him as a very prominent W.M. He was convinced that the coming year would be a prosperous one, as the Worshipful Master would carry out the three Degrees and preside at the festive board in a manner upon which they would have every reason to congratulate themselves as being to the benefit of Masonry in general and their lodge in particular. He (the I.P.M.) was pleased to be numbered with the Past Masters, which was a privilege to which he had looked forward to for some time, and now that he had become more intimately connected with the members of that body he was as happy as when in the chair. The duties of W.M. were not altogether pleasant, having many attendant anxieties. A W.M. had to give his attention to a number of small matters, and he assured them he had many a time to sacrifice himself, although he had not been able to give the time he could have wished. The present W.M., Bro. Burton, would give more time to the duties of the lodge than he had unfortunately been able to do, and they could, therefore, congratulate themselves on having an occupant of the chair who would do all he could for the lodge and for the benefit of all belonging to it.

Bro. W. Burton, W.M., in reply, said that for the very kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health he returned sincere thanks, and to the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it he also accorded warm and grateful thanks. It had been one of his great ambitions in a Masonic spirit, since his initiation, to occupy the proud and honourable position in which it had been their pleasure to place him. In return for that honour he would do all that within him lay, not only to give them satisfaction, but for the benefit of the lodge. He hoped to have the opportunity of addressing them on many occasions during the year, and they would, therefore, excuse the brevity of his remarks. He would diverge upon another pleasurable task, which was to propose the health of one of whom they had had greater experience—he alluded to the I.P.M. He now had the pleasure and great honour of presenting, on their behalf, the jewel unanimously voted to Bro. William Drew, I.P.M., and sincerely trusted he would live for many years to wear it with honour and credit and as a memento of the lodge. He was speaking the thoughts of all the members when he said that no jewel was harder worked for, none better earned, and none would be more honourably worn than that upon the breast of the I.P.M., Bro. Drew. If he were to stand there for hours he could not finish eulogising the I.P.M., for the services he had rendered him personally had been great, and he took the present opportunity of thanking him for those services so kindly and willingly given. He was sure the able manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Drew had given them all great gratification. Speaking for himself, he keenly felt the impressiveness of it, and only hoped that when the time arrived he should be able to fulfil the duties of Installing Master in the same satisfactory manner.

Bro. W. Drew, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had alluded to the small services he had rendered to that lodge, and assured the brethren that he wished those services had been greater, but, as he had

reminded them, he had not had the time he desired or could have wished. However, his best interests and best wishes had always been for the lodge, and as long as he had the pleasure of enjoying and the wherewithal to belong to it, which he trusted would be to the end of his tether, he should always be amongst them. He had asked Bro. Cottebrune to assist him in the installation ceremony, and to a great extent he had, but that brother was unfortunately suffering from a severe cold, and he had therefore had to step in and do the addresses, which was quite unexpected. He again thanked them for the kind way they had received the toast, and trusted he should be spared for many years to see the same kind faces beaming round the festive board—a band of brothers and a band of good Freemasons. There was one particular old friend and P.M. of theirs—Bro. Walker, P.M. and Sec.—who was not, he regretted, able to attend. He had a letter from Bro. Walker's daughter speaking in the most heart-felt manner of him, and Bro. Walker penned a few lines saying "pity the poor blind" He (Bro. Drew) could not express his feelings at the Secretary's absence, and the cause of it. If Bro. Walker were his own brother, apart from Freemasonry, he could not like or regard him more than he did. He trusted the Great Architect would speedily restore their respected P.M. and Secretary to good health, and that eyesight which he and they so much desired.

Bro. C. Cottebrune, P.G.P., having been called upon, said the part he had taken in the installation ceremony had been quite unexpected, but he had done the best he could whilst unfortunately suffering from a cold. The I.P.M. rendered the addresses in a really able manner, but with his usual modesty had said he was not perfect. This was the 31st anniversary of the foundation of the lodge and the 32nd installation since its formation in 1858, when he had the honour of being one of the founders. As the W.M. had so kindly called him the father, he was glad to see he had so many good children who behaved in so fraternal a manner, and he trusted this feeling would long continue in the lodge.

Bro. Ascott, P.M., and others replied for "The Past Masters," after which "The Initiate" received due notice and was appropriately responded to.

"The Visitors" was next cordially given from the chair, and sincere thanks were tendered on behalf of the large body of visiting brethren present by several of their number.

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

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Barry Lindon, assisted by Miss Clara Jackson, Miss Minnie Taylor, Bro. Geo. Goddard, and Mr. Walter Grace.

**New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).**—The installation of Bro. C. N. McIntyre North (the well-known author of "Leabhar Communn nam Fìor Ghàel," and other works) as W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 14th ultimo. The installation ceremony (after the usual preliminary and routine business) was worked in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. J. D. Graham, and the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence and with the assistance of Bros. Cowley, P.M.; Grummant, P.M.; J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M.; Hiram Henton, P.M.; Carlo Grassi, P.M.; J. Li Calsi, P.M.; F. W. Cash, P.M.; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 15; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217; J. Addington, P.M. 217; D. Rose, P.M. 73; W. J. Towers, P.M. 15; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; and J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767. The W.M. nominated and invested as his officers Bros. Edmund Fry, S.W.; John Faulkner, J.W.; Cowley, P.M., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; G. Borrett, S.D.; H. W. P. Makeham, J.D.; J. B. Rouard, I.G.; Hiram Henton, P.M., D.C.; G. F. Mounter, A.D.C.; J. Li Calsi, P.M., Org.; Carlo Grassi, P.M., and W. Avenal, Stvds.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

There were also present Bros. E. Brookes, S.W. 766; E. C. Talbot, 1310; J. T. Burrington, 1963; A. H. Thompson, 1185 and 1950; C. Guffanti, 1559; A. Cogliati, S. B. Bell, G. Manuel, E. F. Concioletti, G. Bodemer, J. S. Targett, G. Barbagli, W. Menninger, E. Peroni, L. Azario, L. Callard, G. H. Boncey, W. R. Waters, H. Woodham, A. Bruno, A. Peria, and others. Mr. W. Donald Meffran was then initiated by the W.M., who, after delivering the ancient charge, closed the lodge.

The lodge at banquet presented a very animated appearance; in the place of honour was an imposing oak chair to be presented by the W.M. during the course of the evening to his mother lodge; behind the chair was displayed his banner, supported by two ancient flags emblazoned with the St. Andrew's cross and the rampant lion of Scotland respectively, while ranged in their order round the room were the several banners of the Past Masters. The W.M., attended by his old friend, Piper John McKenzie, and the initiate were in Highland dress. The tables were glowing in colour and sparkling with plate and cutlery, and when the Worshipful Master entered the room, preceded by the piper, the glint of the silken collars, the flash of jewels, and the picturesque "Breachan an Fheiladh" blending in one harmonious *tout ensemble*, presented a scene worthy of the age of chivalry. To complete the illusion, the order of the banquet was written out and designed by the W.M. in the style of writing in vogue at the time of Queen Elizabeth; a *sallett* from a recipe of the original John Evelyn, of Deptford, was amongst the good things on the table; the loving cup was an ancient horn, and the haggis and prominent dishes were ushered in by the piper preceded by the Tyler, with a naked claymore, in the good old style.

After grace by the Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured, and Bro. C. Grassi sang an Italian song.

Bro. Graham, I.P.M., proposed, in happy terms, "The Health of the W.M.," amidst loud cheers, expressing his conviction that, from the W.M.'s well-known skill in working the ceremonies of the Craft, the chair would be most worthily filled.

After John McKenzie had played the "Cock of the North,"

The Worshipful Master rose and briefly thanked the brethren for the hearty manner with which they had greeted him, and hoped that his year of office would justify the confidence they had placed in him. He had now a pleasing duty to perform in asking his friend, Bro. Cowley, P.M., to accept as Treasurer, on behalf of the lodge, the chair

from which he had just risen. For 40 or 50 years that chair had been the seat of the chief of the Club of True Highlanders; that club ceased to exist some two years ago, and when as the last chief and Treasurer of the club it became his property, he thought that if ever he became Master of the lodge he could not do better than entrust the precious relic to the keeping of his mother lodge. When he looked back over the 30 and odd years since he first sat in that chair, the reminiscence proved a retrospect of his life, reaching to his early manhood. That chair, with its dear Scottish ensigns, was hallowed to him by the memories of the past, from it he had received the smile of those dearer to him than life itself, had bade many friends God-speed on their departure to many a foreign land, had watched the budding promise of his children, and had received the kindly good wishes of his Queen and of many tried and true friends. It had also been his sorrowful duty to announce from that chair the death of some of the friends of his youth; but seated again in that chair it felt like (he would not say a resurrection, that was too solemn a word to use), but like a return to "lang syne" to see round him so many smiling faces, and amongst them two of the staunchest and truest of his friends—one, Bro. Cowley, P.M., on his left, had initiated him (the W.M.), and the other, on his right, the initiate of the evening, whom he had initiated, and hoped some day to see as W.M. filling the chair as worthily as he had already done as chief when it belonged to the old club. In presenting the chair, the brethren could understand his feelings, and that he could give no greater proof of the kindly feeling he had towards the brethren of the lodge than in entrusting to their keeping that relic which was so endeared to his heart by the memories of the past.

The Worshipful Master then announced that he proposed sending a congratulatory address to their late S.W., Bro. Meyer, wishing him success and prosperity in the distant land he had gone to.

Bro. Grassi, P.M., on behalf of Bro. Meyer, said that Bro. Meyer was always an enthusiastic Mason. Shortly after he joined the lodge he was away for three years; on his return he was placed in office; and although his business prevented him from very often attending to his duties, he did his best, and he felt sure that nothing would give Bro. Meyer greater pleasure than to receive such a proof of the hearty good wishes of his far distant brothers.

The next toast, "The Initiate, Bro. W. Donaldson Meffran," was enthusiastically received, the Worshipful Master expressing his great satisfaction in having initiated one of his firmest friends. He (the W.M.) did not wear his heart on his sleeve, but their newly-made brother had stood shoulder to shoulder with him in storm and sunshine, and the brethren had an acquisition in the initiate of the evening.

The Initiate responded with a speech in which pathos and Scottish humour were blended with rare skill.

The toast of "The I.P.M." next followed, the Worshipful Master presenting him with a Past Master's jewel as a reward well earned by conscientious and painstaking work in the various offices he had filled.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228. He had known the W.M. for some years, and knew how ably he could carry out the ritual. That night was his first visit to the New Cross Lodge, and he was much pleased by the manner in which the I.P.M. installed his successor, and if Scotland was peopled with such jolly fellows as the W.M., I.P.M., and Initiate had proved themselves to be, he thought he must pay a visit to the land of cakes at the earliest opportunity.

Bro. Barker, P.M., also responded in an able manner.

The Treasurer, Bro. Cowley, P.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner with which he had been greeted. He was happy to say, as Treasurer, the lodge was in a prosperous condition. He had, on behalf of the brethren, to thank the W.M. for the handsome chair presented, and, on his own behalf, to say that he fully reciprocated the warm feeling of friendship expressed by the W.M. towards himself. He had often seen the W.M. carry out his duties as chief of the old club in an admirable manner, and, on behalf of himself and brethren, would carefully preserve the chair as a much valued gift from their W.M., whom he hoped would long be spared to the New Cross Lodge.

Bro. Hiram Henton replied for the toast of "The P.M.'s."

Bro. W. B. Grummant, Sec., responded to the toast proposed in his favour.

Bro. Fry, S.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The W.M. danced the sword dance and the initiate the Highland fling. Bro. Li Calsi, P.M., gave the brethren a musical treat, and John McKenzie played some of his stirring melodies.

After the Tyler's toast, "Auld lang syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a happy termination.

#### Loyalty and Charity Lodge (No. 1584).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 2nd ult. The members took the opportunity afforded them by Bro. A. A. Pendlebury's retirement from the chair of W.M. to show their esteem, regard, and fraternal feeling for him, and their appreciation of the manner in which he has presided during the past year and filled the post of Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, by presenting him with a handsome gold watch, in lieu of the customary Past Master's jewel, bearing his monogram and a suitable inscription.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec., supported by Bros. F. T. Reade, S.W., W.M. elect; W. G. Walford, M.D., J.W.; Wm. Dodd, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; T. B. Chilcott, J.D.; J. D. Beard, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Jameson, P.M.; J. Peeke Richards, P.M.; W. H. Cutler, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Wilson, P.M. 502; C. B. Owen, 53; G. H. Hunt, 1194; R. Saxton Besant, W.M. 1194; H. Keith, 33; Neville Green, P.M. 1692; F. H. Williams, P.M. 18; T. Morris, 1692; D. Strong, 1706; R. Woodfall, S.D. 2022; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, approved, and adopted. Bro. Budhbhatti was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Fredk. T. Reade, the W.M. elect, was presented in that capacity, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Pendlebury, the retiring Master. The following brethren received collars of office at the hands of the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. Walter G. Walford, M.D., S.W.; T. B. Chilcott, J.W. Alf. A. Pendlebury, I.P.M., Asst. G. Sec., Treas.; Wm. Dodd, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Frampton, S.D.;

Budhbhatti, I.G.; and Cutler, P.M., D.C. The addresses were rendered by Bros. Pendlebury, I.P.M., and Cutler, P.M.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Alf. A. Pendlebury, I.P.M., Asst. G. Sec., said that, being for a brief moment in possession of the gavel, he had the pleasure of proposing a toast which he was sure they would receive with the utmost warmth and cordiality. It was the health of the brother in the most important position of the lodge—"The W. Master"—whom they had known ever since his Masonic infancy. Bro. Reade, W.M., had, as a member, endeared himself to all belonging to the lodge, and no brother was more highly esteemed. As an officer, the W.M. had rendered great service, and had taken great interest in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, and so much so that the brethren had been highly delighted to have the opportunity of conferring upon him the highest honour it was in their power to bestow by electing him to the distinguished and honourable position of W.M. Knowing as they did the great love and affection Bro. Reade had for Loyalty and Charity, they were sure he would spare no pains to do all in his power to promote the strengthening of everything possible to conduce to the prosperity, efficiency, and future happy meetings of the lodge. The W.M. was a brother of a kindly disposition, and he had cause to be deeply grateful to him, for in the ordinary course of things Bro. Reade would have occupied the chair last year, but stood aside to allow him (the I.P.M.), a founder who had officiated as Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, to gain the position of a Past Master in it. He was, therefore, grateful to the W.M., and to the members for their kindness in placing him in that position, the more particularly as it gave him the opportunity and privilege as outgoing Master of installing his friend as their W.M. He was quite certain Bro. Reade would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and nothing could possibly stand in his way, for he was a man of great ability, whose advice and opinion were sought for and greatly prized. He was also a man of scientific attainments, and could no doubt level a mountain or fill up a valley, but as they were not likely to require such gigantic operations from him, if the members would supply him with good candidates, he would form them into columns of strength, and by increasing the numbers increase the prosperity, and ensure a happy and successful future for the lodge. The W.M. was a kind-hearted man, esteemed by all, and he did not think anybody in the world would say or think an unkind word of him. They would therefore sincerely wish health and prosperity to the W.M., hoping he would be spared for many, many years to be with them.

Bro. F. T. Reade, W.M., sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for the good report made of him, and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had greeted the toast.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was that of "The I.P.M.," and he thought it was scarcely necessary for him to enlarge upon his merits. Bro. Pendlebury was one of the original founders, and had served as Treasurer ever since. The I.P.M. had been good enough to refer to his having given way; that was no sacrifice, but an honour to have him enrolled as a P.M., and Bro. Pendlebury did the lodge more honour than they did him. It was usual at that period to present a jewel to the I.P.M. They did not seek to depart from the usual custom, but had taken the liberty of making a slight variation. The I.P.M. being overwhelmed with Masonic honours, they thought they would have a change and ask him to accept a small token of respect and esteem, which did not take the usual form. He therefore presented Bro. Pendlebury, I.P.M., with a little memorial, which was intended to keep him well up to the time of day, and the brethren hoped he would take it as an expression of their good feeling. The watch bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Alf. A. Pendlebury, P.M., Assistant G. Secy., by the brethren of the Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584, in recognition of his efficient services as W. Master, 1889-90, and as the Treasurer from the foundation of the lodge." He had much pleasure in placing the gift in Bro. Pendlebury's hands, and need scarcely say that with it their I.P.M. took all the best wishes and kindest regards of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, I.P.M., Asst. G. Secretary, heartily and sincerely thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the same. Ever since he had been a member he had been the Treasurer, and the toast had been given time after time, and always with a great deal of affection had it been responded to by the members. He had done nothing extraordinary in the lodge, and although he had been Treasurer he had had little to do, but trusted he had succeeded in providing for their comforts and well-being during the whole time. His services had been very slight—a mere duty that any brother would perform, for it was a pleasure to make them all as happy as possible. They were kind enough to elect him W.M., and he had performed the duties to the best of his ability, and had had the pleasure of initiating a brother whom he was sure would prove a credit and honour to the lodge. The small duties he had performed were so slight that he deserved no reward more than the thanks of the brethren which he had often received. Therefore he could only conceive that the gift he held in his hand was a token of their personal affection and regard, independently of anything he had done in the lodge. He should prize it and wear it as long as he lived. He looked upon it as a speaking emblem of the 24 inch gauge, pointing out the duty he had to perform to his fellow men and his Creator. He should wear the watch and regard it as a token of an affection towards the brethren of that lodge that would never fade from his heart, and he believed that feeling would never diminish with respect to himself. When he came to the end of his sojourn on this earth, he should bequeath the beautiful emblem to his children, knowing they would look upon it as a memorial of his Masonic life, and of the esteem and regard in which their father was held by his friends in that lodge. He trusted the members would live to enjoy each other's society for many years to come, and meet in the same fraternal and affectionate manner as in the past. He could say no more, except to thank them for their great kindness and affectionate regard towards him.

Bros. Hunt, Oliver, and Riley replied for "The Visitors," after which "The Past Masters" was given, and duly responded to by those concerned.

Bros. Dodd, Sec., and Pendlebury, Treas., briefly returned thanks for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

Bro. Strong kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren by several excellent musical selections.

**Rothsay Lodge (No. 1687).**—An emergency meeting of this successful lodge was held at the St. James's Hall, Regent-street, on Friday, the 14th ult. The members present were Bros. Walter Adams, W.M.; Henri Gros, S.W.; Green, P.M., acting J.W.; Butlin, Treas.; E. L. P. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; Conning, S.D.; R. Shaw, I.P.M., acting J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Green, jun., P.M.; Abdy, Martinne, Lafontaine, Norton, Thier, Incell, Riley, Tito Mattei, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Smith, 65; G. A. Payne, P.M. 933; M. F. Tuck, 901; J. W. Walls, 63; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, after which Bros. J. F. Alsepti and J. Feloj were ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The former of these candidates, although unfortunately blind, evinced great interest in the ceremony, and the lodge has the somewhat unique privilege of including in its ranks a brother thus afflicted. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Hotel Mathis, Arundell-street, where a *recherché* repast was well served under the personal superintendence of the Bros. Mentasti, who have been for some time respected members of this lodge. This night being the first anniversary of the opening of the hotel by the Bros. Mentasti, the members paid them a graceful compliment by leaving their usual quarters and partaking of the banquet at the hostelry above named.

The customary toasts were subsequently given. Bro. Shaw, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W. Master," said that since their W.M. had occupied the chair he had carried out his duties most efficiently, and had proved himself to be the right man in the right place. He hoped and trusted that the officers coming on would follow Bro. Adams' good example.

Bro. Walter Adams, W.M., having thanked the I.P.M. and brethren, said that if he had given them satisfaction, it afforded him great gratification. He had tried to please them, and should be sorry to fail. He had done the best he could, and trusted to be associated with the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. G. A. Payne, P.M. 933, in replying for "The Visitors," said that was his first visit, for, although he had had many invitations, he had not been able to attend before. He considered the work was very creditably done by the W.M. and the rest of the officers.

Bro. E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec., said the W.M. had kindly honoured him by allowing him to propose the next toast—which would explain to them the reason why they had deserted their comfortable old quarters to dine there. On the 14th February last year—the night of the third Rothsay ball—the Bros. Mentasti took possession of that hotel, and also found time to support that ball. The W. Master had thought proper that the members should return the compliment on the present occasion. They had, therefore, come to wish the Bros. Mentasti "many happy returns" of the first birthday of this undertaking. He had known them personally for many years, and knew how to appreciate them, and the members had also known them a few years, and respected and esteemed them. He would, therefore, ask the brethren to drink "The Healths of the Bros. Mentasti," coupling with it prosperity and success to the roof they were under.

Bro. Henri Gros, S.W., said the Secretary had spoken of the Bros. Mentasti, and it was his esteemed privilege to propose "The Health of the Sisters Mentasti." Having alluded to his personal acquaintance with the family, he called upon the brethren to heartily drink the toast.

Mrs. G. Mentasti and Mrs. J. Mentasti were then presented with handsome bouquets by Bro. Valeriani.

Bro. G. Mentasti returned thanks in appropriate terms, and the brethren subsequently separated, after a very pleasant evening.

The enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by musical selections by Bro. Tito Mattei on the pianoforte, and by Bro. Alsepti on the concertina. Signorina Decarini contributed several songs.

**Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).**—The above excellent lodge held its election meeting on the 10th ult., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Piccadilly, at which there was a large and influential attendance of the brethren of the grand old regiment that has "Ubique" for its motto. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Arnold, presided, and was assisted by the following officers, members, and visitors: Bros. Major James Richie (R.A.), P.M.; Capt. White (R.A.), I.P.M.; Capt. W. Weston (late R.A.), P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. Kent; J. Sculley (R.H.A.), P.M. and Treas.; G. Mason, P.M. and Sec.; Lieut. T. Cooper (R.A.), P.M.; E. Morris, S.W.; Jas. Lawson, S.D.; W. Seager, W.M. 1536, J.D.; Capt. A. C. Hansard (R.A.), I.G.; W. Blades, acting J.W.; Lieut. Chamberlain (R.A.), Lieut. Aldridge (R.A.), Lieut. McClelland (R.A.), Capt. Vine (R.A.), Lieut. Fahey (R.A.), Capt. W. Barrell (A.S.C.), G. W. Grey, A. Betenson, W. Robson, W. Arnold, C. Hammerton, Hon. P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng.; Col. C. Sprague, P.M. 161; Capt. W. Ward, 700; Col. Vansittart, 1536; A. Dunne, I.G. 342; J. H. Burton; A. W. Murray, P.M.; W. E. Taylor, I.G. 913; C. H. Hosgood, 13; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Lieut. H. Coningham (R.A.), Sergt.-Major J. Carnaghan (R.E., R.H.A.), and Quartermaster-Sergt. G. W. Cooper (R.A.), were, after having been previously and successfully balloted for, initiated into Masonry. Bros. Major R. H. Murdock (R.A.), and Lieut. J. B. Askwith (R.A.) were then passed, and Bros. Lieut. M. J. Long (R.A.), Lieut. Wark (R.A.), and Sergt.-Major G. Allen (R.A.) were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. Major-Gen. A. H. W. Williams, Commandant Woolwich Garrison, who had filled the office of Warden in another lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Sculley was re-elected Treasurer, and the old Tyler was re-elected. Bro. Arnold was voted a Past Master's jewel of the usual value as a mark of the esteem of the brethren and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he duly returned thanks. The Audit Committee having been appointed, it was further decided to apply for a Royal Arch chapter to be attached to the lodge, and lodge closed.

The banquet having been discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which, we need hardly say, were most loyally responded to.

Bro. Hammerton, in responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he was very pleased to be present and see the evident prosperity of the Ubique Lodge. Every Mason knew that the Grand Officers, especially their Pro Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, had very important and, indeed, onerous duties to perform; more particularly in finding brethren worthy of the distinguished position that a Grand Officership conferred upon them. In speaking thus, he was not speaking of himself as being one of the worthy ones, yet he might honestly say that he had for many years done his best for the true interests of Freemasonry, and felt pleased and gratified when he was asked to accept office under their esteemed Grand Master. Now with regard to the remarks made by the W.M. as to his Stewardships for the three Masonic Institutions, he said at once that he took a great interest in the Girls' School, and should be very pleased if some brother of that lodge would stand Steward at the next festival of that Institution. He should have been very pleased to have stood Steward for the lodge himself, but had given his word to stand for his own mother lodge. He was pleased to tell them that Bro. Major Richie had informed him of his intention to stand Steward for the lodge, for which he thanked him, and trusted he would have the hearty support of the lodge and its members.

Bro. Major Richie then proposed the toast of "The W. Master." He said that was the last time he should have the honour, in that lodge at least, of proposing it. As a Mason Bro. Arnold was a good one, and as one of his (Bro. Major Richie's) numerous progeny, that was to say, of those who had followed him in the chair of that lodge, he was proud of Bro. Arnold. Looking down at the list of initiates, he felt they must also be proud, not only at the excellent brethren who had joined their ranks, but also of the admirable manner in which their W.M. had carried out the ritual and also the general working of the lodge. Every portion of the work had been carried out with that due gravity and unction that was essentially necessary, and those who had attended the meetings during the past year would agree with him when he said the honour and prestige of the lodge had been carefully and conscientiously maintained by their W.M. To be a good Mason was to be one amongst the foremost men in the world, and they had an example in their W.M. of noting a good man and a good Mason; and one of whom they had reason to be proud. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved.

Bro. Arnold, in response, said he did not think he was worthy of the eulogiums passed upon him by Bro. Major Richie. He thanked them, however, for their kind reception of the toast. He took that opportunity to thank the officers, especially Bro. Morris, for their great support to him during his year of office. He would not further anticipate the toast of the officers, but would simply thank them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. Major Richie, in responding for the toast of "The Past Masters," said it was a matter of pride with them to be Past Masters of that lodge *par excellence*, although there was something melancholy in the fact that they were somewhat like monarchs retired from business. Yet it was some consolation to know oneself to be a Past Master of an Order whose history was older than the pyramids of Egypt, and further, to know that for every stone in those pyramids there were Past Masters of the great pyramids of Charity in their Order, who fed and clothed the children and the old of its ranks unable to clothe and feed themselves; an Order which made bad men good men, and good men better. For himself he thanked them.

Bro. White advocated the concentration of the interests of the lodge, so far as its charities were concerned, in the regiment, so that in case any claim came before them they would be better able to look after such a claim by concentrating than by divided action.

Bro. Weston thanked Bro. Richie, in the name of the Past Masters, for his kindness in standing as Steward for the Girls. He had himself stood Steward for that Charity, and was able to tell them that at the present time there were three girls in the School whose fathers had been members of the United Military Lodge at Plumstead, principally through the interest taken in the military lodges by their esteemed Bro. Hammerton, who had generously placed his 500 votes at their service. He quite thought that the Ubique Lodge should command a good number of votes, and hoped in time to see it, so far as the Charities were concerned, in a position worthy of its rank amongst the lodges of the Metropolis.

Bro. Lieut. Cooper also briefly responded, and, after Bros. Robinson and Fairy had responded for "The Joining Members," and Bros. Burton and Vansittart for "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by songs and recitations.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### BATTLE.

**Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. R. T. Davison, M.D., W.M.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G.C., Chap., as S.W.; J. B. Foster, J.W.; J. Fielding, Org.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. W. Pepper, S.D.; D. White, J.D.; B. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Avis, I.G.; C. Leary, as Tyler; W. Lamborne, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. T. Jordan, I.P.M.; W. C. Till, F. W. Hotham, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, C. J. Homsett, Geo. Smith, Jas. Hodson, Belchamber, St. John, Newman, and others.

The principal business was the raising of Bro. Newman to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which was most successfully and impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Jordan, who also gave the traditional history and the explanation of the tracing board. A motion by Bro. Jordan to give two guineas to Bro. Pearce's list, as Steward of the R.M.B.I. was carried. Bro. Hughes then, at some length, explained the scheme for raising the annuity to Bro. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, and moved that the lodge contribute its quota of £2 10s. The proposition met with strenuous opposition, and, after an animated discussion, was defeated by a majority of one. A vote of condolence with the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Wells, on the loss of his mother, aged 96, concluded the business, and the lodge was then closed.

##### BLACKBURN.

**Lodge of Perseverance (No. 345).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Bull Hotel, on Thursday, the 20th ult. There was an exceptionally good attendance of both members and visitors, the visitors' list comprising one representative or more from Lodges 269, 135, 253, 2324, 1134, and 126.

The ceremonial work of the evening comprised a passing, performed by Bro. S. Haworth, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, and two initiations performed by Bro. S. Goldstone, P.M., who also delivered the charge in the First Degree.

The ordinary routine business of the lodge was then disposed of, after which the W.M. proceeded to discharge the special function, to witness which the brethren had assembled in such large numbers, namely, to present the I.P.M., Bro. F. W. Gregson, with a Past Master's jewel. The inscription on the obverse of the jewel—of which the following is a copy—sufficiently explains the reason of its presentation: "Presented to Bro. F. W. Gregson, I.P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, on the completion of his Mastership, as a token of esteem and respect, and in recognition of his eminent and valued services to the lodge."

In presenting the jewel, the W.M. observed that the duty he had to perform was a pleasing one to himself, and he hoped the occasion would afford equal pleasure to the recipient. The members of the lodge had adopted that means of giving expression to their appreciation of his efforts in the interests of the lodge, and they all thought him highly deserving of it. He hoped that Bro. Gregson might live many years to wear that jewel, with honour to the lodge and with pleasure to himself.

Bro. Gregson, in replying, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind remarks he had made in presenting the jewel, and expressed his surprise that the lodge should estimate his services so highly as to think him worthy to become the recipient of so magnificent a jewel as the one he had just received. He thought the kindly feelings of the brethren more than his own deservings would account for the valuable mark of esteem conferred upon him, but he would assure the brethren that he should value the jewel, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for the sentiments of which it was the expression, and the sight of it would stimulate him to increased exertions on behalf of his mother lodge.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and is an exquisite specimen of artistic skill.

After this pleasing episode was concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A most agreeable evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, the visitors especially expressing their great gratification with the evening's proceedings, and with the true Masonic hospitality extended to them by the W.M. and brethren of the lodge.

##### HAMPTON COURT.

**Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 20th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Clark, W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W.; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Smith, J.D.; J. W. Clarke, I.G.; R. Kent, Org.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Harry Wheatley, P.M., H. Robinson, and W. Hopkins, Stwds.; E. H. Trotter, A.D.C.; George Ransford, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Eales, P.M.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M. 1194; W. D. Davies, C. Wheatley, T. D. Meacock, H. Conway, C. F. Davies, C. J. Sanders, F. A. Foes, R. Carter, J. B. Mella, C. H. H. Boyce, A. Macchi, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Room, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Tucker, P.G.D.C.; Marvin, P.M.; Progress, and Allen, 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Anthony Macchi was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Humphrey Bright, he was duly initiated by the W.M. in a very creditable manner. Bros. Room, P.G. Sec., and Tucker, P.G.D.C., were duly saluted as Prov. G. Officers. The Secretary, previous to the lodge being closed, gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the 'Pension Idemnity Fund,' Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He also called attention to the fact that Bro. A. F. Scholding, S.W., would represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet which was capitally served by Bro. Mella.

The usual routine of toasts received full justice. Bro. H. Room, P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," gave some interesting details in connection with the past, present, and future of the important Province of Middlesex.

Bros. Tucker, Marvin, and Allen replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bros. T. W. Ockenden and G. Ransford acknowledged "The Health of the Past Masters." The former was the first initiate of the lodge, and his remarks were listened to with more than usual interest on this occasion, as he spoke of members long since departed who were in the vigour of health when he first saw Masonic light.

Bros. Jessett and Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Scholding and J. Smith for "The Officers."

The proceedings, which were very enjoyable, then terminated.

##### KEYNSHAM.

**St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).**—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held in the Public Hall, which was nicely decorated by Bro. H. J. Cox, on Tuesday, the 18th ult., the installation being that of Bro. James S. Naish as W.M. There was a distinguished attendance of the brethren of the Provinces of the Somersetshire and Bristol lodges. The ceremony was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, after which the Worshipful Master duly appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. D. Hobkirk, I.P.M.; C. Pfeiffer, S.W.; C. Newall, J.W.; A. J. Gay, P.M., Treas.; B. Read, Sec.; R. H. Shrapnell, S.D.; D. Stalworthy, J.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, D.C.; J. Byerley, I.G.; and others.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Lamb and Lark Hotel, where the usual banquet was held, under the presidency of the newly-appointed Master, Bro. J. S. Naish.

## KIRKBURTON.

**Beaumont Lodge** (No. 2035).—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 15th ult. Bro. the Rev. R. Collins, M.A., W.M., was in the chair. After the reading of the minutes, and disposing of the ordinary business of the lodge, Mr. Henry Ralph Beaumont, of Whitley Beaumont, eldest son of Bro. Henry Frederick Beaumont (M.P. for the Colne Valley Division), J.W., who had been balloted for at the last meeting, was duly initiated. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Collins, W.M., in a most impressive and able manner. This was the first ceremony the W.M. had performed since his installation. The working tools were delivered by Bro. B. Stocks, P.M., and the charge was given by Bro. W. Fitton, P.M. There were several visitors present from Lodge of Harmony, 275; Wharncliffe Lodge, 1462; and Colne Valley Lodge, 1645.

After the lodge was closed the brethren partook of tea together in the robing room, and a pleasant evening was afterwards spent, the usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, being duly given. Bro. J. C. Cockcroft accompanied the music.

## LIVERPOOL.

**Prince Arthur Lodge** (No. 1570).—The annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The W.M., Bro. P. R. Barrow, presided, and was supported by Bros. Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; Jas. Casey, P.M.; T. Senar, P.M.; J. C. Robinson, Prov. A.G.D.C., P.M.; W. McGauley, S.W.; James Greenlees, J.W.; J. Caldwell, J.D.; W. Doran, Org.; William Myers, I.G.; M. Greenlees, J. Scott, and G. Martin, Stwds.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and others. The visitors present were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.S.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; J. N. Patterson, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; Walter C. Erwin, P.P.A.G.S.; C. S. Dean, P.M., P.J.G.D. Cheshire; J. S. Willings, P.J.G.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. Mallabar, W.M. 673; J. Bowyer, W.M. 667; J. G. Hallwood, W.M. 1505; J. B. Parker, I.P.M.; W. B. Sweetman, I.P.M. 1505; D. Hopkin, P.M. 600; W. Bennett, P.M. 1570; and W. Unsworth, P.M. 1086.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. P. R. Barrow, P.M., and T. Senar, P.M., the ceremony of installation being efficiently performed by Bro. Robert Foote. After being installed, Bro. McGauley proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. P. R. Barrow, I.P.M.; Arthur J. J. Bamford, C.C., S.W. (by proxy); James Greenlees, J.W.; Robert Foote, Treas.; Frank Simpson, Sec.; John Caldwell, S.D.; William Myers, J.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., D. of C.; Moses Greenlees, I.G.; J. Doran, Org.; John Scott, James Martin, and T. W. Callow, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet served under the direction of Bro. James Casey, the House Steward, who is himself a Past Master of the lodge. Bro. Bamford, who is on the Continent, and consequently unable to attend to be invested, has presented the lodge with a very handsome set of officers' clothing. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. McGauley presented a massive W.M.'s silver chain collar with the Prince Arthur coat-of-arms enamelled in colours upon a massive shield; Bro. Barrow, I.P.M., presented a pair of wands, surmounted with silver doves. During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a beautiful 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument place, Liverpool), diamond mounted, with coat-of-arms enamelled.

**Blundellsands Lodge** (No. 2289).—The first anniversary meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Alexandra Assembly Rooms, on Monday, the 17th ult. Bro. J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.W., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Christie, S.W. and W.M. elect; Edwd. Sherwood, P.M. 786, Treas.; Rev. F. C. Master, Chap.; E. L. Lewis, Sec.; E. Roberts, S.D.; E. L. B. Watts, J.D.; T. Gray, I.G.; H. W. Gibbons, Steward; A. K. Cannington, W. L. Jackson, H. Reynolds, E. Whalley, A. J. Preston, C. Webster, W. H. Pellow, Capt. J. A. Sherwood, Dr. H. Wylie, J. H. Lancaster, and J. N. Light. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; T. H. W. Walker, Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Armitage, P.P.A.G. Sec.; A. Stoddart, P.M. 32, P.P.G.W.; E. Segar, P.M. 32, P.P.G.W.; S. G. Sinclair, W.M. 2229, P.P.G.W.; G. H. Brown, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C. Cheshire; H. B. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.D. Cheshire; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 and 2294, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Thos. Exton, P.M. 1380; H. Christie, 1361; W. Marwood, 786; N. F. Burt, 1609; C. Ratcliffe, J.W. 216; G. H. Harraden, W.M. 2316; E. K. Ellison, W.M. 2132; R. M. Jones, W.M. 1350; J. G. Forsythe, W.M. 1472; J. Howard, 216; P. McCulloch, 32; and others.

The lodge was opened, and, after the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. John Christie, W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.W., by Bros. Sherwood, P.M., and Stoddart, P.P.G.W. After the installation ceremony, which was very ably performed, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; E. Llanfair Lewes, S.W.; E. Roberts, J.W.; Rev. F. C. Master, Chap.; Edward Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; E. G. B. Watts, Sec.; Thos. Gray, S.D.; S. T. Stephenson, J.D.; John Almond, Org.; Capt. J. A. Sherwood, I.G.; and H. W. Gibbons, Chas. Webster, J. Rose, and A. K. Cannington, Stwds. The addresses to the officers and brethren were delivered by Bro. E. Sherwood, P.M.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bros. Galt and Capper.

After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts in short and happy terms.

Bro. McArthur, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, referred to his zeal for Masonry, his ability as an officer, and the esteem he was held in by the members of the lodge.

Bro. Christie, in responding, stated that from the time he was initiated he had aspired to the chair of W.M., and thanked the brethren for placing him in that proud position. His task would be a difficult one—to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., and he trusted he might be spared to do his duty to the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the Worshipful Master referred to Bro. McArthur having celebrated his silver wedding, and asked him to accept, as a small token of regard from the members of the lodge, a silver service of plate.

Bro. McArthur, who was deeply moved, responded in a brief, but touching speech.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and stated that although they had a very expensive year, having paid for all their beautiful furniture, clothing, &c., that the West Lancashire Charities had not been overlooked, but they had subscribed the sum of 75 guineas to those Institutions.

Bro. Walker, P.G. Treas., responded.

Upon the conclusion of the toast list the brethren separated, after a most enjoyable evening.

## PETERSFIELD.

**Lodge of Friendship** (No. 928).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 3rd ult. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. C. Attersoll-Smith, P.M. 416, P.J.G.D. Surrey; T. Frances, W.M. 1990, P.P.J.G.W. Hants; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G.R.; C. J. Mumby, P.M. 1069; A. Jolliffe, P.M. 257; W. Bates, W.M. 487; and C. R. Heady, 1069.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. H. Atkinson-Grimshaw was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Thos. Caparn, the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the usual addresses were given. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Caparn, I.P.M.; H. V. Hann, S.W.; F. Mells, J.W.; W. B. Edgeler, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. Wells, P.M., Sec.; Rev. G. Andrew, S.D.; W. S. Drayton, J.D.; M. P. Creedon, P.M., D.C.; J. Hudspeth, A.D.C.; D. H. Watney, I.G.; R. G. Cross and J. B. Newton, Stwds.; and A. Head, Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. Before the close of the lodge, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks, proposed by the W.M., was accorded to Bro. Caparn for the able and unusually impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

The business over, the W.M. closed the lodge, after which the members adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, provided by host Bro. Wells, at the Dolphin Hotel.

The chair was taken by the newly-installed W.M., supported by the officers and visitors, and about 40 sat down.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, each of which received due recognition, that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. T. Frances, P.P.J.G.W.

"The Health of the W.M." and "W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges" was submitted, the latter being acknowledged by Bros. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G.R., and W. Bates, W.M. 487.

Bro. Holbrook spoke in the highest praise of the excellent and masterly manner in which Bro. Caparn had performed the installation ceremony that day.

Other toasts followed, including that of "The Host, Bro. Wells, his Wife, and Lewis," to which Bro. Wells suitably replied.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

## TREDEGAR.

**St. George's Lodge** (No. 1098).—On Thursday, the 13th ult., the installation of Bro. J. J. Williams as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Temperance Hall. The following were present: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.; G. Hazel, P.P.G.P.; C. L. Phillips, I.P.M.; R. W. Jones, W.M. 2226, S.W.; J. J. Williams, J.W.; C. Widdowson, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Richards, Sec.; B. Phillips, S.D.; T. Morgan, J.D.; N. L. Wilputt, I.G.; D. L. Davies, D.C.; J. J. David, Org.; W. L. Mark, Stwd.; E. Barnard, Tyler; J. J. Morgan, P.M. P.P.S.G.D.; N. Bradley, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Goulding, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Green, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Davis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Brown, P.M. 998, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Lewis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Charles, J. Johnston, D. W. Havard, T. Thomas, C. U. Vergin, D. F. Pritchard, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. J. L. Herbert, and E. Davis. The following visitors were present: Bros. G. Thomas, P.M. 36, P.P.G.D.C. South Wales (E.D.); G. F. Harris, P.M., S. Sandbrook, P.M., T. S. Edwards, J. M. Berry, and L. Hine, Stwd., of 110; H. Harris and Julius Praag, of 1502; F. C. Williams, I.G., G. T. Evans, J. Randal, J. Llewellyn, and D. Bevan, of 2226.

The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. C. L. Phillips, I.P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and the following officers were then appointed by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Williams, P.P.G.P.:—Bros. J. P. Fowlers, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. H. Richards, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; C. Widdowson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; T. Morgan, Sec.; N. L. Wilputt, S.D.; D. L. Davis, J.D.; W. North, I.G.; J. J. David, P.P.G.O., Org.; Thomas Davis, D.C.; J. Johnstone and J. L. Herbert, Stwds.; and E. Barnard, Tyler.

All other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the whole of the brethren, together with other influential brethren who were unable to attend the installation ceremony, retired to the Freemasons' Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curtis, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.P.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Prov. G. Master, Col. Lyne, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge."

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. J. J. Williams," was very warmly given by Bro. John Lewis, P.M., and was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. J. J. Williams, W.M., who was cordially applauded on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for their past kindnesses to him, and also expressed his determination to do his utmost during his year of office to further the interest of the lodge.

Bros. James Green, P.M., and C. Lloyd Phillips, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters."

The toast of "The Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Province of Monmouthshire" was responded to by Bros. J. Lewis, P.M.; Nicholl, P.M.; Bradley, P.M.; and J. J. Williams, W.M.

Songs were sung by Bros. W. H. Richards, S.W.; W. Lloyd Marks, Sec. 2226; J. J. Williams, W.M.; Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.; J. J. David, and G. T. Evans, 2226; and recitations were given by Bros. G. F. Harris, 110, and James Green, P.M. (original composition of his own).

Bros. Dr. G. A. Browne, W. Pritchard, and several other influential brethren who were unable to attend the installation ceremony, were present at the banquet.

Telegrams apologising for their inability to attend were received from Bros. J. A. Shepherd, P.M.; J. P. Fowler, I.P.M.; R. H. Spencer, F. R. Stone, Rev. T. Theophilus, and others.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

## TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge** (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.W.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, J.W.; J. Tippen Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., Sec.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Bennett, D.C.; N. Roberts, Stwd.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In consequence of the recent demise of Bro. W. Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., a founder, first Master, and father of No. 1503, the lodge was draped in black, and the members wore Masonic mourning. A vote of condolence to the widow and family was passed, and the Secretary was directed to forward same to Mrs. Wigginton. It was unanimously resolved that the joining fee be reduced to three guineas. The Secretary having reported that he had received a notice from Bro. Howard Room, P.G. Sec. Middx., to the effect that he hoped that the brethren would support the P.G.M. as Chairman to the R.M.I. for Girls in May next, the W.M. was elected to represent the lodge as Steward, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted towards Bro. H. Jenkins' list." The names of a brother for joining and a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the Secretary gave a notice of motion "That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to 'The Pension Indemnity Fund,' R.M.I. for Boys." The W.M. having reported the serious illness of Bro. Capt. A. Bunn, I.P.M., a vote of sympathy was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., and unanimously passed.

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

A few toasts followed.

## Royal Arch.

**Jerusalem Chapter** (No. 185).—This old chapter met for the dispatch of business on the 11th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Among those in attendance were Comps W. Rest, M.E.Z.; Kimpton, H.; E. A. Harris, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hardy, S.N.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; Ellborn, P.Z.; Cleghorne, P.Z.; Rivers, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. Kimpton, M.E.Z.; E. A. Harris, H.; Hardy, J.; G. Davis, S.E.; Rivers, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Eisschman, P.S.; F. Isaacson, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. Isaacson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and E. Mallett, P.Z., Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring First Principal. A number of companions were unable to be present in consequence of illness and other unavoidable circumstances. Among those who sent apologies were Comps. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Nathan Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; Peter Robinson, P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; Smith, P.Z.; J. Harris, W. Harris, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts were proposed with commendable brevity by the M.E.Z., and were duly honoured.

**Israel Chapter** (No. 205).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 18th ult., and being installation night attracted a good attendance of members and visiting companions. The former included Comps. H. J. Phillips, M.E.Z.; J. A. Gartley, H.; L. Norden, J.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; J. Lichtenfeld, P.S.; E. H. Norden, 2nd A.S.; I. P. Cohen, Treas.; S. Dancyger, Stwd.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.Z.; Isaac White, H. Lichtenfeld, J. Levy, E. T. Loewey, E. Schumann, J. H. Gluckstein, J. M. Bash, G. Lichtenfeld, J. Dancyger, J. Abrahams, J. Marcus, and B. Marcus. Visitors: Comps. C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1744, P.P.G.S.B.; H. H. Shirley, M.E.Z. 619; W. Lettour, 188; T. J. Maidwell, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

Chapter being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the audit report adopted. Comps. J. A. Gartley, M.E.Z. elect; L. Norden, H. elect; and E. H. Norden, J. elect, were installed into their respective chairs by the retiring First Principal, Comp. H. J. Phillips, who rendered the ceremonies with conspicuous ability and impressiveness. The other officers invested were Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; I. P. Cohen, Treas.; J. Lichtenfeld, P.S.; Sol. Jacobs, 1st A.S.; S. Dancyger, 2nd A.S.; Gluckstein, D.C.; and B. Marcus, Steward. Comp. Gartley, M.E.Z., in presenting the I.P.Z. with a handsome Past Principal's jewel, said it was a small token of the appreciation of the members of the ability displayed by Comp. Phillips, not only during the past year, but also in the impressive manner in which he had installed the Principals. It was particularly gratifying to them to know that they now had an Installing Principal in the chapter, and no doubt his exertions in the future in carrying on the work would be as satisfactory as in the past. Comp. H. J. Phillips, I.P.Z., briefly returned thanks for the handsome gift, and for the kindly remarks of the M.E.Z. A notice of motion by the S.E. respecting the subscriptions was carried unanimously, as was another altering the days of meeting to the second Wednesday in February, May, and December. The S.E. was instructed to write to Comp. Rev. M. Haines, sympathising with him in his illness, and expressing the hope of the companions for his speedy recovery.

The chapter was formally closed, and the companions partook of a substantial repast.

The customary toasts were briefly given from the chair, in order that the companions should enjoy the excellent concert that followed.

Comp. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., having replied for "The Grand Officers," Comp. H. J. Phillips, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," remarking that they all knew Comp. Gartley as a most excellent man and Mason. They were so well acquainted with his talents, and modestly would forbid him (the I.P.Z.) to expatiate upon them if he had the ability.

Comp. J. A. Gartley, M.E.Z., heartily thanked them for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He hoped they would have a happy year, and he should be pleased to exalt any brethren the members might bring into the chapter. He was pleased to think he had such able supporters in the H. and J., and he asked the companions to rise and drink to their health and prosperity.

Comp. J. Norden, H., and E. H. Norden, J., responded, after which "The Visitors" was given.

Comp. C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1744, expressed the pleasure it had afforded the visitors to be present. It was particularly gratifying to him to see four of his past pupils present, and to see three of them installed into their respective chairs.

In giving "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. said they had an illustration of the beautiful work of Comp. Phillips, I.P.Z., which was admirably performed, and which set a good example to the chapter. It was an impetus to those coming on to aim at as high a point of perfection as possible.

Comp. H. J. Phillips, I.P.Z., returned thanks, and "The Officers" having been given, the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

The companions were then joined by the following ladies and gentlemen, who rendered an excellent selection of music and recitations in a charming manner, and contributed materially to a very pleasant and enjoyable evening: Miss M. S. Gartley, Miss Louisa White, Miss Marie Saville, Messrs. H. R. Abbott, M. Muscovitz, and G. Goddard.

**Chapitre La France** (No. 2060).—This new chapter held, on Monday, the 17th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, its first working meeting since the consecration in October last, an account of which appeared in our columns. This being the first time that the ceremony of exaltation was to be performed in French, great interest was created as to how the officers would acquit themselves of their task.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, ballot was taken for the following candidates for exaltation: Bros. William Register, 14; Leon Clerc, 2060; Eugene Delacoste, 2060; Gerald A. Shoppee, 2140; George Berchili, 1671; Eugene Pouard, 2060; Leon V. Rousset, 2060; Emile Casabianca, 2060; George Brash Wheeler, 18; and Alexander Thorn, 2243. Also as joining members: Comps. F. Mead, 259; W. F. Dawson, 382 and 1293; James T. Tanqueray, 33; and Louis G. Letord, 235. All these candidates were unanimously elected, and Bros. Register, Clerc, Pouard, Casabianca, Wheeler, and Thorn, being in attendance, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A. Comp. T. Fenn acquitted himself of the arduous duties of Prin. Soj. in the perfect manner usual to him on all occasions, and Comp. Mead fulfilled the post of Scribe N., to which he had been elected a few minutes before, with great credit to himself. The ceremony was celebrated without a single hitch of any sort, and it appeared to us, from the easy, fluent, and impressive manner in which the three Principals delivered the lectures, that they must have been word perfect. The M.E.Z. apologised for not having had the draft of the by-laws printed and circulated. He gave, however, the principal points which were submitted and approved as follows: "The official language of the chapter shall be in French—that is, all ceremonies shall be performed in French; the discussions in chapter shall be carried out in French; and the minutes be kept in French. The regular days of meeting shall be the third Monday in February, April, and October, the entrance and joining fees £3 3s., and the annual subscription £2 2s. Later on Comp. E. St. Clair, J., took occasion to mention that the restriction to Frenchmen which existed in the lodge did not exist in the chapter, as had been proved by the elections that night. He mentioned that as he knew some candidates whose propositions had been delayed on that account.

The companions then adjourned to the banquetting room, where Bro. Delacoste had catered for them in his usual select style.

The regulation toasts were proposed, and the usual speeches made, the distinguishing feature of which was their brevity.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

We should not omit to mention, however, that Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Lloyd, and W. Register responded in French for "The Grand Officers," "The Visitors," and "The Exaltees," thus carrying out the rule laid down in the chapter, even to the banquetting room.

The following were present: Comps. E. H. Thiellay, as I.P.Z.; E. Monteuis, M.E.Z.; H. Bué, H.; E. St. Clair, J.; G. Hopkinson, Treas.; Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, S.E.; F. Mead, S.N.; T. Fenn, P.S.; P. Saillard, 1st A.S.; Wm. Register, 2nd A.S.; Frank Richardson, D. of C.; L. Clerc, E. Pouard, E. Casabianca, G. B. Wheeler, A. Thorn, J. T. Tanqueray, L. G. Letord, and Lott, P.G. Org., D. of M. Visitors: Comps. C. J. Martyn, P.G.P.S., Grand Superintendent Suffolk; J. M. Montague, Grand Superintendent Dorset; P. de L. Long, P.G.P.S.; R. G. Glover, P.G.S.B.; W. C. Beaumont, P.G.S.B.; H. T. Wood, P.G.S.B.; C. Godson, 259, Z. 1501; M. Moriet, H. 26; H. Reid Taylor, J. 26; M. J. Pigott, P.P.A.G. D.C.; E. W. Jaquet, Abercorn Chapter; J. E. Snell, P.J. 709; R. Lloyd, 33; G. L. Money, P.Z. 1413; H. Le Strange, P.Z. 10; E. L. Horne, P.Z. 7; C. E. Cassal, 1642; L. Mieville, 357; R. C. Hallows; W. Laitud, 188; and G. F. Marshall, 225.

#### HAVANT.

**Carnarvon Chapter** (No. 804).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, when there were present Comps. J. Collings, M.E.Z.; H. W. Smith Parsons, H.; C. V. Birch, J.; E. Street, P.Z.; T. D. Askew, P.Z.;

F. V. Paxton, S.E.; Caparn, Atkinson Grimshaw, Dunn, Cox, Spriggings, Holmes, Cook, Prior, Wells, Dart, P.Z.; Jackson, P.Z.; and J. J. Bascombe.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Comp. Askew installed the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. H. W. Smith Parsons, in a very able manner, which drew forth the applause of the companions present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. C. V. Birch, H.; F. V. Paxton, J.; J. N. Hillman, P.Z., Treas.; T. D. Askew, P.Z., S.E.; A. H. Wood, S.N.; T. Caparn, P.S.; C. Holmes, 1st A.S.; A. Dancaster, 2nd A.S.; and Prior, Org.

The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

### Mark Masonry.

**Prince Leopold Lodge** (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., P.J.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.P.J.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., acting S.W.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M., acting J.W.; Chauffourier, M.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P. G.W., P.M., Sec.; and E. Brenelli. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 176, P.G. Stwd., and Thomas, late of the Thistle Lodge (T.I.), were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In consequence of the Wardens declining to accept the office of Master, Bro. N. Prower was unanimously re-elected W.M. Bro. Richnell, P.M., P.G. Std., having resigned his Treasurership through ill-health, Bro. F. Farrington, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously elected in his place. Bro. Goddard having been re-elected Tyler, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Prower for his services during the past year. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W., founder and first Master of No. 238. A vote of sympathy was also passed to Bro. Richnell, regretting his absence through illness, thanking him for his past services as Treasurer, and acceding to his request as to country membership. Bro. Prower, W.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Letters of apology, &c., were received from Bros. Sir C. J. Palmer, Bart., J.P., P.M., P.G.W.; F. Farrington, P.M.; T. R. Richnell, P.M.; and others.

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

The customary toasts followed.

Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Bro. W. C. Farrington for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bros. F. W. Driver and Thomas for the toast of "The Visitors."

The proceedings then terminated.

#### JERSEY.

**Cæsarean Lodge** (No. 74).—Seldom before had a larger gathering of Masons, certainly never of Mark Masons, assembled in the splendid hall of the Masonic Temple than met there on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Mark Masonry has had a somewhat chequered existence in Jersey, and the history of the Cæsarean Lodge, the only lodge there working this Degree, would, if thoroughly investigated, fail, we fear, to show an unbroken record of a vigorous or flourishing prosperity. The wonderful progress and advancement, however, which Mark Masonry has of late years made throughout the world, has caused its influence to be felt amongst the numerous brethren of the Craft resident in these charming islands of old Normandy, and for some time past a brighter light has illumined the fortunes of this insular lodge, and we trust that now the sun of its prosperity is firmly fixed in the firmament of the Masonic world, never, let us hope, to set again. And whilst congratulating the Jersey brethren on this pleasing and satisfactory condition of this lodge, let a due meed of praise not fail to be apportioned to the excellent, painstaking, and devoted Secretary, Bro. J. W. Hamling, to whom and to whose exertions is almost entirely due the rescue of the affairs of the lodge from a nearly chaotic confusion, and the inscription within the last two years of over 40 new members on the muster roll of the Degree.

The lodge was opened, and, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, and several new candidates proposed and balloted for, the W.M., Bro. Stone, proceeded to advance Bros. Ernest le Sueur and R. Malet de Carteret. This work being completed, the Secretary read several communications from a number of distinguished brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the meeting. Many of the letters were from members of Grand Lodge, including one from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The W.M., Bro. Stone, then notified that a dispensation had been received from Grand Lodge permitting Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret to be installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he had great pleasure in stating that Bro. J. Kenyon, P.G.I.G., had consented to act as Installing Master. Bro. J. Kenyon then assumed the gavel, and the usual ceremony was very ably carried out, increased interest being added to it by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br., giving an appropriate and impressive address to each of the officers on their investiture with the collars of their respective offices by the W.M. The following are the names of the officers invested: Bros. T. Stone, I.P.M.; P. Bois, S.W.; F. J. Godfray, J.W.; C. Marett, M.O.; P. G. Hamilton, S.O.; J. H. Goldsmith, J.O.; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; P. W. Davey, Reg. of Mks.; J. W. Hamling, Sec.; E. Oldridge, S.D.; Capt. H. Stevenson, J.D.; H. M. Godfray, D.C.; H. Becker, Org.; J. C. Barette, I.G.; and S. Gilley and J. Woodford, Stwds. The ceremonies of installation and investiture concluded, Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, P.M., proposed that the thanks of the lodge should be given to the Installing and Investing Master. This was seconded by Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, who suggested that the names of the other Grand Officers present—Bros. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.S.G.D., and N. Nicholson, P.G. Treas. Lancashire, who had assisted at the ceremonies, should be included, and that all those brethren should be made honorary members of the lodge. This was carried unanimously, and suitable replies having been given, the lodge was closed.

It is quite impossible to give a full list of the brethren present or even of all the visitors, but we cannot omit to

chronicle the presence of Bros. Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; J. Durell, Davey, Blampied, Baal, Dr. Leslie de Vine, G. Reg. Peru; T. Le Scelleur, T. Leat, Dr. T. J. Aubin, J. Oatley, J. E. Hamon, and L. Hespriadoux.

The brethren now repaired to Bro. Bree's hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The excellence of Bro. Bree's *cuisine* is well known, and the capital dinner and the first class quality of the wines he placed before the brethren was worthy of the large and comfortable establishment which he directs with so much courtesy and *bon hommie*.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret proposed "The Health of the Officers of Grand Lodge."

This toast was responded to by the senior Grand Officer present, Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.S.G.D., who, after a few appropriate acknowledgments, felicitated the lodge on having secured as their W.M. so eminent and so distinguished a Mason as the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret. Such an appointment could not fail to be gratifying to Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it was at once an unqualified assurance of the continued and increased prosperity of the Cæsarean Lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was entrusted to the oldest P.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. O. Le Sueur.

Bro. Kenyon, responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and took occasion to make some very valuable remarks with reference to the Charities.

Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br., responded for "The Visitors," and in the course of his speech took occasion to recommend a more diligent attention to the ritual and to the correct working of the Degree. He concluded by thanking the W.M. and the brethren generally for their very courteous reception on that his first visit to the island, and he sincerely hoped he might have the pleasure of coming again.

In responding for the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Bois enlarged much on the exertions of the Past Masters and past officers, as also on the zeal and energy exhibited by the Secretary, Bro. Hamling, by the present J.W., Bro. F. J. Godfray, by Bro. Dodge, P.M., and many others, under the distinguished guidance of their eminent Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret. He felt assured they would have a most prosperous year of office.

The conviviality of the evening was pleasantly diversified with music and songs, Bro. Dr. Leslie de Vine taking quite a lead with his serio-comic ditties. We must also not omit to state that in the course of the evening a Masonic ode, written especially for the occasion, was admirably rendered by the author, Bro. O. Dodge, P.M.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE** (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Blum, P.M.; W.M.; Harvey, P.M.; S.W.; F. Deaton, J.W.; Marx, P.M., acting Preceptor; Blundell, Treas.; R. J. Harnell, Sec.; G. Deaton, P.M., S.D.; Shales, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; Kirk, Thompson, and Lewis.

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 Degree. Bro. Deaton having offered himself as a candidate for raising was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Deaton candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Kirk and Lewis, 1681, were elected joining members. Bro. Harvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE** (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. Cursons, W.M.; Brownswood, S.W.; Barfield, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Reynolds, acting as Sec.; Bullen, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Blythe, I.G.; Woods, Hazlett, Evenden, Rymer, Wiggins, Matthews, Tilling, Blundell, Dodson, Hemming, Kirk, and Valeriani.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Rymer having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section, the W.M. the 3rd Section, Bro. Woods the 4th Section, and Bro. Bullen, S.D., the 5th Section of the Second Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. Wiggins, 180, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. Brownswood, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, and 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 20th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Debenham, W.M.; Baker, S.W.; Imlay, J.W.; Kirby, Preceptor; Horne, S.D.; Wellcome, J.D.; Saunders, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chambers having offered himself as candidate, and answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, after which the explanation of the tracing board was given in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Wellcome in a few choice sentences then presented the lodge with a handsome tripod and stand. It was then proposed by Bro. Imlay, and seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Wellcome for his very handsome present, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Kirby then said he had much pleasure in presenting the lodge with a volume of the Sacred Law. A vote of thanks was likewise accorded to Bro. Kirby for his present. The officers were elected in rotation for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. W. T. Dillon, W.M.; A. E. Carter, S.W.; R. T. Redfean, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas. and Sec. (*pro tem.*); M. Bash, S.D.; R. Dillon, J.D.; R. O. Ogleby, I.G.; R. E. Cursons, A. Pozzati, T. R. Hill, and W. J. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pozzati being the candidate. Bro. Mason 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 was rehearsed. Bro. Mason being the candidate. Bro. Carter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; D. S. Long, Sec., J.W.; J. Collings, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; and H. Wake.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the S.W. duly presented and took the obligation as W.M. elect. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lucas. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. Williams rendering the addresses in a very able manner, and the W.M. rehearsing the investiture of officers, lodge having in the mean time been resumed to the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Williams then resumed the chair, and the W.M. having risen, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. A. Cadbury Jones, W.M. elect 1441, W.M.; J. W. Curtice, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Dep. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. Toley, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; J. C. Conway, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; Jas. Sims, P.M. 834; N. Spyer, W. Jackman, W. J. Millington, J. Cruttenden, and A. B. Northcroft.

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. Spyer being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Spyer again being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. invested the officers. Bro. Curtice was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation, should the officers of the mother lodge not be present. A sincere vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. Rev. M. Haines, and the brethren expressed their hopes for his speedy recovery to his usual health. Bro. Harris having recovered his usual health, desired, through Bro. Conway, to thank the brethren for their sympathy during his illness. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 18th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Cox, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; J. Duncan, I.G.; T. Williams, C. Stevenson, and J. H. Collingridge.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stevenson being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in March, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the above was also held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. H. Hill, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Giddings, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; C. Hiller, C. Weber, C. Horst, D. C. Ritchie, G. Wade, J. W. Martindale, J. H. Bridgman, Hehl, C. Isler, S. Napper, F. M. Sutter, C. H. Stevenson, E. J. Harrison, Trinder, P.M.; G. Booker, R. Loomes, H. Jenkins, W.M. 860; and Benton.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Isler answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Isler being the candidate. The Five Sections of the Second Lecture were then worked as follows:—1st, Bro. A. Wolter; 2nd, Bro. Hancock; 3rd, Bro. Trinder, P.M.; 4th, Bro. Hill, P.M.; and 5th, Bro. H. Jenkins, W.M. 860. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, Bros. Wade and Bridgman were elected members of the lodge. Bros. H. Hill, P.M., and H. Jenkins were elected honorary members of the lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, a very pleasant and profitable evening having been spent.

**LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).**—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 20th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked, the following brethren being present: Bros. W. Martin, P.M. 879, W.M. and Section Master; Talbot, 65, S.W.; Kemble, W.M. 1571, J.W.; Duffield, P.M. 1571, Preceptor; Colley, S.D. 1571, Hon. Sec.; Blanchard, 1275, S.D.; Lazarus, S.D. 879, J.D.; Ives, P.M. 1472, I.G.; Penney, P.M.; Pitt, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Stays, P.M.; Mote, P.M.; Bruin, P.M.; Larter, Purkiss, Carlton, Williams, Hole, Perrett, Bradley, Stafford, Duncan, Dormer, Seagrave, Antunovich, Meadows, Langford, Hamilton, Graham, Gee, Weil, Mason, Barrett, Goebel, and Saunion.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by the following brethren: 1st, Bro. Larter; 2nd, Bro. Lazarus; 3rd, Bro. Purkiss; 4th and 5th, Bro. Duffield, P.M.; 6th and 7th, Bro. Talbot. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Lecture were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Bro. Colley; 2nd, Bro. Martin, P.M.; 3rd and 4th, Bro. Talbot; 5th, Bro. Martin, P.M. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Lecture were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Bro. Pitt, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Ives, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. Stamp. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and the following brethren were elected joining members, and returned thanks: Bros. Blanchard, 1275; Weil and Graham, 1728; Mason, 465; Hamilton, 184; Mote, 1732; Bradley, 1209; Stafford, 902; Barrett and Goebel, 879; and Saunion, 1423. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the officers for the ensuing week being appointed, the W.M. rose for the third time. The Hon. Sec. then announced the approaching removal of the lodge, after the 27th ult., to the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was then accorded to Bro. Martin, P.M., for his able working of the Sections, and he, having acknowledged the same, proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted him. This having been acknowledged by Bro. Talbot, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of all present, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The lodge will, after the 27th ult., hold its meetings at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7 o'clock each Thursday evening, and all brethren are cordially invited.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Groves, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; James Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Lincoln, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; C. O. Burgess, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. E. Cursons, J. D. Graham, James Rowe, A. Clark, E. Jessurun, G. J. Read, H. Matthews, A. Bergholz, C. W. Fromholtz, Charles Lambert, J. R. Beaufort, and J. Gluckstein.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. H. Matthews having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. J. Gluckstein, 141, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. A. Clark, and seconded by Bro. C. W. Fromholtz. On rising for the second time Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announcing his intention of working the First and Second Degrees. On rising for the third time, the Deputy Preceptor proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Groves for the manner in which he had occupied and carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction. Seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**STUART LODGE (No. 1632).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; Pettit, W.M. 1632, S.W.; Vickers, P.M. 1632, J.W.; Baldwin, P.M. 1632, I.P.M.; Morgan, Sec.; and numerous others. The visitors were Bros. Higgins, Cotton, Cox, Woodward, Burgess, Clarke, and others.

This being the annual festival, the lodge was formally opened and the minutes confirmed. The lodge was called to refreshment, and the brethren adjourned to a real old-fashioned English dinner, which was admirably served by the host, Mr. Fred. Glover.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Baldwin, P.M., proposed "The Prosperity of the Stuart Lodge of Instruction," and coupled with it the Preceptor of the lodge. He said Bro. Spiegel was one of the veterans in Freemasonry. He devoted all his spare time for the good of Masonry, and the lodge appreciated his services; he was one of the founders of the mother lodge, and all who attended the lodge of instruction knew how to value his services.

Bro. Spiegel, in reply, said in that lodge of instruction he had laid down a principle not to interfere with the working which a brother might be used to in another lodge, although it might be a little different from theirs. In the course of his remarks he said he considered it very uncourteous for one Preceptor to criticise the working of another. As long as the ceremony did not suffer, why should we stop a brother in the working which he was used to in another lodge. All Preceptors tried to do their best for the benefit of those who came for instruction.

Bro. Pettit, S.W., then proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by every visitor, Bro. Higgins taking the lead.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Mother Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by all the Past Masters present.

The next toast proposed was "The Absent Members," especially Bros. Fruen, W.M. elect 1632, and Bro. T. Poore, Sec. of the mother lodge.

The toast of "The Secretary, Bro. Morgan," and his response, concluded the festival.

The musical arrangements were under the conductorship of Bro. Professor Luis Lee, who was assisted by Bros. Vickers, Baldwin, Woodward, Turner, Clark, Beaumont, and Pettit, with some excellent songs.

The lodge was then called on, and, on rising for the first time, all the visitors expressed their wish to become joining members, and were proposed and unanimously accepted. Bro. Pettit was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and lodge closed after spending a very enjoyable evening.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; J. Powell,

S.W.; H. H. Burrington, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; F. L. Chandler, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; H. Foskett, A. F. Scholding, G. English, A. Davies, T. Harrington, and H. Armfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. A. F. Scholding having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. A. F. Scholding being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a very impressive manner. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. E. Rogers, P.M., and F. L. Chandler, P.M., having audited the accounts for the past year, presented their report to the lodge, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A cordial vote of thanks was voted to the Preceptor for his valuable services during the past year. The Preceptor made a neat little speech in reply. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes to the Treasurer and Secretary for their services rendered to this lodge of instruction during the past year. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., was unanimously elected Preceptor; Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. W. J. Mason, as Secretary. The S.W., Bro. J. Powell, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; E. E. Gellowski, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; G. Swann, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; W. T. Marsh, J. Maidment, A. Harris, and T. Jobson.

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. Maidment acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the acting Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 7th Section was worked by Bro. Sims, P.M., the questions being put by Bro. Davies. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Woods for his able conduct in the chair for the first time, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; E. Austin, P.M., S.D.; W. Jennings, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; C. R. Cross, A. T. Whittier, R. N. Larter, W. J. Tatton, and F. Craggs.

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. A. T. Whittier candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Tatton having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. G. McCrow, W.M.; L. Nathan, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; J. H. Morrish, J.D.; C. Barber, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; R. Ambler, and W. E. Macey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of the First Degree was rehearsed in a careful manner, Bro. R. Ambler acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 4th Section was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being put by Bro. Sims, P.M. Bro. Nathan was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Macey was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

**PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON (No. 1996).**—The audit meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Burymead Priory, High-street, Acton, when there were present Bros. Porter, W.M.; Henson, S.W.; Sugg, J.W.; Monson, Treas. and acting Sec.; Botley, Preceptor; Williams, S.D.; Squire, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Pearce, Brown, Youens, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The acting Secretary reported that the accounts had been duly audited and found correct. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Cox, S.W.; F. Dusterwald, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; Willcox, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; M. Speigle, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; T. W. Biggs, and H. W. Dyne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Williams answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. A. Williams candidate. Bro. H. W. Dyne answered the questions leading to the 1st Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Cox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed. On the 8th inst., the installation ceremony will be rehearsed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st ult., 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.; W. R. Hatton, 1642, P.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779; J. Smith, P.S. 890; and J. March, H. elect 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden being the candidate. A vote of sympathy was passed to Comp. T. C. Edmonds, and a letter to be written to him, expressing the great regret the companions felt for him, and their hopes that he would soon be able to be amongst them again. A vote of thanks to Comp. Hatton for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road (opposite the Canonbury Railway Station). Present: Comps. A. J. Dixie, M.E.Z.; Wm. Iron, H.; C. Weedon, J.; J. E. Sheffield, P.S.; and several other companions.

The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner, after which the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; Marsden, H.; Hill, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Patrick, S.N.; Grummant, P.Z., P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Eedle, Addington, Murché, Prowell, P.Z.; and others.

A conclave of First Principals was formed, and Comp. Patrick installed Comp. Addington into the first chair. The conclave was closed, and the companions were admitted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with Comp. Eedle as a candidate. Comp. Marsden was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary Encampment (No. 3).**—This chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on the 14th ult. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Major J. E. Anderson, M.W.S.; G. Graveley, C.E., Prelate; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Almoner; H. J. Lardner, 2nd Gen.; E. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, G.M.; E. Bros. Grimwood, Capt. of Guards; J. H. Hawkins, D.C.; C. Tayleur, P.M.W.S.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., W. Maples, and others.

The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. The Recorder having reported the death of E. Bro. Brown-Kidder's only son, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to the bereaved father. The Almoner having handed in the names of two brethren for perfection at the next meeting, communications from absent members and others were read, viz.: Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; F. Binckes, 30°; Dr. Coffin, M.D., 30°; D. Nicols, 30°; F. Curlier, 30°; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°; and E. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., Pigache, Brown-Kidder, Hayworth, Hills, Dr. Inglis, Barkley, Andrew Pears, Lamb Smith, C. Morton Challenger, W. W. Codd, and others.

The chapter was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. De la Coste.

Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## HULL.

**Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane. Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30°, P.M.W.S., occupied the throne and opened the chapter, the following members being present: Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°, Inspector-General of the North-Eastern District; Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Edward Kipps, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. Robt. Roach, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Thos. Thompson, P.M.W.S.; Thomas Oates, S. W. Fisher, W. C. Whiteside, J. R. Ansdell, Capt. Wm. Coysh, G. W. Leng, E. A. Cousins, and Wm. Clayton.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and the balance sheet for 1889 was read and unanimously adopted. There was a balance of £79 2s. 8d. in favour of the chapter. Five guineas was given to the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire. This being the installation meeting the acting M.W.S. left the throne, which was then occupied by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who impressively installed E. and P. Bro. Thomas Oates, the M.W.S. elect, into the chair; the final address was delivered in a masterly manner by Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. and P. Bros. Thomas Thompson, 18°, P.M.W.S.; S. W. Fisher, 18°, High Prelate; M. P. Hockney, 18°, 1st General; Ill. Bros. Robt. Watson, 30°, 2nd General; M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Robt. Roach, 30°, Grand Marshal; Edward Kipps, 30°, P.M.W.S., Raphael; E. and P. Bros. G. W. Leng, 18°, Org.; E. A. Cousins, 18°, Capt. of Guard; and Bro. W. Clayton, Equerry. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Col. H. F. Pudsey, M. P. Hockney, and others, and the chapter was closed.

The brethren retired to the supper room and partook of an excellent game supper.

After grace had been said by the Prelate, the M.W.S. proposed in succession "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen"; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order"; and "The Supreme Council of the 33°," all of which were duly honoured.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, in responding for the Supreme Council, thanked the M.W.S. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality in which his health had been received and so generously responded to, and said he was thankful that for one who had passed by five years the allotted time (being now 75 years old) he was enjoying fairly good health, and would, if the Almighty spared him until the 1st of March next, celebrate his golden wedding. He had always much pleasure in coming amongst them, especially to install their

M.W.S. He would now ask the brethren to drink to "The Health and Happiness of the M.W. Sovereign." This was done with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Oates suitably responded, and said he hoped that when his year of office was finished they might all be able to say they did well in electing Bro. Thomas Oates as their M.W.S. for the year.

Other toasts followed, and a truly happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—This lodge met on the 18th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. O. Harding, M.A., I.P.W.C.N., in the chair; N. Prower, M.A., acting J.; W. E. Farrington, S.; Capt. Walls, P.W.C.N., P.G.C., Scribe; Chauffourier, J.D.; and F. W. Driver, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. E. Farrington was unanimously elected W.C.N.; Bro. F. Farrington, Treas.; and Bro. Goddard, Warder. Bro. Richnell sent an apology for non-attendance through ill-health.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in conjunction with the Leopold Mark Lodge.

A few toasts followed.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

### YORK.

**York College.**—The annual and obligatory meeting of the members of this college was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate (by permission of the trustees), on Saturday, the 15th inst., there being present Fratres T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept; J. Monks, Suffragan; C. Palliser, Prov. Treas.; W. Brown, Prov. Sec.; J. L. Atherton, Celebrant; J. J. Wilkes, Deputy; C. D. Hill Drury, Pro Deputy; J. M. Meek, Treas.; W. Flockton, S.A.; G. Althorpe, T.A.; W. H. B. Atkinson, Q.A.; F. Laxton, C. of N.; A. Haigh, Org.; W. N. Cheeseman, T.B.; A. H. H. McGachen, G.T.; and A. Stott, Herald; and the following members: Frs. G. Simpson, G. Ayre, Carr, F. Smith, C. E. Wright, Armstrong, Blenkin, Monkman, Craig, Payne, Thompson, W. F. Tomlinson, Carmon, J. Stephenson, W. H. Marwood, Stewart, Myers, Kendall, Todd, F. Schnitger, T. Tomlinson, W. B. Dyson, and Patchitt.

After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for Bros. J. T. Seller, P.M. 1611; R. G. Salmon, P.M. 406; J. K. Wilkes, 111; R. M. Wilkes, W.M. 111; W. Swale, P.M. 1650; and John Robinson, P.M. 1650; after which Bros. Seller, Salmon, J. K. Wilkes, R. M. Wilkes, W. Swales, J. Robinson, T. N. Marwood, Liston, Evans, Dodd, and Scott were received into the M.C., the ceremony being rendered by the Celebrant, Fra. Atherton, with unusual effect. The Treasurer's report showed that there was a balance in hand of £22 6s. 3d. The Celebrant addressed the college, thanking the fratres for their cordial assistance and co-operation during the past year, and Fra. J. J. Wilkes, the Celebrant elect, having been presented by the four Ancients, was installed in the chair of C.R. by Fra. Atherton, who thus perfected his year of work in the college. The new Celebrant thanked the fratres for the honour they had done him, and appointed his officers as follows: Frs. C. D. H. Drury, Deputy; G. H. Tocking, Pro Deputy; William Brown, Sec.; W. Flockton, P.A.; G. Althorpe, S.A.; W. H. B. Atkinson, T.A.; A. H. J. Fletcher, Q.A.; F. Laxton, Preceptor; W. N. Cheeseman, C. of N.; Allan Haigh, Org.; J. R. Welsman, T.B.; A. Stott, G.T.; Donald Grant, Herald; and T. H. Pattinson, Medallist.

Fra. J. M. Meek was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Chief Adept then appointed Frater J. L. Atherton as his Suffragan, and re-appointed Frater W. Brown as Provincial Secretary. The roll of members was called, and it was found that out of the whole College numbering 100 members, only seven had failed to appear or forward an excuse. The Secretary was instructed to forward the usual notice to the defaulters. Frater Henry Thompson was elected to the office of Provincial Treasurer. The Chief Adept, on behalf of the College, presented to Frater Wm. Brown a gold jewel and collarette of the office of Provincial Treasurer as a small recognition of his great services as Secretary of the College for a period of five years, at the same time speaking in high terms of the activity, promptitude, and care exercised by Frater Brown in the really arduous duties which fell to his lot as the Secretary of so large a body. Frater Brown responded in a few well chosen words. Frater G. L. Wright presented to the College a copy of the first volume of reprints of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, for which he received a cordial vote of thanks, and it was resolved that the Secretary should procure a suitable lock-up bookcase for the library and archives of the College, which should be kept at headquarters at York. Frater Schnitger was to have read a paper on Egyptian initiation, but owing to the mass of business there was no time for reading it. Accordingly it was agreed that the paper be printed and circulated amongst the fratres, and that any discussion thereon should take place at the next meeting of the College, which it was thereupon arranged should take place at Richmond in May. The Chief Adept, in addressing the College, said that he greatly regretted the want of time for Frater Schnitger's paper, which he had been privileged to peruse, and which contained much of what was extremely interesting. He had been trying to look into the subject, and had prepared a few notes and queries for information. Some of these he proceeded to state to Frater Schnitger, and the latter promised not only to enlarge his paper, but at a future time to give further information on the subject, gleaned from several valuable and scarce works of which he was the fortunate possessor. The Chief Adept, continuing his address, congratulated the fratres on the great and marked progress of the college, which now numbered on its roll the names of many of the best known workers in Masonic literature in the North of England. He should like to see a paper read at every meeting, and if they adopted the plan of printing and circulating the papers before the quarterly gatherings, as was done in the case of most literary

societies, it would be possible to look forward to some reasonable and thoughtful criticism. He alluded to the widespread desire now exhibited amongst Freemasons to obtain real knowledge of their early history, and suggested that the field for papers that might be read before the college was very extensive, and would supply ample material without straying into paths of theosophy (so-called), which were, he thought, calculated to bring such a Society as theirs into contempt, but which he understood it had been suggested in some quarters should be introduced.

Five candidates were proposed, and the college was closed, and the fratres adjourned to the North-Eastern Hotel, where a substantial tea was served, at the conclusion of which a few toasts were given, and this most pleasant gathering broke up.

## Ireland.

**Castleberg Lodge (No. 799).**—The annual installation of officers of this thriving lodge was celebrated, and a most successful concert held recently. The proceeds of the concert go towards the building of a new Masonic Hall about to be erected there. The following officers were duly installed by Bro. John T. R. Johnstone, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. W. McErvil, P.M.: Bros. Thos. McCormick, W.M.; W. Graham, S.W.; Chas. Bracegirdle, J.W.; W. Irwin, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; Rev. W. Verner, S.D.; Rev. J. H. Gatchell, J.D.; and W. King Edwards, I.G.

The concert was under distinguished patronage, and attended by brethren from Strabane, Omagh, and Donegal. Amongst those who delighted a most appreciative audience by musical efforts worthy of the cause were the following: Misses McNiece and McCormick, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. Gatchell, Miss Mullin, Bros. Charles Mullin, John Porter, Major Irvine, Master Irvine, and others. As the brethren had a dispensation to wear Masonic regalia, the show of higher Degrees was most conspicuous, and the Knights Templars attracted great attention. To Bros. W. Irvine, McCormick, and Johnstone, who spared neither time nor expense on the preliminaries, must be attributed in a great measure the success of the concert.

## THE DUBLIN MASONIC GLEE CLUB.

On Friday evening, the 7th inst., the Dublin Masonic Glee Club held their first meeting of the season, at the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin. Over 80 brethren put in an appearance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M., occupied the chair, while Bros. Chapman Minchin and T. Fitzgerald filled the Vice-Chairs.

The brethren of the Club rendered a well selected programme with taste and ability, which gave well merited satisfaction and pleasure to an audience that appreciated their efforts.

Amongst the visiting brethren were some who kindly consented to sing, and the evening passed in harmony.

## South Africa.

### DURBAN.

**Port Natal Lodge (No. 738).**—An emergency meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, on the 19th December, 1889, when Mr. E. S. Wallbridge was initiated.

The installation meeting was held on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1889. Bro. Cottam, P.M. 1937, D.G.S., was the Installing Officer, who expressed his regret that Bro. S. Marriott, P.M., was unable this year to perform the ceremony of installation, and that he (Bro. Cottam) was very proud the honour of conducting the ceremony was conferred on him. Twenty-four years ago he first saw the "light" of Masonry in Port Natal Lodge. Bro. W. H. Nicholas having been installed as W.M., appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. J. Pardy, I.P.M.; S. A. Behr, S.W.; H. H. Borlase, J.W.; H. Schultz, Treas.; G. Murray Burne, Sec.; J. Colepepper, S.D.; T. O. Bowhiel, J.D.; T. Cook, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Paglar, Org.; A. Jukes, I.G.; and J. P. Carter, Tyler.

In the evening a conjoint banquet with the Caledonian Lodge was held, when about 40 brethren sat down, and songs and speeches were the order of evening.

## Straits Settlements.

### SINGAPORE.

**Star-of-the-East Preceptory (No. 85).**—The installation of the Eminent Preceptor took place on Saturday, January 25th, in the presence of a fair number of the members of the preceptory. The conclave having been opened and the minutes confirmed, E. Sir Knight Joaquim P. Joaquim, 30°, F.R.G.S., the Immediate Past Preceptor, presented the Eminent Preceptor elect, Sir Knight George A. Derrick, to the E.P., Sir Knight George Thompson, to receive from him the benefit of installation. The ceremony was ably performed, and the sir knights having saluted their newly-installed Commander, he proceeded to appoint the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights S. R. Robinson, Constable; J. D. Stuart, Marshal; George Thompson, P.P., Sub-Marshal and Treas.; E. A. Thompson, P.M., Reg.; J. H. Vincent, 1st Herald; F. J. Griffin, 2nd Herald; J. S. Robertson, Capt. of the Lines and Org.; and R. Owen Norris, Equerry. On the completion of the appointments, two companions were proposed for installation into the Order, and Sir Knight S. Raiffes Robinson proposed, and was seconded by Sir Knight Stuart—"That a Past Preceptor's jewel be presented to E. Sir Knight G. Thompson for his valuable services to the Order in general, and the Star of the East Preceptory in particular." Sir Knight Robinson truly pointed out that, the P.E.P. excepted, all the active members of the preceptory were new to the Order and its beautiful ceremonies, and that they were much indebted to

E. Sir Knight G. Thompson for the energy he had exhibited and the skill he had displayed in working during the past year in instructing the members. It transpired that Sir Knight Thompson is a knight of 11 years' standing.

On the close of the preceptory, a meeting of the Priory of Malta was opened, and after the installation of E. Sir Knight G. A. Derrick as E.P., the newly-installed Prior conferred the benefits of the Mediterranean Pass, and in due course dubbed a Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, vice Sir Knight D. Harrington, who had been created a Knight Templar at a previous meeting.

The business of the evening having terminated, the sir knights adjourned to the Masonic Club.

This preceptory, since its revival over two years since, has done very well and continues to prosper.

In a recent number of this Journal we had a note on the spread of the Order of the Secret Monitor in the far East, and informed our readers the brethren in Singapore had petitioned the G.S.R. for a warrant of constitution. This has since been granted, and despatched to Singapore, where, on the 15th ult., Adullum Conclave, No. 17, was inaugurated by Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, 32°, P.G.S.B. England, P.D.D.G.M. E.A. The petitioners were Bros. F. H. Gottlieb, P.M., S.R. designate; G. Thompson, P.M., 1st Councillor; W. Porteous, 1st Guide; E. J. Khory, P.M.; G. A. Derrick, 18°; W. Makepeace, R. O. Norris, and S. R. Robinson.

This beautiful Order is sure to make good progress in the Straits Settlements, where social conditions are peculiarly suited to the active working of the tenets of the Order.

#### LIVERPOOL MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above promising body was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, for the purpose of hearing a lecture by the well-known Masonic antiquary and archaeologist, Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, on "The Degrees of Ancient (pre. 1717) Freemasonry," and there was a very large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, as well as W.M.'s and others.

The chair was taken by Bro. Jos. Hawkins, W.M. 216, who introduced the lecturer to the brethren.

Bro. Speth expressed the great gratification he experienced in being the first to discourse to their newly-formed society, to which he wished every success. He hoped to be able to place some new themes before them, which would certainly not in any way undermine the faith of the younger members of the Craft. As to the Degrees of "Ancient Freemasonry," he called anything before 1717 ancient, and since that modern. He proceeded to give an explanation of some of the ancient symbols, and to show why others had fallen into disquietude, carrying the history of the application of these as far back as the second century. He showed that even then the foundation of Masonic law was a belief in the Supreme Being. He also proved that everything contained in the Craft at the present day existed at that period in a much simpler form, and demonstrated that in both operative and symbolic Masonry the various grades were developed gradually as well as the connection of the Craft with the old great trade guilds. This he proved by documents dating back to 1583, and even to the time of the earlier Saxon kings, showing the growth of the more complicated government now existing. He then called attention to the gradual introduction of the present signs and symbols in use all over the globe, proving their sequential appearance, not only from Masonic manuscripts, but from many still existing outside documents to be found in national libraries and museums. He finally gave an exhaustive statement in which he showed that the present degrees in Craft Masonry were not recognised in their now accepted order before 1725.

The interesting lecture, illustrated by diagrams and photographs of many ancient manuscripts, was listened to with the greatest interest throughout, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Speth.

In reply to Bro. Dr. Costine, P.P.G.D., the Lecturer stated that he had not alluded to Royal Arch Masonry, as it was not germane to the matter immediately in hand.

The Chairman announced that in future the lectures would be addressed to members only, a large number of whom enrolled themselves after the proceedings terminated.

The Secretary, Bro. H. B. Browne, P.M., will be happy to receive any names.



The transition is very marked at the Garrick Theatre, for from the deep tragedy of "La Tosca," which makes one's blood curdle, we are treated to the most delightful play of the light order. Mr. Hare is quite justified in making such a big departure from "The Profligate" and his recent piece to the realms of comedy. Mr. Grundy has adapted from the French a play which will be sure to fill the Garrick for months to come, and, had not the author modestly stated his indebtedness, we doubt whether anyone would have imagined the source whence "A Pair of Spectacles" comes. It is essentially English, so Mr. Grundy may almost be given credit for being the sole author. Curiously this play has next to no plot, no thrilling situations, not even a love story, yet it is one of the most fascinating plays we have seen of recent dates.

It is a character piece, and even here that is limited to two individuals, and these men. It may seem odd that without the usual features which are considered necessary in a play, a piece could be written and acted which will draw all London. Mr. Goldfinch is one of those dear old gentlemen who believes in human nature and cannot bear to hurt a fly. Of course he suffers for his indiscriminate faith in everyone. One of his tenants is a shoemaker, who owes him six quarters rent. He orders 14 pairs of boots of him, and when the shoemaker pleads he cannot pay the rent because people do not pay him his bills, Mr. Benjamin Goldfinch pays him for the boots. There are rumours that his banker is on the verge of smash, and he is warned to draw out his big balance, but he will not believe it. He says, "I was at school with him," and when his lawyer is said to be shaky he replies, "He was a friend of my father's," and will not entertain the thought. His brother, Gregory, who is a hard-headed Yorkshire manufacturer, and who believes nothing he does not see, comes on a visit. He tries to harden Benjamin's heart. When the latter pleads that some one is starving. Gregory answers it is not true. He has heard all these tales before. A begging letter comes, in which the petitioner states his father is dying, his mother is paralysed, and his wife is about to be confined. Gregory says "I know that father; I know that mother; I know them all." He gets his brother to agree to a bet that it will turn out a hoax. It does. Benjamin drops his spectacles, and Gregory lends him his. He at once sees human nature in another light. He suspects the butler of robbing the cellar, and his young wife, who is at church, of flirting with the curate, and makes himself miserable generally. He opens his wife's Bible thinking to find some evidence of guilt, but reads the passage where he has opened it, "In much knowledge is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." But, suspect as he will, he finds people faithful. A friend whom he lent money to returns it; the butcher's mutton cutlets he weighed to prove a deficiency turn out to be overweight. His spectacles are returned, and his eyes re-opened, and he is once more the kind-hearted benevolent old man, whilst his money-grubbing brother, who at bottom was good-hearted, becomes also kind and generous. Mr. Grundy has fitted Mr. Hare in the character of Benjamin Goldfinch with a part which fits him like a glove. If the change in the programme had only taken place to bring back Mr. Hare it would have been sufficient warrant. Mr. Hare has never been seen to better advantage than he is now in his own theatre. It is a triumph of refined comedy. Mr. Charles Groves as Gregory, is splendidly made up, and acts the gruff Yorkshireman to the life. It is the best thing we have ever seen Mr. Groves do. Mr. H. Knight, as the shoemaker, gives a clever sketch, and Miss Kate Rorke looks charming in her two lovely dresses, though little demand is made on her well-known talents for acting. We offer our sincere congratulations to both Mr. Hare and Mr. Grundy.

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Every Evening, at 8.40, OUR FLAT; at 8, BOYS WILL BE BOYS.

##### VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

##### COURT THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 9, AUNT JACK; at 15, TO THE RESCUE.

##### ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, AS YOU LIKE IT.

##### SAVOY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, THE GONDOLIERS.

##### PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, MARJORIE; at 7.30, JOHN SMITH.

##### LYRIC THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.20, THE RED HUSSAR; at 7.30, WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF.

##### GRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, THE MAN O' AIRLIE and MERCHANT OF VENICE.

##### SURREY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

##### SANGER'S AMPHITHEATRE.

Twice Daily, at 2 and 7, Pantomime, LADY GODIVA, and Grand Circus Entertainment.

The Hon. A. E. Tollemache has sent a donation of £50 to the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester-square, W.C.

The officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 24th Regiment, being desirous of erecting a memorial to their comrades who fell in the Burmese War, have commissioned Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, to execute a stained-glass window and memorial brass, with the name of every man who fell in action, or died during the campaign, to be placed in the Priory Church, Brecon, where the memorial to their comrades who fell in the South African campaign is erected.

#### HOSPITALITY.

There is no need under this head to offer any advice or suggest any improvement to our London lodges, who, with many of our principal town provincial lodges, are profuse in their hospitable entertainment of visiting brethren, and that the proverbial hospitality of our Craft in general is at all times strangely neglected, is due rather to want of thought than want of will, and, perhaps, because there is a little misunderstanding between the W.M. and Secretary, or Stewards in the matter, each thinking the other will do what is becoming the score of the hospitable entertainment of guests. I remember once attending a Provincial Grand Lodge as a Grand Officer of the year, and having to pay for everything, though invited to be present. This is not as it should be, and was doubtless due to the fact that no one was specially responsible to see to the proper entertainment of guests.

If this were the rule, Present and Past Grand Officers, the Present Wardens of a province, and visiting W.M.'s, attending Provincial Grand Lodges on installation festivals, would find their expenses largely increased at the banquets which follow such functions, and the inviting brethren should not forget that travelling and hotel charges make the cost of those who wish to do honour to a lodge by no means inconsiderable, and amount to a far larger sum to be set aside yearly for the amenities of Masonry for those of high rank in the Craft than what is needful to be incurred by members of the Craft generally.

Those who hold or have held office in Grand Lodge are expected in the provinces, and rightly expected, to show that they have an active interest in the welfare of the Craft in the district in which they reside by attending installation and other festivals, and it should be the duty of the Secretary of a lodge wishing them to be present, to enclose a ticket for hospitality offered, at the time of sending the invitation. This saves trouble on the day and prevents such a slip in the hospitable treatment of guests coming from a distance as I have before narrated.

J. A. LI.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. FREDERICK WALTERS.

We regret to record the death, on the 20th ult., at Putney Bridge-road, of Bro. Frederick Walters, who has for many years been a familiar figure in London and Suburban Masonic circles. Bro. Walters was an enthusiastic Craftsman, and until very recently an active worker in more lodges and chapters, probably, than any of his contemporaries, as the following summary of his Masonic record will show. He was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, Nov. 1855, and was a member of Lodges Nos. 147, 871, 1044, 1178, 1194, 1275, 1293, 1309, 1310, 1326, 1423, 1531, 1540, 1559, and 1623; was exalted in the Hope Chapter, No. 248, April, 1857, and a member of Chapters 73, 169, 176, 507, 619, 907, 1326, 1423, and 1540; P.M. of Lodges Nos. 73, 871, and 1309; P.P.J.G.D. of Middx.; P.Z. of Chapters Nos. 73 and 1423; and P.P.G. 1st A.S. of Middx. Bro. Walters was not neglectful of the Charities, having been a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life-Governor of the Girls' School and of the Benevolent Institution, besides having served as Steward on 15 occasions. The funeral took place on the 26th ult., at Brockley Cemetery.

#### CHOKING ASTHMA.

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It has been arranged that the presentation of the address to the Prince of Wales by the Corporation of Edinburgh, on the occasion of the opening of the Forth Bridge, will take place on Monday evening at Haymarket Station, on his arrival there, before he leaves for Dalmeny Park.

Sir Francis Knollys has written to the *Canadian Gazette* stating that there is no foundation for the report recently published in several American journals that the Prince and Princess of Wales with Prince George intend paying a visit to Canada and Newfoundland this summer.

On the 11th prox., a historical play, "The Favourite of the King," a Stuart tradition, written in blank verse by Messrs. F. S. Boas and Jocelyn Brandon, will be produced at the Comedy by a series of *matinées*. Miss Dorothy Dene, Messrs. Beaumont, Bassett Roe, Royce Carlton, and others will play.

## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

A presentation Past Master's jewel was lost at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The owner will be much obliged if the finder will kindly leave it with the Editor of the *Freemason*, Great Queen-street.

The seventh annual supper of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1804, will take place at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 17th inst. Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M. and Sec. 45, and D.C. 2278, will preside.

A ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Star Chapter of Instruction on this (Friday) evening, at 7.30 p.m., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, when all Principals and P.Z.'s will be heartily greeted.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, has been removed from the Royal Edward, Hackney, to the Lord Stanley Hotel, Paragon-road, Hackney, and the meetings held every Saturday at 8 o'clock, instead of Wednesday, as formerly.

The consecration of the Clemency Lodge, No. 2341, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Union-street, Oldham, on which occasion Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lancs., will be the presiding officer. The installation ceremony will be performed by Bros. A. Clegg, P.P.S.G.W., and Hollingworth.

Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., on Monday, the 10th ult., presented to Sincerity Lodge, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, four illuminated complimentary votes of thanks on vellum and framed, granted to him by the three great Masonic Charities in London. The lodge voted two guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the aged, to be placed on the list of Bro. Lemon, who was a Steward for it.

About 200 guests gathered together in the large hall of the Public Rooms, Hull, on the evening of the 18th ult., at the Masonic Charity ball, held under the auspices of the Humber Lodge, No. 57. The room was nicely decorated with plants and tapestry, and generally the arrangements combined to the comfort of everyone. Close's Band supplied the music, and Bros. E. Corris, P.M., and R. J. McLeavy, assisted by a number of stewards, conducted the ceremonies.

The annual ball promoted by the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, was held on Monday night, the 17th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Beverley, and attended by about 130 guests. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Foley, and several Past Masters were present, as were also the W.M., Bro. Highmoor, and several members of the Sykes Lodge. Messrs. Young and Evans' band furnished a choice selection of music. Supper was provided by Mrs. Green, of the Dog and Duck Inn. Dancing was kept up till nearly five the following morning. The room was prettily decorated by Messrs. Ewell and Son.

A "late Secretary of Legation to the Court of St. James" publishes, through Mr. Stanesby, of Brompton-road, a book called "Nocturnal London," a section of which is devoted to our theatres. The chapter would appear to have been written some time ago, for we find the Prince of Wales's Theatre referred to as the Prince's, and the author tells his readers that "at the Comedy you will find the comic opera," which is not now the case. However, the date at which the "Secretary of Legation" wrote is not very remote, for he has a reference to the Empire Theatre, which he praises for its elegance and comfortableness.

The seventh half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Ascot Vale Masonic Hall Company, Limited, near Melbourne, Australia, was held on the 8th January, Bro. W. F. Lamony, chairman of the directors, presiding. A very satisfactory report and balance-sheet was submitted and adopted. The directors recommended a dividend at the rate of 9 per cent per annum on the subscribed capital, but an amendment that it be 6 per cent. was carried by a small majority. The four retiring directors were re-elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the directors, and the Secretary, Bro. F. G. Wilson.

The first annual ball in connection with the Derby Lodge, No. 724, was held, on the 18th ult., in the City Hall, Eberle-street, Liverpool, when there was a large attendance of members of the lodge, brethren of other lodges, and friends. The ball was in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, and it is expected that a substantial sum, to be devoted to this deserving institution, will be the result of that night's very pleasurable gathering, the arrangements for which had been made by an energetic committee, headed by Bro. C. W. Higson, W.M., with Bro. T. Holmes as Honorary Secretary, and Bro. G. Beeken, P.M., as Honorary Treasurer. The music was supplied by Bro. Busfield's band, and the duties of M.C. were discharged by Bro. J. Humphreys. Dancing was kept up until three o'clock the next morning.

Under the auspices of the Lodge of United Brethren, No. 346, a Masonic concert was given on Monday evening, the 17th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Blackburn. The assembly room had been specially decorated for the occasion. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The vocalists were Miss Conway, Mr. James Stanley, and Mr. J. W. Barton; Mr. J. J. Abbott and Mr. Seed supplied the orchestration, and Mr. Arthur Miller accompanied, and with Miss Lamb performed Rossini's "William Tell," while Mr. Wilson Blackledge contributed several humorous sketches. About 10 o'clock dancing commenced, and was kept up for about four hours. Mr. W. Lamb proved a courteous, obliging, and efficient M.C., Bros. G. Chew and J. R. Duckworth, as Stewards, contributing greatly to the success of the gathering by their assiduity and indefatigable exertions.

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.

Mrs. George Augustus Sala, who was married only a few weeks since, has had a second attack of influenza, but is now slowly recovering.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, and a number of high Admiralty officials paid a visit to the Ordnance Department at Woolwich Arsenal on Thursday.

Bro. P. H. Emanuel was installed W.M. of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, on Monday last, at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

Mr. Arthur Bearne has secured a very smart little play from Mr. Broughton called "The Bailiff," with which his provincial "Æsop's Fables" company will preface their performances. Londoners will, in all probability, first see this curtain raiser at the Court.

Miss Annie Albu, *prima donna* of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, will make her first appearance at the Alhambra on Monday next. "Our Army and Navy" will be shortly withdrawn, and will be replaced by a new ballet, in which Mlle. Vergé will make her *début* in London.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comps. W. Duckworth, as Z.; and Hamlet Lees, as J. (the Second Principal elect was unable to attend through illness) in the Tudor Chapter, No. 277, Oldham, on Monday, the 17th ult.; he also installed the various officers in the chapter.

Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire, has fixed Thursday, the 20th inst., for holding the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting, in the magnificently appointed suite of Masonic rooms recently opened in the Victoria Hotel, Manchester.

The will of Mr. J. J. Astor, the American millionaire, has been published. He leaves \$110,000 to St. Luke's Hospital, and the same amount to the Cancer Hospital in New York, \$400,000 to the Astor Library, and a sum of \$100,000 is devoted to legacies to friends, charities, and various artistic and literary objects. The remainder of the estate passes to the testator's son.

The Carl Rosa Grand Opera Company has just concluded at Liverpool the longest and most successful engagement it has ever had there. That engagement has lasted for seven weeks, and next year—said Mr. H. Bruce, in his genial address on the last night of the "run"—the company may even stay longer. At Drury Lane, where the troupe opens on April 5, it will be seen for four weeks certain, and for even longer, if the public support justifies the extension of the season.

The latest instalment of Mr. Jefferson's autobiography (in the *Century* for March) is the most interesting that has yet appeared. It includes some pleasant reminiscences of Laura Keane, of the original production of "Our American Cousin," and the first American representations of "Dot" and the "Octoroon." The woodcuts in this instalment are especially good. In the same issue of the *Century*, Henrik Ibsen and his work are very intelligently discussed by a compatriot of the dramatist.

The will and codicil of Bro. Robert Farran, formerly of St. Paul's-churchyard, and late of 7, Oak-hill-road, Surbiton, bookseller and publisher, who died on December 13th last, were proved on the 14th ult., the value of the personal estate amounting to over £30,000. The testator bequeaths £1000 and his furniture and household effects to his daughter; £100 to each of his executors, Mr. Farran and Mr. Green; and £100 to each of his five brothers and sisters. The residue of his property he leaves to all his children in equal shares.

Our readers will regret to hear that Bro. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), is seriously ill. Commencing with the influenza it subsequently developed into acute inflammation of the lungs. At one time he was delirious, his condition being most critical, Mr. Gordon Brown, who is in attendance, entertaining the greatest fears regarding his patient. During the last few days Bro. Crawford has somewhat improved, though he is still very seriously ill. Bro. Crawford has rooms at the Hôtel Métropole where he is now lying. Under the most favourable circumstances, some weeks, it is feared, must elapse before Bro. Crawford is again able to make his appearance amongst his friends.

A meeting of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Monday last, when there were present Bros. H. Hooper, W.M.; R. Corsham, S.W.; S. Richardson, P.M., as J.W.; G. W. Pinnock, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; G. R. Langley, P.M.; G. Wareham, T. C. Tassell, J. H. Clemens, W. J. Godwin, A. O. Side, W. Birkett, W. Newbold, W. G. B. Watts, R. P. Angel, and A. Cook. Visitor: Bro. J. Bott, No. 1949. Bro. Birkett was raised to the Third Degree; Bro. R. Corsham was elected W.M., Bro. Pinnock re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Reinhardt Tyler. The sum of £2 10s. was voted to the Binckes' Pension Commutation Fund, and a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M.

In connection with the approaching opening of the "Tivoli" in the Strand, of which Bro. Potter, late of the Gaiety, is to be the manager, a paragraph recently appeared in *Gale's Licensed Victuallers' Mirror* which was not very complimentary to our worthy brother. It was evidently a case of mistaken identity, and the Editor has lost no time in making the *amende honorable*, as the following letter will show:

"Dear Mr. Potter,  
"I am exceedingly sorry to find that my theatrical contributor should have been so stupid as to have confounded you with a Mr. Potter, of Liverpool, and I trust you will accept the sincere expressions of my deep regret for the error. I will, however, insert in the forthcoming issue another notice fully explaining the matter.—Yours faithfully—(Signed.) "W. GALE.  
"F. J. Potter, Esq., Tivoli," Strand."

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

The Duchess of Portland has become a patroness of the Home of Rest for Horses, of which the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse) is President.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at a dinner in aid of the funds of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb on Monday, 12th May, at the Hôtel Métropole.

The Connaught Cricket Club Smoking Concert will take place at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Friday the 7th inst., at 7.30, Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., in the chair.

Mr. J. Bagot Scriven, of the firm of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, and Co., has consented to preside at the 63rd anniversary dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which will take place at the Crystal Palace in May next.

In connection with the opening of the Forth Bridge, *Industries* will issue a special edition, containing an elaborate description of the bridge. It contains upwards of 120 illustrations, portraying, in chronological order, the progress and mode of erection of the bridge.

Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., on Tuesday afternoon consecrated a new lodge of Mark Master Masons, at Penzance. It will be known as St. John the Baptist Lodge. Bro. Major John Ross, brother of Mr. Charles Ross, formerly M.P. for St. Ives, is the first W.M.

The *Freemason*, of Saturday, contains a very faithfully executed sketch of the old ball-room in the Mansion House, with the Masonic lodge furniture and appointments, as prepared for the late installation of Lord Mayor Isaacs as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, on the 11th ult.—*The Citizen*.

On Tuesday, May 6th, the anniversary of the opening of the Paris Exhibition, 1889, has been fixed for the presentation of the testimonial in recognition of Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore de Keyser's services in connection with the British section of the exhibition. The testimonial will consist of an illuminated address and a silver centre-piece, and by permission of the Lord Mayor will be presented at the Mansion House.

"Lord Mayor Isaacs, at his banquet to the Freemasons, set a good example—followed by many guests—in the brevity of his welcome speech. He believes in the old saw—'solid men of London drink no deep potations and make no long orations.' A dinner speech should be of a *soufflé* order—a sugar *soupeon*, a handful of well whipped cream, and a tiny piece of fruit to balance the light and airy combination."—*Evening News*.

A new club is announced, entitled the Albany Club, with premises at Kingston-on-Thames, having a river frontage of 420 feet. It is founded on a similar basis to that of the leading social clubs in London, with similar conditions and qualifications for membership; and is a proprietary club. The wives, daughters, and sisters of members are also eligible for election. With regard to the club premises, the beautiful old mansion of the late Sir C. Freaque has been secured, with the charming grounds in which it is situated. It is intended to hold monthly dinners, garden parties, and other entertainments.

The will and codicil of Bro. Henry Greene, C.C., late of 155, Cannon-street, lamp, lustre, china and glass manufacturer, who died on November 27th last, at Buxton, were proved, on the 18th ult., by Mr. Thomas Arthur Greene and Mrs. Emily Matilda Truscott (the daughter), the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £20,000. After giving legacies to relatives, assistants, book-keeper, clerks, servants, and others, the residue of his real and personal estate (except his copyhold property at Edgware, which he does not dispose of) he leaves to his said daughter and his two stepsons in equal shares.

The remains of the late Bro. Thomas Mason, of Colne, were interred on the 24th ult., at the Colne Cemetery. The *cortège* left Alkincoats at 11 o'clock, and was headed by the workmen of Primete Mills walking four abreast, and proceeded to the parish church (St. Bartholomew), where it was met by the Rev. W. Clifford, vicar, who conducted the service, and the choir. The service was fully choral. Among those who attended the funeral were a deputation from the Royal Lancashire Lodge, and a deputation from the Colne Local Board.

We understand it is in contemplation to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent to hold its approaching annual festival, in June next, at Chatham. The subject was considered at the meeting of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, last week, and it was ultimately decided to leave the contemplated invitation in the hands of a committee to consider and report thereon. It is 17 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent held its annual festival at Chatham, in which town the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in 1873.

MASONIC RE-UNION.—On the 20th ult., the fourth annual re-union in connection with St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Bro. J. O. Mallabar, W.M., took the form of a concert and dance in the Rodney Hall. The vocalists contributing to the enjoyable entertainment, with which the proceedings commenced, were Miss Fanny Bouffleur, Miss Hicks, Miss Ida Clark, Miss Leighton, Mr. ren. Roberts, Mr. N. F. Burt, Mr. C. H. Workman, and Master Arthur Dicks, a juvenile pianist, who played wonderfully well, although his little fingers do not enable him to strike an octave. The accompaniments were supplied by Bro. A. E. Workman, with his usual skill and taste. The concert over, the hall was cleared for dancing, and though the concert was allowed by all present to have been an excellent and most enjoyable one, yet much more enjoyment was derived by the majority of the brethren and their friends from the latter portion of the re-union programme. The dance music was supplied by Hudson's string band, Bro. A. E. Workman being a highly efficient Master of Ceremonies. The proceeds of the re-union are to be devoted to the West Lancashire Masonic Charities.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Travellers to and from distant climes would do well to bear in mind that these changes and the altered diet and surroundings of their lives entail manifold risks to health. Occasions are sure to arise in which they will need a remedy such as these renowned Pills and Ointment, and no traveller by land or sea should ever fail to have a supply at hand. Then he may truly be said to have a physician always at his call for the various emergencies of travel. Chills and fevers should be promptly treated, and the printed directions should be carefully studied at the commencement of any illness, for Holloway's remedies can be safely used in all climates.