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CENTENARY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 259.

Thursday, the 13th March, 1890, will always remain inscribed in the annals of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, as the brightest of its red-letter days. This distinguished lodge was founded in the year 1787, not very many months after GEORGE, Prince of WALES, had been initiated into our Order, and in the ordinary course of things the centenary of its constitution should have been celebrated in the year of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. But the numerous engagements of the Prince of WALES, M.W.G. Master, who has been W.M. of the lodge since January, 1874, stood in the way, and it was not till quite recently that his Royal Highness found himself in a position to fix the day we have named for the commemoration of this auspicious event. The necessary arrangements were accordingly made, and the lodge—which is ordinarily held at Willis's Rooms—met on this particular occasion in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole. The Prince of WALES himself presided, both in lodge and at the banquet which followed, while the chosen few who were invited to take part in the celebration included Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master of England; the Provincial Grand Masters of Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, North Wales, Norfolk, Northants and Hunts, Worcestershire, Hants and the Isle of Wight, and East Lancashire; and Bros. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.; F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar; Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary; and the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C. That, under the presidency of his Royal Highness, and with such a brilliant array of the dignitaries of our Order present as guests, the proceedings passed off with all possible *eclat* may be taken for granted, and we warmly congratulate the Prince of Wales Lodge on its addition to the roll of lodges to which centenary warrants have been granted.

We have said that the lodge was constituted in 1787, the idea of the brother to whom its establishment is mainly due—Bro. the CHEVALIER RUPINI, the founder of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls being to form a lodge which should be composed principally, if not entirely, of personal friends of the illustrious Prince from whom it took its title, the officers of his household, and others who were distinguished by strong feelings of loyalty and affection for his person. That a lodge thus constituted should not only enter on its career with every prospect of success, but in a very brief time should become one of the foremost among the lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge is not to be wondered at; and though during the closing years of last century, owing to the wars in which this country was engaged with France and other European States, the meetings were few, and the additions to its roll of members were scanty, it has always maintained its prestige, nor, except during the brief period we have just alluded to, has it ever stood in need of prominent brethren willing and anxious to fill the vacancies on the roll of members caused by death or resignation. From its foundation till 1843 it had a Prince of the Blood Royal for its Master, GEORGE, Prince of WALES, occupying that position till 1820, when he ascended the throne as GEORGE IV., and was succeeded by his brother, the Duke of YORK. In 1827 the latter died, and his brother, the Duke of CLARENCE, became Master, and so remained till 1830, when he ascended the throne as WILLIAM IV., and his younger brother, the Duke of SUSSEX, M.W.G.M., was elected to the vacant chair. In 1843, the last of these illustrious rulers died, and during the 30 years that followed, the position of W.M. was filled by a succession of distinguished brethren, among whom may be mentioned Bros. T. H. HALL, sometime Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire; W. CUBITT, M.P., a Lord Mayor of London; FRED DUNDAS, M.P.; R. WARNER WHEELER, afterwards J.G.D.; W. SIMPSON, J.G.D. in 1863; JAMES MERRYWEATHER, J.G.D. in 1865; JOSEPH B. RIGBY, E. B. SUTTON, J.G.D. in 1878; and THOMAS

FENN, P.G.D., and now President of the Board of General Purposes, as well as historian of the lodge. In 1872 H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was elected a joining member from Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and in January, 1874, he was installed in office as W.M., one of his first acts after his installation being his initiation of his brother the Duke of CONNAUGHT. During the years that have since elapsed the lodge has enrolled many valuable recruits, nor can there be the slightest doubt that with an array of members which includes such well-known Masons as Bros. T. FENN, ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of General Purposes, J. D. ALLCROFT, Past Grand Treas., the Hon. W. H. J. BYNG, P.G.W., and others, it will remain what it always has been, one of the most distinguished lodges on the roll of our United Grand Lodge.

THE UNIVERSITIES LODGE, No. 2352, DURHAM.

Among the many new lodges which have latterly been consecrated in London and the Provinces, there is none more likely to render good service to the Craft than the Universities Lodge, No. 2352, Durham. The University of Durham is not so well known among the general public as its sister Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, but the reputation of its theological and other schools stands high in the north of England, and we can hardly doubt that now that a connection has been established between it and the Masonic body, it will prove greatly to the advantage of the latter. It must be borne in mind that the members of the University who join the new lodge, whether they be graduates or undergraduates, will be, all of them, men of education and culture, who will take more kindly than the average Masonic recruit to the study of Freemasonry, and who by their general attainments will stand a good chance of rapidly winning distinction in the ranks of our Order. Moreover, when their immediate connection with their *alma mater* comes to an end and they become scattered about the country, they will take with them to their new homes the knowledge they have acquired of our mysteries, and be able, as no doubt they will be willing, to assist in strengthening the lodges they find already established, or in adding new ones to the roll of Grand Lodge. Probably the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, which is composed almost entirely of Oxford men, exercises a greater and more beneficial influence among its sister lodges in town and country than any other lodge in England. It certainly numbers among its past and present members a very formidable proportion of the higher dignitaries of our Order. The Grand Master himself, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and quite one-half of our Prov. Grand Masters, the late and present Grand Masters of Ireland, and Grand Officers innumerable, will be found on its register, mostly as initiates, but, in a very few cases, as joining members. It was under its auspices that they acquired their first insight into our mysteries, and this knowledge, together with the love and respect they thence acquired for the principles of our Order, they have carried with them wherever they have settled, nor have they ever held aloof from any undertaking that was calculated to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. The Isaac Newton University Lodge of Cambridge, which was founded in 1861, and started on its career under the presidency of the Duke of ST. ALBANS as its first W. Master, has played a similar, but less conspicuous, part in our history, while within the last few years there has been established a University of London Lodge, which also bids fair to have before it a long and honourable career. Thus the Durham Universities Lodge, which will be composed of pretty nearly the same material, and which has been ushered into existence under Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM as W. Master, with these successful examples to encourage it, will doubtless render valuable services when it has once become firmly established. We certainly wish it a long and prosperous career.

NOTABLE LODGE MEETINGS.

No. IV.—THE GRAFTON LODGE.

"The Worshipful Master Designate and Founders of the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, request the honour of the company of Bro. 'Wanderer' at Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, W., on Wednesday, March the 12th. Lodge at 4.30. Banquet at 7."

Such was the contents of a missive which was placed in our hands one morning early in the present month, and, in due course, we presented ourselves for admittance at the new Masonic entrance of that old-world hostelry.

Heavily framed is the door which guards that threshold; verily a door builded in the days when "thorough" was still the motto of the British workman, and when Norwegian joinery, at so much per dozen, was an article of commerce as yet unknown. The tiny brass plate which decorates its broad bosom serves only to accentuate its solidity, and as it scintillates in the gas-light to remind us that its inscription is symbolical of the good cheer within. What a vision of toothsome dishes and succulent dainties does that inscription call up, dainties withal washed down by generous floods poured from hoary amphoræ brought jealously and with gentle care from gloomy vaults below.

But list ye, my brothers, be not too anxious as yet to taste the bounties of Blanchard's table, nor to listen dreamily to the soft glou-glou of those ancient products of fair France as they bubble into the goblet at your hand. First are we here to assist our Grand Secretary as he adds one more to that glorious list which constitutes the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. For the first time within the memory of man these hospitable walls are to lend their ears to our beloved ritual, let us then while there is yet time wander round the new home and examine the Lares and Penates of this the youngest of lodges.

Stairs carpeted in soft hues, rendered still softer by the deep red of the surrounding walls, and by the graceful spread of broad-leaved palm and feathery fern. Here a room for the Grand Officers, a very boudoir, which it e'en would seem that our Bro. Brighten had filched bodily from some old French château. Next a Tyler's room resplendent in all the glories of new paint and azure walls, and then the lodge room. But such a room; a temple for our art, full of soft colours pleasing and grateful to an eye wearied with the garishness of everyday decoration. Good friend and fellow, prithee tread gently here, for this carpet at your feet can speak of history. A relic 'tis of that glorious day when first our gracious Prince mounted the dais at the Albert Hall, and there amidst the plaudits of six thousand tongues took up the sceptre of our Craft.

Glance round, and note the careful blending of the colours—how the imperial blue in the carpet contrasts with the black and white tiled floor, and how the twain lead up to and lose themselves in the white and azure of the walls. See how the deep terra-cotta of the curtained windows is at one with the lighter hue of the columns supporting the silver candlesticks, and how they both compare with the Masonic blue of the pedestals, and lastly, mark those Chippendale chairs, relics of a master hand, and which anon will form the thrones for the principal officers.

Working tools here in ebony and silver, and lodge books bound in deep blue calf, each and all bearing the insignia of the lodge.

But now the officers detailed by the M.W.G.M. to conduct the ceremony of to-day have filed into their places, and the

genial face of our Grand Secretary is seen behind the pedestal of the W.M. Bro. Sir John Monckton, in the west, glances round the temple with admiring eye, while in the south sits Bro. Fenn, studying the programme of the evening's work. Bro. Frank Richardson tenders his last words of caution to Bro. Matier previous to assuming the wand of D.C., and Bro. Pope, with grave smile, prepares himself for his duties as Chaplain. At the door sits Bro. George Cooper, smiling across at Bro. Augustus Harris, and playfully tapping his collar as a reminder to Augustus Imperator of the honours in store for him, while the interested countenances of Bros. Conlon and Gordon Ross, as they catch a whispered remark from Bro. Harry Hitchins, sets one longing to be in their company. There in the group are Bros. Lord Euston, Sir Lionel Darell, and Col. Arthur Cook, and as they rise together in obedience to the command of the Grand Secretary, one realises the fact that there were not only giants in those days, but in these also. Bros. Berridge and Clifford Probyn look pictures of health and jollity, while next to them Bros. Henri Gros, Herbert Rolls, and Gordon Miller, together with Bro. Lake, have yet in their eyes the laugh called up by Bro. Skinner when he recounted to them that anecdote in the ante-room. At the organ sits Bro. Dr. Lott, hand ready on key-board to "discourse sweet music," while his face is half turned towards Bro. Richardson with anxious attention. Bro. J. C. Collier, in Provincial Grand clothing, next to Bro. St. Clare, resplendent in the tangible honours

of an I.P.M., is discussing with him the beauties of the carpet, while Bros. Brighten and Carter have squeezed themselves into a corner, and are congratulating each other on the appearance of the room, directing "wreathèd smiles" the while at Bro. Matier. Later on, Bro. A. J. Newton, his Aldermanic honours thick upon him, receives a cordial reception.

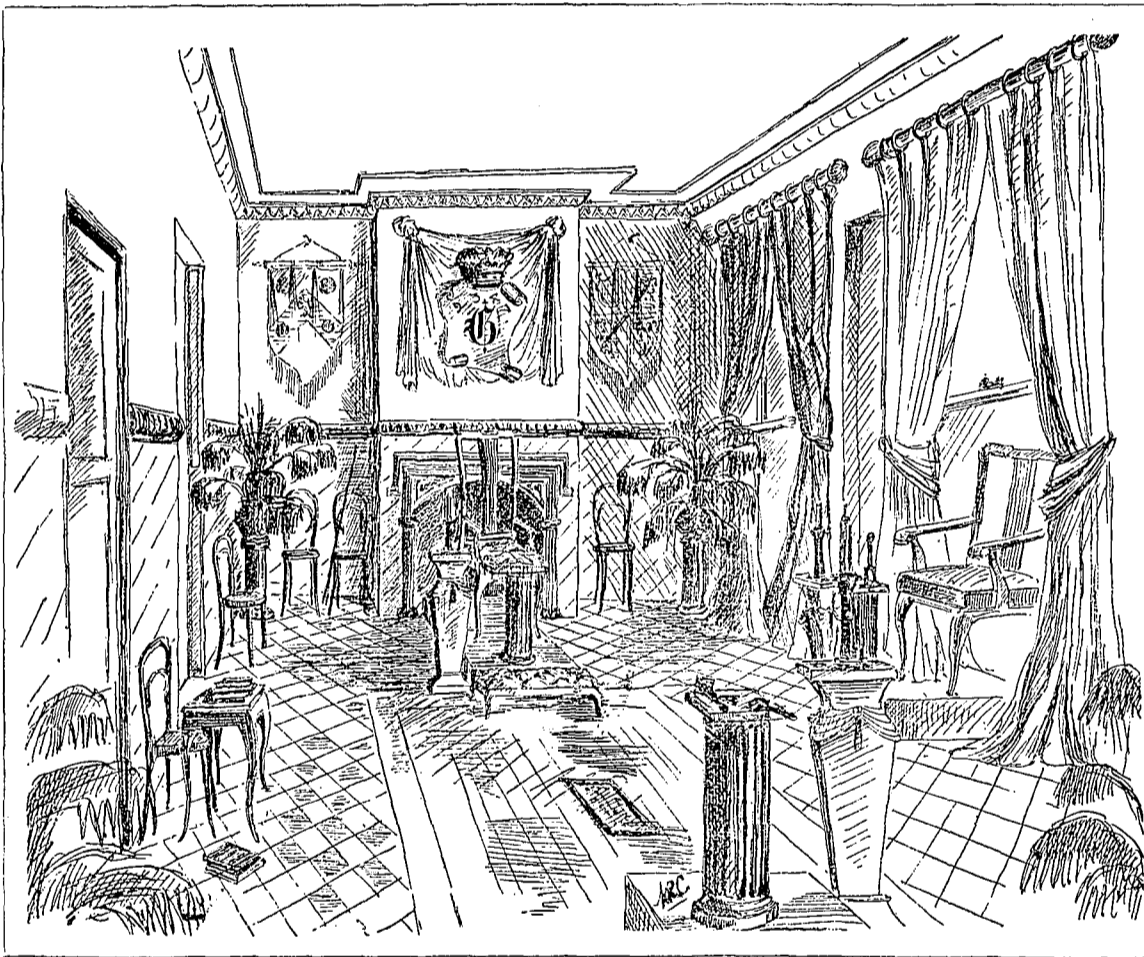
A gentle silence falls on the assembled brethren as the Grand Secretary, rising from his chair, with a few well-chosen words, calls their attention to the reasons for which the lodge has been founded, and, as he proceeds with the ceremony, the

sweetly-worded ritual seems to drive home to their hearts the intense solemnity of the occasion.

Bro. Pope's oration, in which the reverend brother discourses lovingly on the attributes of wisdom, strength, and beauty, and enlarges on the Masonic lessons to be learned in their symbolical meanings, is greeted with a rippling murmur of approval as the concluding solemn and admonitory sentence falls from his lips, and Bro. Richardson musters the brethren for the last time previous to the dedication.

The brethren once more in their places, the Grand Secretary installs Bro. Matier as Worshipful Master, and he, in turn, invests his officers. Bro. Alderman Newton replaces Bro. Sir John Monckton as S.W., and, in so doing, receives from him a gentle pressure of the hand, which speaks volumes of congratulation. Bro. Harry Hitchins, as he is led to the chair of authority in the south, is greeted with a round of applause. To Bro. Augustus Harris, the Treasurer, and to Bro. A. R. Carter, the Secretary, the W.M. addresses a few words of genial welcome; while Bros. Robert Berridge and E. J. Conlon receive a cordial reception as each in turn is invested as Deacon. The I.G., Bro. A. S. Brown, and the D.C., Bro. C. H. Driver, are absent; but no bad substitutes are found for them in Bro. George Cooper and Bro. Clifford Probyn.

Right worthily do the twin Stewards, Bros. Rolls and Miller, bear their parts, and as their respective collars are placed on



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their shoulders, a whisper passes that their duties will be "done well, aye and excellent well, my masters."

With slow and solemn steps the Grand Secretary paces the length of the room and then once again we hear the concluding portion of the ceremony performed with that turn of voice and modulated tone we all love.

A list of candidates is read by the Secretary which speaks well for the future of the lodge, and then amidst a circle of welcoming faces a founder's jewel is pinned upon the already well-covered breasts of the Grand Secretary and Bro. Frank Richardson. Turning to Lord Euston, the Worshipful Master offers for his acceptance the first past master's jewel of the Grafton Lodge, and with one more glance at the soft-hued Temple we troop forth.

The banquet, my brothers, is A BANQUET, one can say no more, for how can one describe it save by reciting the list of delicate dishes set forth on the menu card, or the portly regiment of magnums as they appear on the board. Let us speak then but of the cheery talk as it flows from lip to lip, of the rich fund of anecdote and humour which lights up these ancient walls as 'twere sunlight, of the handgrip of brotherhood passing from man to man, and of the gentle tinkle as glass meets glass, expressive all of peace, goodwill, and love.

So mote it be.

THE "REGIUS MS." AND MASONIC SYMBOLISM.

Two most suggestive pamphlets have lately been issued by my good friend, General Albert Pike, one being on "The Regius Manuscript," and the other, "Touching Masonic Symbolism."

The first mentioned, addressed to Bro. Gould, refers particularly to the able Commentary on the oldest document of the Craft by that distinguished Craftsman. As General Pike accepts the conclusions arrived at by the author, it is as well to clearly understand what these are. 1—"That the Regius MS. points to the existence of a Symbolical or Speculative Masonry at the date from which it speaks;" 2—"That it would appear that at the date from which the MS. speaks there was a Guild or Fraternity, commemorating the science, but without practising the art, of Masonry;" 3—"That the Poem was in possession of a Guild, and that the Guild was not composed of Operative Masons;" 4—"That the persons to whom the text of the MS. was sung or recited were a Guild or Fraternity, from whom all but the memory or tradition of its ancient trade had departed;" and, 5—"That by some readers certain passages may be held to point rather to the absorption of the Craft legend by a social guild than to a gradual transition from Operative to Speculative or Symbolical Masonry, by a Craft or Fraternity composed in the first instance of members of the building art."

These five points—in the words of General Pike—are certainly both comprehensive and suggestive, and, if justified by the MS. itself, cannot fail to introduce a new and valuable factor into the evidence in favour of independent speculative Freemasonry *long before the seventeenth century*. I am unable to agree with Bros. Gould and Pike, but wish much that I could. However, their position in the Craft is such as to entitle their views to extra study, respect, and consideration, and doubtless many will be inclined to follow their lead without any more thought on the subject.

This is the MS. "supposed to have been completed in the time of Athelstan," according to Dr. Oliver,* but possibly dates about four centuries later, if safer and more critical guides are preferred. It appears to me that if the concluding portion of the MS. referring to conduct generally had not been attached to the document, the main evidence in testimony of its supposed exclusively speculative character would be gone, and, as this addendum is really not a necessary and dependant part of the original MS., I fail to see why its text should be quoted in favour of the sole object aimed at by the compiler. The chief points of the "Regius MS." would be utterly unsuitable for a Social Guild, and quite as much inappropriate then as now, for any but operative Masons.

I do not think that it would be fair to assume no more intelligence for the Master Masons of the fourteenth century, as to their knowledge of the architectural division of their labours, than is manifest in such Craftsmen at the present time, seeing that to such an extent then they *were both Masons and architects combined*.

Symbolism in some operative "Old Charges" is not absent even in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and there is no reason to be surprised that various figurative references are to be found in documents of an earlier date, particularly those of a religious character, when so much of the time and skill of the

Craftsmen were devoted to the building of cathedrals, in which Ecclesiastics would naturally take a deep interest, and be present in force and influence.

General Pike considers that the Masons summoned to attend the assembly of dukes, earls, and other nobles, &c., "were not the poor, rude, unlettered, uncultivated working stone-masons." My belief is they were some of the numerous master masons responsible for the building of the cathedrals and other large structures of the period, over whom the magistracy and other authorities held power; and for my part I fail to see how it would be possible for these architects and builders to be other than brethren who revelled in the symbolism of geometrical science. To suppose that such men *did not*, but that those of no practical knowledge of the building art *did*, at the period in question, is surely to assume more than facts warrant.

Neither does it appear to me *there is evidence* that the Freemasons of the fourteenth century were any more secret as respects their trade mysteries than those of other organisations, for all were bound to preserve their "mysteries" from cowans and intruders of all kinds, simply as a means of their own self-preservation as the members of particular handicrafts.

The "letter touching Masonic Symbolism," also addressed to Bro. Gould, is another important contribution to the subject. Bro. Pike is of the opinion that to the men of intelligence who belonged to one of the four old lodges in 1717 "is to be ascribed the authorship of the Third Degree, and the introduction of Hermetic and other symbols into Masonry; that they framed the three Degrees for the purpose of communicating their doctrines, veiled by their symbols, to those fitted to receive them, and gave to all others trite moral explanations of them which they could comprehend." Now, there is so much to confirm this view, that it seems to me of all the most probable and reasonable; and this being so, the notions as to the solely speculative character of the "Regius MS." are not supported; the changes from the mainly operative to the wholly speculative basis of the Society being much later than the fourteenth century.

General Pike emphatically states that we cannot be warranted in assuming that among Masons generally—in the *body* of Masonry—the symbolism of Freemasonry is of earlier date than 1717, but he, however, admits that "among Freemasons of a certain class and limited number, the same symbolism, or a larger part of the same, afterwards placed in the Degrees, did exist long before, perhaps some centuries before 1717."

The following deliverance by the same gifted brother exactly describes my opinion, only better expressed than I could have worded it, relative to the period of the "Regius MS.":—

"The art of building then stood above all other arts, and made all others subservient to it. It commanded the *services of the most brilliant intellects and of the greatest artists*. The old symbolism was embodied in the churches and cathedrals, and some of these were adorned by figures and devices, which would never have been tolerated there if the priesthood had known what they meant to the adepts."

Why not then believe that the "Regius MS." was addressed to such intellectual and brilliant artists, and not to speculatives exclusively? To my mind the second letter suggests such to have been the case. Anyway, without more evidence, it seems to me better to wait than to accept the first mentioned theory, though it is so ably introduced by Bro. Gould, and as ably defended by General Pike.

W. J. HUGHAN.

RECORDS OF PHENIX LODGE, No. 331.

The writer of this paper desires at once to say that it is not the outcome of purely Masonic Study, nor has he even tried to any great extent to group the various matters treated of under any particular heads; but it is simply a running comment on the Minute and other books of the Lodge taking things as they come, mostly in chronological order, and, in short picking out such incidents of past days and past working as he thinks may interest members of the present time.

And, first, I am indebted to W. Bro. W. J. Hughan for the following facts, which are of an earlier date than any of our books. He says, "The first Lodge in Truro was formed or warranted 22 Sept., 1752, as No. 220, becoming No. 155 in 1755. It was constituted at the "Seven Stars" Hotel, and afterwards held at the "Mason Arms" and "Kings Head" from 1760, but was erased in 1769." Bro. Hughan adds "I cannot trace that this L. ever had a name and am inclined to think *not*."

He next tells us, "The real Phoenix Lodge of Honor and Prudence" was warranted 1 Jan., 1779, by Provincial Authority, which then was sufficient, and the Warrant itself is still preserved and hangs over the L. door in the Ante-room. It met at the "Red Lion" and was numbered 429, and was erased 13th February, 1788.

Turning now to the books of the L. we find them to consist of 3 small parchment covered minute books and a similar Treasurer's book. These contain its history from 1806 to 1838. Then there are 4 larger volumes (all minute books), which record the proceedings from 1847 (the date of the resuscitation), to the present day; and it is from the first 6 of these minute books that I have obtained the materials for this sketch.

Vol. 1.—The L. was re-opened 3 Oct., 1806, after a dormancy of 18 years in pursuance of Authority from Sir John St. Aubyn, P.G.M. (Thomas Warren Master, styled R.W.M.). It was resolved to meet on both St. John Days, Feast of Annunciation of B. V. Mary and Michaelmas Day; but this fell through. In

* "Revelations of a Square," 1855, p. 69.

spite of a Petition "signed by several Brn. who had formerly been in office in the Phoenix Lodge," asking for a renewal of the old Warrant, it was refused by G.L. Nothing appears to have been done until June 2nd, 1810, when the present Warrant which originally was granted to a Lodge at Wrexham, then defunct, was assigned to this L., which was constituted by a P.G.L. held here on the 25th. The initiation fee was 4 gnas., joining fee 10s. 6d., subscription 10s., each member attending to pay 2s towards expenses and the L. the rest. The L. met at the "Red Lion," and refreshments were had every night, visiting Brn. paying 5s. or (if supper) 7s. 6d.

On the 7th March, 1811, the No. of the L. is first stated, 620; it retained this until the Act of Union (1814), when it became 627. By this time (1811) the L. seems to have settled into a monthly meeting on the 1st Thursday. It appears to have granted its own Certificate to a candidate after raising, e.g.: "Bro. — raised and certificate granted signed by the proper officers." This occurs again and again, and on one occasion 12 certificates were signed in one night. The 1st and 2nd Dgrs. were usually given to a candidate at once, and on 7 occasions between 1810 and 1817 candidates received 3 degrees in one day. In July, 1811, we hear of a local regiment now defunct, viz.: "The Royal Roseland Regiment of local Militia," as Bros. Corfield and Ruddiman are respectively described as Capt. and Qr.-Mr. of this Corps. The election of officers was half-yearly, but the same seem to have so frequently gone through the chairs, or (at all events) done the work, that it made little difference. The L. used to meet, work, get to 1st Degree "call off" sup, "call on" when the cloth was drawn, and remain open in that Deg. the rest of the evening. In Oct. the day of meeting was altered to the 1st Tuesday. In this year St. John's day celebration began at 11 a.m., and noon seems to have been the usual time. On the 1st March, 1814, the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges were read, and "were hailed by the Brn. as a great acquisition to Masonry in general." At this meeting the L. subscribed 2 guineas to "Germans suffering from the war." The meetings now begin to get irregular. In Dec., 1815, Bro. Taunton (1st W.M.) was requested to place the Warrant "in the Pedestal;" he appears to have kept it himself hitherto. Scarcely any meetings were held for nearly 2 years; till in June, 1817, it was agreed "that every Bro. of this L. shall be considered only one year in arrear," and "that members attending P.G.L. at Penzance shall pay £1 each, 16s. to be refunded when the L. can afford it," but that day never came. The L. was always hampered and short of funds, owing to the cost of refreshments, and of the W.M. and Wardens at P.G.L. being paid out of L. funds. The difference between those days and these is markedly shown by the fact that Ls. of Emergency were always held before a P.G.L. to arrange for going, as private or hired conveyances were the only means usually available; not even a coach ran further West than Truro at that time. It may be interesting at this point to observe the rates of postage paid by the Treasurer, viz.: London, 1s. 0½d., double letter (i.e. 2 sheets), 1s. 10d., Penzance, 8½d., Helstone, 7½d., Falmouth, 5½d., Redruth, 4½d. In June, 1817, Bro. Warren, D. Prov. G.M., was requested to lay the foundation-stone of Waterloo Crescent, but declined, on the ground that it was not a building of a public character. In June, 1818, a candidate received 3 deg's. in one day. On the 3rd July we find "the Landlord having put two beds in the L. room, it was proposed that the highest hill or the lowest vale, even the Valley of Jehosaphat would be preferable as a meeting place;" but in spite of that the majority of the Brn. decided to remain there. In Oct. the funds were again at low water, the adverse balance being 40s., when Bros. Karkeek and John Heard offered each a £1 note to settle it, to be repaid when the L. could afford it. All dues were to be paid up at once, and each member was in future to pay for his own refreshments. These virtuous spasms occurred periodically. This brings us to the end of Vol. I, which covers a period of rather more than 8 years, from June, 1810, to Novr., 1818, during which time there were 35 initiations.

Vol. II. commences with a list of all Masons made in the L. from its starting, and a return to G.L. showing that it then had 17 members. In 1818 £7 8s. 0d. were owing to G.L. for dues, which was divided up in proportion to the time each member had been in the L., ranging from 15s. to 10d., and raised by a voluntary call. Letters and remittances to G.L. were usually sent by Bro. Symon Clyma (a mariner), who probably sailed between Truro and London, and who would bring back certificates accordingly. In Feb., 1819, the Brn. had a "picnic supper" after which they did not meet until June, when a L. of Instruction was decided on, but they did not again assemble until Feb., 1820, when Bro. Lidgley, who was a plasterer, took off the doves from the tops of the Deacon's Columns (?) and replaced them with the celestial and terrestrial globes, prior to attending Church with the Mayor and Corporation at the Proclamation of King Geo. IV. In 1822, it was decided that Brn. attending P.G.L. pay their own expenses, and the day of meeting was altered to the 1st Monday. The 2nd Book ends with the June meeting in 1823, when there were 11 members according to the G.L. Return and 14 according to the List of Quarterages due. This Vol. is only about one-third full.

Vol. III. commences August, 1823, and in it we find the following style of entry: "Mr. A.B., after going through the necessary trials, was at his own request passed through the 1st Deg." What these trials were does not appear, but the L. now (1889) possesses certain appliances of a suggestive character. In 1824, the L. applied for a R.A. Chapter, which, however, was not granted. W.M., Wardens, Treasr. and Secy. are the only officers named in the books until this date. Only 3 meetings appear to have been held from June, 1824, to June, 1829, when there were only 12 members. In 1830, the L. attended the proclamation of King Will. IV., and, with one exception, did not meet again till Novr., 1831, when but only 5 were present, and there were only nine members. In 1833, the No. was changed to 415. In 1835 the L. attended the laying with Masonic Honours of the Foundation Stone of the "Lander" Column, but it was practically then dormant, there being no meetings between Feb. and June, 1836, and in 1837 none at all, except attending the Proclamation of H.M. Queen Victoria. Notes of Attendances at P.G. Meetings by 2 or 3 Brn. are still inserted, but no L. was really worked after 1836, though the G.L. fees were paid up to 1838. Vol. III. is little more than half filled.

Now commences a dormancy of 9 years, at the end of which time some of the Brn. viz.: W. Lidgley, R. L. Lidgley, H. Harris and J. Gatley bestirred themselves and with the assistance of other masons re-opened the L., and Vol. IV. commences 22nd March, 1847, with an account of a negotiation by which the L. was allowed to be resuscitated on paying G.L. fees for 7 members from 1838. The L. seems now to approach a new Departure and great elaboration. In this year the L. of Instruction was again decided on, but there are no records of its meeting. At the same time Lord Falmouth was solicited to become Patron, but his Lordship declined to do so. Now the bye-laws first appear in the minute book, and they differ from the present ones in these points: 1.—Any Bro. absent without excuse to be (A) admonished, and (B) fined 1s. 2.—Expenses of W.M. and Warden's to, at and from P.G.L. defrayed by the L. 3.—Visiting Brn. pay 2s. 6d. 4.—Bye-laws to be read at all initiations and before balloting for W.M. To these was added in Dec., a 5s. fine for absence from the Annual Festival, unless detained by sickness. The present set of jewels (or part of them) was bought at this time, the L. having had to borrow several from Sergt.-Major Wing to open with. Fines for non-attendance were frequent, and the minute book says in August, 1848, that "Bros. Gatley and Davies were fined as usual." In Jan., 1851, Bro. W. H. Paddon wrote resigning membership, saying that there might be "Honor" in belonging to the L., but there certainly was no "Prudence" in the charges made for refreshments. The L. still met at the "Red Lion," and the profit on the orders of the Brn. seems to have constituted the rent. On the 19th May, 1851, they first met in Pydar St., and Bro. Macfarland, Heard gave the 3rd T.B., and this appears to have been the first time they had a complete set.

The members then numbered 28. On the 17 Jan. of 1853 Bro. Augustus Smith our late P.G.M. became a joining member and the minute expressly states that he was examined in L. in each D. before reception. In 1855 and subsequent years it was customary for a Bro. on receiving a Prov. G.L. Collar to claim a corresponding seat in his L., which claim being allowed he forthwith waived; several instances of this appear in the Minute Book of this time. In Jan., 1856, the Annual Festival was held at Mitchell so far as the Banquet was concerned. The Bye-laws were again revised in 1857 and about the same time Bro. Harris gave the L. an original copy of Preston's F.My.; which like Bro. Martin's early and curious copy of the Book of Constitutions, given in 1853, is missing. This ends Vol. IV. which covers from March 1847 to August 1858. This was the first of the larger books, each of which contains about 10 years' minutes.

Vol. V. commences with the first meeting in the then new rooms at the High Cross in April, 1859. An emergency meeting seems to have been necessary to propose a candidate as well as a written proposition. In 1860 the annual subscription was raised "pro tem." to 30s. In this year Bro. Aug. Smith commenced the installation of W.M. by reading the lessons for the day. We now approach a period hardly differing from our own; the refreshment and Prov. G.L. expenses are all gone and little remains to notice save the changes of domicile and growth of other Masonic Degrees. The minutes settle down to a regular formal style at all time alike, though on one occasion Bro. T. Hingston Harvey had the hardihood to announce that in July, 1861, "the Brn. separated at a somewhat advanced hour of the night in harmony," &c. It would be interesting to know what the exact hour was. In December of that year Bro. W. H. Christoe proposed that past officers should present their portraits to decorate the ante-room, which was the origin of the present collection. In 1862 (14th March) the "Royal Cornubian" R.A. chapter was formed, and in 1863 was started the K.T. "Cornubian" Encampment, now dormant. In this year the No. of the L. was changed to 331; also a Committee was appointed at the request of the "Fortitude" to confer with them as to the terms on which the latter should have the use of the "Phoenix" rooms, but the negotiations fell through. The L. was afterwards invited to occupy the then-about-to-be-built rooms of the Truro Public Rooms Co., and an influential Committee appointed to see that they were suitably planned and constructed. This ends Vol. V., which embraces a period of 11 years from Sepr., 1858, to Octr., 1869.

Masonic Hall Committee.—Before passing on to Vol. VI., I should like to mention a thin paper-covered book kept by Bro. Solomon, P.M.; it is the minute book of the Masonic Hall Committee, and it would surprise one to see how the architects of the Public Rooms Co. proposed to cut up and waste the space at their disposal, and how our late Prov. G.M. proved himself worthy of his office by then drawing out the well-arranged and convenient premises we see around us.

Vol. VI. commences with the last meeting in the High Cross, and the next entry finds the Brn. here on the 20th Decr., 1869, when Bro. T. Olver, P.M., was the first Mason made within these walls. There have been altogether 76 initiations here. The history now is so much like that of to-day that I should only bore my hearers (if I have not already done so) if I carried on this sketch any further. I will therefore only mention that the "Rose Croix" chapter was opened in 1875.

One point, however, remains to be dwelt upon: On the dormancy of the L. in 1836, it was in possession of several books, jewels, and paraphernalia, e.g., a Lodge Seal engraved with a Phoenix supported by figures of Honour and Prudence, with the words Truro 620. This was ordered in 1822 to be kept in the Pedestal, and that is the last we hear of it. There were also Finch's lectures, which cost 1 guinea, besides 5s. 3d. carriage from London by coach; a very handsome Moira Apron presented by Bro. Dennis in 1814, and which Bro. Whitford in 1818 offered to frame.

The Ashlars and a T.B., called in some places the Tressel Board, and doubtless other things never mentioned in the books have all vanished, and, although 4 Brn. of 1836 joined in the reopening of 1847, little beyond the Warrant would seem to have been preserved. It would be worth while (if the representatives of the late Brn. could be traced), though it is 50 years ago, to see if any of these things are now in private hands and can be recovered. If this slight sketch of our Mother Lodge will lead to an increased appreciation of the Craft, and, by strengthening the links which bind us to the past, induce a stronger belief in the continuity of our Order, I shall feel that what has been by me a labour of love has not been in vain.

Truro,
Oct. 21, 1889.

JOHN H. FERRIS,
P.M. and Sec. 331, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall.

CONSECRATION OF THE MISTLEY LODGE, No. 2339, MANNINGTREE.

A new lodge—The Mistley—was consecrated at Manningtree on Wednesday, the 12th inst., bringing up the total number of lodges in Essex to thirty. The ceremony was to have been performed by Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, but his lordship not having recovered from his recent illness, the duty was undertaken and most ably performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

Great interest was evinced in the day's proceedings by the inhabitants of Manningtree, who displayed flags and bunting, and assembled in large numbers to witness the arrival of the expected visitors. The Public Hall, too, in which the ceremony of the day took place, was completely transformed, owing to the elaborate decorations bestowed upon it. Through the kindness of the Rev. C. F. Norman, the greenhouses of Mistley place were freely placed at the disposal of the local brethren, and, as a consequence, the platform presented a perfect bank of flowers and ornamental plants, while the body of the hall was profusely hung with flags and bunting. Mr. Norman also most kindly sent his private carriage to convey the Deputy Provincial Grand Master from and to the Railway Station. The flags used in decorating were kindly lent by Bro. J. H. Vaux and Capt. D. Howard.

The proceedings commenced at two o'clock, by which time over one hundred brethren had assembled. The D.P.G.M. presided, and the other offices were occupied as follows: Bros. Lennox Browne, P.G.S.W., S.W.; E. H. Baily, P.G. J.W., J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec., Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; and Richard Clowes, P.P.S.G.W., I.G.

In his address to the brethren the D.P.G.M. said he appeared before them with mingled feelings, for he could truly say he shared with the promoters of the Mistley Lodge, as well as the visitors present, the regret which all must feel at the absence of their beloved Provincial Grand Master, who, he could inform them from the best authority, was confined to the sick room. He had seen Lady Brooke only an hour ago at Colchester, and her ladyship had told him of this; and also of the regret which his lordship felt at his enforced absence. In Lord Brooke's absence it devolved upon him, as his Deputy, to consecrate the lodge, and he assured the brethren that it gave him peculiar pleasure to perform such a ceremony at Manningtree, because his earlier recollections were closely allied with that part of the

province. In these days of increased facilities of communication it was not, perhaps, surprising that in the portion of the county which bordered on the great Metropolis there should be much Masonic activity, but he was glad that there, in the extreme north, verging on the confines of the neighbouring Province of Suffolk, there was such a zeal for their ancient Craft to warrant the consecration of that new lodge, which was being started under auspices which he was sure would entitle the founders to look for permanent success on their undertaking. That that success might attend them he was sure they all earnestly hoped, and success would attend them if, keeping the principles of Freemasonry steadily before them, they adhered to them with fidelity, zeal, and discretion. Having been connected for many years with Freemasonry, he said, without fear of contradiction, that it was an honour to any man, however illustrious his position, to be received into Masonry; therefore, in founding that new lodge, while the founders undertook a great and good work, they must ever remember that it was not by numbers alone that the success of Masonry could be promoted—it was by the quality of the members who were initiated that the interests of Freemasonry would be advanced in the best and highest sense.

The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the Acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. H. CRATE, addressed the brethren on the nature and principles of the Institution. After some preliminary observations he said—

It is not as the outside world supposes, merely the excellency of that secrecy by which our unity is preserved, which is the only boast of Masons, or the only glory of Masonry. By no means. Masonry, when properly studied and properly laboured in, has a higher boast, a more exalted glory. She boasts of her antiquity, dating from the grand architecture of the heavens and the earth. She boasts her descent as the daughter of the Great Architect of all things; and as the twin sister of religion. Love was her parent, her other name is Charity. The central point of all her innumerable lines, squares, and circles is the love of God. And upon this central point she builds her faith; from it she derives her hope of glory, here and hereafter; and by it she squares her conduct in strict justice and universal Charity. I will only add that loyalty is also a distinguishing characteristic of every true Mason. Why is it that we, as a secret Society, enjoy the protection of the laws of our land? Because, respecting the Masonic Order, notwithstanding all its secrecy of brotherly union, our rulers are fully assured from the best authority of its moral purity, its religious sincerity, and its political integrity. They are well informed of our sentiments, they are equally acquainted with our practice. They know and are firmly assured that we love our Queen and Constitution; that we are ever ready to rally round the Throne, and to support with our persons, with our property, and with our lives, that noble, royal, and illustrious personage who now sways the British Empire. And when the G.A.O.T.U. shall see fit to remove from her the earthly crown which in this life graces her royal brow, and places upon her head that heavenly diadem she so richly deserves (as far as human merit can deserve), we will (I know I speak for all true Masons, with equal zeal exalt our voice to hail our Grand and Royal Master, the Prince of Wales, in her stead. And now, brethren, allow me to ask one question of the rulers of the business we are here met to transact to-day—What is your aim and intention in the constitution of the Mistle Lodge? Is it, first of all, the glory of the G.A.O.T.U. in the uniting a Society in the bonds of morality, virtue, and religion? Is it that you may the more diligently follow and fulfil the pious intentions of the first establishers of Masonry amongst men? And is it your sole pursuit and intention, by propagating the knowledge of our mystic art, to ensure the real and good happiness, not only of the brethren, but, as far as possible, of all mankind? If so, we heartily bid you God speed in the constitution of your lodge. My last words shall be to the members of this newly-constituted lodge. Suffice me to urge you, my brethren, to make manifest proof to all around you that wisdom, not folly (or even pleasure alone), has here indeed builded her house in the consecration of the Mistle Lodge. May all the choicest blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. rest upon you; with a numerous company of worthy brethren may He bless you, and with corn and wine and oil may He continually sustain them and their families and their households. May He descend by the three grand rounds of the holy Patriarch's ladder—faith, hope, and Charity—and give you all that lively trust and confidence which guided all the future conduct of Jacob. I indulge the hope, brethren, that these sentiments which I have ventured, though so feebly and imperfectly, to enunciate may abide with us till death, and rise with us when, with all worthy brethren throughout the world, we meet at the right hand of the Eternal G.M., and join that immovable lodge where truth and love shall form the eternal union, in which lodge of the true, the faithful, and the perfect may we all have a happy meeting.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the D.P.G.M. installed Bro. J. T. Bailey, P.M. and Treas. 697, P.P.G.P., as the first W.M., who in his turn invested his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. the Rev. T. S. Raffles, S.W.; Robert Brooks, J.W.; W. Mustard, Treas.; Joseph Ashdown, S.W. 697, Sec.; J. R. Butler, S.D.; S. S. Parsons, J.D.; C. E. Garrard, I.G.; Lockey and Spencer, Stewards; and Arthur Wright, Tyler.

Before the closing of the lodge, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M., and said he was very grateful to him for having a second time placed him in the chair of K.S.

The S.W., Bro. the Rev. T. S. RAFFLES, seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation, and briefly acknowledged.

The musical portions of the ceremony were ably carried out by Bros. Osmond, Gowers, Coombs, and Motum.

About 100 brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, a splendid repast being well served. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. and the other distinguished brethren.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers" were proposed by the W.M.

Bros. PHILBRICK and RALLING responded for the Grand Officers, the latter brother remarking that for a long time past, owing to the many zealous Masons residing in the district, he had had an idea that a lodge would have to be started in that corner of the province, and he was pleased to see one consecrated under such favourable auspices.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. G.M., Lord Brooke, M.P.," and also coupled with the toast the name of Lady Brooke.

The W.M. also gave "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The D.P.G.M., in response, said they had that day seen the launching of a new ship, and he was sure they all wished that it might have a career of long-continued success. On the part of the Provincial Grand Officers he welcomed the addition of the Mistle Lodge to the roll of lodges in the province. He urged the brethren of the new lodge to hold a high standard before them, and to begin the work as they intended to continue. With regard to the province generally, he contended that no province was more loyal to the true principles of Masonry than Essex. Alluding to the presence of a distinguished Suffolk Mason (Bro. N. Tracy, P.G. Sec. Suffolk), the D.P.G.M., amid much applause, said he could assure that worthy brother that it was in no spirit of hostility that they had planted that new lodge so close to the border that day, but rather that directly their Suffolk friends crossed it they should meet with a hearty Masonic welcome.

Bros. LENNOX BROWNE, E. H. BAILY, SADLER, and CLOWES also responded.

The other toasts were "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles; "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by several visiting brethren; "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by the various officers; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Renshaw and Tracy; and the Tyler's toast.

During the dinner a telegram conveying "Hearty-good wishes" was received by the W.M. from the Trinity Lodge, Rayleigh, who were at the time holding their installation meeting.

Among the brethren present on the occasion, in addition to those who took part in the ceremony, were:

Bros. F. Sackett, P.D.G.J.; George Corble, P.P.J.G.W.; Joseph Sadler, P.G. Treas.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec. Suffolk; E. Dorling, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; A. J. H. Ward, P.G. Reg.; Geo. Everard, P.P.A.G.S.; R. Haward Ives, P.P.A.G.S.; W. P. Lewis, P.P.G.D.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Rix, P.P.G.S.B.; John Downes, P.P.G.P.; William Strutt, P.A.G.P.; A. A. Bennett, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; E. J. Brown, P.P.S.G.D. Suffolk; Rev. Thomas Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Staff.; G. A. Eustace, P.P.G. Std.Br.; C. Blyth, P.P.A.G.P.; W. O. Ward, P.P.G.P. Suff.; G. Riches, P.P.A.G.P.; J. Winter Parker, W.M. 650; Courtenay Warner, W.M. 2256; J. R. Jarvis, W.M. 276; J. G. Renshaw, W.M. 697; William Rudrum, W.M. 1977; Frederick C. Atkinson, W.M. 376; W. E. Bridgeland, W.M. 1000; Arthur Taylor, W.M. 333; M. W. Meade, I.P.M. 1977; Geo. Canler, I.P.M. 1799; W. R. Bloom, P.M. 1799; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471; H. Wilkinson, S.W. 1799; S. D. Ablitt, S.W. 51; E. J. Hardcastle, J.W. 697; W. F. Reed, J.W. 2063; J. Hardwick, J.W. 959; E. J. Chapman, J.W. 650; M. Comte de Melgund, S.D. 1837; J. Startling, S.D. 2063; J. Speller, S.D. 1677; E. J. Gunn, 650; J. B. Winter, 650; G. W. Cooper, 650; Chas. Nunn, 616; John South, 114; F. J. Motum, 697; R. A. Mann, 697; John Coope, 697; James Barnes, 697; O. J. W. Evans, 697; Richard Percy Cloves, 2201; S. J. Sparling, J.D. 2063; C. H. Mann, 2063; M. H. Page, Sec. 2063; Chas. MacColla, 2063; Fredk. Rose, 2063; R. C. Pollard, 1799; W. G. Cooper, 650; G. Grimsey, 650; J. T. Ward, 653; Francis B. Capon, 51; and Robt. Aldous, 332.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 2350.

Another lodge was added to the roll of lodges of the Province of West Lancashire on Saturday, the 8th inst., by the consecration and dedication of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 2350 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and the 101st in the list of West Lancashire lodges. The ceremonies took place at the Pennington Memorial School, Hindley. Bro. W. Goodacre, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Sec., performed the ceremony, and he was assisted by Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.R., as S.W.; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249, 2294, Prov. A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. R. Tebbs, 1335, as Chap.; Ralph Betley, P.M. 1335, P.A.G. Sec., as Sec.; J. D. Murray, P.M. 1335, P.P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and Dr. J. N. Patterson, P.M. 484, Prov. D.G.D.C., as I.G.

The founders were Bros. C. Beazer, P.M. 1335; S. Mossop, W. L. Rothwell, Thos. Milligan, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Rothwell, W. Hibbert, Jos. Rothwell, R. Christian, and J. Laithwaite.

The following were visitors:

Bros. Jas. Brindle, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Preston, P.P. G.D.C.; Thos. Vernon, W.M. 2290; Capt. John Boothe, P.M. 37; J. E. Barton, P.M. 1335; H. Broughton, P.M. 146; J. H. Smith, S.W. 2269; J. Brown, W.M. 178; Thos. Margeson, Sec. 2269; W. T. Schofield, Prov. J.G.D. East Lancashire; H. Riddlesworth, W.M. 1335; J. Howarth, P.M. 1392; Thos. Marwood, W.M. 1354; P. Aspinall, S.W. 484; Hy. Bowden, I.P.M. 1335; Col. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M. 1335, P.P.G.W.; and F. G. Goodacre, W.M. 2231.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. GOODACRE addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the following oration was delivered by the ACTING CHAPLAIN:

Brethren,—The lodge, which we are about to consecrate is to be known henceforth as the Corinthian. The very name is suggestive, for it speaks to us of beauty, and it brings us at once face to face with what must ever be the distinguishing characteristic of Masonry—moral beauty. As we look out on this world in which we dwell, and behold the wonders of nature and the beauty of the universe, we are reminded that all beauty is originally derived from the Great Architect, and in its various kinds and different degrees is but an emanation from His own all perfect nature. Even that lowest kind of beauty which consists in mere external form, and which is so frail and fleeting a thing that it melts away like the colours of the rainbow, or is exhaled like the dew of the morning—even this is, nevertheless, His beneficent gift—the finish of the Divine Master's hand. Then there is the beauty of *external nature*, which was doubtless intended to be a source of pure and natural delight to innocent man—leading the reflecting mind beyond itself to that great Being who created it, and which one might always reflect on with profit. But these reflections on nature will only be profitable in so far as they lead us into contact with nature's God. To shut Him out from the universe is as though one should admire the brilliancy of light and the warmth of day, but overlook the sun, the source of both. Again, in our ascent towards the *ideal beauty*, we come to the beauty of *intellectual objects*. Here we have something more refined—something more subtle and more akin to *moral beauty* than anything in external nature. In the genius—the perception—and the wisdom of man, and in the intense delight with which he dwells upon intellectual objects, we have some traces of the Divine Image. But the one central idea of Masonry is *moral beauty*—the beauty of virtue. For, be it remembered, Masonry is not merely a mystic art, it is a great moral teacher, every step in which is destined to lead man to higher and better things. It speaks to us of brotherly love, of peace, of order, and of harmony, and what can be more beautiful than these? How grand to see man dealing squarely with his fellow man! How beautiful to see brother espousing the cause of brother, when that cause is a worthy one! And here, mark you, is something that will last. Other forms of beauty will fade and die away, but moral beauty will continue pleasing to both man and his Maker when all else is gone. Hence the very name Corinthian is at once a call to meditate on all that is beautiful in nature, and also a call to frame our lives in harmony with the mind of Him who is the Author of all that is ennobling within us and around us. May, then, the Lodge Corinthian be as a beacon light, guiding those who shall rally round its standard through the darkness of night to the light of eternal day.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and the W.M. designate, Bro. C. E. Beazer, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Goodacre, by Bro. J. Murray, D.C., and upon the completion of the ceremony he invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Brayton, S.W.; S. Mossop, J.W.; J. Rothwell, Treas.; W. L. Rothwell, Sec.; R. Christopher, S.D.; J. Laithwaite, J.D.; R. Rothwell, I.G.; D. Dove and W. Hibbert, Stewards; J. M. Ashurst, P.M., D.C.; and J. Ashmore, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses, five candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROGRESS OF HUMANITY.—In its wider sense, and its more philosophical bearing, it refers to the human race in its actual and relative condition. As Freemasons, children of the light, brethren of the mystic tie, we are bound to uphold and to aid all that fairly tends to the real enlightenment and peaceful progress of our race. But in so doing, and in advocating this great and general and binding truth in the abstract, we are to be on our guard lest, lured into error by the deceiving lights of a fictitious sentiment or of a pseudo-philosophy, we fall, in the concrete, into any of those hurtful mists which have brought such delusions upon the minds and strivings of men. At this present time we often hear "humanity" spoken of as almost a religion per se; and on this mistaken theory of humanity has been built up the dangerous teaching of an independent morality of human perfectibility in itself and by itself. But the well-instructed Freemason avoids carefully the "facilis descensus Avernus," and basing all his religious faith and practice in God's Word, avoids the two extremes of hyper-dogmatism and hyper-idealism.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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To Correspondents.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We are glad to hear that the final total of receipts at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution exceeds £13,840, which is more by upwards of £300 than the final total in 1889, and that, too, with a less numerous Board of Stewards. This is certainly matter for congratulation. We were sanguine enough to hope for a result more nearly approaching £15,000 than £14,000, but if all we hoped for has not been realised, it is something to find that the downward tendency has been checked, and that we are at last able to record an increase on the preceding Festival.

The Board of Stewards for the Girls' School stands at 146 as against the 135 we recorded last week, and so far it is gratifying to know that our remarks of last week have borne fruit. But our readers must remember that the Board is still nearly 100 below the average of ordinary years some two months before the Festival. We trust, therefore, that the lodges and brethren will bestir themselves to still better purpose, and that after another short interval, we may be in a position to announce a more substantial increase in the number of Stewards.

The adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., when the question of amending the laws relating to the qualifications of candidates for admission will be thoroughly considered.

The petition for a new lodge, to meet at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, to be called the Shurmur Cyclist Lodge has, we hear, been signed by over 60 brethren. The brother whose name it is intended to associate with it is deservedly esteemed in that part of the province and it is to that fact, in a great measure, and the energetic action of Bro. Bromhead, that the proposal is meeting with such popular support.

The consecration of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, of which Bro. McInerney is to be the first W.M., takes place at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, while that of the Lombardian Lodge, with Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough as W.M., is to follow on Friday, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, being the Consecrating Officer on both occasions.

Mark Masonry, like the Craft, is showing great activity just now in the constitution of new lodges. The Grand

Secretary, Bro. Matier, has made arrangements for consecrating the three lodges for which warrants have just been granted, viz.: the Eclectic, No. 410, to meet at Mark Masons' Hall; the Royal Connaught, No. 409, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton; and the Hertford Military Lodge, No. 408, at Masons' Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.

We notice quite a number of names of prominent Masons in the list of those present at the levée held on Wednesday by the Prince of Wales on behalf of her Majesty, amongst others, Bros. W. W. B. Beach, the Lord Mayor, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Alderman Sir Polydore de Keyser, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., Alderman Sir Henry Knight, Sir Morell Mackenzie, and others.

We are pleased to learn from a correspondent in Bombay that the Grand Treasurer has arrived in the best health and spirits, and on the same day attended Lodges Cyrus, No. 1359, and St. George, No. 549, both installation meetings, when he was welcomed and entertained with the honour due to his rank, and the first-named lodge elected him an honorary member.

Bro. Terry has commenced his holiday by assisting at Lady Reay's fancy fair and bazaar in aid of the fund for the benefit of the European General Hospital in Bombay, and Lady Dufferin's fund for the Medical Mission for Native Women. In this he has had the help of Mrs. Terry and daughter, who have both entered into the work with much spirit, the result being a substantial addition to the receipts for these charitable objects.

Those who know Bro. Terry best will not be surprised to learn that his idea of rest is simply change of work, and that he is quite incapable of saying "No" when an appeal is made to him to assist in any charitable effort; but he must not forget the main object of his journey, especially as we learn from the same source that he was threatened with invitations to several other Masonic meetings before leaving Bombay.

Bro. Ramsden Riley has been a collector of certificates since 1871, and is credited with possessing probably the finest private collection in the world; and, being naturally an authority on this subject, he was enabled to classify the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter certificates (a most difficult work) nearly two years ago, but the previous difficulties had been so great, and his collection still wanting a few of the "Ancient" series to corroborate certain peculiarities of their issue, he wisely decided to wait before giving the result of his labours to the Craft.

Following his usual custom, Bro. Riley has not been engaged in this somewhat arduous task for his own benefit, but we understand he has been working solely for the Grand Lodge Library, after which his collection will benefit such Masonic museums and libraries as may be found wanting help in this direction.

Bro. Riley has dedicated a work on the subject, now nearly ready for the press, to his old friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan. It will contain illustrations of every form of certificate issued, and if not privately printed will be issued to the Craft at a popular price. This book should be a valuable acquisition to every Masonic library.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will this year be held on Saturday, the 14th June, at the Athenæum, Enfield, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, Rector of North Meols, is holding a grand bazaar in May next, in the Winter Gardens, Southport, for the purpose of raising funds to complete the building of St. Simon and St. Jude's Working Men's Free and Open Church, the foundation stone of which was laid by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom with Masonic honours last autumn. Amongst other attractions will be a Freemason's stall, presided over by the Countess of Lathom and the Countess of Crawford, assisted by the wives and daughters of several local brethren, amongst them Miss Sillitoe (daughter of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Past G. Std. Br.), of 7, Regent-road, Birkdale, Southport, by whom contributions will be thankfully received.

Correspondence.

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

R.M.I. FOR BOYS "COMMUTATION SCHEME."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having seen a list of the donations from the Province of West Yorkshire for a considerable amount towards the Pension Commutation Fund, I should like to suggest through your columns that the London subscriptions might be published in some way to further the object in view. I am sure, from visits paid lately to several lodges, that the idea is not made known, because it has not even been mentioned, either in the lodges or by the brethren. In confirmation of this, on shewing the list to-day to a friend—a P.M.—he said that he had not heard of it, although he had not missed a meeting of his lodge, but he would take care that it was brought on at their next meeting. I also think that the sums so subscribed might be added to lodges' subscriptions, this being a donation to the Institution. The time is getting short, and, it being necessary to get the amount quickly, the latter suggestion might induce many who have not already voted a donation to at once do so.—I am, yours fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER,
P.M., &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to correct an error which appeared in your issue of last Saturday, relating to contributions to the Pension Indemnity Fund.

The Province of West Yorkshire has 75 lodges on its roll, and the brethren determined unanimously to adopt the scheme for raising £2500 for Bro. Binckes on his retirement, the quota would thus at £2 10s. per lodge be £187 10s. However, to give the scheme a good start, they determined to send up £200, which sum has now been paid, and we fully expect to have a surplus to hand to the Boys' School.

Whilst on the subject allow me to mention the fact, that lodges in some provinces, and, I believe, in London also, are hesitating to contribute, stating as their reason that the £2500 should be invested for Bro. Binckes, or used to purchase a life annuity for him. Surely this could be satisfactorily arranged. I regret trespassing on your space at such length, but I feel very strongly the necessity for a speedy completion of this important matter in the interest of the Boys' School.—I am, yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH.

March 18th.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to the resumé of my remarks in your last issue in the report of the meeting of the Albion Lodge, No. 9.

By an error perfectly obvious to those "who know," but misleading to those who "do not know," I am made to apply to the "Committee which conducts the Inquiry," observations which referred to the "Provisional Management Committee."

In justice to the latter body pray oblige me with insertion of this correction.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 19th March.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND MASONIC CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Please permit me to correct a slight error in the very flattering notice you have so kindly given of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Calendar for 1890.

There have been only two editors. It was started by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, the present Deputy Grand Master of the province, in 1873, and continued by him for 14 years, since which time I have undertaken it.—I am, yours fraternally,

B. A. SMITH.

March 19th.

A LODGE PRESENTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Much as I dislike re-opening this matter after "Also West Yorkshire's" display of temper in your issue of 22nd ult., yet it is my duty to others, as well as myself, to do so.

If your correspondent thinks it "clever" to wilfully misquote my letter, and then appeal to limited Masonic knowledge everywhere to join in a sneer at the Craft, well, he is not an enviable Mason or an ordinarily prudent man.

I used the word "fools" advisedly, nine-tenths of your readers would see that it was a mere literary

contrast, and readily pardon it. "Solomon's rebels" could only be invented by a brother who is not distinguished for the selection of felicitous, not to say even clear language; it cannot be found in my letter of the 11th ult. But what has his rambling communication to do with either my letter or the point at issue?

And now for the *raison d'être* of this communication, my last on this subject. "Also West Yorkshire," under cover of his anonymity, and with all the outward signs of truth and honour, imputes to the P.M. and Treasurer (his *colleague*, he says) a direct contradiction of my own statement. He goes further, and publicly and shamefully impugns the veracity of a junior brother who is known to be truthfulness and honour, if these virtues may be found in any man. And then he invites me to inquire of the P.M. and Treasurer as to whether we are not both guilty of falsehood.

Well, Bro. Editor, I took little notice of that invitation, but last Thursday, in passing along the principal street, I was called back by the P.M. referred to, to explain what I should quite have expected him to mention at the first opportunity. He assured me that not only was he entirely guiltless of the slightest connection with this correspondence, but in the strongest terms repudiated the sentiments and expressions of your correspondent concerning me. Further comment is unnecessary.

In my letter of 11th February, 40th line read "knows" in place of "records."—probably a printer's error.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

OLD OLAVIANS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your paper, to ask those brethren who may be willing to assist in the formation of a lodge to be composed of the above to communicate with—Yours fraternally,

E. W. ROACH.

71, Cricketfield-road, Lower Clapton.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Belgrave Lodge (No. 749).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. H. W. L. Hobbs, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Triggs, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Henry Garrod, P.M., Sec.; Turnpenny, S.D.; Brand, J.D.; Banks, I.G.; Jeffreys, Org.; Weeks, I.P.M.; Joseph W. Hobbs, P.M.; Coltart, P.M.; Parsons, P.M.; Elliott, P.M.; Groves, P.M.; Hall, P.M.; Leech, P.M.; Land, P.M. 742; E. H. Mosley, F. Taylor, E. Barnes, Jackson, Constantine Doresa, Woodward, Boyle, H. Hexter, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Crygier was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also presented and explained the working tools. Bro. Corbett was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Stephen Gilbert Southcombe, which proving in his favour, he was duly initiated by the W.M. in the most impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall. The after-dinner toasts were given with the usual fervour and loyalty.

During the evening Bros. Boyle, Hexter, Garrod, Barnes, and Parsons enlivened the company with some fine singing. The W.M. is going up as Steward at the forthcoming Boys' Festival with a handsome list of over £50.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. S. Napper, W.M.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; J. A. Blount, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Herts; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; W. Shurmur, P.M.; C. H. Stevenson, A. Fearnehead, G. E. Walker, C. Horst, C. Weber, W. Taylor, J. Amand, E. J. Harrison, C. Isler, J. Goodson, F. W. White, P. Faber, D. C. Ritchie, and F. Simmonds. The visitors were Bros. H. S. Trego, 1839; R. W. Nicole, 2278; F. Wadeson, 1567; and F. Cakebread, 1178.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Goodson, a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of Freemasonry. On the proposition of Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M., seconded by Bro. Scarlett, S.W., the sum of £2 10s. was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge towards Bro. Binckes' Annuity Fund. The name of a candidate for initiation was submitted, and an application for assistance discussed and decided. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

After the dinner which followed, the usual toasts were proposed.

In replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. said if the brethren wished to see how he could do the work let them bring him plenty of it. The more he had to do the more pleased he should be.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said that he had been very pleased to initiate that evening

a very worthy gentleman who had been long known to him, and one whom he believed would do credit to the Craft.

Bro. Goodson replied, thanking the brethren for the kindness shown to him.

For the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Cakebread, 1178, said that he had been present at every meeting of the lodge for the last year or more, and he fully endorsed the remarks made as to the welcome extended to visitors by the Islington Lodge.

Bros. Wadeson, 1578, and R. W. Nicole, 2278, also replied, each brother stating that it was his first visit to the lodge, and expressing pleasure at being present.

"The Health of the Past Master" was proposed, and replied to by the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, and Bro. D. P. Holness, the senior P.M. present, who asked indulgence from the brethren on behalf of Bro. Mather, P.M., whose health necessitated his leaving early. They sympathised with him on the illness he had passed through, and were delighted to see him once more amongst them. The prestige the lodge had attained was due in a great measure to the example that had been set by Bro. Mather as the first Master of the lodge. Personally, Bro. Holness said he had not been able to attend as regularly as he wished, but his interest in the lodge was unabated, and he trusted many years would elapse ere he ceased his attendance.

Bros. Shurmur, P.M.; Halestrap, P.M.; and Cox, P.M., also replied.

Replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec., made one of his usual interesting little speeches, dealing principally with the steady growth of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. He was pleased to see the work of the lodge generally so well done. The lodge now occupied a good position in the Craft, and he hoped the brethren would be careful that good men only were introduced to the lodge—men who were prepared to support the Charities and uphold the principles of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and responded to, the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Many brethren assisted to enliven the evening, songs being contributed by Bros. Stevenson, Amand, Shurmur, P.M.; Holness, P.M.; Halestrap, P.M.; Isler, and others.

Southgate Lodge (No. 1950).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, Bro. W. Lewis, W.M., in the chair. There was a large assemblage of the brethren of the lodge, also a goodly number of visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when a ballot was taken for Mr. T. E. Davis, who, being elected, was duly initiated. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Stretch, jun., S.W., was then proceeded with, and he afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Lewis, I.P.M.; Phipos, S.W.; Duok, J.W.; Lefebvre, Treas.; A. Trewhinnard, Sec.; Newman, S.D.; W. T. Windsor, J.D.; Gilmore, I.G.; Cooke, D.C.; A. H. Thompson and Wade, Stwds.; and Simpson, Tyler. The manner in which the new W.M. invested his officers made it apparent at once that he was well up in Masonic work, and the officers of the lodge have every promise of having plenty of work during the next 12 months. During his year of office the I.P.M. has done much good for the lodge, and the brethren showed their appreciation of his services by presenting him, at the hands of the W.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

Honor Oak Lodge (No. 1986).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The members present included Bros. Augustus Darch, W.M.; H. Hooper, I.P.M.; G. Mordey, S.W., W.M. elect; B. Forster, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. W. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; R. Lockhart Lawson, J.D.; W. W. Arter, I.G.; T. K. Baldock, Org.; E. Singleton, Steward; J. Hammond, P.M.; G. R. Langley, P.M.; H. Keeble, J. Lloyd, and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Mills, 1765; Hy. Dickey, P.M. 1744; G. W. Knight, P.M. 1507; J. W. Ramsay; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex; A. C. Wood, S.W. 720; J. Marchand, 1572; J. Harding, 30; F. Blake, 2182; B. Brickdale, P.M. 1623; C. Norwood, 1790; G. Benedetti, 1155; W. Poole, 1572; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1987; H. H. Jones, 1586; D. Jonas, 1586; T. G. Craddock, 72; T. Pilkington, 1586; C. Arnold, P.M. 1579; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The formal opening of the lodge was immediately followed by the reading and confirmation of the minutes. Bro. Britten was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who then installed his successor, Bro. George Mordey, W.M. elect, in an impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. B. Forster, S.W.; Joseph Andrews, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. W. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; R. Lockhart Lawson, S.D.; J. Lloyd, J.D.; W. W. Arter, I.G.; E. Singleton, D.C.; J. Hammond, P.M., and Hy. Keeble, Stewards; T. K. Baldock, Org.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. A. Darch, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar by the W.M., who referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Darch's energetic and zealous services on behalf of the lodge. The I.P.M. briefly, but heartily, acknowledged the gift and the kind remarks accompanying it. Mr. Wm. Williams was unanimously approved by ballot, and regularly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Mordey.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of a substantial repast.

The usual toast list was subsequently honoured.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the speeches were necessarily brief but to the point.

Bro. Hopekirk, P.G.P., in acknowledging the heartiness with which the toast of "The Grand Officers" had been received, said he took it as a great honour and privilege to return thanks on that occasion. The Grand Officers of the present had been chosen for their high position from the great industry they had shown in connection with the furtherance of the principles of the Craft, and the Grand Officers of the past were unanimous in their desire to uphold and carry out the duties of Masonry.

Bro. A. Darch, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the

W.M.," said that on account of the lateness of the evening, there was not time to do justice to that toast. The brethren knew that Bro. Mordey had gone through all the offices of that lodge with very great credit indeed, and with great satisfaction to the members. It was a serious matter to have to propose the health of the W.M. for the first time, and having just vacated that chair, he knew something about the nature of the duties, but he was sure they had found in Bro. Mordey a good W.M., for he had given them an insight of his work, and would perform his duties in the best possible manner. He (the I.P.M.) had always felt a pride and satisfaction in being connected with the Honor Oak Lodge simply because the work was so beautifully done, more especially by the officers. Their W.M. had given them a specimen of his very best working, and would do his utmost in the future, and outshine all his predecessors.

Bro. George Mordey, W.M., said he was much obliged to the I.P.M. for having proposed his health, and to the brethren for having received it so kindly. That was the red-letter day of his life, and having arrived at the position he had that evening, and being a young Mason, the kindly expressions of the I.P.M. had deeply touched his heart. He could assure them that what he had done in the past he would endeavour to do in the future. His feelings for Masonry were such that it was impossible he could ever attempt more than he had done. He had always endeavoured to do the best he could towards the lodge, and during his year in the chair would try to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all the members and with credit to himself.

The initiate, Bro. W. Williams, in reply to the toast of his health, heartily thanked the members for admitting him into their honourable Society, which had been his desire and ambition for many years. The trust reposed in him he hoped would never be abused, and he would at all times try to become a worthy member.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters." It was quite necessary, he said, that there should be P.M.'s, and he could assure them they formed a great feature in Masonry, for it was from the pioneers of all things that they had to take their rule and guidance. Those who had gone before knew better how to manage the affairs, and they had therefore a right to take their orders and listen to the advice of those who had cleared the roads for them. Bro. Darch, the I.P.M., had been many years a Mason, and had served the office of W.M. in another lodge in a worthy manner. The members of this lodge had seen quite sufficient of that brother in the minor office, and had witnessed his working and the genial manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Hooper, P.M., had been a very energetic and hard working member, and proved himself a good Master during the time he occupied the chair. Bro. Hartley, P.M., who officiated as Secretary, was also a thoroughly good hard working Mason in every sense, and did a vast amount of good to the lodge, and was therefore deserving of all the praise that could possibly be bestowed upon him. Bro. Hammond, P.M., was now acting as Steward and he thanked him for undertaking that office, for he was well-known in Masonry and had proved himself of great service to the lodge. Last, but by no means least, of the P.M.'s, was Bro. Hopekirk, whom the members were glad to welcome as a Past Grand Officer, as well as the first W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Darch, I.P.M., returned thanks to the brethren for the P.M.'s jewel and collar presented to him, and Bros. Hammond, P.M., and Hopekirk, P.M., also responded to the toast.

Bro. A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, replying for "The Visitors," said it was a great pleasure to him to be present to witness the installation of the W.M. in so admirable a manner. The W.M. and he were connected in other lodges and chapters, and he was therefore pleased to congratulate him on attaining the summit of his ambition, and also to congratulate the brethren in having so good and thorough a Mason to preside over them.

Bro. W. M. Stiles said he would yield to none in the great pleasure it had been to him, as the W.M. of 1887, to see the installation of the W.M. of 1886, and he hoped the feeling existing between those W.M.'s would long continue.

Bros. Wise, Arnold, and Knight also replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. F. HOGARD, P.G. STD. BR.—A meeting of this young, but prosperous, lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. M. J. Jessop, W.M.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. De Leeuw, Sec.; T. Honey, S.D.; E. J. Acworth, P.P.G. Stwd. Essex, J.D.; A. Levy, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; J. B. Joel, I.G.; J. H. Gluckstein and M. Bash, Stewards; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; J. M. Blake, H. L. Warner, F. B. Phillips, H. Barnato, H. A. Hyman, R. L. Warner, E. J. Whiteway, J. Jonas, M. Joseph, S. Abrahams, and others. Visitors: Bros. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; V. Cavé, 1718; B. Simmons, B. C. Scott, S. M. Harris, P.M. 205; B. W. Jones, 1891; R. J. Maitland Coffin, 2190; G. C. Rivers, M. Mendelssohn, S.D. 212; Woolf Joel, W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. H. Hart, 1139; J. Da Silva, 205; D. Baker, 1246; J. Abrahams, B. Barnato, 188; H. Edwards, 804; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and Messrs. H. J. Lewis and Solomon Abrahams were impressively initiated. Bros. G. Harwood, 813, Stanley Bamberger, 274, and J. Abrahams, Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dutoitspan, were elected joining members. Bro. J. M. Polak was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then said that, as they were aware, he had a most pleasing task to perform. At their last meeting they said everything they could think of that was good and kind of Bro. Hogard, who had acted as I.P.M. at the consecration of the lodge and also since Bro. Da Silva, P.M., left for the Cape, but they wished to put in more than words what they felt for him, and therefore they considered and voted him a Past Master's jewel. It was all they could do for him, but Bro. Barnato had added a diamond, which would enhance the value of the gift. He only hoped Bro. Hogard would in wearing the jewel feel the same pleasure that he (the W.M.) felt in pinning it on his breast. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M., said he could hardly find words in which to express his thanks to the W.M. and members of the lodge for their liberality in presenting him with the jewel, and for the kindness he had at all times

received in the lodge since its foundation. He had the pleasure of being one of the founders, and since the consecration had attended every meeting and done what he could for the interest and welfare of the lodge. For the valuable jewel he begged to tender his sincere thanks, and especially to Bro. H. Barnato for generously presenting the diamond. He accepted it with grateful thanks, but he was sure he need not say that he did not require that mark of their affection, for he had at all times received such kindness from them, both in and out of the lodge, that he did not want that outward sign of what they always felt for him. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., by the brethren of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, as a token of appreciation of his valuable services as Acting I.P.M. March 17, 1890. The diamond presented by Bro. H. I. Barnato." On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Secretary, the sum of £2 10s. was voted to the Binckes' Pension Indemnity Fund.

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

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., returned thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and said he did not think he had ever heard the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., proposed in such eloquent and felicitous terms as those used by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. When he (Bro. Hogg) first entered Masonry it was no uncommon matter to find lodges closing up every year, and thus the lodge in which he was made became from No. 201 to No. 150, showing that Masonry was shrinking or decreasing. From that time forward, and especially during the time the present Grand Master had presided, Masonry had extended on all sides and in every direction, and had now become one of the largest bodies of the kind in the country. It was not only large, but most influential, and he predicted that it would become more and more influential, and the wider it grew the better for the good of mankind in general. The brethren on his left had learned for the first time that brotherly love, relief, and truth were the most prominent features of the Order. They were all joined in a bond of good fellowship, and it was that universal brotherhood that would bind Masons in universal love in all the four quarters of the globe. He was glad that night to have the pleasure and honour of being present at one of the younger lodges. He heard from the brethren on his right that the working in the lodge was really of a very distinguished character. It was his good fortune to be present at an older lodge—the Lodge of Israel—when his esteemed Bro. Hogard had a very beautiful present made him for services rendered to that lodge, and it was his good fortune that night to see him again honoured. Bro. Hogard richly deserved all, for no man interested himself more than he in Masonry, and therefore that lodge had done right in asking him to accept the honour of a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., also replied.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M., said he thought they had done full and proper homage to the preliminary toasts, and had now arrived at the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." They had had good testimony from the Grand Officers, who had spoken of the way in which the work had been performed. They had in their good friend the W.M. an old and tried P.M. of the Craft, and one who had done good suit and service, therefore when they elected him to the chair they elected a brother who knew the proper way to perform the various duties of his office. The way in which Bro. Jessop had discharged the duties in the lodge in the various ceremonies, and the way in which he had presided at the banquet table had equally commended itself to them, for he united in his own person those two things—the *suaviter in modo* and *fortiter in re*. He hoped that in their lodge the W.M. would never be called upon to exercise the latter virtue, but should that time come he would do that as well as he had done the *suaviter in modo*.

Bro. M. J. Jessop, P.M. 1261, W.M., in response, remarked that the brethren always said more than their W.M. deserved, at least it had been so since he had occupied the chair. He should not say more than that from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for their kindness, which seemed endless.

"The Initiates" was duly given, and replied to by Bros. Lewis and Abrahams.

Bro. I. Zacharie, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," said it afforded him great pleasure to be present for two reasons. The first was that he had had the pleasure of meeting the W.M., who was an old and dear friend of his, and who belonged to the same lodge many years ago. The second was to be present at the initiation of an old friend, Bro. Lewis, whom he had known for many years, and whose career he had watched, and he was sure that brother would be an ornament to that lodge and their Institution at large. The work he had seen that night any Mason might be proud of. That lodge was, he might say, a cosmopolitan lodge, and he was pleased to visit it for the first time. On behalf of the visitors he would say they felt very grateful for the kind reception they had received, and only hoped they would have the opportunity of meeting the members on many and many occasions.

Bros. B. Barnato, Hart, and Rivers having replied,

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., also replied, and returned sincere thanks for the very great kindness he had received from the members. He obtained their confidence on the night of the consecration, and believed he had done nothing to forfeit it. There were in the lodge good friends and members who had done good suit and service in connection with one sphere with which he had been connected, and he was sure they would in the future continue to do so.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who called upon Bro. Da Silva 205, to reply on behalf of Bro. Jos. Da Silva, P.M., now absent at the Cape.

Bro. Da Silva, 205, on behalf of his son, tendered hearty thanks, assuring the members that he would write and inform their P.M. of the kindness with which his name had been mentioned.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M., said he felt it a great honour when asked to be a founder, and a still greater honour when asked to become the I.P.M. As an old P.M. he felt called upon to do what he could for the good of Freemasonry and for that lodge. The Barnato Lodge started under good auspices, under two years ago, and those auspices had been fully proved since that time. They started with some eight or 10 founders, and they now numbered, he believed, between 50 and 60 members, and he thought there were few lodges that

could show such a record in that short space of time. They had already sent up four or five Stewards to the Charities. Those Charities were the brightest jewels in Freemasonry of which any lodge could boast. For the very kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed his health he returned sincere thanks, and assured them that as long as he had health to attend and wear upon his breast the jewel presented to him that night, so long he hoped his services would be at the disposal of that lodge.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ARDWICK.

Ardwick Lodge (No. 2185).—The third installation of this successful lodge took place at the Midland Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst. There was a large and influential assembly of the Fraternity to witness the installation of Bro. Councillor Chesters-Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect, a very popular member of the lodge. It must have been very gratifying to him to see such a large concourse of brethren rally round him at such an interesting time. The large lodge room, which had been very prettily decorated specially for the occasion, presented a very animated appearance when at the opening the lodge was well filled.

The lodge was opened by Bro. William Fitzgerald, W.M. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Truelove Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., who was the Installing Master for the occasion. Bro. Chesters-Thompson was presented by Bro. W. H. Hoyland, P.M., D.C. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, at which there were 30 Past Masters present, and the installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Chesters-Thompson was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. The working tools were presented by Bro. J. Melling, P.M. The following were invested officers for the ensuing year, and were addressed by Bro. Hoyland, P.M.: Bros. W. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; E. Tatton, S.W.; R. Booth, J.W.; S. Chesters, Treas.; G. J. Rose, Sec.; J. Wilkinson, S.D.; James Hayes, J.D.; W. Hoyland, P.M., D.C.; D. Buckley, Org.; I. B. Dodd, P.M., Asst. Org.; A. Taylor, I.G.; J. W. Atkinson, R. W. Atkinson, C. Swainson, and T. Hilditch, Stvds.; and Hy. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. The impressive ceremony was beautifully rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Richardson, who also gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren.

After good wishes had been expressed from the numerous visitors present, and the singing of a beautiful anthem by Bro. N. Dumville, P.P.G.S., Bro. Kinnell, and others, the lodge was closed by Bro. Chesters-Thompson, W.M.

The members of the lodge with their guests subsequently dined together, where a most splendid banquet had been prepared by Bro. Fox, the manager of the hotel. The tables were profusely decorated with roses and other rare flowers and plants, with innumerable fairy lamps, which gave the room a most brilliant and picturesque appearance. Also the menus and cards were of an unique description of ye old English style, which added much to the adornment of the table, whilst the catering was of the very best.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were each proposed and responded to in short but pithy speeches. It was here plainly depicted how well adapted Bro. Chesters-Thompson is for the president of such a meeting as his very good speeches and witty remarks kept the ball merrily rolling.

During the evening a handsome and costly Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Fitzgerald, P.M., which bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Ardwick Lodge, 2185, to Bro. W. Fitzgerald, P.M., as a token of esteem and regard for valuable services rendered as W.M. during 1889-90."

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

There were present Bros. W. Fitzgerald, W.M.; S. A. Andrew, I.P.M.; S. Chesters-Thompson, S.W.; E. Tatton, J.W.; Stephen Chesters, Treas.; G. J. Rose, Sec.; J. Wilkinson, J.D.; J. Hayes, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; W. M. Melling, P.M.; J. T. Richardson, P.M.; W. Hoyland, P.M.; T. B. Dodd, P.M.; D. Buckley, Thomas Hilditch, A. Taylor, J. C. Brown, G. E. Wand, W.M. 1083; Ed. Goodwin, A. B. Taylor, W. G. Newman, W. Wills, W. Dean, J. W. Atkinson, C. Swanson, T. M. Cain, P.G.S.; H. Tench, W. Hyde, W. Goodman, and the following visitors: Bros. J. H. Yates, 152; J. Burges, P.M.; J. M. Frost, P.M. 581; N. Dumville, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. O. Hinde, W.M. 1011; T. Wood, 1633; R. Stephenson, P.G. Stwd.; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1170; T. H. Hale, P.M. 1458; R. Sowler, P.M. 815; J. Rogers, P.M. 1219, W.M. 2324; J. Arensberg, P.M.; J. Robinson, 1219; J. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Leech, Glenn, P.P.G.S. Cheshire; J. Rothburn, 581; L. G. Griffith, W.M. 985; J. H. Meedham, P.M. 1458; F. Entwistle, 78; J. Robinson, 1174; J. W. Aspinall, 581; E. Roberts, P.M. 1459; C. Wallworth, I.P.M. 1459; J. Hinchcliffe, H. Darbyshire, P.M. 1993; A. S. Kinnell, 2186; W. T. Moor, W. F. Alden, E. Nathan, 1798; T. Timmerley, R. Caldwell, P.P. G.D.C.; and Chas. Swinn, W.M. 1633.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The 114th regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, Bro. J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunders, S.W.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org., acting J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; W. Oxley, I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; C. Hann, P.M.; G. Roberts, and H. A. P. Genge. Visitor: Bro. H. Brown, 766.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, Bro. H. A. P. Genge was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being very efficiently and impressively performed.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., W.M.; Samuel A. Auty, P.M., S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., J.W.; Edward P. Peterson, Treas.; John P. Last, Sec.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; John Thornton, I.G.; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D. of C.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; Alfred J. Boyle, Tyler; and Root. Visitors: Bros. W. Oddy, P.M. 387; H. J. Suthers, I.P.M. 1018; C. Middleton, W.M. 2069; J. Dewhurst, P.M. 600; T. H. Nelson, 600; E. Mackay, Sec. 600; W. S. Smith, 1018; and *Buonocore*, 109, Logroño, Spain.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. David Milner and John Morton, which proving successful, they were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in a satisfactory manner by the W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by the S.W., and the charge impressively given by Bro. Bailey, P.M., D. of C.

A resolution was unanimously passed to contribute £2 10s. to the Binckes Pension Commutation Fund. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors and brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the social board, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., Bro. John Petch, I.P.M., occupying the chair as W.M., supported by Bros. H. T. Nell, P.M., as S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; Wm. Ball, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, acting I.G.; and T. Williams, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. W. Nicole, H. T. Hipwell, E. H. Moore, W. Kennedy, T. B. Smoothy, G. A. Parkinson, and W. Sammes. Visitor: Bro. F. Stallard, W.M. 1613.

The business for which the lodge was summoned was that of passing Bros. Kennedy, Smoothy, and Parkinson, which was done by the acting W.M. in an excellent manner, and the lodge was closed.

After an interval spent in the grounds, the brethren re-assembled for refreshment, when the customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, the acting W.M., Bro. Petch, read a telegram he had received from the W.M., expressing regret at his inability to be present, and conveying his best wishes.

The acting Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitor," and said it was not usual for them to have but a single visitor at their meetings, but they were very pleased indeed to have the company of Bro. Stallard, W.M. of the Cripplegate Lodge, and hoped he would visit them again at one of their regular meetings.

Bro. Stallard, W.M. 1613, said he had heard a good deal about the Kingswood Lodge, and was personally acquainted with most of the members. He had expected to see good working, and that expectation had been fulfilled, for in every particular the work had been well done. He thanked them for the hearty welcome they had given him.

In reply to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., reminded the brethren of his Stewardship at the approaching Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.D., took the opportunity of expressing his thanks to the lodge and the brethren individually for the generous support he had received as the first Steward from the lodge to the R.M.B.I., his list amounting to upwards of £40.

It has been decided that the lodge shall be represented by a Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School also, the brethren being desirous of marking their advent in the province by a record of useful work done in the cause of the Masonic Charities.

Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. Moore, Parkinson, Kennedy, and others.

The day proving very fine and spring-like, a very enjoyable outing was the result.

LOUGHTON.

Bagshaw Lodge (No. 1457).—A more than usually interesting meeting was that of this lodge on the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. William James Shadrake, found it necessary to call the members together at a somewhat early hour in the afternoon, and was laudably supported by his officers and a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Day, S.W.; Thompson, J.W. (who acted as Organist); Holloway, acting J.W.; Langdon, S.D.; O. Steffen, J.D.; Edwards, P.M., Sec.; J. C. Hopwood, P.M.; Nunn, P.M.; Cuthbert, I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; A. L. Sawyer, Fenton, Lawford, Austen, Cusack-Smith, Cuff, and many others. Visitors: Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 554, 933, 1421, and 1431; W. W. Morgan, P.M. St. Michael's Lodge; Bockenham, Shuter, Green, Smart, and others.

After confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Cusack-Smith was raised as a M.M., the W.M. completing the ceremony by delivering the charge of that Degree. Bro. Cusack-Smith has been appointed H.M. Consul for the Island of Samoa, and his departure had been arranged for the same afternoon. The lodge was, therefore, called off for the purpose of a brief entertainment in his honour, and soon after Bro. Cusack-Smith was *en route* for his official duties. On the resumption of the lodge, Bros. Lawford and Cuff were severally passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who subsequently delivered the charge in that Degree. Bro. Hopwood, I.P.M., explained the tracing board in a very effective manner. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., occupied the chair, and Mr. James Stevens, his eldest son, who had been unanimously elected at an earlier period of the evening, was duly initiated by his father into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The charge in this Degree was given by the W.M., and ceremonial business terminated by the explanation of the first tracing board by Bro. Stevens. The whole of the work throughout some four and a half hours was carefully and efficiently performed, and excited the earnest attention of all who had

been privileged to be present. The musical portion of the ceremonies was undertaken by Bro. Thompson, who most ably performed his duties. Bro. Ambrose, 388, was elected a joining member. A vote for the purchase of an organ was unanimously recorded, and the lodge was then closed.

A pleasant supper followed labour, and subsequently an excellent musical entertainment, in which Bros. Walter Latter and the newly-initiated Bro. James Stevens accompanied with great ability songs by Bros. Lawford, Bockenham, Fenton, Sawyer, and other musical brethren.

MANCHESTER.

Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Withy-grove. Present: Bros. F. W. Lean, W.M.; Ben Brierley, S.W.; R. Morley, Org.; N. Dumville, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Irving, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; Jos. Simmons, I.G.; A. S. Kinnell, Stwd.; Hy. Dawson, Tyler; C. Turner, P.M.; W. Dumville, P.M.; E. Barnfather, John Jackson, H. G. Sadler, C. Mercer, Robt. Foster, Cuthbert Blacow, and John Taylor. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Sam Smith, P.M. 1170; Jos. Gregory, S.W. 999; W. Leigh, 999; A. B. Megson, J.W. 1313; A. B. Buttrick, 1313; J. H. Maccan, 1071; and Wm. T. Schofield, P.G.D.

Lodge was opened by Bro. F. W. Lean, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The charge in the First Degree was delivered by the W.M. to Bro. Taylor, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, and he was then passed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. W. Irving presented the working tools. Sympathy was expressed with the family of the late Bro. W. Ashton, J.W., at their great loss. The matter was alluded to in terms of great tenderness by Bro. F. W. Lean.

NEATH.

Cambrian Lodge (No. 364).—The annual festival of the members of the above lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were present: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; A. Burnett, W.M.; E. Grant, I.P.M.; E. H. Lloyd, P.M.; Thos. Phillips, P.M.; R. A. Browning, P.M.; G. Jones, P.M.; D. L. Davies, P.M.; J. E. Griffith, S.W.; S. Phillips, J.W.; A. F. Mills, Chap.; W. Whittington, Treas.; W. Hopkins, S.D.; M. Whittington, I.G.; G. Palmer, D.C.; J. S. Church, Org.; J. D. Foster and W. Bedford, Stewards; T. Wall, Tyler; J. H. Thomas, P. Thomas, W. Griffiths, J. D. Llewellyn, J. Peckover, and T. C. James. Visitors: Bros. T. Walters, J. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W., Neil Leitch, P.P.J.G.D., W. D. Davies, J. R. Davies, P.J.G.W., L. D. Howell, A. Paton, and W. G. Davies, P.M., of 1573; H. Haydon, W.M., D. R. David, P.M., L. Jenkins, J.W., and J. H. Macey, Sec., of 233; J. G. Hall, P.P.S.G.W., and W. B. Broad, P.P.G.O., of 1323; W. G. Nicholls, W.M., J. W. Lloyd, P.P.G.P., E. G. Protheroe, S.W., and G. S. Fitt, of 237; J. H. Stephens, 529; W. R. Davies, W.M. 1578; D. R. Lewis, W.M. 110; George Abraham, 679; and E. Roberts, P.M. 192.

Several other distinguished brethren were unable to attend.

The lodge was opened, and the Installing Master, Bro. E. H. Lloyd, P.M., performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. Having placed the newly-installed Master, Bro. W. Whittington, in the chair (for the fifth time), the officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. Albert Burnett, I.P.M.; S. Phillips, S.W.; W. Hopkins, J.W.; A. F. Mills, Chap.; G. Jones, Treas.; F. J. Kerr, Sec.; J. E. Griffith, S.D.; M. Whittington, J.D.; J. Church, Org.; G. Palmer, I.G.; W. Bedford, D.C.; J. D. Porter and J. D. Llewellyn, Stewards; and Thos. Wall, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, and sat down to the annual banquet, which the hostess, Mrs. Andrews, had provided in her usual *recherché* style.

After the good things were removed, and the usual toasts drunk, Bros. Grant, P.M., G. Palmer, J. Peckover, W. Bedford, M. Whittington, and R. A. Browning enlivened the evening with some capital songs, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. T. Hutchin's celebrated string band was in attendance, and gave great satisfaction.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The installation meeting of the above large and flourishing lodge took place in the lodge rooms, Grainger-street West, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Patterson, W.M.; John Taylor Schollar, I.P.M.; J. W. Robson, S.W.; Isaac Taylor, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; F. W. Sykes, Sec.; William Mevin, S.D.; T. Wright, J.D.; J. W. Mathews, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Matthew Murray, Org.; W. L. Debenham, I.G.; W. E. Slater, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Robert Brooks, John Watson, W. A. Leadbitter, J. R. Cummins, John Brown, P.M.; W. Anderson, Henry Spittle, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Robson, A. C. C. Rauhaut, H. A. Elven, James Cooper, W. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Councillor J. D. Annan, P.M. P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Cooper, and T. Whitfield. There were also the following visitors: Bros. John Wood, P.M. 48 and 1712; W. Brown, W.M. 48; George Blair, S.W. 991; P. Sanfer, 1597; M. Lotinga, S.W. 406; Arthur Scott, W.M. 1676; Faraday Spence, P.M. 1557, P.S.G.W.; J. Heppell, P.M. 1070, P.P.D.G.D.C. Durham; J. G. Greene, P.M. 424, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.G.D.C. Durham; Thomas Lewens, S.W. 1676, 393; B. Smailes, P.M. 541; W. Dorman, Sec. 406; T. Watson, I.G. 406; J. U. Simpson, S.D. 406; John A. Armstrong, J.W. 1664; Robert Wilson, W.M. 1664; W. E. Harker, S.W. 24; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.M. 991, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. Eng.; Alfred Lanes, 1085; W. J. Jobson, S.D. 48; Louis Zollner, 36 and 1676; W. Dalrymple, I.P.M. 48; F. Turnbull, Stwd. 481; J. Armstrong, P.M. 1119, P.P.G.D.C.; H. M. Smellie, 1119; C. Baskerville, 1119; P. Robinson, S.W. 1119; Charles B. Ford, P.M. 481, P.P.G.D.; Errington Dunford, P.M. 406, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. P. Farthing, S.D. 24; Charles Spearman, 1427; John Page, P.M. 406, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Dunnington, P.M. 481, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Watson, W.M. 481; E. Turnbull, P.M. 481; T. Smith, P.M. 991; and A. Currie, P.M. 97.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the annual

financial statement was submitted, which showed that there was a balance in the hands of the Treasurer and invested of about £160. This was deemed satisfactory, as also the fact that good work had been done in the past year. The membership of the lodge had hardly been maintained, owing to the large number struck off the books for arrears. In spite of that it competes strongly with other lodges in Newcastle in point of membership, efficiency, and popularity. Bro. Robert Ferry, 48, was elected a joining brother. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. John Patterson, W.M., being the Installing Master, and he performed his work in an able, efficient, and impressive manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. John W. Robson, having been presented, was inducted into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Patterson, I.P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; F. W. Sykes, J.W.; A. Barker, P.M., Treas.; W. L. Debenham, Sec.; W. E. Slater, S.D.; M. Murray, J.D.; J. T. Schollar, P.M., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; John Watson, I.G.; C. G. Binks and W. Anderson, Stwds.; and J. Currie, Tyler. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. A. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., in admirable style and feeling.

"Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by Bro. Faraday Spence, P.S.G.W., on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, and the W.M. and brethren of local lodges, and the lodge was closed.

In the evening the annual festival was celebrated in the "Emmerson" Banqueting Hall, Crown Hotel, the W.M., Bro. John W. Robson, presiding.

The dinner was attended by nearly 100 members of the Craft, and was of a very *recherché* character.

The toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes; and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland," were submitted by the W.M., and the last-named was ably responded to by Bros. Dunford, Dinning, and others.

Bro. Annan, P.M., gave the toast of "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham," to which Bro. J. Armstrong replied.

Bros. R. Wilson, W.M. 1664; W. Watson, P.M. 481; Wm. Brown, W.M. 48; and T. Smith, P.M. 991, made each good speeches on behalf of "The Visiting Brethren."

"The W.M.'s Health" was drunk after an eloquent speech by Bro. Patterson, the retiring Master, and feelingly replied to.

Bro. H. Spittle, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Installing Master," and eulogised his work that day and during the past year.

Bro. A. Barker responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Walker Lodge," and Bro. J. Taylor, S.W., to that of "The Officers."

Bro. J. Brown, P.M., in a beautiful little speech, gave "The Masonic Charities."

The proceedings were interspersed by social harmony of the most talented order, the festival throughout being one of the most successful Craft functions that has taken place in the city for years past.

PARKGATE.

Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The first meeting of this energetic and vigorous lodge after the winter recess was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Union Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Clarke, presided, and a numerous attendance included Bros. G. B. Richmond, I.P.M.; S. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Hon. H. Halbrook, P.D. G.M. British Columbia; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; G. F. Bird, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. Mason, which proving unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M., whose rendering of the ceremony was all that could be desired. The charge was delivered by the S.W., Bro. R. Hawkins, in a style which commanded the admiration of the lodge. Before the close of the lodge the Treasurer, Bro. J. Morris, P.M., read a communication respecting the commutation scheme for Bro. Binckes' retiring annuity, and proposed that the lodge do not vote the sum of £2 10s. asked for, at the same time commenting severely on the maladministration of the School during the last few years. Bro. G. F. Bird, P.M., seconded the proposition. Bro. G. B. Richmond, I.P.M., called attention to the fact that by the terms of his appointment Bro. Binckes could not be removed from the position which he held. He quite agreed with the remarks that had been made respecting the maladministration of the past, and in order that that maladministration might no longer exist, it was obviously necessary that those responsible for it should no longer occupy important positions in connection with the School. So strongly was this felt that, with the exception of Bro. Binckes, a practically entire fresh staff had been appointed. But Bro. Binckes could not be removed, so that, unless he resigned, he held a life tenure of the very important position of Secretary to the School, and it was certainly not to the advantage of the Institution that he should continue to occupy it. Bro. Binckes was quite willing to resign, on condition that a suitable provision was made for him. To say the least of it it would not be a credit to the Craft if a sum of £250 per annum were to be annually paid from the funds of one of its Charities as a pension, and it was to avoid this that the present scheme was devised. He would not move an amendment to the proposition before them, but he would suggest as a compromise that the £2 10s. be voluntarily subscribed by the members of the lodge.

Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.D.S.G., said one very important fact should not be lost sight of, and that was that the money had already been paid, as Bro. Few had given a cheque for the whole amount, relying on the fraternal feeling of the Craft to repay him.

Ultimately, on the motion of the I.P.M., the following proposition was carried "That this lodge, while regretting the necessity for raising the sum of £2,500 to provide an annuity for Bro. Binckes, and not agreeing with the principle thereof, resolves to contribute its proportion thereto, viz: £2 10s.; such sum to be raised by the voluntary subscription of the brethren." The sum of £2 10s. was in the course of the evening subscribed by those present.

At the close of the business a substantial repast was served by Mrs. Aston, to which full justice was done, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487).—There was an unusually large attendance at the Masonic Hall, High-bury-street, on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., when Bro. G. S. Lancaster, J.P., P.P.G.W., was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, in succession to Bro. W. Bates. The P.G.M., Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., had accepted an invitation to perform the ceremony of installation, but in his unavoidable absence the duty was performed by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., who was supported by a large number of Prov. G. Officers, the Board of Installed Masters numbering nearly 50. After the ceremony Bro. Lancaster appointed the following as officers for the year: Bros. W. Bates, I.P.M.; J. D. Antill, S.W.; A. M. Rae, J.W.; J. T. Thackara, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Snell, Sec.; G. Huggett, Asst. Sec.; G. F. Bell, S.D.; D. Barnard, J.D.; J. Jenkins, P.M., D.C.; A. Bramble, I.G.; G. Pearman, Org.; P. Reading and C. Hardy, Stewards; and J. Exell and Smith, Tylers.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Deputy P.G.M. for the able manner in which he conducted the ceremony of installation. The W.M. then presented a handsome and massive Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar to Bro. W. Bates in token of the appreciation by the brethren of the lodge of the manner in which he has conducted its affairs during the year. Bro. Bates made a suitable acknowledgment, and after eulogising the services of Bro. Pearman, who has acted as Organist during the year, presented him with a Jubilee jewel in recognition of the zeal and talent shown by him in that capacity.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served under the superintendence of Bro. L. Butler.

During the banquet a choice selection of music was contributed by the band of the 3rd V.B. Hants Regiment, conducted by Bro. T. F. Wilton, P.P.G.O.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Goble, P.G. Std. Br., responded for "The Grand Lodge," and Bro. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., for "The Prov. Grand Lodge."

The toast of "Representatives of Lodges and Visitors" was submitted by Bro. A. Cudlipp, P.M., and was responded to by Bros. T. W. Haydon, W.M. 309, H. Crisp, W.M. 2153, and Sir William King, Mayor of Portsmouth.

Bro. G. Farney Brown, P.G.D., gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bro. Bates replied.

The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by Bro. J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas., and acknowledged by the newly-appointed Wardens, Bros. Antill and Rae.

The following were present, in addition to those already named: Bros. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. P. Palsgrave, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; W. Outridge, P.M.; H. P. Holley, P.M.; T. Loader, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. W. Boughton, P.M.; E. Hyams, P.M.; J. Woodhouse, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Felton Lancaster, P.P.G.R.; Capt. A. H. Markham, R.N., W.M. 257; W. Leamy, W.M. 342; Dr. Mumby, W.M. 1069; Westerman, W.M. 1776; Lieut. T. Cowd, R.N., W.M. 1834; H. W. Townsend, W.M. 1903, P.P.G.D.; F. Jerome, W.M. 1958; F. H. Woodrow, W.M. 2074; P. H. Emanuel, W.M. 2038; J. Hathaway, W.M. 903; C. V. Birch, P.G.S.B.; E. Sharland, P.A.G.P.; J. Wilkins, J. Laverty, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Miller, J. E. Buck, Rowe, R. Barnes, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Sperring, J. Collins, W. A. Hill, P.G.S.B.; Ruddy, H. Long, P.A.G.D.C.; Borrowes, Smith-Parsons, J. J. Bascombe, A. H. Wood, T. Page, G. L. Stobbs, J. W. Wilmott, J. D. Morant, C. R. Hendy, Glazebrook, G. H. Dean, A. Lewis, J. Barrow, W. Simes, W. Maybour, H. Essery, G. C. Sanderson, H. Austin Storry, J. Griffin, J.P., F. Avery, Bundy, E. Sprigings, Slade, T. H. Casey, T. J. Hill, Fowler, and Irons.

SHEERNESS.

Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The March meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Local Board of Health Room, under a dispensation from the D.P.G.M. The brethren present included the following members and visitors: Bros. C. B. Shrubsole, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Spears, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Blakey, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Pannell, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Brett, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. T. Green, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Black, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Bayshaw, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G.P.; S. Varren, W.M. 1067, P.P.A.G.P.; J. S. G. Ranger, P.P.A.G.P.; R. Berry, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Lee, W.M.; G. R. Cobham, W.M. 20; W. S. Baldwin, W.M. 184; H. E. Pannell, W.M. 1089; J. P. White, W.M. 2099; P. Watts, P.M.; E. Stutely, P.M.; R. J. E. Brown, P.M.; J. Auty, P.M.; W. W. Copland, P.M. 1384; W. Norrington, P.M. 1089; H. Morris, 1273; A. Seymour Baskett, W.M. elect; J. B. Elstone, J.W.; E. G. Walthew, S.W. 1915; A. A. Palmer, J.W. 1089; L. Seager, S.W. 1273; T. Firminger, P.M.; and several others.

On the completion of the general lodge business, Bro. A. Seymour-Baskett was presented, and duly installed as W.M. by Bro. J. Auty, P.M., assisted by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Elstone, S.W.; D. W. Griffiths, J.W.; J. Bayshaw, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; C. Hallett, S.D.; W. G. Cole, J.D.; G. Nutty, D.C.; J. Lloyd, I.G.; E. Stutely, P.M., and J. H. McLachlan, Stvds.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The retiring Master, Bro. J. H. Lee, was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. R. Derry was re-elected Charity Representative. Votes of thanks were given to the Installing Master and the Local Board of Health for the use of room, and the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was then made to the Britannia Hotel, and about 70 brethren sat down to an excellently served banquet in Bro. Green's best style, the cuisine being everything that could be desired.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. A. Seymour Baskett expressed his thanks for the honour that day conferred upon him, and said his constant endeavour would be to further the lodge's interests and the welfare of its members.

The Charity Representative, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said that as the invested capital of the Institutions was very small, they were almost entirely dependent upon the annual subscriptions and donations, and, considering the great number of applicants in excess of the vacancies for the benefits of the Charities, it was the duty of every member, as far as lies in his power, to become a subscriber to those excellent Institutions, irrespective of

his lodge fees, so that the wants of the aged and distressed might be alleviated in accord with the grand principles upon which Masonry is founded.

One of the happiest and largest gatherings in connection with this old lodge was brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. W. Page in his usual efficient manner.

SWANSEA.

Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carr-street. More than usual interest was manifest in the fact that for the first time in the history of the lodge the W.M. had been re-elected to the chair. The large and brilliant gathering which assembled to do honour to Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.G. Std. Br., W.M. elect, bore testimony to the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of his province.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, having arrived, was, together with his officers, received in regular Masonic order. The Dep. P.G.M. then presented the W.M. elect for re-installation, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Neil Leitch, I.P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Neil Leitch, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; F. Lewis, S.W.; Morgan Williams, J.W.; Dr. Walters, D.D., P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; John Rogers, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; N. M. Grose, Sec.; T. T. Pascoe, S.D.; E. R. Brown, J.D.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; Allan Paton, A.D.C.; W. H. Lewis, I.G.; W. J. Treharne, Org.; C. D. Richards and M. J. Edwards, Stewards; and G. Bullerwell, P.G.T., Tyler. The I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, of beautiful design (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), remarking that a more popular presentation could not possibly be made. The D.P.G.M. and visitors having been thanked by resolution for their attendance, the W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, referred to the fact that, although the W.M. had some 50 miles to travel in order to attend his duties, he had not been absent once during the time he had been in office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was served in Bro. Row's usual good manner.

Among those present we noticed the following: Bros. J. H. Taylor, P.M., P.G.S.B., W.M.; M. Tennant, Dep. P.G.M.; Neil Leitch, P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; John Rogers, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Sladen, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. C. Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; R. Parry, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. Sandbrook, P.P.G.S.; J. L. Perrin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. T. Walters, D.D., P.M., P.G. Chap.; D. R. Lewis, W.M. 110, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Hall, P.M. 1323, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Lever, W.M. 1323; W. G. Nicholl, W.M. 237; J. Williams, I.P.M. 237, P.S.G.D.; H. Sinnoos, P.M. 237, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Whittington, P.M. 364, P.G. Sec.; T. Phillips, P.M. 364; H. Taylor, P.M. 237, P.P.P.G.P.; F. S. Turner, W.M. 534; W. S. Hooper, W.M. 1987; J. W. Lloyd, P.M. 237, P.G.P.; W. R. Davies, W.M. 1578; W. H. F. Cox, W.M. 671; and some 60 other brethren.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Sir George Elliot, Prov. G.M.; Sir John Jones Jenkins, Sir Pryce Pryce, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent music rendered during the evening by the brethren.

A double acoustic on the re-installation of the W.M., by Bro. F. Watkins, was printed on a card of choice design and handed to each brother present, and one of the most happy and successful meetings in the history of the Caradoc Lodge was brought to a close.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. A. L. Peace, W.M., presiding. Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks, gave a most interesting lecture on "Ancient and Modern Freemasonry." His remarks were listened to most attentively by the brethren present. The subject matter had evidently cost him years of labour and research. The lecture was profusely illustrated by drawings and specimens of certificates, aprons, scarves, &c. At the close the W.M. proposed, and Bro. G. Kenyon, J.D., seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Peck for his able and instructive address. This being supported by Bro. J. Constable, Secretary, Bro. Peck duly responded, and promised on some future occasion, if agreeable, to give a second lecture.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present, with others, Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; J. W. McKellar, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; T. Crossman, S.D.; S. Wills, J.D.; W. J. Nosworthy, as I.G.; W. J. Hughs, P.G.D. England; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; John Chapman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; T. Prust, P.M., Chap.; W. T. Morgan, I.P.M.; W. Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 328, Prov. G.D.C.; McLean, P.M. 248; George West, Stwd.; T. Brooks, Org.; E. J. Pratt, C. Hill, R. Pickard, J. W. Beer, and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of Bro. John Lane, the sum of £2 10s. was voted to the Binckes' annuity fund, also a sum to the widow of a deceased brother, and a further sum to be added to the list of the Charity Steward of the lodge, who is serving as Steward at the Girls' Festival in May. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. D. Turlle as a candidate for initiation, and being elected, he was initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in an impressive and able manner. The charge to the candidate was given by Bro. J. Chapman, and the lecture on the first tracing board by Bro. John Taylor. After the disposal of matters of general business, the lodge was closed.

WAVERTREE.

Wavertree Lodge (No. 2294).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Coffee House, when Bro. Eli Brooks was installed by Bro. R. Foote, P.P.G.T., the retiring W.M.,

as W.M. of the lodge. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Mitchell, I.P.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Shields, P.M.; J. H. M. Smythe, P.M., S.W.; J. Scott, Sec.; J. G. Hallwood, S.D.; G. Holme, J.D.; E. Pugh, Org.; C. F. Connor, J. Maguire, H. Barker, and W. H. Harvey, Stvds.; and W. J. Doran, Tyler. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, including Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; R. Betley, P.A.G.S.; E. H. Cookson, P.S.G.W.; J. Clarke, P.G.R.; T. Vernon, W.M. 2290; W. Pye, W.M. 1094; G. A. Harradon, W.M. 2316; W. Platt, W.M. 1393; W. H. Sweetman, I.P.M. 1505; F. A. Rainbow, I.P.M. 1393; T. Guile, I.P.M. 1325; P. R. Barrow, I.P.M. 1570; W. Burnet, P.M. 1505; W. T. Oversby, P.M. 1393; and J. Henderson, P.M. 1620. The officers invested for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. Robert Foote, I.P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; John M. Smythe, S.W.; John Scott, J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; John George Hallwood, Treas.; George Holme, jun., Sec.; William Henry Bicknell, S.D.; Thomas G. Parkes, J.D.; John C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; William H. A. Harvey, I.G.; Edward Pugh, Org.; and C. F. W. Connor, W. O. Callow, Henry Lumby, and Jas. Maguire, Stvds.

Bro. Foote presented the new W.M. with a copy of the Book of Constitutions and the by-laws of the lodge, handsomely bound in calf. Bro. Parkes presented a banner to the lodge, Bro. Brooks a case of tracing boards, and the Stewards presented a portrait of the retiring W.M. Subsequently a diamond-framed Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Foote, and a P.P.G.C.'s jewel to Bro. Gardner.

Both jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, and at London.

WELLS.

Earl of Leicester Lodge (No. 2237).—The installation festival of this lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the New Hall, when Bro. Ambrose Goddard was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A large company of brethren from the neighbourhood assembled on this occasion, and among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Sparks, P.J.G.W.; C. W. Horsley, P.P.G.S.B.; Oliver Hudson, P.P.G.S.B.; G. F. Smith, W.M. 1114; J. G. E. Davey; E. E. Ransome, J.W. 996; G. Bishop, 107; G. Rowell, 1114; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. G. V. Grummett, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Sparks, P.J.G.W., then presented Bro. Ambrose Goddard, S.W., as W.M. elect, and the installation ceremony was most effectively rendered by Bro. G. V. Grummett, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Col. H. W. Fielden, S.W.; A. W. Ralling, J.W.; A. W. Whitlock, Treas.; H. E. Loynes, Sec.; W. H. Pearce, S.D.; W. Temple, J.D.; James Smith, I.G.; G. V. Grummett, P.M., D.C.; Beesley and Plattin, Stewards; and R. Edge, Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Hawkins Simms Reeve, which having proved unanimous in his favour, the candidate was impressively initiated by the newly-installed W.M. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. A. W. Ralling for the very efficient way in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary since the consecration of the lodge.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to their annual banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

The toasts were interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. Goddard, O. Hudson, Rowell, Loynes, Temple, and others. The initiate's song was given by Bro. G. V. Grummett.

A very pleasing incident took place during the evening, for the W.M. having called attention to the fact that it was the anniversary of the wedding-day of the M.W.G.M., a telegram was dispatched to his Royal Highness, respectfully offering the felicitations of the lodge on the auspicious occasion. A most gracious reply was received from his Royal Highness, thanking the members of the lodge for their "kind fraternal message."

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

WELLINGTON.

Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge (No. 1966).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. J. S. Haddon occupied the chair, and the other officers present were Bros. J. Gill, I.P.M.; J. Bowyer, S.W.; T. Tyler, J.W.; W. H. Westlake, Chap.; M. Toller, Treas.; F. T. Elworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Ebdon, S.D.; W. Gregory, J.D.; E. T. Howard, I.G.; W. T. Booke, Org.; J. Smith, Steward; and C. Macey, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report adopted. The W.M. reminding the brethren that that was the anniversary of the wedding day of the M.W.G.M., proposed that the following congratulatory telegram be dispatched to his Royal Highness, which was adopted by acclamation:

"To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
"Marlborough House,
"London."

"Lodge Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966, Wellington, Somerset, respectfully offer sincere congratulations on this twenty-seventh anniversary of your Royal Highness's wedding day, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. long preserve you and yours in health and happiness, and the loyal affections of a great and free people."

"J. S. HADDON, Worshipful Master."
To which his Royal Highness immediately wired the following gracious reply:

"To Worshipful Master Lodge Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966."

"Wellington, Somerset.
"The Prince of Wales sends his sincere thanks for fraternal and very kind remembrance."

The W.M. then initiated Mr. Wm. Manley, the ceremony being performed, as is usual in this lodge, with full choral accompaniment, and the officers being all adepts at their work, everything went with perfect smoothness. The sanction of the lodge was given to a routine scheme of subscription in aid of the Masonic Charities brought forward by the W.M. The W.M. having solicited the aid of the brethren in giving a high class concert in May for the benefit of the R.M.I.B., for which he has this year undertaken the duties of Steward, it was readily granted, and the hope

was freely expressed that a good sum would be obtained for the School by this means. Although this lodge is only in its eighth year of existence, it already stands well as a Charity lodge, having 69 votes amongst its 32 members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently took supper together, under the presidency of the W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

WHITEHAVEN.

Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., to initiate two candidates, one having to go abroad shortly. Bro. C. J. J. Harris, W.M. presided, supported by his officers and a good many members.

The lodge was opened, when Bro. Thos. Allinson, I.P.M., P.P.G. Purst, was invited to take the chair, and initiated the two candidates in an able manner. Bro. George W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., delivered the charge with his customary ability.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. G. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.G. Std.Br.; T. Studholme, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.S.W.; G. Starkey, S. Broadbent, J. Thompson, H. Meageen, W. H. Chapman, J. Rothery, J. P. Bennett, Jas. Lachlinson, H. Murphey, R. Miller, Wm. Gaffney, E. Thomburrow, D. H. Cook, B. Cowie, J. Richardson, J. Russell, and Oswald.

The W.M. intimated that Bro. Kenworthy would be present at the next regular meeting and give the six working periods, and Bro. Barr the first tracing board.

With "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and a pleasant hour was subsequently spent in the banquet hall.

Royal Arch.

ASHFORD.

Invicta Chapter (No. 709).—The members of this chapter assembled in their commodious chapter-room, in Bank-street Hall, on the 12th inst., for the installation of Principals and appointment of the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installing the Principals was ably performed by Comps. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.P.S. England, assisted by Comp. T. S. Warne, P.G.S.E., when Comps. C. S. A. Atkinson, the Rev. G. D. Pagden, M.A., and A. E. Austen were inducted to the Principals' chairs, with the accustomed solemnities. The other officers appointed and invested were Comps. F. Hughes-Hallett, S.E.; the Rev. B. Snell, M.A., S.N.; C. W. Blaxland, P.S.; T. Edwards, 1st A.S.; C. Loud, 2nd A.S.; and J. Cooke, P.G.T., Janitor.

At the close of the business, the companions partook of their annual banquet at the Kent Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Comp. C. S. A. A. Kinson, M.E.Z.

HERTFORD.

Hertford Chapter (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. J. Chalmers-Hunt, P.G.R., M.E.Z.; the Rev. Philip Deedes, P. 1st A.G. Soj., H.; J. P. Cocks, P.P.G.J., S.E.; C. B. Cooper, S.N.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.H., Treas.; the Rev. G. Litting, P.S.; G. S. Ward, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Heard, P.Z.; J. Shilcock, P.Z.; and W. P. Wilson, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. A. C. Spaul, P.Z.; W. Lewis, Z.; J. Brittain, P.Z., and J. Purrott, of 1385; J. Read, Z., and H. H. Shirley, J., of 449.

Comp. Spaul very ably installed Comp. the Rev. Philip Deedes as M.E.Z., and Comp. Read installed Comp. the Rev. George Litting as J. Comp. the Rev. C. W. Harvey, the H. elect, was unavoidably absent through domestic affliction. The M.E.Z. invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. S. Carter, Treas.; J. R. Cocks, S.E.; C. B. Cooper, S.N.; the Rev. Wm. Mills, P.S.; G. S. Ward, 1st A.S.; W. H. Norris, 2nd A.S.; and T. Wright, Janitor. £5 5s. was voted to the Girls' School.

The companions afterwards retired to banquet at the Dimsdale Arms Hotel, and spent a very pleasant evening.

SALFORD.

Starkie Chapter (No. 935).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Adelphi House. Present: Comps. Chas. Turner, M.E.Z.; F. Armstrong, H.; J. Malkin, J.; J. Williams, S.E.; W. H. Southern, S.N.; F. W. Lean, P.S.; W. Craig Royle, 1st A.S.; J. B. Welch, 2nd A.S.; P. H. Nicholl, Janitor; E. Williams, P.Z.; W. Dumville, P.Z.; W. R. Sharp, F. Webberley, J. Ramsbottom, E. A. Bradbury, E. Meggitt, and Thos. Heaton. Visitors: Comps. Geo. Sam Smith, J. 645; and C. W. Godby, P.Z. 325, P.P.G.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Evan Williams, P.Z., took the chair, and exalted Bro. G. Jones to the Degree of H.R.A., Comp. F. W. Lean acting as P.S., and Comp. C. W. Godby, P.Z., explaining the signs. Seldom have we seen the ceremony better carried out, and it was a great treat to all who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).—A most successful meeting of this new chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Clarence Hotel. Present: Comps. R. W. Forge, M.E.Z.; C. Stevens, H.; R. R. Collick, J.; Hopwood, Treas.; Austin, S.E.; Sapsworth, S.N.; Marjason; Warner, D.C.; Porter, Org.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H.; Lee, P.G.S.E.; R. F. Gould, 92, P.A.G.S.; J. T. Briggs, P.G.P.S.; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the report of the Audit Committee read and adopted, the Treasurer being highly complimented on the production of so satisfactory a statement, showing a balance of upwards of £11 on the first year. Bro. Crew, J.D. 2032, was most impressively exalted. The installation of Principals was then proceeded with as follows: Comps. Stevens, M.E.Z.; Collick, H.; Sapsworth, J.; Hopwood, Treas.; Austin, S.E.; Simmonds, S.N.; Marjason, P.S.; Covell, 1st A.S.; Warner, 2nd A.S.; Porter, D.C.; Sage, Org.; and Mitchell, Janitor. The P.Z.'s jewel, voted by the chapter, was presented by the M.E.Z. to Comp. Forge, the I.P.Z., who, in thanking the companions, expressed great gratification at the success which had attended the efforts of the founders, and stated he fully hoped and expected to see the chapter

attain as equally important a position in the Province of Middlesex as that so justly held by the Sir Charles Bright Lodge.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comps. Gould and Thrupp responded for "The Grand Officers."

Comps. Lee and Briggs replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Comp. Sage (as Steward for the forthcoming Girls' Festival) replied for "The Charities."

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. Wolter, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Matthews, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Blum, Treas.; Reynolds, acting Sec.; Bullen, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Bayfield, I.G.; Woods, Hazlett, W. Blythe, Leatherby, Cursons, T. Blythe, Warwick, and Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Blythe having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M., giving the traditional history and the explanation of the tracing board. The S.D. worked the 2nd Section, and Bro. Woods, P.M., the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Taylor, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the excellent working in this lodge of instruction for the first time. He had performed his duties well. 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.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER (No. 186).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present: Comps. C. R. J. Evans, M.E.Z.; W. W. Westley, H.; S. Richardson, J.; G. R. Langley, P.Z., Preceptor; H. J. Wicks, S.E.; G. Schadler, S.N.; W. W. Lee, P.S.; J. Warren, W. H. Lee, P.Z.; and C. I. Axford, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Comp. Axford having offered himself as a candidate, was duly exalted into the Degree. Comp. W. W. Lee was elected a joining member, and the chapter was closed in due form.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, S. Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. F. T. Hastings, W.M.; F. Bull, S.W.; R. Horne, J.W.; W. Freemantle, Sec.; H. Saunders, S.D.; W. Baker, J.D.; G. A. Rock, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Reid Taylor, I.P.M., and Courtenay Clifton, of 26; and T. W. Notton, 1182.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Kirby presented, on behalf of Bro. Hy. Sadler, P.M., G. Tyler, a very handsome ballot box, for which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donor.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. W. J. Stratton, Treas., W.M.; W. T. Dillon, S.W.; R. J. Rogers, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; M. Bash, S.D.; E. T. Taylor, J.D.; L. Marks, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Steward; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; H. J. Thomas, F. Devin, R. E. Cursons, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Devin having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was next opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Devin candidate. Bro. Cuff answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was then entrusted. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cuff candidate. Bro. Cursons gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed down. The W.M. and officers of the mother lodge will occupy their respective positions in this lodge of instruction on Tuesday next, and the S.W., Bro. W. T. Dillon, was elected W.M. for April 1st, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Jobson, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. L. Long, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; R. H. Williams, J.D.; A. Machin, I.G.; F. Craggs, H. Wake, H. W. Dyne, and G. E. Higginson.

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, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dyne acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Davies. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Davies worked the 4th Section of the Lecture, the Preceptor putting the questions. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, P.S. 179, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z.

890, S.N. 862, P.S. and S.E.; G. March, H. elect 733, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, 1st A.S.; and John Smith, P.S. 890. Visitors: Comps. George Gregory and J. C. Tilt, of 862, and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being candidate. The following companions were elected members, viz.: Comps. Gregory, Tilt, and Battley, all of whom expressed their thanks and determination to attend as regularly as circumstances would permit. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Cruttenden, M.E.Z. Communications were received from Comp. Poppleton, who, through illness, was unable to attend, and Comp. Davies, the Treasurer, from Staffordshire. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. W. Curtis, W.M.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1543, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; H. Campbell, J.D.; C. A. Milnes, I.G.; T. Middleweek, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543; W. Death, P.M. 511; J. C. Conway, H. Windeatt, Major Ferris, O. W. Battley, 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. Windeatt being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Northcroft was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Northcroft being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Cuff was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Curtis for his able conduct in the chair for the first time. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the compliment. 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 inst., when there were present Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Speller, S.D.; J. Duncan, J.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; C. Isler, T. Williams, J. H. Sheffield, D. C. Ritchie, C. Horst, E. J. Harrison, R. Loomes, H. J. Kimbell, and J. M. Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kimbell being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Harrison answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Harrison candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Kimbell was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; R. E. Cursons, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. G. Peachey, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, J.D.; E. Cole, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. M. Noakes, J. Gluckstein, L. B. Levy, C. W. Frommholz, G. S. Berry, G. A. Bergholz, H. Matthews, C. Thomson, F. W. Buxton, A. Cogliati, C. Lambert, and J. Rowe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Rowe having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. S. Berry offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was closed down. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. Cole, 1257, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, the acting Preceptor proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The W.M. appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the Third Degree. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. M. Noakes proposed that the annual supper in connection with this lodge of instruction take place on Tuesday, April 8th next, and that circulars be sent out to that effect by the Secretary. Seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The J.W. then proposed that the following brethren be appointed as Stewards: Bros. J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, G. S. Berry, W. Hoggins, F. W. Buxton, and F. M. Noakes. Seconded by Bro. Frommholz, and carried unanimously, whereupon Bro. F. M. Noakes proposed that the following brethren be added to the Stewards to make the number the same as last year: Bros. G. H. Foan, A. G. Bergholz, A. Cogliati, C. H. Frommholz, E. J. D. Bromley, and R. E. Cursons. Seconded by Bro. G. S. Peachey, and carried unanimously. On the proposition of a Chairman and Deputy Chairman being mentioned, the Secretary informed the brethren that it was the particular wish of the W.M. of the mother lodge (Bro. S. Hewett) that the compliment be paid to their worthy Preceptor (Bro. W. Brindley) and Deputy Preceptor (Bro. J. Greenway) to occupy the chair and deputy chair on the 8th April, but he himself wished to be a Steward. The Secretary made a proposition to that effect; seconded by Bro. R. E. Cursons, acting Preceptor, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. H. H. Burrington, W.M.; J. Bartlett, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; A. F. Scholding, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; F. L.

Chandler, P.M.; S. Ransom, J. Neville, H. Foskett, J. T. Haly, J. Powell, and R. H. Broom.

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. S. Ransom being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The Preceptor worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Bartlett was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. H. H. Burrington for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The W.M. made a very suitable reply. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; J. Wiggins, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; E. E. Geflowski, I.G.; W. Dresden, J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Knight offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Dresden offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was entrusted after examination. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a commendable manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Sims, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Swan 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 12th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; J. H. Morrish, S.W.; R. Ambler, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Barber, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; J. B. Cory, and A. C. Woodward.

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. Woodward acting as candidate. Bro. Cory offered himself as a candidate for passing, and being found proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Woodward was duly elected a joining member. Bro. Morrish was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Dusterwald, W.M.; T. Willcox, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; M. Speigel, P.M., S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; J. Cox, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Davis, J. Arlidge, E. J. Hiscock, T. W. Biggs, and L. Lee. Visitor: Bro. W. E. Macey, 865.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davis. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. L. Lee candidate. On the usual risings, Bro. Macey was elected a member of this lodge of instruction, and Bro. T. Willcox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).

This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 14th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, E.C.; T. Wood, 1st Captain; J. H. Dodson, P.E.C., acting 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., P.G.B.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C. of G., Reg.; L. Steele, C.E., Expert; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st Std. Br.; Thomas, 2nd Std. Br.; W. Maple, 1st Herald; J. H. Hawkins, D.C.; and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C. Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.E.C. Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, and Gowan and Richardson, of the New Temple Preceptory, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Quincey, who had been previously balloted for, was most ably installed as a Knight of the Order by the E.C., who was most efficiently supported by his officers. It was unanimously resolved that the summer meeting of the encampment should be held, as heretofore, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the third Friday in June next. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.C.; Major Richardson, P.E.P.; W. Kelly, P.E.P.; Capt. Frere, P.E.P.; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; G. Bell, Oscar Berry, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a manner that reflected great credit upon the management.

The customary toasts having been disposed of, Sir Knight W. Paas, in the absence of the I.P.E.C., proposed "The Health of the Eminent Commander." In the course of his remarks, he said that many of them had had an opportunity of witnessing the effective working of Sir Knight Lardner in other Degrees of Masonry, but that evening they had heard him work for the first time the difficult ceremony of the Knights Templar. He (the speaker) had been a member of the Mount Calvary for nearly 30 years, and he could candidly say that he had never heard the ceremony better performed.

The E.C. having responded, gave the toast of "The Newly-Installed Knight."

Sir Knight Quincey having briefly replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

The E.C., in introducing the toast, spoke of the eminent services rendered to Masonry in almost all its Degrees by Sir Knight Shirley, who was most painstaking in all that he performed. As the other visitors had left, he could only call upon Sir Knight Shirley to respond.

The toast having been warmly received, Sir Knight Shirley replied. He said that he felt quite overcome by the wealth of encomiums showered upon him by the E.C. They were fellow workers in other Degrees, and he had the highest possible admiration of the E.C.'s abilities as a Masonic worker. Having quite recently vacated the chair of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, he (the speaker) could appreciate and follow the perfect working of the Templar Degree as rendered by Sir Knight Lardner that evening.

"The Past Commanders'" toast was coupled with the names of Sir Knights F. W. Driver and J. H. Dodson, who responded at length.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Recorder" having been given, those officials duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Officers" followed. This pledge was replied to by Sir Knights Prower, Maple, and Hawkins.

Previously to the meeting separating, the Recorder, in the absence of the Treasurer, stated that it was the wish of many members of the encampment that the services of Sir Knight Paas, who had held the office of Treasurer for nearly a quarter of a century, should be recognised. Sir Knight Capt. Stohwasser, he said, had kindly volunteered to act as honorary Treasurer, and he (the speaker) was willing to act as honorary Secretary to a testimonial fund.

This project was warmly received, by all present pledging themselves to support it.

YORK.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst, for the installation of the Preceptor. There were present the following: Bros. J. T. Seller, E.P.; A. H. H. McGachen, Constable; W. B. Dyson, Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, Registrar; D. Grant, Sub-Marshal; W. Brown, P.; J. Marshall, P.; G. Simpson, P.; W. H. Cowper, P.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.; A. T. B. Turner, P.; Sir Joseph Terry, C. Palliser, P.; F. W. Halliwell, C. E. Wright, and the following amongst other visitors: J. W. Woodall, Prov. Prior N. and E. Yorks; T. W. Tew, Prov. Prior W. Yorks; C. J. Banister, Prov. Prior, Northumberland and Durham; J. D. Kay, Sub-Prior W. Yorks; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor W. Yorks; S. Middleton, Prov. Chancellor N. and E. Yorks; W. Fraser, P.; R. Y. Powley, P.; W. B. Richardson, P.; S. Denton, P.; T. Thompson, P.; T. Ruddock, P.; R. Williamson, P.; A. Gill, P.; A. Lupton, A. H. J. Fletcher, E.P.; C. J. Schott, E.P.; W. Ascough, P.; W. H. Brittain, P.G.B.B.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.; F. Schnitger, J. B. Payne, and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the distinguished visitors were saluted according to rank. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Sub-Prior N. and E. Yorkshire, and he proceeded to install Bro. A. H. H. McGachen as Preceptor. This brother was afterwards proclaimed and saluted, and nominated his officers thus: Bros. W. B. Dyson, Constable; D. Grant, Marshal; W. P. Cochrane, Sub-Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, Registrar; W. H. Attlay, 1st Herald; F. W. Halliwell, 2nd Herald; C. E. Wright, Beaucant; W. Brown, P. Vex Belli; T. Masterman, Preceptor's Banner Bearer; and W. H. Cowper P. Capt. of Guards. The alms were collected and the chapter was closed, the E.P. and visitors retiring under the arch of steel.

The members and their visitors, to the number of 30, then sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were given, and some interesting speeches were made.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.

Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. A. H. H. McGachen, M.W.S.; H. C. Pickersgill, H.P.; D. Grant, 30°, 1st General; T. B. Whytehead, 30°, Recorder; W. H. B. Atkinson, Capt. of Guards; G. Simpson, P.S.; Rev. W. Valentine, W. Brown, P.S.; J. T. Seller, C. E. L. Wright, H. E. Cousins, 30°, P.S. Antient York; and C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G. for the North-Eastern District.

The minutes having been confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. W. H. Cowper, P.M. 1848, and F. W. Halliwell, 1011, which proved successful. The throne was then taken by the S.G.I.G., and the M.W.S. elect, Bro. D. Grant, 30°, was presented for installation and was forthwith installed. Bro. Halliwell was then introduced, and perfected by the newly-installed Sovereign in a most effective manner. The M.W.S. then, on behalf of the chapter, presented to the S.G.I.G. a beautifully illuminated and emblazoned address of congratulation on the occasion of his having attained his golden wedding, and Bro. Banister feelingly responded. The M.W.S. then nominated his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. W. Valentine, Prelate; W. B. Dyson, 1st General; W. H. Attlay, 2nd General; T. B. Whytehead, 30°, Recorder; W. H. B. Atkinson, Grand Marshal; J. T. Seller, Raphael; C. E. Wright, D.C.; W. Brown, P.S., Herald; F. W. Halliwell, Capt. of Guard; T. B. Whytehead, 30°, Org.; and P. Pearson, Equerry. The audit of accounts was then taken. On the motion of the M.W.S., the sum of £3 was voted for the purchase of a pair of globes to be presented to the Eboracum Lodge, on whose premises the chapter met at a nominal rent. The chapter was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a capital dinner, after which the M.W.S., Bro. Grant, presented to the S.G.I.G. a case of fish knives and forks, with a suitably engraved plate, and a list of the members of the chapter subscribing thereto, and assured Bro. Banister that every member of the chapter held him in the greatest respect, and trusted that he might long be spared to come amongst them.

Bro. Banister, in his reply of thanks, expressed his deep concern for the welfare of Freemasonry, and especially for the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and said that so long as he was spared in health he should make a point of coming amongst them.

A right pleasant evening was thus suitably concluded.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

George Andrews Conclave (No. 11).

A meeting of the above was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. R. T. Stringer, S.R.; E. G. G. Bax, C.; N. Brokenshire, G.; John J. Pakes, Sec.; A. Dealer, V.D.; W. Wright, V.D.; J. G. Volmann, D.C.; Waghorn, Guarder; and J. G. Thomas, P.S.R.

Bro. W. Harrold Vint was inducted into the Order.

LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT SIDMOUTH.

The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall for the Perseverance Lodge, No. 164, Sidmouth, took place on the 8th inst. The site is in Upper High-street, and the lodge is to be built from plans prepared by Bro. J. Jerman, P.P.G.S. of W., hon. architect, by Mr. W. M. Critchley. Brethren having met in the lodge at the London Hotel, marched in procession to the parish church, where a service was conducted by Revs. H. G. J. Clements and H. E. Roberts, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. R. Swansborough, P.P.G. Chap., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. the Rev. R. T. Thornton.

At the conclusion of the service the procession was re-formed, and proceeded to the site. It was very imposing, and was in the following order:

Tyler of Lodge 164 with sword, Sidmouth Volunteer Band, visiting brethren, brethren of Lodge 164, Secretary bearing Book of Constitutions, Wardens bearing columns, cornucopia with corn by W.M. of 164, ewers with wine and oil borne by W.M.'s of sister lodges, square, level, and plumb-rule, borne by P.M.'s of sister lodges, P. Prov. G. Officers, Corinthian light borne by a P.M., present, Prov. G. Officers, Doric light borne by a P.M., Bro. Rev. R. Swansborough, P.P.G.C., with Bible on cushion, Ionic light borne by a P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer with phial, containing records of 164, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. (architect) bearing plans of new lodge, Bro. J. Albert Orchard, P.M., Treasurer 164, P.P.G.D.C., two Prov. Grand Stewards, Prov. Grand Tyler with sword.

On arriving at the site the hymn, "O Lord of hosts, whose glory fills" was sung, and prayer was offered by a P.P.G. Chaplain. A bottle, containing names of subscribers and relics of Lodge 164, having been deposited, Bro. J. Albert Orchard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proceeded to lay the foundation stone in Masonic form, having first been presented by Bro. Jerman with silver trowel, subscribed for by the brethren of Lodge of Perseverance. The stone having been laid, Bro. Orchard poured corn, wine, and oil on the stone, expressing a hope that the building would never lack that which those things were emblematical of.

Bro. E. H. SHORTO, 39, then gave an oration on the principles of Masonry, after which Bro. ORCHARD handed the architect the plans, and thanked Bro. Jerman, on behalf of the brethren, for the kind and brotherly feeling which had induced him to prepare the plans, &c., free of charge.

A Masonic ode was then sung by those present, and a thanksgiving was said by a P.P.G. Chaplain, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

The procession was then re-formed, and the brethren proceeded to Bro. Huxtable's Hotel, where they dined together.

Several of the tradespeople exhibited bunting, and a large number of persons witnessed the ceremony.

The officers of the lodge present were Bros. W. Pill, P.G. Std. Br.; Joel Hayman, W.M.; H. Berwick, P.M.; H. Newton, S.W.; R. Passmore, J.W.; W. Farrant, Sec.; H. T. Bolt, S.D.; H. Bolt, J.D.; A. Wilson, I.G.; L. W. Durant, D.C.; J. A. Orchard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. Northcote, P.M.; T. Kenet Were, Col. Darnell, Mayer, W. R. Huxtable, J. P. Opie, H. B. Penberthy, Mackie, W. R. Rogers, J. P. Millen, S. Wheaton, R. King, G. Beard, P.M.; Jos. Godfrey, F. Goss, and P. Evans.

The following visiting brethren were present: Bros. G. Bennett, Sec. 372; G. T. Blight, 372; S. D. Chamberlain, P.M. 847; George Butter, 104; A. Cripps, 359; H. Marshall Smith, J.D. 494; G. T. Evans, P.M. 481, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Oakley, 481, P.S.G.D.; J. G. Oldridge, S.W. 481; W. Bedford, W.M. 481; E. Moyle, W.M. 1125; J. B. Crabb, P.M. 1125; Rev. Clement Smith, M.A., Chap. 1125, P.P.G.C. Somersetshire; R. Graten, I.G. 1125; P. Pyle, J.D. 1125; J. Graten, 1125; T. G. Sutton, P.M. 847; J. Stokes, P.M. St. John, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Jerman, P.M. 39; J. Saunders, W.M. 372; T. Douglas, 1385; H. Shooter, 112, P.G. Tyler; A. P. Reece, P.M. 494, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Bidwell, S.D. 494; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.J.G.W. and P.P.G.C.; B. Grant, W.M. 1443, P.A.G.S.; H. L. Friend, P.M. 1443, P.P.G.D.C.; James F. Ralling, J.D. 1802; Rev. R. Swansborough, Chap. 1181, P.P.G.C.; H. Ford, 1181, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. Fulford, P.M. 1254; E. Alger, P.M. 164; A. J. Truscott, W.M. 1254; F. Luggett, W.M. 39; W. R. Lisle, P.M. 39; A. M. Lawrence, D.C. 39; E. W. Hellier, W.M. 847; W. J. Berry, S.W. 847; C. Turner, W.M. 847; Rev. J. Buckley, Chap. 847; E. L. Harvey, 491; W. H. Lurkington, 726; W. Costin, 105; R. E. Parnell, 39; H. Ewens, 100; I. Luxton, 39; E. J. Griffiths, 847, P.G.O.; W. Orchard, P.M. 104; and T. P. Webbey, J.W. 847.

The Duke of Cambridge, who has been on the Continent for some time past, returned to Gloucester House on Monday evening. His Royal Highness was met on his arrival at Charing Cross Station by nearly all the members of the headquarters staff, among them being Bros. General Lord Wolseley and Major General Sir Redvers Buller.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE LODGE OF ISRAEL. No. 1502, LIVERPOOL.

The brethren of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, held their 13th annual ball at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in aid of the Fund of Benevolence connected with the lodge. This yearly social assembly has contributed in a large measure to the present satisfactory financial state of the charitable scheme started in 1873, the money in hand being about £500, as much as £300 having been advanced at one time in a most deserving case.

There were upwards of 100 ladies and brethren present, and the arrangements were most successfully carried out by the chiefs of the lodge, amongst these being Bros. A. Kirkpatrick, W.M., who has the special honour of occupying that position for the second time; D. Matthews, S.W., Captain of the Stewards; H. Gabriel, Treasurer; G. Thierry, J.W.; H. M. Silver, Hon. Secretary; and D. Gabrielsen, P.M., Master of Ceremonies.

Bro. Clayton's band supplied the music. At supper the toasts were "The Queen," "The W. Master," responded to by Bro. Kirkpatrick, "The Fund of Benevolence," acknowledged by Bro. H. Gabriel, and "The Visitors," to which Bro. Dr. Samuels, P.P.G.D., replied.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. GRUMMANT, P.M., P.Z.

The annual supper of the Rose Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. The lodge was opened by Bro. Isaac Dunn, W.M. of the mother lodge (1622), after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

Fifty-nine sat down to a capital supper, provided by the host, Bro. Woodwell.

After supper, the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given by the President, Bro. Dunn, and were received with great enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," Bro. DUNN said it needed few words from him to recommend those who worked so well and earnestly for the good cause—the benefit of the Order.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, P.M. 1641, W.M. 1693, A.G.P., responded, saying how proud he felt to do so. The Grand Officers did work hard, but they gave their time ungrudgingly.

The PRECEPTOR proposed "The Health of the President," saying that there was no more popular brother in the lodge nor in the lodge of instruction. His work, too, was most creditable. He did not forget other Masonic virtues, and none was more successful than he. He was always ready and willing to perform any office, and the brethren were always as willing to listen to him.

Bro. DUNN thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing him in the chair, also for the manner in which the toast had been received. His chief aim was to do his work well, and so give pleasure to those about him. His ritual perfection was entirely due to the lodge of instruction. He was especially pleased to preside over such a splendid gathering.

Bro. F. HILTON, P.M., P.Z., proposed "Success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction" in most fitting terms. He said there was no lodge more noted in London for its splendid and accurate working at all times, which was due to the Preceptor, who was second to none, and would insist in correcting working, and so turning out excellent Masters. If the brethren attended, they would certainly gain knowledge.

Bro. ROSE replied, thanking the brethren. That was his 17th year of Preceptorship. The lodge had passed through many vicissitudes under several different names, but under the present name had been the most successful of all. Order and regularity pervaded the lodge. He received great assistance from Bros. Grummant, Sec.; F. Hilton, P.M.; and C. H. Stone, Asst. Sec.

The PRESIDENT next proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary." The Treasurer was most careful of the funds, and always ready to do his work. Of the Secretary, it gave him the greatest pleasure in presenting him with a gold watch, inscribed "as a mark of appreciation from the members for valuable services rendered to the lodge by having been Hon. Sec. for 10 years."

Bro. COWLEY, P.M., P.Z., Treas., returned thanks, and said he never had much money in hand on account of the charitable feeling that pervaded the brethren.

Bro. T. GRUMMANT, P.M., P.Z., Sec., said that he never rose to reply to any toast with greater difficulty than that evening. Their kind expressions of feeling had nearly taken the whole of his usual speech away. In a few words, he might state that he had the welfare of the lodge at heart. He gave the following particulars of the year past: 1181 attendances—45 maximum, 13 minimum; 46 meetings; 42 new members; average P.M.'s—6. During the past eight years the lodge had paid over £800 to the Charitable Institutions. He could thank them all most heartily. During the time he had been Secretary, he had made many friends, but he had not made one enemy. The greatest pleasure of his life was to be with the Rose Lodge of Instruction. Their kindness would be an incentive to work harder for the lodge.

Bro. DUNN next proposed "The Visitors." Bro. McDougall responded, and said he was delighted with the evening and with the report of the lodge.

It would be sure to go on well if in such good hands.

Bro. TAGG also responded, and the evening was closed by the toast of "Our Host," suitably responded to by Bro. WOODWELL.

The visitors were elected members. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Warner, Tagg, Price, Hay, Horace Petley, Todd, and Harcourt West.

MARK MASONRY.

The following appears in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of January 20th:

To the Editor of "The Herald."

Sir,—Kindly publish in your valuable columns the enclosed letter, just received from England, conveying the official recognition of the recently-established Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Mark Master.—I am, &c.,

ALF. J. BURBIDGE,
Grand Mark Secretary.

Office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,
SA, Red Lion-square, High Holborn,
London, W.C., December 11, 1889.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have the pleasure to inform you that at the half yearly communication of this Grand Lodge, held on 3rd December, it was unanimously resolved—"That we do fully recognise the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, and that the lodges formerly holding of this Grand Lodge are herewith permitted to retain their English warrants as a memento of their origin."

The Council will be happy to recommend to H.R.H. the Grand Master any brother of your Grand Lodge to be appointed our representative near you, and I would suggest as your representative near us V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar.

With every assurance of our best wishes and cordial esteem—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER, P.G.W.,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of New South Wales.

"YE CAXTON HEAD."

The well-known old book-shop in High Holborn—"Ye Caxton Head"—has changed the name, but not the personality of the proprietor, who as, perhaps, the only lady antiquarian bookseller in London has conducted the business so successfully during the past four years. She is now to have the aid of a partner who possesses the important advantage of a long acquaintance with the printer's art and kindred crafts. The catalogue just issued with the new imprint will be eagerly scanned by book buyers. It exhibits the same skill and care in the arrangement and description of the books which have been so marked a feature in previous issues, and an attraction will be found in the very artistic and quaint design on the cover executed by Mr. Walter Crane, and the colophon on the back by Mr. Selwyn Image.

The catalogue proper is accompanied by particulars of an interesting collection of autograph letters, historical documents and ancient manuscripts, together with a list of many hundreds of "Caxton Head bargains" offered at a uniformly nominal price. We congratulate the enterprising lady and her "partner" on this fresh evidence of energy and business capacity.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.D., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee attended from Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, David D. Mercer, Butler Wilkins, Howard H. Room, George R. Langley, J. B. Grieve, W. P. Brown, A. C. Woodward, James Bunker, George Read, R. J. Taylor, Walter Hopekirk, Charles Lovibond, J. Milsted Spencer, J. J. Meakin, H. Nash, C. F. Luckhurst, F. H. Martin, E. C. Porter, J. Oldis, H. Jenkins, T. H. Thompson, Fred. Burgess, C. N. McIntyre North, H. Massey, S. H. Goldschmidt, G. M. E. Hamilton, Thos. C. Hodges, John Grey, W. Adams, G. A. Mackinay, Lewis Ascott, Donald Glass, F. J. West, F. Charles McQueen, Charles D. Hume, H. Winkley, E. Bateman, Valentine Wing, R. F. Kirkaldy, C. A. Peters, W. J. Gardner, H. J. Wicks, J. F. Rumball, J. Salmon, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the February meeting. There were 39 cases on the new list, from London, Alderney, Loughton, Hereford, Pontypool, Dartmouth, Margate, Devonport, Skegness, Barnet, Weymouth, Ealing, Northampton, Jagersfontein, Lostwithiel, Buenos Ayres, Lower Broughton, Wisbech, Windsor, Halifax, Swansea, Gosport, Barmouth, Barbados, Calcutta, Swindon, Gloucester, Liverpool, and Dorking. Two of the cases were withdrawn, three were deferred, and two dismissed.

The remainder were awarded a total of £650. There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £50, four cases were recommended to the Grand Master of £40 each, and three for £30 each. Ten grants were made of £20 each, four of £15 each, eight of £10 each, and two of £5 each.



It has become an annual custom at the National Theatre, Drury Lane, to present the lessee with a testimonial at the close of the pantomime season—we say a custom, but we do not mean it has dwindled into a mere formality. Saturday being the last night of the performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk," after the curtain had fallen on the scene of the gods and goddesses of ancient mythology, our distinguished brother, the Grand Treasurer elect, was invited into his own private room on the stage to meet the principals of his company, foremost of whom were the twin brothers, Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell, the latter of whom busied himself (for he appeared in the costume of the Queen) in looking after the assembled company and would not allow her lord and master, the King, to commence the proceedings until dear old Harry Payne or the Giant, George Conquest, jun., and others were summoned into the room. Bro. Augustus Harris's sanctum sanctorum was soon filled, Bro. Harry Nicholls, assuming the nervous, opened the proceedings by saying he was not a speech maker, nevertheless he managed to say some happy things, which met with the approbation of the audience, judging by their frequent plaudits. He said he was glad the pantomime just closed had attained such desirable results. It had been his privilege to make those presentations before, and he was now getting hard up for wheezes. "We all consider you a wise gentleman, he said, a kind and courteous manager, and all wish to remain under your regime, and will be glad, of course of the usual rise of salary. We congratulate you on your successes. I speak with all cordiality, and, in the name of my brothers and sisters present, tender you a token of our goodwill and esteem. The present is not so much for you as for Mrs. Harris, from the fact of its being a toilet set. I hope you will go straight home with it, and that you will think of us kindly when you use the brushes, that is if the cares of management leave any hair on your head." Druriolanus, in reply, said: "Dear Harry Nicholls, I can assure you that these little annual gatherings afford me very great pleasure, and I thank you for your congratulations and the handsome present which I take home as a token of your goodwill. When I look at the many gifts I have received from you, I recall pleasant memories. I am not prepared to make a speech. This is not a County Council meeting, although there I always speak just what I think. I can assure you I have one desire with all the company under my management, to work well and harmoniously with you all. I first endeavour to get the best artistes; secondly, to keep them; and thirdly, to make them my friends. I think we have shown those who thought we were done for that we are not, and I look forward already to meeting you again here at my next pantomime, "Dick Whittington," I shall not have lived in vain if I can add to the tokens with which you have presented me that of your friendship and esteem. All the ladies and gentlemen of the company were in their stage costumes, amongst whom were Mr. Dan Leno, the Brothers Griffiths, Mr. Chas. Lauri, Mr. George Conquest, jun., Misses Lila Clay, Sybil Grey, Harriett Vernon, Agnes Hewitt, Faudelle, Maggie Duggan, Lillie Comyns, Lizzie Wilson, Edith Charteris, Rosie St. George, Ellicott, Mdme. Aenea, the flying dancer, Dr. Glanville, as well as Bros. Arthur Collins, C. R. Brighton, C. Davies, Secretary Royal General Theatrical Fund, T. Celli, and Walter Slaughter. The brushes were mounted in silver backs, beautifully embossed, engraved with the lessee's initials and fitted in a handsome case, which also contained hand mirrors and powder case, also of silver. The inscription runs as follows: "To Augustus Harris—a souvenir of Jack and the Beanstalk by his Company. Drury Lane Theatre, 1889 and 1890." Bro. Herbert Campbell previously had presented Bro. Arthur Collins, the efficient stage manager, with a silver cigarette case, of a handsome design and suitable inscription, in token of his appreciation of Bro. Collin's many services rendered during the season. Dear old Mrs. Kelly and a grandchild occupied a box on the same night and enjoyed the performance as much as any one.

The production of "For her Child's Sake," the new curtain raiser at Terry's Theatre, has been postponed until Saturday, the 29th inst., which will be the 50th performance of "New Lamps for Old."

Miss Cissy Grahame is contemplating a series of *matinées* of "Our Regiment" at Terry's Theatre during her season, which has now been extended until Christmas in consequence of the success of "New Lamps for Old," which will also be played at the Crystal Palace on Thursday afternoon, April 10th.

The Queen returned from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and will remain there till next Monday, when she will leave for Aix-les-Bains, whither some of the royal horses and carriages have been already sent.

Straits Settlements.

SINGAPORE.

Zetland-in-the-East Lodge (No. 508).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th December last. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Motion, W.M.; S. R. Robinson, S.W.; C. W. Banks, J.W.; S. Behr, Treas.; E. M. Lyon, Sec.; T. Jones, S.D.; W. Makepeace, J.D.; C. Bean, I.G.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

TAIPENG-PERAK.

Perak Jubilee Lodge (No. 2225).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th January. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. R. Hanson, W.M.; H. W. C. Leech, S.W.; R. D. Hewett, J.W.; W. Thorpe, Sec.; J. W. Dando, S.D.; M. E. Holmes, J.D.; F. F. Thorold, I.G.; and Dickson, Tyler.

SINGAPORE.

Preceptory and Priory of Star of the East (No. 47).—The installation conclave was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., when Sir Knights G. Thompson and J. P. Joaquin installed Sir Knight G. A. Derrick as Preceptor and Prior. The other officers are Sir Knights S. R. Robinson, Constable; J. D. Stuart, Marshal; G. Thompson, Sub-Marshal; E. A. Thomson, Recorder; J. S. Robertson, C. of the G.; J. F. Vincent and F. J. Griffen, Heralds; and R. O. Norris, O.G.

South Africa.

LAYING A MEMORIAL STONE.

The ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the chancel of the Cathedral Church of St. George and St. Michael, in the diocese of Grahamstown, Cape Colony, on Wednesday, the 29th January, by his Excellency Sir H. B. Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., assisted by the Bishop and clergy, and the brethren of Grahamstown, under the banner of the Albany Lodge, No. 389, and Bros. A. Will, W.M., and C. T. W. Monet, P.D.G.W., D. of C.

The lodge was opened, when the W.M. and brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge (S.C.) were received with honours. Other visitors then entered. The members of St. John's Lodge (E.C.) were also received with honours.

The SECRETARY read the summons convening the meeting, and the sanction of the D.G. Master to the proceedings.

The brethren then adjourned to the cathedral.

On arrival at the cathedral the choristers headed the procession, singing Hymn 215, followed by the clergy and Bishop, Mayor and Town Council, the Governor, Sir S. Shipperd, Sir G. Sprigg, and others, who were followed by the Masonic body. After the Bishop, clergy, and others had taken their positions on the platform, the Masonic procession was inverted, the W.M.'s and P.M.'s stepping on to the platform, and the brethren formed hollow square at the foot of the steps.

The clerical ceremony was conducted by the Bishop, and the Masonic ceremonial was opened by Bro. MONET, as follows: Know all ye who are assembled here that we appear before you clothed as true and perfect Masons, and, although we act under our own duly constituted authorities, we strictly obey the laws of the country we live in; indeed, to so high an eminence has the credit of our Craft been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art, and have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, have patronised our mysteries, and joined in our assemblies. As Masons we are possessors of many great and valuable secrets which have been handed down to us by our predecessors from the remotest ages, and it is our duty in our turn to transmit them to our successors pure and unadulterated, but let me assure all of you that in those secrets there is nothing which is incompatible with our civil, moral, or religious duties. From time immemorial it has been the established custom of our Craft to assist in the erection of public buildings destined for the benefit of mankind, or to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. No matter under what creed or sect, His worship is to be considered, and as the first step we always take in any undertaking is to implore the Divine assistance, I shall now call upon all of you to join our District Grand Chaplain in an appeal to the Throne of Grace.

The D.G.C.: "O Almighty Lord God, Architect and Creator of the Universe, who, though the heavens and earth cannot contain Thee, yet vouchsafest to have with Thy people a house wherein they may call upon Thy Holy Name, behold we beseech Thee, bless this place with Thy heavenly favour and grace, and as Thou didst permit King Solomon to build Thee an house, so grant to us, Thy servants, that this our handiwork, begun in Thy Holy Name, may be finished to Thy praise and glory through Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Architect presented plans to the W.M., who presented them to the Governor, saying, "Is it your Excellency's will and pleasure that the memorial stone of this chancel be laid?"

The D.G.C. read the Latin inscription on stone.

The Very Rev. the Dean deposited the usual records in the cavity, and presented the Governor with a silver trowel especially engraved for the occasion.

The GOVERNOR spread cement, saying "As the cement is spread with this trowel, so may brotherly love and harmony be spread amongst the future worshippers here."

The D.G.C. read Isaiah xxviii., v. 16—17.

The J.W. applied the plumb to face of stone and

found the stone plumb and prepared true and truly by the Craftsmen. The S.W. applied the level, and found the stone level, and craftsmen had laboured skilfully. The W.M. applied the square, and found stone plumb, level, and square, duly prepared and truly laid, and that the craftsmen had worked well.

The Worshipful Master presented the mallet to the GOVERNOR, who said: "May this undertaking be completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love," giving three knocks.

The W.M. strewed the stone with corn, which is a symbol of the resurrection.

The D.G.C.: St. Paul says—"The sower sows a simple grain of corn, no matter of what kind, which at its proper season rises to light, clothed in verdure, so also is the resurrection of the dead."

The W.M. sprinkled the stone with wine—symbol of joy and cheerfulness.

The D.G.C.: Thus David speaking of the Divine beneficence says—"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread, which strengthens man's heart."

The W.M. anointed the stone with oil.

The D.G.C.: "Oil is the emblem of peace and harmony, and may brotherly love and goodwill dwell amongst the future congregation of this church until time shall be no more."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER presented the plans to the architect, saying, "May the G.A. of the Universe enable you to accomplish the speedy completion of your work."

The Bishop gave the second prayer.

The DIR. OF CERS. said: "Brethren, in remembrance of the symbolical foundation stone which you have all seen laid in our lodge, I call upon you to form procession, and follow me round the stone which has just been laid, and to contribute our assistance towards raising the superstructure thereon."

The choir meanwhile sang the offertory hymns, and the offerings of the public were collected.

The procession of the brethren being ended, the D. of C. placed the offertory dish in the hands of the Bishop, saying, "My Lord, our work is completed."

The ceremony was conducted by the clergy, and the brethren returned to the lodge in the same order of procession.

The lodge was then closed.

The sum collected was £552 18s.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. P. H. ERNEST BRETTE, D.D., P.G.D.

Very general and sincere regret will be felt at the unexpected news of the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.G.D. England. Our deceased brother was known far and wide in the educational world as a man of the highest culture and great scholarly attainments. On completing his academic career at the University of Paris, he came over to this country, where, firstly at Cheltenham, and afterwards at Christ's Hospital, he won the highest distinction as a teacher of the French language. So important, indeed, were the services he rendered to the cause of education in this capacity, that some few years ago he was presented by the President of the French Republic with a valuable gold medal, set with brilliants, in recognition of the important work he had done. He had also acted as French Examiner at the University of London and for Eton and Harrow and several other of our public schools. At Christ's Hospital, especially, where he had been the Head French Master for upwards of a quarter of a century, he was beloved by the boys who came under his charge, and respected by his colleagues, and in the course of the sermon which was delivered in the Hall, on Sunday evening last, his old pupil, Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, M.A., the Head Master, referred in eloquent and affecting terms to the loss which the school had that day sustained by his death. In Masonry, till within the last few years when his health had begun to fail, our late brother had taken an active and conspicuous part in the duties of the lodge, chapter, and conclave. He was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, on the 16th April, 1863, and exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, on the 10th November, 1873. He was a founder and W.M. in 1875 of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, Halliford, and on resigning the office of Treasurer, to which he was subsequently elected, and which he continued to hold for several years, he was presented by the members with a valuable silver cup in recognition of his services. He was also a founder and P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, a founder and P.Z. of the Aldersgate Chapter, P.Z. of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and a P. Prov. G. Chaplain and P. Prov. G.J. of Middlesex. In 1887, on the occasion of the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in the Royal Albert Hall, he was one of the brethren on whom his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to confer brevet rank as Grand Officer, and was made a Past Grand Deacon of England, the rank of Past G. Asst. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter being conferred on him at the Quarterly Convocation next ensuing. He was also P.M. of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, of Mark Master Masons, and Past Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge; a Past Grand High Prelate of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine; a member of the

United Orders of the Temple and Malta; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he had taken the 31^o, and was a Past M.W.S. of the Palestine Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 29. But the particular field of duty in which he had mostly distinguished himself was in connection with our Masonic Institutions, of all three of which he had qualified as Vice-President, and for which he had served in all some 14 Festival Stewardship namely, six for the Girls' School, four for the Boys' School, and four for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He had also done his utmost to encourage the study of the French language in our Schools, and for many years past had regularly given prizes to the children who had shown the greatest proficiency in that branch of their studies. He had, indeed, a deep sense of the responsibility which a man undertakes when he enters our Society, and in all the many parts he had filled—and filled with such marked distinction—he had always most conscientiously striven to perform his duty. That he was, as we have said, a man of great scholarly attainments is evidenced by the important positions to which at various times he was appointed, and the respect in which he was universally held by all with whom he came in contact professionally. His sense of duty is shown by the fact that as recently as the Thursday preceding his death he was at his post, and only consented to take rest at the earnest solicitation of his medical advisers; while his worth as a man is exemplified by the sincere and deep grief with which the announcement of his death has been received by his brother masters, by his pupils, by his family and friends, and last, but not least, by his brethren in Masonry. To the relatives who in him have lost their wisest counsellor and their truest and kindest friend, we respectfully offer our sincerest sympathy. The funeral will take place to-day (Friday) at Old Charlton Cemetery at 4.45.

BRO. JOHN MACLEAN, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. John Maclean, whose death it is our painful duty to announce, was almost as well-known in Metropolitan Masonic circles as in the dramatic profession, of which he was so bright an ornament. He was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, in October, 1872, and remained a subscribing member till 1875. In 1874, he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and, after holding the various minor offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1883. He was exalted in April, 1879, in the Asaph Chapter, and in 1886 was installed in the chair of First Principal. He was a Life Governor of all our Institutions and had served once as a Steward for the Girls' School. But it was as a Preceptor that Bro. Maclean was best known and his services as an interpreter of our ritual were mostly appreciated, while as an agreeable companion and one ready to do a good turn to please anyone of his associates, there could scarcely have been found his equal. Bro. Maclean was only 55 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Saturday last.

BRO. CAPT. ARTHUR EDWARD BUNN, P.M.

This brother died at 12, Hereford-gardens, W., on the 2nd inst., aged 32. He was initiated in the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, 11th April, 1883, and having served the minor offices, was elected Master of the lodge in October, 1888, and installed in the following month. Last November he impressively installed his successor, and was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services. In his speech of acknowledgement he expressed a hope that he should live many years to wear it. Alas, he never attended any Masonic function again. He was taken suddenly ill a few days after the lodge meeting, and never left his home alive. Bro. Capt. Bunn was exalted in the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, June 25th, 1885, and held the office of 1st A.S. at the time of his death. He also served as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, 1889. He took an active interest in the Volunteer service, and was gazetted Captain on the 14th March, 1885, in the 2nd London R.V., in which regiment he was held in high esteem by all ranks. He was by profession a solicitor. In the various circles in which he mixed he was universally respected. Naturally of a modest, retiring disposition, yet under the influences of pleasurable excitement he displayed qualities of a genial, courteous, and amiable character. Had he lived it was his intention to have entered other Degrees of Masonry, where, no doubt, he would have won golden opinions from all those with whom he was brought in contact. He was unmarried, but we offer our condolence to the members of his family upon the premature death of one who in every station of life has distinguished himself so well. *Requiescat in pace.*

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THE DEPUTY REGISTRARSHIP OF THE MAYOR'S COURT.—In the event of the present Deputy Registrar being appointed to the vacant office of Registrar of the Mayor's Court, Bro. D. W. Pearse, of Finsbury Chambers, will be a candidate for the Deputy Registrarship.

The health of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, has improved of late so much that Lady Brooke was able to leave Easton Lodge and attend her Majesty's Drawing Room on the 14th inst.

At a meeting of the W. M. Sewell Council, No. 11, of Allied Masonic Degrees, held at Maryport last week, Bro. J. Clifton Thompson was elected W.M., and Bro. P. de E. Collin was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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

The second meeting this season of the Fox Club was held at Brooks's, on Saturday last, Bro. Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G.; the Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy, M.P.; C. C. Cotes, and Lord Hothfield being among the members present.

At the quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand it was decided at once to proceed with the erection of a memorial stone over the grave of the late Bro. Dr. Deamer, D.D.G.M. The design will probably take the form of a granite obelisk, with suitable iron work and stone enclosed.

The installation of officers of the St. Helen's Chapter, No. 531, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hartlepool, on the 12th inst., as under, each officer being installed by his predecessor in office: Comps. C. F. Hockaday, M.E.Z.; J. N. Taylor, H.; and Edward Nixey, J. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel.

The directors of the Carl Rosa Opera Company have issued their prospectus for the coming season at Drury Lane Theatre. There is a very strong body of artistes gathered together, and the season, which will commence on Saturday, the 5th prox., will comprise 30 evening and six morning performances. The whole will be under the direction of Bro. Augustus Harris, under whose auspices there seems to be every prospect of success.

Monday being the anniversary of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was celebrated pretty generally by the Irish in London and elsewhere, the shamrock being conspicuously worn. A number of banquets was held in honour of the day, the 107th anniversary of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick being celebrated at the First Avenue Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Arran, Bro. the Earl of Milltown, Sir Alexander Miller, &c, &c., being among the guests. The subscriptions, including £150 from the Queen, amounted to £550.

Mark Masonry is making very rapid strides in Derbyshire, and new lodges have been consecrated at Ashbourne and at Ilkeston, while another is in contemplation at Alfreton. At present the county is in the Mark Province of "Leicester, Northampton, Derby, and Rutland," and while the present Provincial Grand Master, the venerable Bro. Wm. Kelly, who is the *doyen* of P.G.M.'s, remains at the head of affairs, there will be no desire for a change; but in any vacancy of his office Derbyshire will probably agitate for Home Rule.—*New York Herald*.

The Prince of Wales visited the National Training School of Cookery, in Buckingham Palace-road, on Saturday last. His Royal Highness lunched with the Committee and afterwards visited and inspected the schools while the students were engaged in their duties. In the evening he was a guest at an evening party given by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Committee of the Sports and Arts Exhibition at the Grosvenor Gallery. Prince George of Wales, the Duke of Teck, and Prince Victor of Hohenlohe were also present, as well as a large and fashionable company.

Mrs. Baskcomb gave a small "at home" at Ivy Lodge, Wandsworth Common, on the 9th inst., when some good music was heard. The hostess herself played with great expression "Fraümes-Wirren Grillen" (Schumann), and Mr. Cusins executed, in his usual masterly manner, "Fantaisie Impromptu" (Chopin). Miss Maud Webster recited "The Spanish Mother," and, in response to a special request, gave Oliver Wendell Holmes's "Aunt Tabitha." Mrs. Paterson Fox gave a fine rendering of an air from "Mignon," accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr. Cusins, and Bro. Baskcomb contributed two original recitations, viz.: "Coming to the point at last" and "Some ladies in our village start a soup kitchen for the poor," and Lieut. St. John Clerke (son of Bro. Col nel Shadwell H. Clerke) performed a capital solo on the banjo.

Bro. the Duke of Fife presided at the annual general meeting, held at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Saturday last, of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The meeting was *numerously attended*, and the report for the past year, which showed that the society's boats had been instrumental in saving the lives of 420 persons, was unanimously adopted. The total effective number of boats controlled by the society was 293, as many as 20 boats having been added to the list during the year. Unfortunately, while the expenditure amounted to £67,484 the receipts reached only £42,700, and in order to meet this large deficiency the Committee had been obliged to have recourse to certain legacies, which would otherwise have been carried to the capital account. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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Tuesday was the 42nd birthday of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who was born on the 18th March, 1848.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and Prince George of Wales, visited the Royal Hospital for Women and Children on Saturday last, and distributed flowers to the patients.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., initiated his eldest son, Mr. James Stevens, into the Order, in the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457—Bro. William James Shadrake, W.M.—at Loughton, Essex, on the 13th inst. A report of the meeting will be found in another column.

The Prince of Wales has been re-elected Commodore, and Bro. Lord Brassey Vice-Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The report and statement of accounts for the past year, which were submitted and approved at the annual general meeting on the 13th inst., were in all respects satisfactory.

The Queen has approved of the appointment of Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for India, as a British Plenipotentiary at the Labour Conference at Berlin. Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, our Ambassador at Berlin, will watch the discussion from a diplomatic point of view, while Bro. Sir J. E. Gorst will consider the leading aspects of the question.

The annual supper in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will take place at the Victoria Hall, Criterion, on Thursday, the 1st May. Bro. Brindley, P.M., Preceptor, Chairman; Bro. J. Greenway, Vice-Chairman; and Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Secretary.

Miss Fowler, who played the part of Lady Mayoress during the two Mayoralties of her father, Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., accompanied by a deputation of ladies, attended the Court of Common Council last week, and presented a memorial in support of the education of women.

The sale of tickets for the Guards' Burlesque in Chelsea, in aid of the Guards' Industrial Home, amounted early last week to over £147, and a cheque for £150 has accordingly been presented to that deserving charity on behalf of the Guards' Amateur Theatrical Company.

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs has consented to open a public subscription at the Mansion House in aid of the sufferers by the Morfa, as well as by the Llanerch, Colliery accident, and subscribers, in remitting their contributions, are requested to state clearly to which of the two funds they desire them to be credited.

Lord Loughborough, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G. Master Mason of Scotland, was entertained at a grand banquet at Dysart House, Kirkcaldy, on Saturday last, and received addresses from the tenantry, miners, and servants on the estate, and also from the Town Council of Dysart, congratulating his lordship on the attainment of his majority. Lord Loughborough has since arrived at 40, Upper Brook-street.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived from Nepal at Baroda on the evening of Thursday, the 13th inst., and met with a splendid reception from the Maharajah and the inhabitants. The following morning a cheetah hunt was organised for the entertainment of his Royal Highness, and in the evening a grand banquet, followed by a magnificent display of fireworks, was given in his honour. The city was illuminated both evenings.

In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. John Maclean, the Logic Club at its last weekly meeting, at the Cavendish Rooms, was in mourning. In place of the officers appointed at the last meeting, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, Preceptor, acted as W.M.; Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, as S.W.; and Bro. R. P. Stevens, as J.W. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded by the Secretary and a wreath of flowers sent in the name of the club.

The Teignmouth brethren on Monday, the 10th inst., on the motion of the W.M., Bro. F. C. Hallett, P.S.G.D., telegraphed congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, on the 27th anniversary of his wedding, and praying that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him long to preside over the Craft with the same good fortune that had distinguished his rule in the past. His Royal Highness replied thanking the brethren of Benevolent Lodge very sincerely for their fraternal message.

At a meeting of the St. Pancras Vestry, on Wednesday, the Chairman expressed the regret, which he was sure they all felt, at the serious illness of their Vestry Clerk, Bro. Alderman E. Gibb. He (the Chairman) had seen him that day, and Bro. Gibb said he was better, but his appearance did not indicate any improvement. Mr. Thornton moved a resolution expressing the sorrow with which the Vestry heard of the illness of Bro. Gibb, and their wish for his speedy restoration to health. Mr. Westcott seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the Chief Clerk was directed to send a copy of it to Bro. Gibb.

The eleventh annual soiree and dance in connection with Lodge St. John, No. 216 (S.C.), Stow, was held in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 7th inst. Bro. R. Sanderson, P.M. 216, Prov. G. Sec., presided. The attendance was fully up to the average, and included a deputation from Peebles Lodge, No. 24. After tea a varied programme of songs, recitations, &c., was entered into and ably sustained by local ladies and gentlemen, and towards the close Bro. Dr. Middleton, Prov. G.M. of Roxburgh and Selkirk, gave an address, in which he referred to the forthcoming bazaar in connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland's scheme of Masonic benevolence, and commended the undertaking as one worthy of the heartiest support of the brethren, as also of well-wishers outside the Craft. The dance thereafter was as usual largely attended and very enjoyable.

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Bro. James F. Haskins announces an evening concert to take place at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Thursday, April 24th, when we have no doubt he will provide, according to his custom, an excellent programme for his patrons.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George have left London for Brussels, en route for Berlin. The Prince on his arrival at Berlin will be received with all the honours due to a monarch, as he is on this occasion representing the Queen and paying the return visit for that of the Emperor to Osborne.

Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., and Mrs. Abel Smith entertained a number of young men and girls in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Exeter Hall, on Monday evening. Collections of photographs, microscopes, and scientific apparatus were exhibited, and, after an eloquent and humorous address by the Dean of Norwich, there was a concert.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall embarked at Bombay on their voyage to China on Thursday, the 13th inst., the farewell of the inhabitants of all classes being of the most enthusiastic character. The Duke's children left for England on the following day in charge of Lieut.-Col. Becher. We regret to hear of the fatal accident to Sir Howard Elphinstone, V.C., Comptroller of the Duke's household, who was swept overboard when travelling by the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Tongararo, from Plymouth to Tenerife. Great sympathy is felt for Lady Elphinstone and her daughter, who were passengers with Sir Howard.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has given his consent to the removal of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, from Brixton Hall to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The brethren of the lodge having passed a resolution in favour of this change of site, obtained the assistance of the Grand Secretary to lay their views before the Prince of Wales, with the reasons for the desired change, which were that as a large number of newspaper contributors are living on the north side of the Thames, Brixton is inconvenient for them, and that as Anderton's is central, it is equally accessible to the brethren living on both sides of the river. The alteration in the days of meeting has also been agreed to by the Grand Master, and the lodge will now meet on the first instead of the second Saturday in February, March, May, July, and November, the December meeting remaining on the second Saturday of that month as before.

In October, 1874, the Mark Master Mason Lodge of St. Michael, No. 175, was consecrated at Helston by the P.G.M., and in honour of the event the Provincial Grand Lodge was held there in that year. Owing to the lack of railway communication and the consequent isolation of Helston from other parts of the county, no Provincial Grand Lodge has been held there since. During the last year Helston has provided accommodation for public entertainments by the erection of its spacious public buildings, and the brethren of St. Michael Lodge have now the pleasure of announcing to the Mark Masons of the province that the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., has arranged to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Helston some time next month. The brethren will meet in the Godolphin Hall.

Cigarette smoking has now become so general that it is not to be wondered at that manufacturers keenly compete with each other in establishing a reputation amongst connoisseurs. The most successful effort in that direction we have met with has been made by Bro. C. R. Brighten, of Blanchard's, who has introduced a cigarette of the finest Oriental tobacco, done up in a most convenient and attractive box of a registered pattern, and has arranged with the manufacturers to supply them solely to the famous house in Beak-street.

At a recent meeting of the Hervey Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, at the conclusion of the ordinary business, a presentation was made, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Martin J. Dickens, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services as Secretary since the formation of the lodge in 1884. The presentation took the form of a Master's collar, with most elaborately engraved and solid jewels, inscribed with the names of the following brethren, members of the lodge: Bros. J. F. Arnaud, R. Burkitt, Sec.; H. G. Cooper, N. R. Dyer, H. J. Felton, P.M.; R. L. Gore, P.M.; D. Grinstead, P.M., P.S.G.D.; C. L. Grundy, I.G.; R. V. Harman, H. G. Hibbs, S.D.; J. Howard, S.W.; J. King, P.M.; T. Lansbury, G. W. F. Loftus, P.M.; W. R. Mallett, E. Packe, Stwd.; D. Payne, A. Portway, P.M.; H. B. Quick, J. Reilly, F. Rogers, J. Sanders, J.W.; F. H. Siderfin, Stwd.; and W. A. Williams, J.D.

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