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THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

A fortnight since we alluded in a brief Note to the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, at its annual meeting at Stockport on the 17th ult. We pointed out that considerable progress had been made during the past year, that there had been a substantial increase in the roll of subscribing members, and that, while one new lodge had lately been consecrated, a second was at the present time awaiting consecration. There are, however, one or two points in the address delivered by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON which justify a further and fuller reference to the circumstances attending the meeting. Thus, though his lordship was able to congratulate the brethren generally on the year's progress and the generally satisfactory condition of the province, he found himself under the necessity of reminding Worshipful Masters of lodges that the law which requires that a brother who is about joining a lodge should produce his Grand Lodge certificate and clearance certificate from his last lodge cannot be too strictly observed. He mentioned that relaxations of this law had been found to have occurred in some cases, and he suggested that the production of these certificates should be specially noted in lodge minute books. He also referred to our splendid Charitable Institutions, and took occasion to remark that it was imperatively necessary they should have the support "not only of the brethren generally, but also of each province." There was also a third but somewhat unpleasant subject to which Bro Lord EGERTON considered it his duty to refer. It seems that a brother had addressed a letter to the Provincial Grand Master, in which he freely and at the same time adversely criticised the manner in which appointments to Provincial Grand Lodge were made. His lordship very properly described this letter as un-Masonic, and in a few temperate remarks repelled the idea that it was competent for any brother to challenge the official acts of the Prov. Grand Master. What he had done he had done advisedly and on his own responsibility. "Suggestions," said his lordship, "were properly made to the Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Master might ask for the assistance of those whom he knew to be able to help him in certain particulars, but when the appointments were made it was for Masons to respect the decision of the Prov. Grand Master." It is, of course, impossible—or hardly possible—for a Prov. Grand Master to be thoroughly acquainted with the merits of every individual brother in his province, and this is one of the reasons why he has a Deputy, and a Secretary, and other officers who are able to visit the different lodges, and obtain for their chief a full and particular knowledge of the manner in which the duties of Freemasonry are carried out, and inform him who, in their opinion, are the best qualified to receive provincial honours. On the information thus received, coupled with his own official knowledge, a Prov. Grand Master makes such appointments as, in the exercise of his discretion and with a full sense of responsibility, he considers just and proper. Therefore, to question his acts is to show disrespect not only towards him personally, but likewise to the high office he holds, and generally towards constituted authority of every kind and degree. It is, perhaps, in human nature that everybody should consider himself better qualified to receive honour than everyone else, but he is a wise man who keeps this belief to himself. However, the writer of the objectionable letter has withdrawn the imputations it contained, and there is, therefore nothing further to be said about this unpleasant incident at the recent meeting at Stockport.

THE CRAFT IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

There is no doubt that the progress of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire during the last five years has been almost without precedent, at least among provinces of moderate dimensions. When the present Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., was installed in office in April, 1874, there were only eight lodges on the roll—the Hertford and Watford, dating from 1829, the Stortford from 1831, the Cecil from 1838, the Berkhamstead from 1845, the Gresham from 1861, and the King Harold and Gladsmuir from 1870 and 1871 respectively. Almost the first official act of Bro. HALSEY, after his installation, was the consecration of the lodge which bears his name and meets in the City of St. Albans. Then followed the Cranbourne, at Hatfield, in 1876, and the King Henry VIII., at Hemel Hempstead in 1878, and then after an interval of four years the junior lodge at Watford, which was consecrated, as the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, in December, 1882. We next have a group of four lodges constituted within short intervals of one another, namely, the Wilson Iles in 1884, the Dacre in 1885, the St. Michael's, at Bishop's Stortford, in 1886, and the Rickmansworth in 1887. Last year no less than three lodges were added to the roll—the Kingswood, at Elstree; the Bushey Hall, at Bushey; and the Ravenscroft, the junior Barnet lodge, at Barnet. In the spring of this year a 20th lodge was constituted at Broxbourne, while on Monday Bro. HALSEY had the satisfaction of consecrating the 13th lodge which has been warranted during the term of his Prov. Grand Mastership, the James Terry Lodge, which ranks as No. 21 on the Provincial roll, and will for some time at all events remain the junior lodge in Hertfordshire. There is no gainsaying that an addition of 13 lodges in the course of 16 years is an achievement of which even a larger province than Hertfordshire would have good reason to be proud. It is certainly an emphatic testimony to its zeal and energy, and equally, if not to a still greater degree, to the sterling qualities exhibited by the distinguished brother under whose auspices they have been ushered into existence. What is still more satisfactory, the returns show that the new lodges without exception are making fair progress, and give every promise of being able to maintain their ground. As regards the James Terry Lodge which, as we have said, was consecrated on Monday at the Cheshunt Hall, Cheshunt, it is early yet to speak of the fortune that may be in store for it; but considering the popularity of the brother whose name it bears, and who will preside as Master during its opening year, there is very little doubt that it will succeed in carving out for itself a prosperous future. Bro. TERRY, though originally a London Mason, has been connected with Hertfordshire for about a quarter of a century—it is 21 years since he received his first collar of office as a Prov. Grand Officer. He has been intimately associated with the work of its Prov. Grand Lodge during the whole of Bro. HALSEY'S Prov. Grand Mastership; he has been an active member of several of its lodges, and there is, therefore, no brother better qualified to guide a new lodge into a safe and sound position than Bro. TERRY. Several of his officers, too, such as Bros. P. L. BLACKMORE, G. HOLDSWORTH, and J. TYDEMAN, are brethren of experience, so that the future awaiting the James Terry Lodge has every indication of being bright and promising. It only remains for us to add that we heartily congratulate the Prov. Grand Master, the Province generally, and Bro. TERRY on the success of Monday's proceedings, a full report of which will be found in another part of our columns.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Godolphin Hall, Helston. The town was gaily decorated in recognition of the event. Helston contained a Freemasons' lodge over a century and a half since, but a Provincial Grand Lodge had not been held there since 1869. Then it also had not any railway. On the present occasion there was, therefore, an unusually large influx of strangers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M., who was supported by nearly all the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, including—

Bros. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, D.P.G.M.; E. Milford Milford, 589, P.S.G.W.; J. Jose, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Fraser-Frizell, 131, P.G.C.; T. H. Gibbons, 856, P.G. Treas.; Wellington Dale, 121, P.G.R.; T. Chirgwin, 131, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; E. Herring, 1071, P.S.G.D.; J. Wearne, 1272, P.J.G.D.; W. H. Huddy, 510, P.J.G.D.; A. W. White, 1136, P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Roberts, 1785, P.G.D.C.; J. Best, 1529, P.D.G.D.C.; T. S. Bailey, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Edwards, 131, P.G.S.B.; J. S. C. Simpson, 121, P.G. Org.; G. Cassell, P.G.P.; J. Langdon, 131, P.A.G.P.; J. M. Carnev, 75, B. F. Edyvean, 330, J. Duckett, 893, T. D. Deebie, 1071, and W. Wagner, 450, P.G. Stewards; J. C. R. Crewes, 131, P.A.G. Sec.; and R. Penwarden, 510, P.G. Tyler.

On the roll of lodges being called, all were found to be represented. Before proceeding to discuss the agenda of the business, the P.G.M. said the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall had, with the other Prov. Grand Lodges, received an intimation of the decease of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon had been an intimate friend of his at college, and under the auspices of that nobleman he had been initiated into Masonry, and subsequently installed W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse, Devon. For nine years the Earl of Carnarvon had filled the high office of Pro Grand Master, and during a long career had been a zealous and highly-esteemed Mason. He felt sure that the Prov. G. Lodge, along with himself, regretted much his decease, and he proposed that a letter of condolence and sympathy should be sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge to Lady Carnarvon. That he thought would be a better course than lodges sending separate letters.

His lordship's proposition was adopted. The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had received several letters, which he proposed to read first. He had received invitations from St. Austell and Saltash for holding the Prov. Grand Lodge at either place next year. He thought it was best not to make any promise at present, but brethren might be assured the usual course would be followed to hold the next annual meeting in East Cornwall. Bro. Hughan, he regretted to say, through ill-health was unable to continue editing the Provincial Directory as hitherto, but would continue to superintend it. Bro. T. Gill had kindly consented to undertake the labour of that office. There were 144 lights in the windows of the Girls' School, and it was proposed to glaze them with tinted glass containing coats of arms. Each light would cost £13, and Cornwall was asked to fill one with the arms of the county. He proposed the lodge should contribute ten guineas and himself be allowed to contribute the rest of the money required. That proposition was unanimously adopted.

A letter was received from Peterborough asking for a contribution towards the erection of that cathedral. Peterborough had contributed towards Truro Cathedral. The sums given by other provinces towards Peterborough varied from two to 25 guineas each. On the proposition of Bro. ROWE, seconded by Bro. SIMPSON, five guineas was voted by the Prov. Grand Lodge towards Peterborough Cathedral. The Truro lodge, at which the Prov. Grand Lodge regalia were kept, had applied to have the three guineas contributed by the Prov. Grand Lodge continued. Unanimously adopted. A lodge had given a brother his Third Degree within 30 days after the second, and Grand Lodge had consequently refused his certificate. His lordship would call the attention of lodges to the avoidance of such an irregularity. The brethren of a lodge had taken upon themselves to exclude one of its members because he had not fulfilled some promise in a business transaction. That the P.G.M. ruled to be irregular, so that was not an offence which could be taken notice of Masonically.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER reported that the receipts for the year had been £401; balance in hand remaining at the Cornish Bank, £190. The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that there had during the year been 103 initiations, against 115 in the previous year; 36 joining members, against 17; and at present 1406 subscribing members, against 1374; total, 1550, against 1506, an increase during the year of 44. With pleasure he acknowledged a very great improvement in the sending in of the lodge returns. During the year the petitions he had reported to the Board of Benevolence in London for relief had resulted in the following grants:—£20 to a widow, Lodge 121; £60 to a brother, 1544; £30 to a brother, 131; £20 to a brother, 977; £10 to a brother, 856; total, £140; against £110 the previous year.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund announced that during the year the subscriptions and donations received had amounted to £202 16s., against £172 15s. received the previous year, an increase of £30. To that was to be added £185 interest, and a railway debenture trust bond of £100, total £502. There had been expended £185, balance at Cornish Bank £317. Present capital £4722, against capital at last meeting £4514, increase £208. Under the rules in force nothing could at present be granted either for annuities or education. Two educational grants of £15 a year each would expire next year. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to the present date £7631 had been received and £2908 paid in annuities, relief, educational grants, and management.

Bro. G. B. PEARCE reported that the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association would require greater aid, as the brethren who had agreed to pay up certain sums had completed their payments. It was very desirable to obtain new members, and he should be glad if the old subscribers would continue their subscriptions. The whole of these reports were adopted.

The following votes were made to Charities: Fifty guineas to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, 10 guineas each to the Male and Female Funds of the R.M.B.I., and 20 guineas each to the R.M.I.B. and R.M.I.G.

The officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and Bros. Grant and J. B. Smith were elected Auditors for the year. Bro. T. Taylor was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

In the afternoon the brethren proceeded to church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. R. Fraser-Frizell. The collection amounted to nine guineas, which was awarded two-fifths to the Helston Hospital, two-fifths Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and one-fifth to the vicar.

The Committee were considered re-elected.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year are—

Bro. C. B. Graves-Sawle...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Major J. J. Ross, 121	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. A. Courtney, 510	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. Huxtable, 331	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. M. Petty, 75	...	...
" T. Taylor, 318	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Taylor, 318	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" T. Chirgwin	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. C. Mack, 131	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" T. A. Kistler, 589	...	...
" H. Trembath, 318	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" T. H. Spear, 330	...	...

Bro. H. Down, 2166	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" P. H. Dawe, 967	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Rodda, 121	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. Duckett, 893	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Lieut. Grylls, 75	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. E. Lukies, 131	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Brewer, 1954	...	...	...
" E. F. Whitley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Tressider, 75	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Ellis, 318	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" J. Langdon, 131	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.
" T. W. Perry, 856	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Worsdell, 967	...	...	...
" J. Sobey, 1164	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. Hawke, 1529	...	...	...
" J. Pendray, 1544	...	...	...
" R. Williams, 1272	...	...	...
" R. James, 318	...	...	...

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, about 200 of the brethren dined together at the Angel Hotel. The P.G.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, some vocal music being furnished by brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Penrith, under the banner of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 339, on Friday, the 26th ult., and being over 12 years since the annual meeting was held there, there was a good muster of the members from nearly all the lodges in the province, only one lodge sending no representative. The brethren first assembled at the Crown Hotel, and clothed, and marched in processional order, headed by a band of music, to the George Assembly Rooms, when, in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.M. 1002, D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of England, presided, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M. They were reported and admitted in due form, and saluted. There were also present Bro. Jas. M. McLeod, P.P.G. Std. Br. Derbyshire, Secretary R.M.I.B., and Bro. Chas. S. Lane, P.M. 764, P.P.G.D. Durham, and the following officers, past officers, and members, viz.:

Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.S.G.W.; Wm. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.S.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. W. Melrose, Chap. 371, P.G. Chaplain; Jas. Slack, P.M. 310, P.G. Org.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; Wm. T. Lawrence, P.M. 1390, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Batey, I.P.M. 310, J. Abbot, P.M. 371, W. S. Ponton, P.M. 327, and J. Dickinson, I.P.M. 962, P.G. Stwds.; Thos. Usher, P.M. 1072, P.G. Tyler; Geo. Starkey, W.M. 119; R. W. Moore, P.M.; John Thompson, Asst. Sec. 119; Thos. Studholme, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Isaac Bird, 119; Wm. Payson, 310; J. T. Graham, Sec.; E. Jas. Burgess, W.M. 327; H. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. Tombs, W.M. 339; W. Rawes, P.M. 339; D. Ashenden, 339; J. Bardgett; H. Parry, J.D. 339; Thos. Jackson, P.M.; J. Matthews, P.M.; J. Bethwaite, P.M., Sec. 339; J. Messenger, Tyler 371, P.P.G. Tyler; Dr. James F. Muir, I.P.M. 872; John Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Blenkinsop, J.D.; W. H. Brockbank; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Wharton, S.W. 310; J. W. Miller, 339; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.J.G.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Fidler, P.M. 1002; T. C. Burn, W.M. 1002; P. T. Freeman, 1073, P.G. Org.; W. Hodgson, P.M. 1073, P.G.S. of W.; J. Gibson, Sec. 1073; Rev. H. D. Ravensley, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Chap.; Charles Christopherson, P.M. 1073; J. Stout, W.M. 1267; Thomas Miller, I.G. 1267; W. Burnyeat; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D.; George Hill, P.M.; R. A. Mitchell, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Atkinson, I.P.M. 1390; Thomas Wood, Sec. 1390; J. Morton, W.M. 1400; J. Kerby, S.W. and W.M. elect 1400; L. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Wynn, P.M., Sec. 1400; W. Matthews, P.M. 1532; F. Appleyard, J.W. 1400; J. Wilkinson, W.M. 1660; J. McHarry, I.P.M. 1989; H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Walker, P.M.; S. Rumney, S.D.; G. Watson, J.D.; W. Kewley, I.G.; W. Wilson; Charles Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Gandy, P.M. 2217, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Jenkinson, P.M. 2285, P.P. G. Std. Br.; A. W. Turner, S.W. 2285; R. Musgrave, 2285; J. Swinburne, 1356; R. Milbourne, 2012; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the roll of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers called.

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed, also the Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts, which were passed as read, showing a balance to the credit of the province of £52 12s. 10d., and, on the motion of Bro. DYKES, seconded by Bro. Col. SEWELL, Bro. R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas., was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the eighth time.

Bro. DALRYMPLE moved that Bro. J. Sewell, Tyler 872, be Prov. Grand Tyler, and it was seconded by Bro. MCKAY, and carried unanimously.

The report of the Charity Committee was adopted as read, and the following brethren were nominated and invested Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. John Spittall, P.M. 872	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. G. Gandy, P.M. 2217	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Sharp Ostle, Chap. 1073	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. John Ewbank, Chap. 1002	...	...	...
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thos. A. Argles, P.M. 2217	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Jas. F. Muir, P.M. 872	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. B. Thwaites, P.M. 339	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. Tombs, P.M. 339	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Henry Wynn, P.M. 1400	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George Hill, P.M. 1390	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John Bewley, P.M. 1989	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Stout, W.M. 1267	...	...	...	} Prov. G. St. Brs.
" Henry Hartley, P.M. 1660	...	...	...
" E. A. Mitchell, 1390	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. S. Ponton, P.M. 327	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Isaac Dickinson, P.M. 962	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Geo. Starkey, W.M. 119	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" James Batey, P.M. 310	...	...	...
" E. J. Burgess, W.M. 327	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Wm. Armstrong, P.M. 1267	...	...	...
" John Morton, W.M. 1400	...	...	...
" Wm. Matthews, P.M. 1532	...	...	...
" Jonah Sewell, Tyler 872	...	...	...

Bro. MCKAY, Prov. Grand Secretary, next read his annual report, which contained some very valuable information relating to the general working of the province and the progress the Craft was making, and said he would like very much if Secretaries of lodges would be a little more particular in making their annual returns, and if brethren who had votes for the three Masonic Institutions would sign them and forward them to him at their earliest convenience, as many only came at the eleventh hour and some not at all.

Bro. DALRYMPLE gave notice for five guineas to be voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge to the " Pension Indemnity Fund."

Bro. J. MILLS, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D., as per notice of motion, moved that an Educational Fund be established for the province.

Bro. T. ATKINSON, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C., seconded the motion, and it was supported by Bro. DYKES, D.P.G.M., and several other brethren, and carried unanimously.

A Committee of 13, with a Secretary, was appointed to carry out the work, without prejudice to the other Charitable Institutions in Masonry, and at all times to be under the government and control of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. DYKES, D.P.G.M., referred in feeling terms to the great loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and moved that a letter of condolence be sent from the province, which was seconded by Bro. Col. SEWELL, acting D.P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

There being no more business of importance, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren were again formed in processional order, headed by a band of music, and marched to St. Andrew's Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Melrose, P.G. Chaplain, and a collection taken on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and the brethren afterwards marched to the Crown Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, presided over by Bro. Dykes, supported by the Prov. Grand Officers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

We may also add that Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, had not only a hearty welcome accorded him from the chair on being elected Secretary for the Boys' School, but two Stewards were promised him for his first Festival as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held in the province of the north.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT NORTHAMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held at Northampton on Thursday, the 25th ult., for the transaction of general business, and also for the purpose of opening and consecrating the new Masonic Hall. This building—the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic honours—contains every convenience for Masonic lodge meetings, both lodge room and banqueting hall being spacious and elegant. It is also intended for use as a social club, and, therefore, the comfort of the brethren has been most assiduously studied in this direction. The decorations—more especially in the lodge room—are effective and appropriate, and their pleasing effect will be considerably increased when the electric lighting arrangements are complete. The Masons of Northampton, which comprises but three lodges, are to be congratulated upon possessing a Masonic hall which would be a credit to any town with a much larger Masonic population, and they will, doubtless, work with energy to realise the wish expressed at the consecration and dedication of the building—that it would speedily become too small for their accommodation, although that event cannot possibly happen for many years hence. The Right Hon the Earl of Euston, D.L., P.G.M., presided, and was supported by the largest number of brethren that have assembled since his appointment.

Amongst the large number present were—

Bros. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Dr. Sanders, P.G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; F. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; J. J. Hart, P.G.D.C.; J. Snow, P.P.G.R.; G. L. Michel, P.P.J.G.D.; Edmund Roberts, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Brown, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Kellett, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Cockerell, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Marson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Wood Ingram, P.A.G.D.C.; W. K. Smith, P.P.G.R.; H. T. Smith, P.S.G.W.; J. Smith, P.P.G.R.; G. Osborn, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Jacob, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Knight, P.G.S.B.; R. McAustin, P.G.S.; H. Bulford, P.G.P.S.; G. Wilcox Smith, P.P.G. Org.; W. A. Howes, P.P.G.C.; H. M. J. Powell, P.P.G.C.; J. Eunson, P.P.G.S.; J. H. Percival, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. S. Thornton, P.G.C.; H. C. Clarabut, P.P.G. Org.; W. Dixey, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Payling, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Cook, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Watson, P.P.G.D.; H. Standley, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Lewis, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Tucker, P.P.S.G.W.; T. P. Dorman, P.G. Stwd.; H. J. Atkins, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Jones, P.P.G.R.; G. T. Edmund, P.P.G.O.; T. Emery, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Joweth, P.P.G. Stwd.; R. Croft, P.P.G.O.; F. W. Webb, W.M. 540; H. Thray, P.M. 540; T. Paget, S.D. 455; A. Webb, I.G. 455; C. E. Birch, P.P.G. Org. Leicester; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. J. Garwood, 304; J. Bull, 540; H. Duffett, 986; J. H. Blunt, 725; F. F. Blunt, 725; T. Dixon, 1087; W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Prov. G.M., Grand Officers, and Prov. Grand Officers duly saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the roll of lodges was called, and the minute books of the lodges examined and signed by the Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M., then rose and said it had been felt for some time past by the brethren of the province—especially those meeting in the town of Northampton—that the accommodation at their command was in no wise sufficient for their purpose, as when the old building was first erected there was but one lodge, but two others had since been added. The consequence was that those premises were in no way appropriate. The idea of a new building, he was happy to say, had been accomplished by the brethren forming themselves into a Limited Company, and taking shares, and by that means the building was erected. The new hall was so far completed that they had been enabled to meet there that day, and he hoped and trusted it met with their approval. It only remained for him to ask the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate and dedicate it for the purposes of Freemasonry, and he hoped and trusted—although they might not live to see it—that in time the building would hardly be sufficient for Masonry as it would progress in the future.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said the day was a red-letter day for the Masons of the town and also for the whole of the province. The other building was so small that on many occasions they had to hire another hall. He was sure in meeting there that day not only did they meet as brethren of the province, willing to work heart and soul in the interests of Freemasonry, but they met there also with a wish to give a good start to the new hall, which they would consecrate to the Order and to Charity. He thanked them for their attendance, and would call upon them to assist him in that act towards that new building which was always done in every building consecrated to Freemasonry.

The ceremony of dedication and consecration was then impressively carried out, a very eloquent oration being delivered by Bro. Dr. SANDERS, P.G. Chap.

The business of Prov. Grand Lodge was then proceeded with, Bro. A. Cockerell being unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

- Bro. G. Butcher, W.M. 1764 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " H. Robinson, W.M. 360 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " Dr. Sanders, P.G. Chap. ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " A. Cockerell, 360... ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " E. P. Monckton, W.M. 466 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " G. C. Caster, W.M. 442 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- " G. Henson, W.M. 455 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- " A. B. Brackenbury, Sec. 2283 ... Prov. G.S. of W.

- Bro. John Hart, P.M. 360 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. W. Ingram, P.M. 373 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " J. Coulbeck, W.M. 737 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " H. Eunson, 1911 ... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " W. Conney, 373 ... }
- " R. F. Winch, S.W. 607 ... Prov. G.P.
- " T. H. Vials, 1764 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " J. Clayson, 360 ... }
- " G. Ingram, 373 ... }
- " T. Cook, 442 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " T. Paget, 455 ... }
- " E. Loweth, 466 ... }
- " J. Gold, 1764 ... }
- " Ayres ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The Treasurer's report and the recommendations of the Charity Committee were received and unanimously agreed to.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary announcing that His Royal Highness had been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge, to be held at Daventry, which will bear the number 2380.

Other business was transacted, and the Prov. G. Lodge was formally closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" being first warmly received.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," referring to his Royal Highness as one who worked hard in every capacity, and who took the greatest interest in every Degree of the Craft with which he was connected. Their M.W.G.M. was one they would be sorry to lose as a ruler, for since his Royal Highness became Grand Master the Craft had increased to a great extent, owing to his ability and earnest work. His Royal Highness would be pleased to hear that Norths and Hunts was doing well, for his interest in a small province was as great as with a larger province.

In proposing "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said they were honoured that day by the kindness of several Grand Officers. There were present Bro. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, the Grand Secretary, whom they all knew and appreciated, Bro. Robert Grey, the President of the Board of Benevolence, whom he hoped would take a kindly view of the case mentioned in Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Frank Richardson, who kindly assisted by acting as D.C., and Bros. Matier and Mead, who had both done good and worthy service in the Craft. To those brethren they gave hearty thanks and a right hearty welcome to the province, and as they had most of them been down before, they said "Come down again, we shall be pleased to see you," for the brethren would have their advice from time to time. Those Grand Officers never refused to give their help, and attended at a sacrifice to themselves, and not one of them but would give up personal amusement to be of use to any province in England, Scotland, or Ireland. The brethren ought to be proud at the number of Grand Officers present. They hoped that would not be the last visit of those distinguished brethren, and they had been pleased with their efforts and what had been done, and that they could say their hearts, whatever imperfections there might have been, were in the right place. In the province they were never too proud to take a hint as to what they should do, from the highest to the lowest. He would couple the name of Bro. Sandeman, who had done good service, not only in this land, where he held a high position in the 33°, but in India, where Masonry flourished well, he worked hard and zealously and won the fame attached to his name.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. Bengal, said it afforded him much pleasure to respond in a few words to the toast which it had pleased the Prov. G.M. to give in such very kind and courteous terms, and to which the brethren had responded so generously. In all Masonic meetings they were told that nothing but peace and harmony should prevail, and he should be sorry to say one word that would interfere with either, but he did not think he should be saying anything that would provoke controversy if he said, on behalf of the Grand Officers present, that they had received a great deal of pleasure that evening at being present. They had not only witnessed the proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodge—always interesting in themselves—but they had also witnessed the consecration of a Masonic hall, which he thought he might call a beautiful and commodious building, and which added a great feather in the cap of Northampton Freemasons. It was saying a great deal for a town which only comprised, he believed, three lodges, for the energy of the brethren who had been able to build a hall of which any county might justly feel proud. He did not think he was trespassing beyond the proper bounds of propriety when, on behalf of the Grand Officers, he congratulated the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren upon the magnificent hall consecrated that day. Reference had been made to the probability that, in course of time, the hall would not be large enough. The town began with one lodge, grew up into youth with three lodges, and now had a hall, and when they got older they might find they wanted a larger hall, but by that time most of those present would have joined the majority. He congratulated them upon the meeting, and at the same time, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, expressed their thanks, not only for having given them the privilege of being present, but also for their kind and hearty greeting.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said he felt it a very great gratification and a great pleasure to be permitted to submit the next toast in the programme—one which required no words of eulogy from him—and he could only wish that some brother with greater elocutionary powers had been selected to do justice to the toast. He would ask them to drink to the health of the noble brother who presided over the province. That was no doubt the toast that came nearest and dearest to the Masons of Northampton, for it came personally home to their own hearts. He had known that province for many years, and could remember it when another noble brother ruled over it, who was an excellent man and Mason, but unfortunately other engagements in different parts of the earth prevented his attendance as often as required. Unfortunately that state of things did not conduce to the prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts, but when circumstances changed, and that noble brother retired from the office, then the Grand Master acting on his prerogative, selected the noble brother in the chair to succeed him. It was possible that some one or two Masons might have said that the Earl of Euston was a young Mason, and therefore not quite prepared to assume so important a charge, but if such a remark was made, it was made by persons who did not know that noble brother, because those who knew him were aware that he was a man of indomitable courage and great ability, and had a most intense feeling of love for the Craft which he had somewhat recently joined. They judged of all things by the results, and when they looked at the position of the province now and what it was a few years ago, every brother present would agree that the appointment of the Earl of Euston to the charge of the province was a most happy and fortunate one. Since the Prov. Grand Master had been in charge he had attended to every detail with the most scrupulous exactness, had never been absent at the provincial meetings, visited the lodges and gave them the most excellent advice, and altogether was a model Prov. Grand Master. He must congratulate them all most heartily upon the present state of things. The province, although not a large one, was progressing, as they had recently added a lodge called after the Prov. Grand Master, and had heard a letter from himself read announcing the grant of another lodge, and a little bird had whispered that there might yet be a third new lodge in the province. That showed that Masonry was progressing in a marvellous manner in the pro-

vince, and he heartily agreed with the remarks of the distinguished brother on his left when he spoke in eulogistic terms of the magnificent building consecrated that day, showing that the hearts of Northampton Masons are in the right place, and that they took the greatest pride in the Order to which they belonged. They all knew his feelings, and he would, therefore, simply ask them to drink with the greatest good will and the greatest enthusiasm the health of the energetic and excellent brother who presided over them.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply, said he could hardly find words to thank the Grand Secretary for the most flattering—and far too flattering—terms used in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the hearty and kind way in which they had received it. Perhaps some small things that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said were absolutely true, without that halo of exaggeration he had put round it, for he was a young Mason, but seven years old, but he went into it because he felt sure that it was what it is, a great, grand, and solemn Charitable Institution. He went into it because he wished to belong to it, and when he got into it he felt drawn towards it, and made up his mind that if he could, he would work hard and do his best and try to get up to whatever position he might be put into. H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. very kindly placed him in a high position when young, and he felt that many men who served long and well in the Craft deserved it far more than ever he did for the small work he had done, and he felt he was receiving far too great an honour. He then looked forward—not with dread, for he was afraid of nothing—but with a feeling that he had to put his best foot foremost to maintain the position. He had done his best and would always do so, and do anything for the province over which he ruled and of which he was so proud. He always met with a hearty reception, for which he could hardly find words to thank them, and he also thanked Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke for the unstinted kindness always shown him on any question on which he had sought advice, and he knew that advice was the best he could get. He hoped and trusted that the kindness with which he had been received would continue, and he could only tell them that so long as they were willing to have him, he should be ready to hear any complaint of any brother and try and decide any dispute to the best of his power and ability. They must, however, all know and feel that if they came to him for advice they must abide by his decision. They had gone on increasing a little in strength, having one lodge absolutely formed, one coming on, and it was whispered there would be still another. So far so good, but let them go on steadily, and whenever they had a new lodge let that lodge be founded on a firm and solid basis, and be founded by brethren who knew what they were about in Freemasonry, and by those who would not admit men who were not fit to belong to it. Although at first a lodge might not increase so fast as some impatient men might want, let them go on steadily, forming it on a sound basis and increasing only with good and worthy men who had their hearts in the work, and not those who came in for the sake of jolly evenings. He thanked them again for the kind reception given him, and should look back to that day as a red-letter day in the province. There were one or two things to which they would not mind his referring, and although they were small matters he should like them attended to. One was the Board of Benevolence. When the roll was called that day there were not two members from every lodge. The Master of a lodge should appoint two members to attend that Board every year, and not only to attend at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, but whenever called upon to do so. Another thing was that the Secretary of each lodge should send the correct dates of lodge meetings for the year 1891 to the Provincial Grand Secretary, so that the calendar might be printed before 1st of January next, and so that brethren wishing to attend and pay compliments could see at a glance the meetings of all lodges. They had met at Northampton that day out of turn for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating that hall, but Wellingborough in a truly fraternal manner waived their claim, and he could only say that if that lodge was willing to receive them next year the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held there. He had to thank them for their attendance that day, which was the largest they had had since the day he was installed their Provincial Grand Master, and he hoped the confidence exhibited towards him would continue in the same measure as his affections for them continued, and would continue to the last day of his life. He would now bring another toast to their notice, which was "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master," who had performed arduous duties and rendered good service for many years. How well Bro. Butler Wilkins had served him during the few years he had been Provincial Grand Master they were aware, and what they would do without him it would be difficult to say. In the Deputy Provincial Grand Master he had a tower of strength, and one in whom he had such perfect confidence that he could rely upon everything being carried out in a proper manner. He asked the brethren to drink the toast most heartily, and would only say that whoever had a better Deputy Provincial Grand Master than he had must be a particularly lucky man.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M., thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the eulogistic way in which he had spoken of any assistance he had rendered. He could assure the brethren generally of the great satisfaction he experienced when the Provincial Grand Master was installed, for he felt that the onus of the province was taken from his shoulders. In the position in which they were formerly situated, it was not to be expected that Masonry would flourish. He had seen it for several years, and was only hoping the time would come when they should have a head to whom they could all look up to, and when the Provincial Grand Master was installed some few years ago, they, one and all, promised to give him their support. None of the brethren then present, however, contemplated that the province would so increase in prosperity as it had done, or that they would witness the result they had that day—a result which he ventured to think not only showing their enthusiasm in supporting the Provincial Grand Master, but also showing the Grand Officers who had honoured them that his Royal Highness the Grand Master most assuredly made no mistake when he appointed the Earl of Euston to be the head of the province. Speaking personally, as long as the Provincial Grand Master would continue to give him his confidence, and allow the affairs of the province to be debated between them, he would always do his best, and any subject that might arise he would endeavour to view it, not from a personal point, but for the best welfare of the province.

In submitting "The Provincial Grand Officers," the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said those of past rank had done good suit and service in the past, and what was more, were still able and willing to assist when emergencies arose. Those who had been appointed that day they hoped and felt certain would do their best in the future, and would do their duty right manfully, as they had done in the lodges in which they had served, and for which work they had been selected. He would couple the name of the P.S.G.W., who had had an enormous deal to do with the building in which they had met that night, and had taken the greatest interest, financially and otherwise, to see that everything was properly carried out.

Bro. G. BUTCHER, Prov. S.G.W., said it was with great pride he responded, and pardonable pride at the position in which he had been placed that day. He was also pleased that the efforts which had been put forward with reference to the building had terminated under such favourable circumstances. On behalf of the brethren appointed to Provincial Grand Office, he thanked them most heartily, and was quite certain those brethren would do their utmost to carry out their duties in the same efficient manner as their predecessors. It was a pleasure to know there would be work to do during the coming year, and the Prov. Grand Master could depend upon the officers doing it well.

"The Masonic Hall Club Company" was given by Bro. DR. SANDERS, Prov. G. Chap., and other toasts followed, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings.

During the evening a Masonic ode, written and composed expressly for the occasion by Bros. R. André and Isidore de Solla, was sung by Bro. W. H. Tarry the brethren joining heartily in the refrain—

Come, Brother Builders, hew the stone,
And shape it of proportions fair;
Firm based, our work must stand alone,
To all ill winds of life four-square.
'Tis ours to work the heaven-born plan,
And crown the Brotherhood of Man.

Sing, brethren all, with heart and voice,
May Love and Charity unite;
Hail, to the Master of our choice;
On all "Let there be Light!"

Refrain—Sing, brethren all, &c.

Age upon age may pass away;
Sublime, as in the days of old,
Our Temple knows no earth decay,
'Tho' time be dead, and suns be cold.
'Mid worlds in ruin, true and good,
The stones that build our Brotherhood.
Sing, brethren all, &c.

Come, Brother Builders, join with me,
Ring out, ring out, our world-wide song;
Bring we our firm-based Masonry
To strengthen work already strong;
Our chosen Master be the guide
To fields of labour yet more wide!
Sing, brethren all, &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE JAMES TERRY LODGE, No. 2372.

The Province of Hertfordshire attained its majority, so far as the number of lodges is concerned, on Monday, the 29th ult., by the consecration of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, at Cheshunt Hall, Crossbrook-street, Cheshunt. A strong body of founders having been formed, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., was asked to become the first Worshipful Master, and also to allow his name to distinguish the new lodge. The kindly suggestion is now an accomplished fact, and the name of one of the most prominent and distinguished Masons of the present day will therefore be perpetuated and handed down to posterity by a lodge which, starting under such favourable auspices, should worthily maintain the reputation attached to it. It was peculiarly appropriate that such an event should happen in Hertfordshire, as Bro. Terry is intimately connected with that province, being a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden and the present Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; C. Bullock, Prov. Grand Secretary; and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers. The founders of the lodge are Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B.; P. L. Blackmore, W. Metcalfe, R. Middlehurst, J. Tydeman, G. Holdsworth, H. Trask, W. P. Warren, H. E. Cole, F. Godfree, G. C. H. Jennings, R. F. Brickdale, and G. S. Metcalfe. The other brethren present included:

Bros. R. P. Walkden, 1366; James Jennings, 228; James W. Gibbs, 1804; William Phipps, 1327; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2353; J. T. Simmons, 1327; J. Mark, 1327; W. R. Wilcocks, P.M. 2136; S. Rosenberg, 1327; C. J. R. Tjouw, P.M. and Sec. 1804; E. Hopwood, 1327; M. Moses, 1613; J. Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192; W. Bangs, 1327; T. Reilly, 1327; M. A. McInerney, W.M., 2346; T. J. Phillips, 2353; W. A. Rogers, 1327, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Gompertz, P.M., 869, P.P.S.G.D.; F. E. Abbott, 1766; J. Robinson, P.M. 1327, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Bickel, 1327; H. Price, P.M. 177, 2308; J. Petch, 2278, P.G.S.B.; C. M. Coxon, J.W. 1471, 2278; W. H. Making, P.M. 861, 1278; H. E. Fraser, 2206, S.W. 2331; Geo. T. Chritienu, 2278; Sydney Wales, 1803; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554, 933; G. H. Burgum, 1327; L. Spielman, 1327; E. W. Postans, S.W. 34; W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897; Wm. J. Grant, 869; D. A. Langdon, 45; T. S. Bennett, 441; A. L. Adams, 12353; J. O. Metcalfe, 2353; C. A. McRae, 2045; T. T. B. Banker, S.W. 869; R. W. Oldfield, 1385; Wm. G. Mills, 45; Geo. Eversfield, 1327; Wm. Lewis, 1385; T. Graham Robinson, W.M. 58, P.M. 504, Prov. S.G.W.; James Linzell, 754, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; F. P. Smith, 1457, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. Mason, P.M. 1567, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. J. Crutch, 1278, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. J. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.G.W.; G. P. Cork, W.M. 1580; Selwyn Davies, 917; R. Bird, W.M. 869; Chas. E. Keyser, W.M. 2323, P.M. 404, P.P.J.G.W.; E. P. Debenham, W.M. 1479, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Lewis, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary R.M.I. for Girls; and Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Essex.

Numerous letters and telegrams were received by the W.M. and Secretary from brethren (including some of the principal Grand Officers) expressing "Hearty good wishes" for the prosperity of Bro. Jas. Terry and the lodge.

The Provincial Grand Officers having entered in procession, the Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn, "Hail! Eternal by Whose Aid," was sung, after which the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said they had assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge. He had much pleasure in attending, and would commence the ceremony by calling upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to state the wishes of the founders.

The petition and warrant were read, and the brethren signified their approval of the officers named therein.

An oration was then delivered by the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN, followed by the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is."

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the lodge duly dedicated and constituted according to the usual form.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair, and installed Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., as the first Worshipful Master. The following officers were invested: Bros. George Holdsworth, I.P.M.; Peter L. Blackmore, S.W.; William Metcalfe, J.W.; Richard Middlehurst, Treas.; Joseph Tydeman, Sec.; Henry Trask, S.D.; Dr. W. P. Warren, J.D.; Henry Edmund Cole, I.G.; Geo. Chas. H. Jennings, D.C.; Robert Fowell Brickdale, Org.; Frederick Godfree and G. S. Metcalfe, Stvds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

The usual addresses having been delivered by the Installing Master, the W.M. said the first duty he had to perform was a very pleasing one. It was to ask the Provincial Grand Master to accept at the hands of the founders a jewel as a mark of their respect and esteem in attending to launch the lodge into existence. Amongst the many jewels possessed by the Provincial Grand Master, they hoped that of the James Terry Lodge would find a small place in his heart.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said that mark of their favour was quite unexpected. It always afforded him pleasure to assist at the consecration of a new lodge in the province, and it gave him double pleasure to attend that day and consecrate a lodge named after one so distinguished in the Craft and so well known in the province. He trusted that under the ruling and guidance of the W.M. and his successors that lodge would have a long career of usefulness and prosperity, and become as bright an ornament among lodges as the W.M. had become among individuals.

On the proposition of the W.M., the Consecrating Officers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and were asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge, a compliment which was readily accepted, and duly acknowledged.

A Committee, consisting of the W.M., the Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer, was appointed to frame the by-laws, and Bro. Blackmore, S.W., was nominated to serve on the Herts Finance and Charity Committee.

Seven brethren were proposed as joining members, and the Secretary, Bro. Tydeman, proposed his son as a candidate for initiation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, where an excellent banquet was admirably served, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The usual toasts were subsequently given.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said that as they had honoured the Sovereign of the country, they would now honour the Sovereign of the Craft, without whose sanction their lodge would not have been able to meet. They were therefore extremely indebted to his Royal Highness for his sanction to the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Master, and so long as the lodge existed and his Royal Highness remained their Grand Master, so long would his name be honoured with respect and esteem.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said they were all aware that one title in connection with the toast had had to be omitted on account of the much deplored death of the Pro Grand Master. Who his successor would be they did not know, but it would be difficult to find a brother such as he. In the Deputy Grand Master they had a brother who presided over the largest province under the Grand Master—West Lancashire—which included 104 lodges. Of the rest of the Grand Officers, there were present that evening their Provincial Grand Master and one of the P.G.S.B.'s, who was the Secretary of the Girls' School. By permission of the Provincial Grand Master, he would couple with the toast the name of his friend and colleague, Bro. Hedges.

Bro. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., in reply, said he little expected that in the presence of so distinguished a Grand Officer as their Provincial Grand Master he should have been selected for the honour of responding. He could only say, on behalf of the Grand Officers, that he ventured his sincere acknowledgments for the warm manner in which they had accepted the toast so ably given by the W.M. As a very humble representative of that body, he was grateful for their reception of the toast, and for the way in which they had received his name with it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said he was about to introduce an extremely personal toast, and in introducing it he must remark that it was painful to one who wished to say all that, he could in favour of a person, to know that that person was present. He was certain that not only in that room, but throughout the county, the name of the brother whose health he would propose was one well respected, highly esteemed, and devoutly revered. It was their Bro. Halsey, Prov. G. Master, who had done their lodge the honour of attending for the purpose of consecrating it and of bringing out his 21st bantling. That day they celebrated the coming of age—so far as the numbers were concerned—of the province, and the day previous their Prov. Grand Master celebrated his silver wedding. They would remember, and Bro. Halsey would remember, an event which he was certain their Prov. G. Master had never had occasion to regret, so let them hope that as the consecration of the lodge followed, the Prov. Grand Master would be spared for another 25 years to celebrate his golden wedding, and also to be present the day after to celebrate the silver wedding of the lodge. They desired to thank the Prov. Grand Master for the honour conferred in bringing the lodge into existence, and for the support rendered to the province by an impartial discharge of the duties devolving upon him. It would be sufficient for him (the W.M.) to say that to know the Prov. Grand Master was to respect him, and the more they knew of him the more they desired to know.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G. Master said he felt quite overwhelmed at the cordiality of the reception given him. He did not wish to throw any discord into the meeting, but if it would be possible to do such a thing with such an old friend as the W.M., he felt he would rather do so upon the present occasion, because the W.M. had taken the bread out his mouth by alluding to certain subjects, such as the majority of the province and his own silver wedding. However, this he could say most truly, that it gave him great pleasure to see the province in such a flourishing condition, and to feel they had—as their W.M. had pointed out—arrived at their majority when he had consecrated the 21st lodge. The W.M. was kind enough to allude to an event which happened in his domestic life, and expressed the hope that he might celebrate his golden wedding and the silver wedding of the lodge, but he trusted that started as the lodge was by the W.M., and supported as it was by such a goodly array, when the time came for it to celebrate its silver wedding there would be such a gathering as the present. He must thank them for the cordial manner in which he had been received, and as he had been received on every occasion that he had come amongst them. There was no rose without a thorn, and there was one drawback in the great increase in the number of lodges, which was that, as the numbers increased so of course it became less in the power of the Prov. Grand Master to attend so frequently. It had given him pleasure to attend, not only to consecrate that lodge, but to meet the brethren, for living as he did in the extreme side of the province, he could not meet them as often as he could wish, but he hoped at no distant date to pay another visit to that lodge, the King Harold, the Gresham, the Broxbourne, or others which seemed to be springing up so numerous in that neighbourhood. It was difficult to say anything fresh on those occasions, but he would repeat what he had said before, that there was one great point in the increase of the lodges, that it was not a fictitious increase—not one established at the expense of others. There was room for all to exist and flourish, and he trusted they would continue to do that, and that the only rivalry would be whether the old would be outstripped by the young in doing that which ought to be the foremost duty of every Mason, and which had been recognised as the foremost duty in that province—that of supporting the Charities, and showing that Masonry was a reality and not only a name. He trusted that would always be the sentiment of every Mason in the province, and so long as that feeling predominated he had no fear for Hertfordshire.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," included in it "The Installing Master," and said the Prov. Grand Master was so kind and considerate that he generally made way for the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to take a portion of the work, and that day he had done so to enable the Deputy to give them a proof of his ability. It was not the first time he (the W.M.) had been installed, but he felt that Bro. Lake had installed him as well, if not better, than any Master who had previously performed that duty. They were indebted to the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers for their attendance, especially the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his admirable oration, which he hoped they would be able to read and study at their leisure, and derive benefit from it. There was also the Prov. Grand Secretary, who had to follow a most admirable one in Bro. Lake. They were glad to have such a mentor as Bro. Bullock to keep them under his gentle lash of kindness. He was also proud to see the Secretary of one of the oldest lodges, Bro. Riley, who so kindly acted as I.G. that evening. There was to be a testimonial presented to that brother, and there was none more worthy of it. In Bro. Keyser they had one whom he need hardly say was *par excellence*, a Mason in act, word, and deed. In those who had assisted they had a body of whom any province might well be proud, and that lodge was right glad to welcome them.

Bro. G. E. LAKE, D.P.G.M., said the toast for which he had to respond was a very comprehensive one, and one that would tax the powers of such a Demosthenes as their Worshipful Master. He hoped they would accept his poor efforts as coming from the heart, and as being well meant towards Masonry in general, and that lodge in particular. It was with much pleasure he had been present on that auspicious occasion, and was grateful to the Provincial Grand Master for permitting him to occupy the position of Installing Master. It was well-known to him in what esteem the Worshipful Master was held in the province, for he had been

known for many years for the energy he had thrown into Masonry, and for the way he had fulfilled the various duties. It was unique that both the Provincial Grand Wardens, one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains, the Deacons, Secretary, Registrar, and both Standard Bearer were present, for it was rarely, indeed, that so large a number could be got together. He hoped the lodge would consider it a special compliment paid to the Worshipful Master, for Bro. Terry was one to whom the province owed a great deal. He wished to apologise for Bro. Knyvett, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who would have been present had not a special call of business prevented. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, he thanked them for the way the toast had been received, and for the welcome extended to them. They viewed with a great deal of pleasure the inauguration of a new lodge in Hertfordshire, which used to be called a little province, but which could not now be called that, and he was sure the lodge would prosper and be a credit to the Craft and the province in particular.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then said he had to ask them to drink a toast which he would propose for the first time in that lodge, and he was sure they would receive it with all the warmth it deserved. He trusted the toast he was about to propose would be proposed for a long time to come with even greater enthusiasm. The toast was "The Health of the Worshipful Master," the first W.M. of that lodge, and one of their oldest Masonic friends in the province, and in the Craft in general. It was not for him to anticipate what might be said with reference to another toast—that of "The Masonic Institutions"—which rather handicapped him, for they all knew what Bro. James Terry did for the Charities. He must not, however, touch upon that, as it would be dealt with later on, but he felt that if the Worshipful Master only displayed one half of the zeal, energy, and talent in governing and ruling the lodge that he had displayed for many years past in the management of that important Charity with which he was identified, he thought there was a brilliant and glorious prosperity before the members of that lodge. He asked the brethren on that the first occasion to welcome the Worshipful Master and give him such a reception as would encourage him in the management and welfare of the lodge, and by ensuring a successful career to it in the future, adding to that crown of Masonic glory which already encircled his head.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., W.M., in responding, said the most difficult part of the discharge of his duties was then before him. He had to speak of himself, and that was a most difficult thing to do, because the Provincial Grand Master had been good enough—he would not say in the exuberance of his own verbosity—to draw largely upon his imagination in filling up many of the blanks of his Masonic career. This much he could promise them, as Worshipful Master of that lodge, that whatever his experience had been in the past he would endeavour to concentrate it, and make the lodge a bright success in the province. It was not the first time he had been the first Worshipful Master; he thought that was the seventh time, and therefore he had had something to do in consolidating and bringing together men, totally unconnected, and joining them into one harmonious whole. In that lodge he apprehended no difficulty in doing that, for, speaking personally, he was the only outsider, all the rest being local men, and he therefore felt it a greater honour that they had gone to London to select a Worshipful Master, and to have selected himself, and not only that, but also to have obtained the permission of the Grand Master to be named after him. He was now in his 31st year in Freemasonry, and but six months of that time had passed ere he was J.D. of his mother lodge. From that period he had continuously been in office in the Craft. He had held office in various lodges to have it culminated again as W.M. His had not been an uneventful history in Freemasonry. He had had to deal with large bodies of men, and in the collection of large sums of money, and had always been received so kindly by brethren individually that his work had been a labour of love, and had been, in the words of the song they had just heard, his heart's delight. He lived in and for it, and tried to carry out those duties as a true Mason in every sense by greeting every man—whatever his position, providing he was good and honest—as if he was in the highest position in the land. In conducting the lodge he would ask his officers to bear with him in his ruling. He would not endeavour to go beyond the Book of Constitutions, but would endeavour so to conduct it as to be able to prove to them that in the future they might look upon the first year as one that would be a book of reference for them by which to go. He thanked the Provincial Grand Master, and remembered the kindly words spoken in lodge by that distinguished brother, when he hoped that that lodge would prove as bright an ornament in the Craft as he was pleased to say he (the W.M.) had become among men. If he could only aspire to such a position, he should remember it as long as he lived, that in the attainment of such a proud position as the Worshipful Master of a lodge named after himself—a position which 30 years ago he could not have regarded as possible. When the matter was mentioned to him at the consecration of the Broxbourne Lodge, he asked them to speak to him again, and perhaps he would entertain the idea. He had done so, and by the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master, and by the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, a lodge in England would be known for all time bearing the name of the humble individual then addressing them. He thanked them very much, and they might believe he felt it strongly. He was rather a sensitive man upon many points, and he was upon that. He had endeavoured to be a good Mason and to do his duty, but it always seemed to him that whatever step he had taken had been over coloured by his friends. As long as he remained their W.M. they might rely upon it that to the best of his ability the lodge should never go wrong and nothing should happen in it to cause the Provincial Grand Master to have any compunction in recommending it, or for the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to say he had transgressed. He appreciated the compliment paid him to the fullest extent, and if there was one thing more than another which gratified him, it was that his son was present to witness it. He could only say that if it should be perpetuated by his name in other ways, the compliment paid him would more than realise his wildest dreams in Masonry.

Bros. Carter, C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W., and J. Stevens, P.M., replied for "The Visitors"; and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., and John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., responded for "The Masonic Institutions."

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Bros. Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Essex, assisted by Bros. Selwyn Davies and E. Davies, carried out the musical arrangements in the lodge and during the subsequent proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under the banner of the Langley Mark Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. Jonathan Marsden, the officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouth, Bro. Captain Samuel Homfray, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouth, Bro. Colonel Perkins, were received by the Worshipful Master of the Langley Mark Lodge, Bro. John Sheridan, and his officers. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge having been duly opened, and the business of the province transacted, the Provincial Grand Master invested his officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed:

Bro. John Sheridan, W.M. 28	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. C. Remfrey, W.M. 255	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. G. Brown, W.M. 116	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Coleman, 28	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Hy. Cadle, P.M. 116	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. D. Bowen, 256	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" T. Rule Owen, P.M. 297	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. D. Bounsall, 28	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. D. Marks, P.M. 28	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" O. Rowlands, 256	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Prosser, 297	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Williams, 28...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" John Mundy, I.P.M. 28, P.P.G.S.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Rogers, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. M. Gerhold, 28	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Green, 28...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. C. Champneys Smith, 28	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. H. Simpson, 28	...	...
" Mat. Proctor, 28	...	...
" Amos Jenkins	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A pleasing incident of the investment of officers was the presentation by the Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the Worshipful Master of the Langley Lodge, to Bro. J. M. Gerhold, of a handsome Provincial Grand Organist's jewel, in recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him to the Langley Lodge.

The annual banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., the catering of Bro. J. G. Bland being everything to be desired.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been responded to, a very enjoyable evening was spent, and enlivened by songs from Bros. Homfray, Anstice, and F.H. Simpson, and recitations from Bros. Sheridan, Gerhold, and Ingram.

THE PROPOSED NEW CODE OF LAWS FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

(Concluded from Page 148.)

Laws LVI.—LXIV. treat of the "Qualifications and Admission of Boys" and correspond with present Laws L.—LIX., the first of the latter group, so far as it is dealt with, being treated in the Rules applicable to Boys out of the Establishment. The alterations are neither numerous nor very material. The limits of age remain as now, namely, for the reception of petitions, not less than six years, and for the admission of boys not under seven or over eleven years. Petitions must be recommended and supported by the same certificates, &c., as now, the petition, where recommended by a provincial lodge, being "accompanied by a report of the circumstances of the case, signed by the Provincial Grand Secretary of the province in which the petitioning lodge is situated." Moreover, the certificate of health must set forth that the boy to whom it relates "is in a good state of health and not subject to any disease or infirmity which would render him unfit or ineligible to be received as an inmate of the Institution." No distinction is made between London and country petitions so far as regards the time at which they must be forwarded to the Secretary, but both classes equally must be sent to him "two weeks before the meeting of the Council"—the passage we have quoted reads "two week before the meetings of the Council." Law LXIV., corresponding with present Law LIX., raises the standard of examination which a candidate must pass before admission, as follows: for candidates under nine years of age from the "First" to the "Second" "Standard of the Government Education Department"; between the ages of nine and ten years from the "Second" to the "Third," and over the age of ten years from the "Third" to the "Fourth."

Of the laws relating to "Boys maintained, clothed, and educated in the Establishment"—Nos. LXV.—LXVIII. corresponding with present Laws LX.—LXIII.—only the last has undergone any great alteration, and that in the direction of greater precision and amplitude. The existing law requires that before a boy can be admitted into the establishment, two "respectable" householders must sign an undertaking to remove him "on a representation by the Medical Officer that he is afflicted with scrofulous, dangerous, or infectious disease, or, if found deficient in intellect, or in any way unfitted for retention in the establishment; to receive him upon leaving the Institution, and in case of death to bury him free of expense to the Institution." The new law requires the undertaking to be signed by two "responsible" householders to remove him "if and when required by the Board of Management; to receive him during vacation, also upon leaving the Institution; and in case of death to bury him free of expense to the Institution;" and the cases in which the Board may order a boy's removal are stated to be—(1) If the Medical Officer certifies he is afflicted with any infectious or other illness rendering him unfit to remain; (2) If there be any physical or other cause similarly affecting him; and (3) "If they are of opinion, after inquiry, that the circumstances of the boy's parents or other relatives are such as to render it improper for him to be maintained and educated in the Institution for the future."

Very important alterations have been made in the Laws (LXIX.—LXXII.) "applicable to boys maintained, clothed, and educated out of the Establishment." The existing laws bearing on this subject are Law L. and Laws LXIV.—LXVII., and a comparison of these latter with the new rules will bear out our statement. In the first place, under the existing Law L.—"all boys duly elected may become"—but it is not necessary they should become—"inmates of the Establishment," the reason why this option is given them being clearly set forth in the remaining clause of the same law—"but as it is a fundamental principle of this Institution that its benefits shall be extended to the sons of all brethren under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, without any distinction arising from religious belief, the benefits offered by the system in operation prior to the establishment of the School House shall be continued to the sons of brethren whose parents or friends may object to their being placed in the Establishment." This important law is abrogated in the proposed Code of Laws. The "fundamental principle" so gravely insisted on in the existing laws is entirely ignored, and instead of leaving it to parents or friends of the boys to determine whether they shall be educated in or out of the Establishment, it is proposed that the Board of Management shall determine the question for them. Section 2 of new Law LXIX. reads thus—

"The Board of Management shall in all cases, where the parents or guardians of a boy elected to the Institution so desire, determine, previous to his admission, whether he shall be educated out of the Establishment, and the Board of Management may in any case so resolve at any time a boy may be an inmate thereof."

We know of no reason why the existing law, embodying as it does this important "fundamental principle of this Institution," should be altered. It has worked well, so far as we know, during the 33 years the School House has been established. In only an extremely limited number of cases have the parents or guardians of the boys availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them by this law of having their sons or wards educated out of the Establishment. We are not aware of the privilege thus secured them having been at any time abused, and therefore on the principle of letting well alone, we recommend that the existing law be retained.

The other proposed laws relating to this class of boys need no comment, nor except in one particular do "Laws applicable to both Classes of Boys"—those in the Establishment and those out of the Establishment. The exception is Law LXXV., which authorises the Council to vote a sum not exceeding £20 to a deserving boy who has left the Institution. Present Law LXX allows the General Committee to vote an amount not exceeding £40 "in cases of exceptional merit and necessity." Here again, as we are not aware of any abuse of the power thus vested in the Committee, we consider the present law should be retained.

Proposed Laws LXXXVI. and LXXXVII. relate to the "officers of the Institution," who are limited to the Secretary and his clerks. They contain nothing worthy of comment. Law LXXXVIII. provides for the appointment of an Auditor, "who must be a chartered accountant," and will be responsible for the proper keeping of the books, and prepare, under the Finance Committee, the annual statement of account and balance-sheet. He will be appointed by the Council at its January meeting, and the Council will fix the remuneration to be paid him for his services. It seems to us, however, that this law should properly follow those relating to the Finance Committee. Law LXXXIX. corresponds with present Law LXXV., the word "Council" being substituted for "General Committee."

With reference to Law LXXXI., which is new, and provides that "No pension or gratuity on retirement shall be paid out of the funds of this Institution," we are aware there is a strong feeling in some quarters against pensions, on the ground that the bulk of the funds is raised by subscription for the education and maintenance of Boys, and that to apply any portion of them to pensions is a distinct violation of principle. To this we reply, with all deference, that in the naval and military and civil services of the Crown, by most banking houses, insurance offices, and similar establishments in which clerical labour is largely employed, as well as by many private firms, the principle of granting pensions to tried and meritorious servants on retirement is recognised as a legitimate item of expenditure. Many charities, both endowed and unendowed, do the same, and all our Masonic Institutions have done so hitherto, nor is there the faintest suspicion of a reason to suppose that their interests have suffered in consequence. On the contrary, we believe they have been better served by their officers, who worked with all the greater will when they knew there was some provision for them in their declining years, when age or health prevented them working any longer. Will this new principle of removing a Secretary from office when his services are no longer worth having produce results more beneficial to the interests of this Institution? We think not. Firstly, an officer with the knowledge that he will receive nothing on retiring will cling to office with all the tenacity of a limpet to a rock, long after he is really useful; and in the next, the Court, Council, or Board, in consideration of his long and meritorious services, will be most unwilling to remove him. And what is equally, if not still more important in the case of an Institution like this, which is so largely dependent for its income on the zeal and energy of its chief executive officer, the Secretary, when the latter knows that no amount of extra zeal and energy on his part will secure him even the smallest pittance of a pension or gratuity, he will very properly husband his working powers and will content himself with doing the duties prescribed "in the bond" of agreement during the official hours. We trust the Governors and Subscribers will consider well before they allow themselves to be persuaded into the adoption of this proposed law.

With these remarks we conclude our examination of the proposed new Code of Laws. We reiterate our opinion that, as a whole, it is an improvement on the existing Code, but there are proposals which we think may be amended, and proposals which will be better omitted. What these are the reader who has followed us closely through our series of articles knows well already.

TALKS WITH THE CRAFT.

BY M. QUAD.

With me, Masonry is always divided into two classes—the active and real Mason, and the stay-away-and-sort-o'-once-in-a-while Mason. The one labours for the good of the Fraternity—the future of it—the betterment of men. The other reasons that he paid so much for what he got, the same as he might buy ducks and geese, and that neither the Fraternity nor the members of a lodge have any claim on his time.

The hot weather creates still another class, and brings out another phase of selfishness. They are the members who declare that it is too warm to work, and who calmly walk off and leave a faithful few to doubly exert themselves to keep up with the work. If it rested with them nine-tenths of the lodges in the jurisdiction would be under discipline or their charters forfeited before frost comes again. Next December, just previous to election, you will hear most of them relating their heroic experiences—how they stuck to it until death stared them in the face—how they melted in their seats and had to be wiped up as grease spots—how grand it was in their lodge to pull through the dog-days and clear everything up for the fall campaign. Some of them, if they put it strong enough, may secure office for their——. No not exactly for their self-sacrifice, but for their attendance at lawn parties, their ice cream festivals, and their ferry boat trips.

For several winters past I have encountered Masons who excused their non-attendance on the ground that it was too cold. This gives us still another class, and we now have—

The once-a-year Mason.

The too-hot-weather Mason.

The too-cold-weather Mason.

The every-day-in-the-year Mason.

Should a worthy brother in good standing from the interior happen to meet with an accident while in Detroit, and desire to make himself known to the Fraternity, he must be prepared to deal with the various classes I have described.

The once-a-year Mason will probably reply:

"Sorry, brother, but I'm in a great hurry."

The too-hot-weather will answer:

"In trouble, eh? Good lands! but why didn't you happen to hit me in December, when I wasn't sweating under the collar!"

The too-cold-weather Mason will reply:

"Yes, yes, I know, but it's too cold—too cold. Come around next August and I'll do the brotherly act in three sections and six scenes."

There is but one class of Masons worthy of recognition as such—the men who give their time, thought, and soul to the Fraternity, be it hot or cold—be the candidates few or many. The others should be graded in *The Tyler's* market as "doubtful," "streaked," "not ripe," "so-so," and "short-weight."—*American Tyler.*

CERTIFICATE.—Gädicke well says that every brother who travels, and who wishes to visit the lodges in the cities he comes to, must not only provide himself with Masonic clothing, but with a certificate signed by the Grand Secretary, and sealed with the seal of the Grand Lodge to which he belongs. It was ordered by the Grand Lodge of England, July 24, 1755, "that every certificate granted to a brother of his being a Mason shall be sealed with the seal of Masonry, and signed by the Grand Secretary." In the Harleian MS. 1942, under the new articles, the word certificate is also found, and probably refers to what seems to have been the earlier practice of private lodge certificates. When these new articles were actually passed is not quite clear so far, for though Anderson says St. John's Day, 1663, he gives us no proofs of his statement. The necessity of a Grand Lodge certificate is now universally admitted, and all brethren ought when visiting other lodges to take their certificates with them.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this provincial priory was held on Monday, the 27th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, by invitation of the Antient York Preceptory, and was presided over by the Provincial Prior, Bro. J. W. Woodall.

- The appointments of officers were made as follows :
- Fratres T. B. Whytehead ... Prov. Sub.-Prior.
 - " Rev. W. Valentine ... Prov. Chaplain.
 - " S. Middleton ... Prov. Chancellor.
 - " E. Kipps ... Prov. Constable.
 - " W. Brown... ... Prov. Marshal.
 - " W. Ascough ... Prov. Treasurer.
 - " W. Powley... ... Prov. Registrar.
 - " Wellstead ... Prov. Vice-Chancellor.
 - " W. H. Cowper ... Prov. Sub-Marshal.
 - " Col. Pudsey ... Prov. Almoner.
 - " Lieut.-Col. McGachen ... Prov. Herald.
 - " Capt. Grant ... Prov. 1st Std. Br.
 - " Whiteside ... Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
 - " W. P. Cochrane ... Prov. C. of G.
 - " Seals ... Prov. Swd. Br.
 - " T. Oates ... Prov. Organist.
 - " J. Verity ... Prov. Outer Guard.

A sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Provincial Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire, and after the close of the business the visiting fratres were hospitably entertained by their brethren of Hull.

The next annual gathering will be held at York.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE TEMPLE IN SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of the Temple in Scotland, to celebrate the festival of the Holy Cross and elect officers for the ensuing year, was held in the Star Masonic Hall, 12, Trongate, Glasgow, on Saturday, the 20th ult., attended by a full representation of the subordinate encampments.

The Grand Encampment was opened in ample form by Major John Crombie, M.E.G.M. The minutes of last Grand Encampment having been read and approved, the M.E.G.M. delivered his annual address, which was received with hearty approbation, and ordered to be printed and distributed in the subordinate encampments.

The reports of the various Grand Committees were received and accepted, and a Sub-Committee, consisting of Fraters M. M'B. Thomson, Samuel Ross, John R. Jarvie, and John Liddell, was appointed to meet and confer with the Committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as to the union of the two bodies upon the Royal Arch Degrees, and report at next Grand Encampment. Fratres Major Peter Spence, Adam Nish, James Douglas, and John Gibson, of Airdrie Encampment, were elected Knights Grand Cross.

The Grand Encampment expressed their sorrow and regret for the death of Frater David Kay, of the Ayr Encampment, and ordered that an extract of the minute be sent by the Grand Recorder to the family of the deceased frater.

The following fratres were then elected officers of Grand Encampment for the ensuing year :

- Fratres Major J. Crombie Most Eminent G.M.
- " M. M'B. Thomson Grand Representative.
- " Samuel Ross ... Depute Grand Master.
- " Thomas Y. Leitch Grand Marshal.
- " John R. Jarvie ... Grand Captain-General.
- " Adam Nish ... Grand Central Captain.
- " Robert M'Kelvie ... Grand Recorder.
- " William Young ... Grand Treasurer.
- " John Jamieson ... Grand Prelate.
- " Robert M'Lay ... Grand Captain of Blue.
- " Charles M'Andrew Grand Captain of Red.
- " James Gold ... Grand Captain of Black.
- " James Andrew ... Grand Jeweller.
- " Alex. H. Martin ... Grand Bearer of V.B.
- " John Gibson ... Grand S.B.
- " James Jack ... Grand Std. Br.
- " James Douglas ... Grand Conductor.
- " John Liddell ... Grand Receiver.
- " William Kay ... } Grand Ushers.
- " Phillip Murray ... }
- " John Ferguson ... Grand Herald.
- " Andrew M'Lelland Grand Sentinel.

After the transaction of other routine business, the Grand Encampment was closed in ample form by the M.E.G.M.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—This distinguished council met for the dispatch of business at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, T.I.M.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas., as P.D.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., as D.M.; B. R. Bryant, P.C.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., Recorder; Geo. Powell, C. of C.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., Roy, M.A., Hay, J. J. Thomas, and others. Bros. Lemit and Voisey were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, P.Z. 1381, R. of M. 181, &c., and it proving to be unanimous, he was most ably admitted, received, and greeted as a member of the Cryptic Rite. A vote of thanks was passed to the T.I.M. for his excellent rendering of the four ceremonies. Apologies for non-

attendance were received from Bros. Major G. Lambert, Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap. (Cryptic); R. L. Loveland, J.P.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; T. Poore, Augustus Harris, Sheriff elect, and many others.

Several names having been handed in for admission, &c., at the next meeting, the council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent "grill" was partaken of.

A few toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

MEDICAL MASONIC LODGE.

Bro. J. Brindley James writes to the *British Medical Journal* as follows:—

"SIR,—Referring to a letter I addressed to the *British Medical Journal* on August 23rd last, respecting the formation of a new medical Masonic lodge, termed the 'Esculapian,' I beg to state that my hopes have been more than gratified. The formation of the lodge has been positively decided upon, many professional brethren having come forward to concur in the project, and several preliminary meetings have been held, resulting in the appointment of an acting Secretary, Dr. Dutton, Craven House, Northumberland-avenue, W.C. We have also decided to adopt the name 'Esculapian' I originally proposed; also that its regular meetings, when fully established, be held either at Freemasons' Hall or at the Criterion Restaurant.

"I beg to avail myself of your valuable medium to inform the profession that all communications respecting the Esculapian Lodge are to be addressed to its acting Secretary, Dr. Dutton, as above, who will be happy to receive any suggestions respecting its formation, membership, &c., from professional brethren."

THE SHRIEVALTY.

Bro. Sheriff-elect Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer, was, on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Mansion House, presented with a chain and badge of office, which has been subscribed for by a number of Masonic and other friends. The testimonial, of solid 18-carat gold, hall-marked, consists of a chain of links bearing the Tudor Rose attached, the alternate links consisting *seriatim* of the following arms and devices, beautifully enamelled in proper heraldic colours:—City of London, Loriners, Tragedy, Grand Treasury of the Craft, Fanmakers, Order of Ernestine (obverse), 30th Degree, Spectacle Makers, Knight Templar Banner, Order of Ernestine (reverse), Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, Grand Treasury of the Arch, Comedy, Patten Makers, and County Council. The centre link bears the monogram of the recipient in coloured enamel, and the harp and stand representing music. From this link is suspended the badge, consisting of the City arms at the top, and the arms, crest, and motto of Mr. Augustus Harris, surrounded by the arms of five of the City companies. The whole of these are enamelled in proper colours, and surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves, beautifully chased in relief. The sword and mace are introduced in saltire, and on the reverse is the following inscription:—"Presented to Augustus Henry Glossop Harris, on his election to the office of Sheriff of the City of London, by his Masonic, dramatic, and other friends, A.D. 1890."

The LORD MAYOR said that the honour of initiating the idea of presenting the chain and badge originated with the Drury Lane Lodge, the meetings of which were, by the courtesy of Mr. Harris, held at Drury Lane Theatre. Mr. Harris was one of the founders of the lodge, which numbered amongst its members men eminent in the artistic, literary, and scientific world. Having regard to the feelings which were entertained for the Sheriff elect, it was only natural that the lodge should desire, on such an occasion, to give him a token of their esteem, respect, and gratitude. But they had found it impossible to confine the movement to the lodge, so many other friends desired to subscribe. The original limits of the subscription list therefore had to be extended, and the result was the beautiful work of art then before them. The office of Sheriff which Mr. Harris would assume on the morrow was a very ancient one. In former times every Sheriff of the City of London was an earl, but that was a long time ago. However, he thought he might say without hesitation that every holder of the office had been an honourable, and to some extent a distinguished, man—at any rate distinguished by his desire to be as useful as his means would permit him to be to his City, to his country, to his community, and to all with whom he might come into contact. He (the Lord Mayor) felt sure Mr. Harris would enter upon his office actuated by a desire to make himself equal to the very best of those who had preceded him, and in the name of the subscribers he presented him with the testimonial.

Bro. HARRIS, in reply, expressed the gratification he felt at assuming the great office to which he had been elected, and also his pleasure at finding that in the course of a comparatively short career he had made so many friends. It had always been his aim to make friends, and when made to keep them. With regard to the Drury Lane Lodge it was prospering greatly, and if they could only get such Worshipful Masters as they had hitherto had, culminating in the present Lord Mayor, the lodge would be as heretofore respected in the Craft. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and he should endeavour to uphold the honour of the badge they had given him.

On the motion of Bro. Major CLIFFORD PROBYN, seconded by Bro. Admiral INGLEFIELD, a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor, and the proceedings terminated.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. ROBERT BRADLEY.

The funeral of the late Bro. Robert Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks, took place on Friday, the 19th ult. The first portion of the burial service was conducted in All Saints Church. The *cortège* arrived at the church doors at half-past one, and was met by the Rev. Canon Garry, who was assisted by the Rev. D. M. Gardner Bro. Tirbutt, the Organist, played "O rest in the Lord" as a prelude, and the service was choral. The hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was impressively sung. The coffin bore the inscription, "Robert Bradley, born Oct. 13, 1827; died Sept. 15, 1890." It was covered with wreaths, &c., which were sent by relatives and friends, and the Lodge of Union, Greyfriars Lodge, Kendrick Lodge, &c., &c. In addition to the mourners there were present Bros. Charles Stephens, Prov. G. Treas.; E. Margrett, Prov. S.G.W.; J. T. Dodd, W.M. Lodge of Union; W. Hickie, W.M. Greyfriars Lodge; B. W. Bennett, W.M. Kendrick Lodge; F. J. Ferguson, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Wheeler, representing the Royal Arch, and J. W. Martin, pall bearers. A letter was sent by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., regretting his inability to attend. At the conclusion of the service the Dead March in "Saul" was played. Amongst the Masons who were at the cemetery were Bros. Cantrell, Dewe, Tench, J. Miller, W. Ferguson, F. Blackwell, E. J. Blackwell, Arthur Welch, Stewart, C. G. Hawkes, W. Bonny, Higgs, Millard, Partridge, Pulley, Mount, Farrer, E. W. Ridley, Stransom, A. W. Parry, A. Sellar, Hodder, Hukins, C. E. Hewett, Rev. D. Amos, D. C. Heron, and many others. The attendance would have been larger had there been longer notice of the funeral, but this it was impossible to give. At the conclusion of the funeral ceremony each brother, in accordance with ancient custom, dropped a sprig of acacia into the grave.

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Births.

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ROYAL ARCH—Chapters Nos. 311 and 1789.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Lord and Lady Saltoun gave a garden party last week at Philorth House to the ladies and brethren engaged in organising the grand bazaar to be held in Aberdeen in aid of the Grand Lodge Annuity Fund. His lordship since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen has won golden opinions from all the brethren of the province, and it has been abundantly proved that no happier selection could have been made. From the first his lordship has entered zealously into the work pertaining to his office, and the interest he is now exhibiting in what for the Grand Lodge of Scotland is a new departure in the direction of charitable organisation is a further proof, if any were needed, of his fitness for so important a post.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Alderman Savory on his election to the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London for the ensuing year. Bro. Savory is connected with the New River and other companies, is a governor of Christ's Hospital, and in Masonry a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, the pupils in which he has on more than one occasion entertained at his suburban residence. He is descended from an old Huguenot family which came over to England at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. He served the office of Sheriff in 1882, and was elected an Alderman on the retirement of Bro. Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge of Berkshire, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, has appointed Bro. John W. Martin, P.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, P.P.G. Reg., of Reading, to act as Provincial Grand Secretary, in the place of the late Bro. Robert Bradley, P.G.S.B.

According to the *Isle of Man Times*, there is considerable excitement among our Manx brethren in reference to the proposed Eiffel Tower and the laying of its foundation-stone with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. Indeed, it seems to be the opinion of our contemporary that, "if the proposal that Manx Freemasons should take part in the ceremony is persisted in, it is likely to lead to a serious disruption in the Insular Masonic body."

We fail to see any reason for this excitement. The proposal to take part in the ceremony was carried by a narrow majority at the recent Committee of General Purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and it may be quite true that some of the objects of the company which is about to erect this tower are as described in the *Isle of Man Times*. But these are of a very subsidiary character to its main purposes, which are to improve the locality and make it generally more attractive, and, at the same time, by making it better worth while for people to visit the island, to increase its prosperity. A marine drive between five and six miles long from Douglas Head-road to Port Soderick and an Approach Tower in connection with the Suspension Bridge from Douglas Town to the Head-road may certainly be described as objects of public utility, by which we both hope and believe the good people of the Isle of Man will largely benefit. We trust, therefore, the alleged excitement will speedily be calmed, and that the brethren will recognise that what is likely to prove beneficial to their island cannot be out of harmony with the spirit and intent of Masonry.

The example set by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in reading a paper before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, appears to have been contagious, as among the list of future lectures to be delivered before that body there is one entitled "Freemasonry in Canada," which is promised at an early date by Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the newly-elected Grand Master of the Masonic jurisdiction bearing the same name. The papers, composing the full "waiting list," in addition to the above comprise the following: by Bros. W. Simpson, I.P.M., "The Orientation of Temples"; W. F. Vernon, P.M. 58 (S.C.), "Masons' Marks"; D. Harris Hastings, P.M. 659 (S.C.), "The Craft in New Zealand"; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., "Missing and Unidentified MSS. of the Old Charges"; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., "Building Societies in Persia"; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry"; W. Matthieu Williams, Stwd., "A Sketch of the Scientific Guilds of the Middle Ages"; E. Macbean, I.G., "The Grand Lodge of Scotland"; and Dr. B. W. Richardson, "The Legend of Sethos."

The Grand Master of Arizona, being a sensible man, lately ruled in two cases that such slight physical defects as the loss of an eye or of a little finger are no bar to the admission of worthy candidates into Freemasonry. The Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, has, however, over-ruled his decisions, and henceforth in this State a man with only one eye or minus a little toe or a little finger, however virtuous, however calculated to adorn our Society he may be, will be rigidly excluded from its lodges. Evidently there is nothing in common between this Grand Master and his Committee of Jurisprudence in the matter of sense.

At all events that is the opinion of Bro. J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary of Missouri, who is one of the best and brightest of our American brethren, and having had the misfortune, in his boyhood, to lose part of the index finger of his right hand, is a living testimony to the absurdity of the doctrine preached by the Arizona Committee that, in order to become a Freemason, a man must be free from all physical defects. It is to be regretted that the Committee, being an irresponsible body, can have about it no sense of shame, or the energetic protest which Bro. Vincil has placed on record against their absurd over-ruling might have the effect of inducing them to reconsider it, and allow their Grand Master and his sound common sense to have their own way.

We understand that the Board of Trustees of the proposed Masonic Home and Asylum which is about to be erected at Utica, N.Y., for the benefit of the brethren of New York, have adopted plans for the building, and are prepared to receive estimates for carrying them into execution.

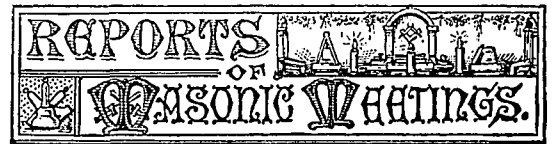
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914] ANCIENT TOMBSTONE.

One day last week as I was passing through the Chapel Royal, Holyrood, Edinburgh, I saw a tombstone bearing the enclosed device. Wondering who our ancient brother might be I turned up the official guide book, published by Robert M'Bean, keeper of the Chapel Royal, Holyrood, and found the following rather amusing description: "(No. 12) A plain cross and calvary. On the dexter side a pair of compasses over a device which resembles a book, and on the sinister side a carpenter's square over a mallet. All that is legible of the inscription is Hic jacet honorab. Vir Johannes . . . et . . . Anno dni 1543." Thinking that, perhaps, some of our antiquarian brethren might be able to throw some interesting light on the matter, I have taken the liberty of troubling you on the subject.

WILLIAM ROGERS, 1339.

[We see nothing in the sketch to indicate any connection with Freemasonry, but we shall be glad to have the opinions of Masonic experts on the subject. Ed. F.M.]



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Clapton Lodge (No. 1365).—On Thursday, the 18th ult., the above lodge held their installation meeting at Botolph Chambers, adjoining the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., when Bro. W. D. Church was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. L. P. Coubro, P.M., who delivered the addresses in a most impressive manner before a large assembly of the brethren, who at the close expressed their hearty approbation in the usual way. The W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers: Bros. Luker, S.W.; Forty, P.M. Sunbury Lodge, J.W.; Blackburne, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treasurer; Lutwyche, P.M., Sec.; Farries, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; D. Campbell, I.G.; Loughlin, Org.; Fairclough, Asst. Org.; C. Stanger, P.M. 12, D.C.; Geddes and Robinson, Stwds.; and Very, Tyler. The following brethren were elected joining members, having been proposed and approved at the last lodge meeting: Bros. W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, P.G. Treas. Essex; Vaughan, Abbey Lodge; Holloway, Duke of Albany Lodge; Holland, Warner Lodge; and Mitchell, formerly of the Clapton Lodge. Five more proposals for joining and six candidates for initiation were then submitted, among the latter being the son of the new W.M. After lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the hotel, which was served in excellent style under the personal supervision of Bro. Brecker, the manager of the refreshment department of the hotel. A goodly array of visitors were present, who expressed much pleasure with the proceedings of the evening, both in lodge and at table.

The W.M. being an architect, and several members of the lodge being connected by profession or occupation with the building trade, a "specification of works necessary to be done in removing and re-erecting the Master's and other offices," was drawn up and read by one of the officers (who is a surveyor), in which the proceedings of the evening were described under the guise of erecting a building. Elaborately printed copies were distributed for each present to take away as mementoes of the occasion.

The usual toasts were given and duly honoured, and interspersed with songs and recitations, Bro. Loughlin presiding at the pianoforte in his usual masterly style. Messrs. Church, jun., and Day sang "Excelsior," and Mr. Church, jun., "The Bell-ringer." "My Queen" was given by Mr. Day, and "Will o' the Wisp" by Bro. Dall. Bro. S. Stanger gave "Paddy and the Rope," and other contributions were made to the enjoyment of the evening. The brethren separated at a late hour.

Bro. Blackburne, the Treasurer, was kept away by a heavy bereavement, his beloved wife having died the day before the meeting, and a vote of condolence was passed in open lodge, and ordered to be forwarded to him with the sympathies of all present.

Ivy Lodge (No. 1441).—A meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bros. A. Cadbury Jones, W.M.; H. S. Alls-worth, S.W.; E. A. Clerke, J.W.; G. Maddock, P.M., Treas.; G. Skeggs, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Clarke, S.D.; W. Nelson Hunter, J.D.; F. J. Eedle, P.M., D.C.; C. T. Barlow, I.G.; R. Foster, P.M., and E. H. Walker, Stewards; J. Rorke, Org.; J. Lee, Tyler; J. Brindley James, P.M.; C. W. Bowley, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; E. Sinclair, Leopold Von Hill, F. H. Scroggie, H. Steinberg, R. E. Lane, James F. Hucks, John Hills, R. J. Oak, W. Ingram, J. Wallace Holmes, and A. Rorke. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Cunliffe, P.M. 269, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; W. Burton, W.M. 733; and H. W. Bates, 2146.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last lodge and those of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Oak was raised, and Bros. Holmes and Scroggie were passed. Several communications were read and several proposals of new members made, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, after which the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen" and that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," recounting at some length the vast increase that had taken place in Freemasonry since 1799, but more especially during the period that his Royal Highness had reigned over the Craft.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" followed, and the W.M. said he regretted that it fell to his lot to omit the name of one who had been associated with Freemasonry for

a considerable period as the late Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, had been.

The toast was received in silence.

Bro. James, the I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they would all be pleased to respond to it as expressing their feelings of gratitude to him for his eminent qualifications as a Mason, and more particularly as W.M. of the Ivy Lodge, and only hoped the Masters who followed him would carry out the duties and give as great satisfaction as their present ruler had done up to the present time.

The toast being received with great enthusiasm,

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said, while thanking them for the kind reception they had given the toast, he did not intend making a long reply. His happiest moments had been spent in his mother lodge, and he hoped for many years to meet and greet the members. But he begged them to remember that, although his own career in Freemasonry had been rapid, the science was not merely to be studied for the sake of gaining office, but it was one which should be acted up to in their daily lives.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," included the Past Masters, making a running comment on each present, giving the I.P.M. especial credit for his zeal in inducing the brethren to attend lodges of instruction and make themselves perfect in the ritual. Bro. Bowley, he said, was a pattern to those who did not attend, and always ready for any duty that he might be requested to perform; then Bro. Cooper, whose shining good humour always obtained for him a hearty reception; while he must point out that on Bro. Eedle Bro. Cooper's good nature had settled upon him, so that Bro. Eedle gained immensely by adding to his numerous good qualities good work, good nature, and good working; and then referring to the I.P.M., the W.M. expressed his warm thanks to him for his ready assistance on all occasions. Bro. Skegg, the Secretary, he considered, was the prop and mainstay of the lodge.

The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. James, the I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his flattering remarks. He had only done his duty and would continue to do so. It had always been a pleasure to him to do anything that lay in his power for the lodge, when called upon, to the best of his ability.

Bro. Foster said it had been a pleasure to assist, and would also be so for the future.

Bro. Skegg thanked the brethren for the kind reception they always gave him.

Bro. Bowley said he congratulated himself that he had initiated the W.M., who was the best worker he had known for some years.

Bro. Cooper thanked the brethren for the great kindness he always had received since he had belonged to the lodge—so distinguished for its Worshipful Masters.

Bro. Eedle also expressed his gratitude for the kindness he always received.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said it was a pleasure to have visitors. Bro. Cunliffe had been extremely kind to him in East Lancashire, so he prevailed upon him to visit the Ivy Lodge. Bro. Dehane, who represented the Charity Committee of Essex, was also known to many present, and the oftener he visited there the better. The W.M. said he had also particular pleasure in welcoming amongst them Bros. Burton, W.M. 733, and Bates, W.M. 2146, and he should ask them all to reply.

Bro. Cunliffe thanked the W.M. for enabling him to fulfil an old standing engagement. It was his first visit to a London lodge, although he had belonged to the Craft 21 years. He was delighted that he and the W.M. had that day paid a visit to that splendid Institution the Girls' School. To see the girls happy faces was indeed something to speak about, as also the admirable order everything was in at the Institution. Referring to the excellent working he had witnessed in the lodge, he regretted that in his part of East Lancashire they had not the opportunity of making themselves so perfect owing to want of lodges of instruction, but he should put his shoulder to the wheel, and endeavour to establish one on the same lines as the one he visited the night previous—the Hyde Park—the first regular lodge of instruction he had ever attended. In conclusion, Bro. Cunliffe said the work he had witnessed differed but slightly from that which was worked in his province.

Bro. Dehane thanked the W.M. and his officers for the reception the visitors had received and their great hospitality. He was pleased at the working, but there was one thing he considered should be strongly impressed upon those who brought candidates to lodges, viz., not to let them attend their lodge a second and third time without being fully prepared to do so in a proper manner. Many times he had witnessed the discomfort suffered by candidates in consequence. He was glad such did not occur in the Ivy Lodge.

Bro. Burton, being a W.M., coincided in every word that had fallen from Bro. Dehane. He thanked them all for the enthusiastic reception and gracious welcome to the visitors. He was delighted to hear the perfect ritual, and gratified at the work. It was his own province to dispense ritual, and he should certainly try to emulate the perfect style and easy grace and manner of the evening. The Ivy Lodge extends a hand of friendship, and throws off the cloak of stranger to put on the apparel of friendship.

Bro. Bates said when he told the brethren at his lodge of the transactions of that evening they would be pleased.

The Charity maul was passed round and realised a goodly sum.

The toast of "The Officers" was received, and duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

In the lodge and during the evening Bro. Rorke presided over the musical arrangements, assisted by Bros. Cunliffe, Eedle, Hucks, Hills, John Rorke, Barlow, Sinclair, and Oak.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 1607).—The 14th anniversary of this popular lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Saturday, the 13th ult., when a large gathering of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of the much esteemed Bro. C. H. Halford into the chair of King Solomon. The occasion was more than usually interesting from the fact that the ceremony of installation was carried out by Bro. R. H. Halford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Herts, father of the W.M. elect.

Following the opening of the lodge and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M., Bro. Holsworth, raised to the Third Degree in a very creditable manner Bro. Horton, when he

vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. H. Halford, who at once proceeded to install in a most feeling and impressive manner his son, Bro. C. H. Halford, W.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows: Bros. Hattersley, P.M., S.W.; F. W. Rose, J.W.; J. R. Large, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; G. S. Denny, S.D.; L. J. Dunham, J.D.; W. B. Vaile, I.G.; G. Wilkinson, D.C.; C. H. Webb, P.M., and W. L. Bankes, Stwds.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. R. C. Halford and Edward Godfrey, the W.M. duly initiated them into Freemasonry in a manner which evoked high eulogiums from the brethren present. After disposing of other business the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to a sumptuous banquet, where the proverbial hospitality of the Loyalty Lodge was dispensed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, with that of "The Initiates," having been given and responded to,

Bro. Holsworth, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was heartily received.

Bro. Halford, in responding, thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred upon him, the honour being further appreciated in receiving the benefit of installation at the hands of his worthy father, and said he only hoped that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would not have regretted placing him in the chair of his lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master."

Bro. R. H. Halford, in reply, referred to the great privilege he had enjoyed that evening in installing his son W.M. of the Loyalty Lodge, and thanked the I.P.M., Bro. Holsworth, for that privilege, and the lodge for inviting him to perform the ceremony of installation. It was a great pleasure, too, to see his old friend, Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., who had initiated him into Freemasonry, also to see his eldest son present, and to witness the initiation of his youngest son by the newly-installed W.M., and he trusted that they might long be spared to be of service to their respective lodges.

The interesting ceremony of presenting a jewel to Bro. E. Holsworth, I.P.M., for his services during the past year was then proceeded with, Bro. Holsworth suitably replying.

The toast of "The Masonic Institutions," to which the lodge is a good friend, was next honoured.

Bro. Terry, in returning thanks, said that he was glad to hear the W.M. announce his intention to go up as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and hoped the lodge would equal the generosity displayed on former occasions. It afforded him much pleasure to be present, having initiated into Freemasonry the father of the W.M., and concluded a felicitous speech by wishing the lodge every success.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been celebrated, the brethren dispersed, highly delighted at having taken part in an unusually interesting gathering, and the enjoyment of the evening was further enhanced by a capital selection of music, rendered under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, assisted by Bros. E. Daly, J. Kift, C. Ackerman, and Mr. Saunders.

All Saints Lodge (No. 1716).—An emergency meeting of this large and important lodge was held on the 18th ult., at the offices of the Poplar District Board of Works, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. R. H. Harland. The officers present on the occasion were Bros. E. E. Knowles, W.M. elect, S.W.; Snowden Kirk, J.W.; W. J. Rundell, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; C. R. Raymond, S.D.; Allen, acting as J.D.; F. J. Waterson, D.C.; A. Moore, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; A. W. Ellingford, Tyler; W. G. Wilshaw, I.P.M.; T. J. Kennett, P.M.; J. C. Pittam, P.M.; J. North, A. H. Thompson, J. W. Whitlock, R. Lee, M. Johnston, H. E. Mountford, W. Damant, W. Bland, H. Jungblut, E. H. Waterson, T. H. Leach, E. Jones, J. Leslie Vine, C. R. Allen, and J. C. Carpenter. Visitors: Bros. J. Smith, 781, and J. Mills, 1765.

The immediate business of the meeting was to raise two brethren, pass two, and to ballot for and initiate two candidates. From unavoidable causes several of these were absent. Bro. Whitlock was raised, and Bro. Jungblut passed. The ballot having been taken, and proving unanimous in his favour, Mr. James Yeoman Mosey was initiated. The various ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with the nicest precision, and the addresses were delivered with clearness and impressiveness.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the rest of the evening was spent in harmony and good fellowship.

Bro. Grout performed several pieces on the pianoforte, and did the greater share in the accompaniments. Bro. Ernest Jones sang several songs with great feeling, and the initiate, Bro. Mosey, and several other brethren delivered some telling and amusing recitations.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 16th ult., when there were present Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, W.M.; F. Kedge, I.P.M.; A. Clark, P.M., acting as S.W.; J. B. Grieve, acting as J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; J. Rowe, acting as J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, acting as I.G.; H. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; G. T. A. Atkinson, A. H. P. Snow, B. R. Paul, F. J. Hanson, C. O. Burgess, E. Jessurun, H. Bagge, Victor Le Huray, A. Bowie, H. Daniell, W. G. L. Harvey, B. Spooner, W. J. Thrussell, and G. A. M. Bowles. Visitor: Bro. J. T. Laing, 452.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Letters and telegrams were read from many brethren regretting their absence from the lodge on account of being away in the country. On the motion of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., the report of the Committee on the revision of the by-laws was postponed till the next meeting. At the request of the W.M. (who was unwell), the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. F. Kedge. Bro. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. A. H. Snow, A. Bowie, M.D., G. A. M. Bowles, and F. J. Hanson were raised to the Degree of M.M. The whole of the work of the two Degrees was impressively rendered by the I.P.M., Bro. F. Kedge. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, the W.M., then resumed the chair of K.S. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., read a letter from Bro. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, regretting that he was unable to be present at that meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Highbury Lodge (No. 2192).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. John Barnett, jun., W.M.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; William Henry Baker, Treas.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Thomas Hastings Miller, I.P.M.; William Maple, S.D.; George William Bowyer, J.D.; Albert Percy Bowyer, D.C.; Alexander William Sarti, P.M. 180, and Edwin Strike Crick, Stwds.; Cornelius Cope, David William Bell, Leopold Hausmeister, and Sydney H. Miller. Visitors: Bros. John L. Mather, P.A.G. D. of C.; T. Adams, P.M. 181; J. H. Lane, P.M. 1269; G. J. Barnett, J.W. 1929; R. F. Brand, W.M. 1314; and James Culverwell, 261.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. William Richard Robert Baker, son of Bro. Richard Baker, P.M. 188, and one of the founders of the lodge. This being the case it is needless to say the election was unanimous, and he was duly initiated into the Fraternity, Bro. Barnett, jun., performing the ceremony in a most earnest and perfect manner, afterwards giving the charge, which is now too seldom heard in our lodges. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that in 1892 the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would celebrate its Jubilee, and as Bro. James Terry, S.W., was the able and indefatigable Secretary of that Institution, he hoped that if not every member, at all events a large number of them would enroll themselves as Stewards on that occasion, and so assist in making the Festival a great success.

The lodge being closed, the brethren and their visitors partook of a banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sams, which was in every way satisfactory.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—This lodge held its first meeting after the holidays at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult. Bro. J. H. Baxter, W.M., was in the chair, and there were present Bros. J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as S.W.; S. Tryon, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Abbott, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; Collingwood, I.G.; C. Gray, P.M., D. of C.; Martin, I.P.M.; G. Askew, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Euerby, P.M.; Oldfield, Anneveld, Clarke, Marshall, Tibbatts, Curnow, and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Haskins was a visitor.

The minutes of the regular lodge in April and the lodge of emergency on the 6th June having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. B. Poole, 27, was balloted for and elected a joining member. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. I. Goodwin Mason and Bullen Spicer, and, proving in each case unanimous, those two gentlemen were forthwith initiated into the mysteries of our ancient Craft, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Martin, I.P.M., with his accustomed ability and earnestness.

The brethren afterwards dined together and spent a very pleasant evening, the speeches, which were admirably brief, being interspersed with capital songs by Bros. Lewis, P.M.; Gray, P.M.; Tibbatts, and others.

CHINGFORD.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The last meeting of the summer session of the above flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Royal Forest Hotel, and was presided over by Bro. C. H. Canning, P.M. 1472, W.M., assisted by the following brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. W. Smith, I.P.M.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Westfield, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec.; E. J. Eedle, P.M., J.D.; A. T. Dale, W.M. 1076, S.W.; T. Ringrose, J.W.; J. G. Hammond, S.D.; J. Barnes, I.G.; Hill, Barrett, Brame, Poppy, Caddy, Mollik, Lord, and Volckman, of the lodge; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D.; Summers, 2045; Bull, 1624; Hole, 228; and Roberts, Zetland Lodge, South Australia.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Roberts, of Zetland Lodge, having been properly vouched for, was, with the consent of the W.M., raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The balance-sheet and Auditors' report were unanimously adopted. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain and return to the W.M. the number of votes for the several Charities held by the members, with a view to their being secured for the Provincial Charity Committee, and the lodge was closed.

A nicely served banquet was then partaken of, and the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and provincial toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Dehane, who congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working and the lodge on its evident prosperity, and he also gave a glowing account of the affairs of the Provincial Charity Committee.

The whole affair was most enjoyable and harmonious.

DARLINGTON.

Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—The first meeting of this lodge after the summer recess took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., Bro. R. M. Wilkes, W.M., in the chair.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Bentley and Swan were raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Hobson, P.M.; Babington Boulton, P.M.; and Dr. Hill-Drury, W.M. 1489. At the suggestion of Bro. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., a letter was sent to Bro. G. J. Wilson (the oldest Mason in the province) expressing the sympathy of the lodge with him in his recent illness. The W.M. then announced that during the recess Bro. Hill-Drury had at his own expense most handsomely decorated the lodge roof, and he moved that a vote of thanks to Bro. Hill-Drury for his generosity be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. W. Barron, S.W., and carried with acclamation. Bro. Hill-Drury, in thanking the brethren for their expression of good feeling, said he was glad they were pleased with the way the work had been treated, and explained the difficulties he had to surmount in carrying out his design, but he thought the decorators had done their work well. The dome over the

dais represented the heavens with the rising sun, while over the J.W.'s and S.W.'s chairs respectively were represented the sun at its meridian and the moon and seven stars.

"Hearty good wishes" were given from the Marquess of Ripon, Faithful, No. 85, Universities, Ivy, Barnard, and Rose of Raby Lodges, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

DERBY.

Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—The 105th anniversary of the above lodge, which, as some of our readers know, is the mother lodge of the Province of Derbyshire, was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. There was a large and influential attendance to support Bro. J. H. Clarke, the outgoing Master, and his successor, Bro. A. J. Flint. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; Abraham Woodi-wiss, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Orme, P.P.J.G.W.; Hall, P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire; Rev. Herbert Price, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; Rev. T. B. Mundy, M.A., P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; E. McInnes, Sec.; H. V. Edwards, S.D.; E. H. Claye, J.D.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. Cutting, P.M.; J. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; J. H. Richardson, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Fisher, W.M. 353; H. Salisbury, W.M. 654; Baxter W. Pike, W.M. 1085; G. S. Smith, W.M. 802; Severn Taylor, P.M. 731; G. Sutherland, S.W. 731; J. Jones, S.D. 731; C. Webster, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Whittaker Brigg, Prov. S.G.D.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G.R.; J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Piper, Prov. G.D.C.; F. Stone, P.M. 1085; A. Nicholson, J.W. 1085; S. J. Sanders, S.D. 1085; J. Copestick, P.P.G.P.; John Walker, W.M. 731; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; W. H. Wheelton, F. E. Leech, Baker, C. H. Glossop, W.M. 2129; R. B. Orme, P.M. 2129; Hon. C. W. Trollope, S.W. 2129; H. Basil Boag, P.M. 1495, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and many others.

The ceremony of installation was performed with excellent taste by Bro. J. H. Clarke, and Bro. Flint appointed and invested his officers in the following order: Bros. J. H. Clarke, Prov. A.G. Sec., I.P.M.; Rev. H. Price, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; Marquis of Granby, M.P., J.W.; Rev. T. B. Mundy, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; W. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; E. McInnes, Sec.; Edgar H. Claye, S.D.; F. Ernest Taylor, J.D.; E. R. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W., Org.; W. H. Wheelton, I.G.; H. T. George and H. Litherland, Stwds.; and W. Stone, Tyler. Bro. Rev. H. Price moved that a sum of money be taken out of the lodge funds in aid of the Peter-boro' Cathedral Restoration Fund. He explained that whilst Freemasons were superior to anything like sectarianism, they naturally took a pride in such grand national monuments of architectural skill and beauty as their cathedrals were known to be. The motion was seconded by Bro. T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., and carried without discussion.

The banquet, which was subsequently served by Bro. Day in the dining hall, was very much appreciated by a large number of guests.

The healths of the newly-appointed Master and his deservedly popular predecessor were enthusiastically honoured, and the evening was spent very harmoniously.

It should be added that the musical arrangements, which were on an unusually extensive scale, were under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—A large number of the brethren, with about the usual number of visitors, assembled at the Albany Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., on the occasion of the installation meeting. After the routine business had been transacted, the W.M., Bro. W. Drewett, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Montague and Willis, proceeded with the work set down to be done before the chief ceremony of the day came on. Bros. F. Pennington and Ikin were passed to the F.C. Degree, and Mr. J. H. Strachan and Mr. W. G. Palmer, after being unanimously elected, were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. So expeditiously was the work got through that the J.W. was called on to make a "declaration," and after an interval of half an hour labour was resumed, and the W.M. appointed Bro. Colbron, W.M. 889, to the chair of S.W., and Bro. F. Dangerfield, W.M. 1260, to that of J.W. Bro. Montague, Worshipful Master elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Drewett, and the usual forms and ceremonies were conducted in a correct and impressive manner, resulting in the proclamation to the brethren in due time, that Bro. Montague had been regularly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Laurence, P.M., Sec., assisted the Installing Master as D.C., and, in order to give the Past Masters an interest in the working of the lodge, the three addresses were delivered respectively by Bros. I. Drewett, G. Moorman, and W. H. Humphreys. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. W. Drewett, P.M. 889, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Willis, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Oldridge, P.M., Treas.; Laurence, P.M., Sec.; Rumbelow, S.D.; Tre-verton, J.D.; Pennington, I.G.; Bultz and Gibbon, Stewards; and W. Lane, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the Sun Hotel to banquet.

The customary toasts were given, but the W.M. set an example of brevity in speech, which was followed by all who rose to respond. During the Mastership of the I.P.M. he initiated seven candidates, and there is every promise of the good working which has so far characterised and distinguished No. 1638 being kept up, for the new W.M. proved himself most capable in every way in what he did. It is worthy of note that every Past Master of the Brownrigg Lodge holds rank in the province.

A kind letter was received from Bro. F. West, P.G.M. in charge, regretting that a prior engagement prevented him from being at the installation.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, Prov. G.S.B., W.M.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; B. Thomas, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; A. Vandervord, S.D.; C. W. Barnard, J.D.; F. J. Cumine,

I.G.; C. H. Bowmaker, Steward; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; Rev. J. Hutchens, R. J. Smith, W. Tyler, W. Trigg, L. Warren, and G. F. Vandervord. Visitors: Bros. W. Berridge, W.M., and F. Goodcran, of 1817; and J. E. Forbes, 917.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting and a lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. As a memorial to the memory of Bro. T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., it was decided to erect a monument over his grave. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, S.W.; J. H. Taylor, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; J. W. Cuff, W.M. 511; J. Davies, W.M. 169; C. Coleman, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history very ably. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Davies worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. Allman, regretting his inability to be present. On the occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked, on the 20th and 27th inst., Bro. G. Read was elected W.M.; Bro. John Davies, S.W.; and Bro. James Sims, J.W. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. H. Armfield, W.M.; J. Bartlett, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; F. A. Barth, J.D.; J. T. Haly, I.G.; G. Gardner, H. D. Smith, R. H. Broom, and J. Powell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. D. Smith being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The S.W., Bro. J. Bartlett, was elected W. M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwars-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Fayers, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. A. Knight, S.D.; W. G. Vassie, J.D.; J. H. Neville, I.G.; F. A. Barth, W. Dresden, J. B. Cory, T. W. Heath, G. Swann, W.M. 865; J. Wakeham, E. J. Green, and James Sims, P.V.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cory then offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an excellent manner. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. J. Green was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barth for the excellent manner in which he performed the duty of W.M. on the 16th inst. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; R. Josey, P.M., S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., acting Preceptor; E. Austin, Treas.; J. B. Colwill, P.M., S.D.; G. E. Higginson, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M.; R. Hollins, H. Nash, W.M. 211; T. Stevens, W. Hillier, F. Woodard, F. J. Manning, and H. Cotton.

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. Manning acting as candidate. Bro. Jennings vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Nash. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Woodard offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jennings reassumed his position as W.M. Bro. Josey was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Austin on his return to health, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. N. Baxter, S.W.; P. P. Perry, W.M. 1891, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M. and Treas.; J. H. Morrish, S.D.; W. E. Macey, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; C. C. Barber, F. A. Barth, Holland, P.M., Sec. 1891; and Hillier, 172.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Many matters of importance in connection with the lodge were discussed, and the attendance of all members is particularly desired on the 8th and 15th October, in order to determine the future proceedings of the lodge. Bro. Craggs was re-elected W.M., and the meeting was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Comps. James Sims, M.E.Z.; T. W. Biggs, H.; W. Hillier, J.; F. Craggs, S.E.; W. J. Coplestone, S.N.; and T. Jobson, P.S.

The chapter having been opened, some portions of the ceremony were duly rehearsed. Comp. Jobson was elected a joining member. Comp. Hillier was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., and the convocation was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on the 19th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Tilt, 862, S.N.; T. Jobson, 733, P.S.; and J. J. Thomas, M.E.Z. 749. Visitor: Comp. W. J. Stratton, 1st Asst. Soj. 753.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stratton being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Cruttenden as M.E.Z. Comp. Stratton was elected a member. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; John Davies, J. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Swann, P.S. 733, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; T. Jobson, 733, 1st Asst. S.; J. Smith, 890; 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. Davies being the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and the chapter was closed.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

LINCOLN.

York College.—The quarterly meeting of this body was held in the Masonic Hall, Mint-street, on Saturday, the 20th ult., and there was a goodly attendance of brethren, including Frs. T. B. Whytehead, C.A.; H. Thompson, Prov. Treas.; W. Brown, Prov. Sec.; C. D. Hill-Drury, Deputy; W. N. Cheeseman, Conductor of Novices; Allan Haigh, Org.; C. E. Wright, J. Robinson, H. E. Cousins, J. R. Dore, Col. McGachen, J. Ingleby, W. B. Williamson, and others.

In the absence of the Celebrant, Fra. Wilkes, in Scotland, the chair was taken by Fra. F. W. Thomlinson, who was assisted by Fra. J. Monks, both Past Celebrants. Several of the fratres arrived in Lincoln by an early train, and spent a few most pleasant hours, under the guidance of Fra. Cousins, in viewing the exquisite details of the cathedral, the Roman remains, and other interesting objects in the ancient city. The college met at three o'clock, and successful ballots were taken for the following aspirants: Bros. T. Wood, 1650; Rev. Canon Bullock, 1211; Edwd. Micklethwaite, 111; and R. A. Meacock, 1650. Bros. James Smith, 1611, and R. Patchitt, previously elected, were duly received into the M.C. Fra. J. R. Dore then read a very interesting paper on a newly discovered version of the Tyndale New Testament, which had lately come into his hands. He described its peculiarities and its rarity, and exhibited a specimen page, and it was resolved that Fra. Dore's paper should be printed in the transactions of the college. The Chief Adept then stated that the grade of Honorary VIII. had been conferred by the Supreme Magus upon Fra. Wm. Brown, who for many years had acted with the greatest efficiency as Secretary of the college, and he then and there handed to Fra. Brown the diploma of his rank. The C.A. also conferred upon the present Celebrant as well as all Past Celebrants the grade of VII., according to the desire of the S.M. He also announced that Fra. Wright, who had visited Ober-Ammergau, would prepare a short descriptive paper of the Passion Play for the next meeting, which would probably be held in Halifax.

The M.C. was then dissolved, and the fratres met at tea at the Saracen's Head, a number of the members remaining in Lincoln over Sunday, in order to attend the cathedral services and see more of the antiquities of the city.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who has been appointed to succeed Bro. Lord Carrington as Governor of New South Wales, will leave England on Saturday, the 25th inst. His lordship will be accompanied by the Countess of Jersey and her brother, Captain the Hon. Rupert Leigh, as his Aide-de-Camp.

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

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Court of Common Council, at its meeting on Thursday, the 25th ult., voted the sum of 100 guineas towards the relief of the sufferers by the recent fire at Salonica.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs will leave town on Saturday, the 13th inst., in order to perform the ceremony of opening the new Town Hall at Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, having concluded his visit to Bro. Lord Tweedmouth, at his Highland residence at Guisachan, near Beaulieu, has since been staying at Brechin.

EDINBURGH EXHIBITION.—The jury have awarded the diploma of honour and gold medal for malt and ales to Messrs. Bingham-Cox and Co., Kingsbury Brewery, St. Albans.

Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, who arrived at their residence in St. James's-square from Hamburg in the early part of last week, have since left London for Beauvale, Eastwood, Notts.

The Queen has approved of the appointment of the Hon. G. H. W. Walsh, of the Grenadier Guards, as Aide-de-Camp to Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of Canada.

Bro. General Viscount Wolsley has this week taken over the command of the troops in Ireland, which, according to the latest returns, number 28,000 officers and men, exclusive of the militia.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran have been paying a series of visits in Ireland, and at the close of last week were staying with Bro. the Earl and Countess of Erne at Crom Castle, County Fermanagh.

The Duchess of Albany, who has been residing for several weeks at Birkhall, will return shortly to Claremont, and proceed thence to Germany on a visit to her father the Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont.

The name of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale appeared on the list of voters for the city of York, but on the application of a registration agent, the revising barrister struck it out, on the ground that his Royal Highness was a peer.

The annual exhibition of the Photographic Society was inaugurated at 51, Pall Mall East, on Saturday evening, by a soirée, at which some 350 of the members and their friends were most cordially welcomed by the President, Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D.

At a sale on the 25th ult. of antique carved oak furniture at Turton Towers, Lancashire, a bed presented by Henri IV. of France, and bearing date the year 1593, was secured for the South Kensington Museum for 340 guineas. A bedstead of the period of Queen Anne fetched 70 guineas, and a richly carved sideboard 130 guineas.

Mr. Willard has been attracting large audiences this week in "Judah" at the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool. On Wednesday night he was entertained at supper by the members of the local Art Club, who desired to bid him welcome on his return to a city where his early efforts as an actor are well remembered. Mr. Irving, we hear, has offered to concede to Mr. Willard the right to produce "Ravenswood" in America.

We regret to announce that Captain A. C. Knollys, a brother of Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, and one of the Chief Constables of the Metropolitan Police, has succumbed to the injuries he received a short time since by being thrown from his horse. Captain Knollys was formerly Adjutant of the Scots Guards, and in that capacity served in the Soudan Campaign. His death occurred on the 25th ult., and the funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery on Saturday last.

Mr. W. Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, the newly-elected Sheriffs of the City of London, were sworn into office at the Guildhall on Saturday last, in the presence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, several of the Aldermen and Town Councillors, and the friends of the new officials. The breakfast was afterwards held in the Haberdashers' Hall, Gresham-street, the two Sheriffs sharing between them the presidency. Among those present were Bros. T. H. Bolton, Alderman Renals, Harry Nicholls, Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., Admiral Sir E. A. Ingfield, Charles Warner, W. Ferriss, J. C. Parkinson, Deputy Wallford, M. R. Webb, E. Anderton, A. B. Hudson, Major Probyn, A. J. Altman, J. Townend, Youle, and others.

On Friday, 26th ult., Bro. B. Barnato, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and Bro. Woolf Joel, of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Dutoitspan, the former of whom has the distinction of being senior member of the Cape Legislature, were surrounded at Paddington by a numerous galaxy of brethren and friends who had assembled to wish the travellers *bon voyage*. A saloon carriage was placed by the Great Western Railway Company at the disposal of the party, who left Dartmouth some hours later for the Cape on the good ship Roslin Castle. On the previous evening Bro. and Mrs. Joel entertained a large circle of friends, at 20, Devonshire-terrace, to celebrate the departure of the travellers. The friends of Bros. Barnato and Joel will be glad to learn that both these brethren intend to return to England after making a short stay at the Cape.

"Sap," according to Mr. J. A. Reeves, in a volume thus entitled, does not, as commonly taught, rise from the roots, but is imbibed from the atmosphere by the branches and leaves. Conservative botanists will denounce the revolutionary proposition, but Mr. Reeves backs it up with a good deal of striking evidence. (Published by George Kenning.)—*Christian World*.

A portrait of Bro. Lord Carrington, Governor of New South Wales, has been painted at Sydney for the Legislative Council of the colony.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday next, under the auspices of St. George's Chapter, No. 1560.

The Queen of Roumania left Llandudno for Creve by special train on Wednesday evening. There she joined the express and proceeded on a visit to the Queen at Balmoral.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller assumed the post of Adjutant-General of the forces in succession to Bro. General Lord Wolsley, on Wednesday, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-General.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, will visit Crichel, near Wimborne, as guests of Lord Alington, early in December, and remain for about a week.

The Prince of Wales will arrive in London from Scotland to-day (Friday), and to-morrow (Saturday) evening will leave for Austria on a series of visits, notably to Count Festetics, in Hungary, for some shooting.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the session on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at 6.30 o'clock, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May.

Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, has been recommended by Grand Committee for re-election to the throne of Grand Lodge of Scotland. That will be the sixth year successively he has filled the office of Grand Master of Scotland, a significant indication of his popularity in Grand Lodge.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has received a legacy of £5000 under the will of the late Mr. Andrew Pickard, of Leeds and Ossett, for the purpose of building and maintaining five lifeboats on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland.

We regret to hear that the King of the Netherlands, owing to a return of the symptoms which attacked his nervous system, has been again unable to attend to business. His Majesty's general health, however, is robust, and the medical men in attendance anticipate that he will soon be able to resume his duties.

The Masonic contributor to the *Glasgow Evening News* writes: "Referring to the letter of 'NLVII. Degree, &c.' published in the *Evening News* recently, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, whom the writer of the letter claims as a child of the 'Early Grand' repudiates any such claim, and informs me that the statement is untrue."

Bro. General Lord Wolsley, on his arrival in Dublin on Wednesday to take over the command of the troops, met with a most enthusiastic reception, the crowd on the station platform breaking through the cordon of police, and so completely surrounding his lordship, that it was with difficulty a way could be made for him to pass into the station.

A grand concert and military assault-at-arms, under the auspices of Lodge Maryhill, No. 510, in aid of the Grand Bazaar in connection with Annuity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The entertainment will be given on Monday week in the Burgh Hall, under the patronage of Colonel Glencross, of the Lancashire Fusiliers. The gymnasium staff of Maryhill Barracks and the Band Boys will lend an additional interest to the proceedings.

A congress will be held in London from the 4th to the 11th instant, under the auspices of the International Literary and Artistic Association, for the purpose of securing protection to International Copyright. The first meeting will take place, at the invitation of Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs, at the Mansion House, to-morrow (Saturday). In the evening his lordship will entertain the foreign delegates and others at dinner.

We have much pleasure in announcing the approaching marriage of William Norman Higgs, Esq., eldest son of our lamented Bro. Higgs, late Sheriff of London, with Miss Minnie Beard, youngest daughter of Mr. Under-Sheriff Beard. The ceremony will take place by special license at Putney parish church on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 1.30. We understand that owing to the late bereavement the invitations are limited to the members of the respective families. We are quite sure that a large circle of friends will wish the young couple a full share in this life of health, happiness, and usefulness.

All who take an interest in preserving what is left to us of the picturesque and quaint of Old London were pleased to learn that by the action of a wealthy insurance corporation Staple Inn was saved from the spoiler, and although other buildings in the neighbourhood do not possess the same interest for the antiquarian yet they are eminently worth keeping, and not a few would miss Ridler's Hotel, which is associated with the old coaching recollections of the neighbourhood. Bro. Whaley, of Woods' Hotel, Furnival's Inn, has by acquiring Ridler's Hotel not only prevented its disappearance for a long time to come, but ensured to the frequenters of that Old Hostelry the excellent catering and attention to his guests for which the larger house in Furnival's Inn is noted.

On Friday, the 26th ult., the Bishop of Manchester consecrated the new chancel of Holy Trinity Church, Littleborough, which has been erected from the designs of Mr. Crowther, at a cost, including vestries and organ chamber, of over £6000. To-morrow (Saturday) the completion of the chancel is to be the occasion of a demonstration of Craft and Royal Arch Freemasons. According to the programme, there will be a procession of the brethren of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 226, and visiting brethren, from the church school to the church, where there is to be a special choral service, with a sermon by Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bigoe Bagot, P.P.G. Chaplain of Cheshire, and also of East Lancashire. The vicar of the parish, Dr. Salts, his two curates, and both churchwardens are Craftsmen, one of the latter, Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, being a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and the local brethren are organising the demonstration in some measure as an act of goodwill to those so connected with the new and elegant structure. Bro. Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire, and Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, have both expressed their intention of being present.—*Record*.

It is rumoured that the next production at the Lyceum will be a revival of "Much Ado about Nothing."

The fund which is being raised for the relief of the old and destitute survivors of the Light Brigade who took part in the Balaklava Charge now amounts to a total of £5550.

Bro. Colonel Harding, P.A.G.D.C., has returned to London, after a lengthened stay in the Ardennes and Spa, thoroughly renovated by a course of the tonic waters.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) has consented to accept the chairmanship of the annual "Devonian Ball," which will be held in London on the 24th November.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale will visit Liverpool in the course of the present month for the purpose of opening the new Royal Infirmary. An address on vellum, enclosed in a handsome casket, will be presented to his Royal Highness on the occasion.

Prior to the departure of the Queen of Roumania from Llandudno on Wednesday, an address in album form was presented to her Majesty, who was deeply touched at the kindness shown her, and expressed her thanks most warmly to the Town Commissioners who made the presentation.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., was unanimously elected President of the Institute of Journalists on Saturday last. In the course of the proceedings at the Birmingham Conference of the Institute, the retiring President was presented with his portrait in recognition of his successful efforts to obtain the charter of incorporation.

The 58th annual meeting of the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association was held on Wednesday, at Iver Heath, near Uxbridge. In the evening the dinner, at which the master of the Buckhounds (the Earl of Coventry) presided, was held at the Royal Hotel, Slough.

The Bishop of St. Albans on Wednesday, the 1st inst., consecrated the church of St. Thomas at West Ham, in the presence of a crowded congregation, including the majority of the clergymen of the district, as well as the diocesan officials. The new church, which has been erected at a cost of £3200, will accommodate about 500 worshippers.

Miss Harriett Jay announces that during her management of the Royalty occasional *matinées* will be given of classic modern comedies. The first production will, in all probability, be Augier's "Lionnes et Renards," Englished with little or no alteration from the original. This experiment will not interfere with the *matinées* of "Sweet Nancy," which will be given every Saturday.

A meeting of the London Committee of the Edinburgh Exhibition was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs, among those present being Bros. Alderman Sir F. Wyatt Truscott and Sir H. Trueman Wood. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to his lordship for presiding, and to the chairman and honorary secretaries of the Committee for their services.

The Alhambra management announces that Mr. Carl Hertz is especially engaged to produce on Monday next his Persian mystery, "Stroubajka," which has met with great success in Paris, Berlin, and Vienna. This illusion is performed without any cabinet, the only paraphernalia being four upright bars having chains, to which a swinging board is attached, and upon which a gentleman is securely fastened around the neck, arms, and legs by iron bands and locks. Nevertheless, an instantaneous substitution takes place.

A bazaar in aid of the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport Hospital was opened in the Portsmouth Town Hall on Wednesday under the patronage of the Queen and the Duchess of Connaught, and the naval, military, and municipal authorities have heartily co-operated in order to ensure its success. Among the stallholders were Lady Willis, Lady and Miss Commerell, Lady Parker, Mrs. Gordon, and Lady Fitzwygram, while among the exhibits were the 54 guineas belonging to Lord Nelson, which were found in his cabin after the Battle of Trafalgar.

Among those who were endangered by the steam tramcar accident at Finsbury Park last Saturday was the well-known dramatic critic, Mr. Joseph Knight. Mr. Knight was seated on the top of the car, and, but for the fact that the fall of the vehicle was broken by contact with a lamp-post, and that Mr. Knight slid, rather than fell, off the car, the result might have been serious. As it was, he was able to attend at Terry's Theatre on Monday, and we are glad to learn that he has felt no ill effects from the shock to which he was exposed.

Mr. Clement Scott had a big audience at the Birkbeck Institute on Wednesday night, and one that was as appreciative as it was big. His subject was "Thirty years at the Play—October 1, 1860, to October 1, 1890," and it may be imagined how happily he treated it—with how much humour and eloquence—and how much pleasure, consequently, he gave. He began with a graphic picture of the English stage as it was in 1860, and this led up to hearty tributes to Robson ("only a burlesque actor, yet what a genius! only a pigmy, yet what a giant!") and Fechter, who was saluted as the founder of the English school of natural acting. Then the gloom of 1860 was contrasted with the brightness of 1870, and Mr. Scott had much to say, among other things, about Robertson and the Bancrofts, Adelaide Neilson, and Mr. Irving in "Two Roses."

The excursion season is now approaching its close, and it will be seen from an advertisement in another column that the Great Western Railway announce the last on their system to the West of England and the Weymouth Districts on the 11th inst. October in the West of England is often the most enjoyable month, and to those who have not taken their holiday or the more fortunate ones who have and desire to supplement it by another, the salubrious climate of Cornwall or South Devon presents attractions that it would be difficult to match.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion and general debility. A few doses of the pills taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism. Anyone who has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful action of which, combined with the operation of the pills, must infallibly effect a cure. These pills act directly on the blood, which they purify and improve. Having once subdued the severity of those diseases, perseverance with the ointment, after fomenting the affected joints with warm brine, will speedily relax all stiffness and prevent any permanent contraction.—*ADVT.*