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THE CRAFT IN CORNWALL.

The returns that were presented at the recent annual meeting at Helston of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall show that during the past year the Craft not only maintained its position, but is even more prosperous than at any previous period in its history. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported a substantial increase in the number of subscribing members, and that there had been a very great improvement on the part of Secretaries of lodges in forwarding their annual returns. Bro. G. B. PEARCE announced that the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association would require additional support during the ensuing year, not from any diminution in the number of its well-wishers, but because those who had made arrangements to contribute certain sums had completed their payments. As regards the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, it was shown that the subscriptions and donations received during the year amounted to £202 16s., as against £172 15s. during the previous year, the total income including £185 in respect of interest on invested capital, a railway debenture trust bond of £100, and the balance brought forward, being £502. The expenditure reached £185 only, so that the closing balance of the year was £317. There was also a considerable increase of £208 in the invested capital—from £4514 to £4722, the amount received since the fund was established in 1864 being £7631, and the amount expended in annuities, relief, educational grants, and management £2908. These figures are most creditable to a Province which has but 30 lodges on its roll, with an average of only 50 subscribing members per lodge. However, as there are many zealous Masons in Cornwall, men who readily give their services whenever and in whatever form they may be required, it is not to be wondered at that a Province of comparatively moderate strength should have so excellent an account to render of its labours. One announcement that was made by the Prov. G.M. in his brief address must have been heard with considerable regret, namely, that Bro. HUGHAN has found it necessary to surrender the task of editing the Cornwall Directory or Calendar into other hands. We believe that this is the senior of our Provincial annuals, and we are aware that Bro. HUGHAN has superintended its publication from the very outset. However, though the actual work of compilation will be done—and no doubt well done—by Bro. T. GILL, Bro. HUGHAN will give him all the advice and assistance in his power, so that the Provincial Directory of Cornwall will remain as complete and correct a guide as ever to all who desire information respecting the Craft in Cornwall.

ANOTHER PAPAL ENCYCLICAL.

His Holiness Pope LEO XIII. has addressed to his clergy another Encyclical Letter, in which the Freemasons and Socialists of Italy are mixed up together and both of them condemned root and branch for their alleged hostility to religion and orderly government. According to this letter the POPE does not propose "to say anything new, for facts have not changed from what they were." His object is "to recapitulate these facts in some way, and to group them in one picture, so as to draw out for general instruction the consequences that flow from them." Without troubling ourselves to particularise the facts which he adduces or the lessons he is desirous of impressing on his clergy, we may state that in this Encyclical, as in those which have preceded it, the POPE repeats his former error—the error which all previous Popes, in treating of our Fraternity, have

committed—of intimately connecting Freemasonry with societies and organisations to which its principles are diametrically opposed. There is no society in the civilised world which would suffer more disastrously from the triumph of what is commonly known as Socialism than that of which, in this country at all events, we are the recognised organ. Freemasonry, wherever its teachings are loyally observed, will always be found ranged on the side of law and order, while what we understand by Socialism is continuously engaged in planning their overthrow. Freemasonry, while it declines to exercise itself about mere differences of religious opinion, inculcates in all its disciples the deepest respect for all religions, but Socialism respects religion no more than it respects the laws which govern all civilised communities. Therefore, while we have nothing to urge against this new crusade of the POPE against Socialism, while, indeed, we recognise that he is doing good service to mankind generally by bringing the whole of his influence to bear against these organisations, whose aim is to destroy the very basis of Society, we most emphatically demur to his assumption that Freemasonry has anything in common with Socialism or the slightest sympathy with the objects which the latter has in view. Throughout the British Empire, and in the United States likewise, there is rarely, if ever, the slightest need to say anything in defence of our Order against attacks of this kind. Here it is very generally admitted, except by the bigots who will not be convinced, not only that we are a body from which no injury to the cause of religion and good government is ever likely to arise, but that we constitute an important factor in their behalf. As we have said already, we do not concern ourselves about mere differences of religious or political opinion, but we do most earnestly endeavour to instil into the minds of those who range themselves under our banner that it is the duty of every Mason to respect religion and obey the laws of the country to which he belongs or in which he may happen to reside.

We are aware there is a vast difference between Freemasonry as it is taught and practised in this country and the United States, and what passes for Freemasonry in many foreign countries, and we are fain to admit that in some continental States the Masonic lodges have so far broken from the true principles of the Craft as to have on occasions borne a conspicuous part in the religious and political controversies of the day. Our late Pro Grand Master, in his memorable speech at the installation of the Prince of WALES, and at other times, admitted and deplored the existence of this difference between Freemasonry in some foreign parts and in English-speaking countries, but it is not just that the Institution as a whole should be condemned for the misconduct of some of its branches. It would need a very intimate acquaintance with the inner life of the Italian Masonic lodges to determine to what, if any, extent they have exposed themselves to the attacks of the Papacy in this or other Encyclical letters, but if they have done anything to justify these anathemas, the fault is theirs in not having obeyed the teachings of the Craft, which is, or ought to be, absolutely impartial in its respect for all religions and all forms of government. In saying this, we are not propounding any novel theory. We are stating a fact, and we state it thus broadly, as we have done in many a previous article, lest the public should run away with the idea that conduct which the POPE has condemned—whether rightly or wrongly we offer no opinion—in the Italian Freemasons is in accordance with the true principles of Masonry as they are understood and practised by English-speaking brethren. The watchwords of the English Mason are Loyalty and Charity, so that it is impossible he can have anything in common with the Socialist.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

ORATION BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

Monday, the 20th inst., was an important day for the members of the Masonic body at Dawlish. The charming little Devonshire watering-place does not boast of a large resident population, but the Masonic feeling is exceptionally strong in a town of so limited a population, and the brotherhood is strong in numbers and in influence. For many years the brethren have held their lodge meetings in a room at the Town Hall, but the inconvenience of this arrangement was ever present, and as the members of the lodge increased the wish grew stronger that the lodge should have a home and habitation of its own. It was a bold suggestion to build a Masonic Hall in preference to renting premises, but its very boldness encouraged the brethren to persevere with it. A company was formed, a considerable portion of the capital was subscribed, an excellent site was purchased in the New Barton-road, and the members of Salem Lodge, No. 1443, have now a hall and lodge room that would do credit to any town in the province. The hall has been built by Bro. W. G. Hatcher, from the designs of Bro. Bridgman; it has a striking and attractive appearance from the outside, and inside it is excellently furnished and supplied with every facility and convenience for the effective performance of Masonic work. The lodge-room is a splendid room, 36 feet by 25, and lofty in proportion, and proved capable on Monday of seating over 150 brethren from all parts of the province, assembled to take part in the ceremony of dedicating the new hall, for which purpose a Special Provincial Grand Lodge was held.

The dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M. of Devonshire, who occupied the W.M.'s chair, and who was assisted by Bro. J. S. Kesterman, P.S.G.W., who was in the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. J. Stocker, P.J.G.W., who acted as Junior Warden. There was a large attendance.

After the lodge had been duly opened, the hymn "Hail! Eternal by whose aid" was sung to a tune specially composed for the occasion by Bro. J. F. King, W.M. elect of Salem Lodge. Then the minutes of previous meetings were read, and the Secretary, Bro. Discombe, invited the D.P.G.M. to dedicate the new hall to the purposes of Freemasonry. Bro. H. L. Friend followed by presenting the D.P.G.M. with the plans of the building, and Bro. Rogers said he heartily congratulated the brethren upon the convenient and elegant building which they had erected for the purposes of the Craft. He was very glad to see that Freemasonry was flourishing so well amongst them, and that they had amongst them brethren of sufficient decision, zeal, and energy to produce so excellent a building as that in which they were then assembled. (Applause.)

After the usual ceremonies, the building was declared to be solemnly dedicated to "Freemasonry, virtue, and universal benevolence."

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN (Torquay), P.G.D. of England, and P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, then delivered an earnest and eloquent oration, which was repeatedly applauded. The R.W. Brother said: Masonic Halls are dedicated to Masonry, virtue, and universal benevolence. This hall is dedicated to Freemasonry because it is set apart for the celebration of its peculiar rites and ceremonies. As a Fraternity it is ancient, honourable, and distinguished. We can point with just pride to the noble cathedrals and other grand structures which are the handiwork of our ancestors, and as their lineal descendants we may claim some portion of their imperishable fame, being, without doubt, their legal representatives. In olden time the Freemasons were united as a secret society, and whenever their "old charges," or laws, were duly obeyed, they required no apologies for their existence. Neither do we now, if, as Craftsmen, we are faithful to our vows. (Hear, hear.) But, though in one sense we are a secret society and protected by an Act of Parliament as no other is, yet, strictly speaking, we are not really a secret society. We have no secret aims or constitutions. The objects we have in view are open to the world, our regulations may be obtained by anyone, and all our members are as free to leave us as they must be to join. (Hear, hear.) There has been too much mystery made of our community, for unless it be connected, directly or indirectly, with the way we know each other in any part of the globe (by night or by day, knowing or not knowing the language, and when meeting utter strangers), we have no secrets. In fact, it might almost be said that the actual secret of our Freemasonry is that there is none! Our motto is "Fear God, honour the Queen, love the Brotherhood." (Applause.)

In former times the Fraternity was wholly Christian, but for nearly two centuries it has been cosmopolitan. Though wider in scope and influence, all our ceremonies and Degrees are based on portions of the "Volume of the Sacred Law," and no man can cross our threshold without avowing his "trust in God." The Israelite, the Parsee, the Mahomedan, and the Hindoo, as with the Christian, are welcomed to our ranks, "provided they believe in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." (Applause.) A man with no religion cannot become a Freemason, nor can he continue to be one. We meet, however, on neutral ground, for no theological or political discussions are ever allowed in our lodges. For the time being, we know neither creed, colour, nor clime. Hence this handsome and commodious hall is dedicated to the Craft, and to the Craft only.

The growth of Freemasonry has of late years been almost phenomenal, and calls for still more rigid scrutiny in the admission of candidates, lest unworthy men be initiated. (Hear, hear.) Mere numbers are often more a source of weakness than of strength. We should remember this. One hundred years ago there was not 2000 lodges, and scarcely 50,000 members in the world; whereas now there are over 15,000 lodges and some two millions of Craftsmen—(applause)—the income from all sources being about £5,000,000 per annum. (Loud applause.) In this extraordinary growth England has had its fair share, and continues to be the largest as it always has been the oldest Grand Lodge in both hemispheres. When No. 1443 (Dawlish) was warranted, the net number of lodges under English rule would not reach 1400; but in 1890, notwithstanding so many have left our jurisdiction (to form Grand Lodges of their own), there are yet nearly 2000 lodges on our register; and the English Craft was never more prosperous than at the present time. (Applause.)

This hall is dedicated to virtue, for unless, as Freemasons, we are virtuous or moral, we are veritable frauds, and wholly unworthy of our privileges. (Hear, hear.) If anywhere a lodge is not the home of virtue, the fault lies with the members, not with the Institution. (Hear, hear.) I am not aware of any society of human origin so ancient with such a perfect constitution as ours; and there is not the slightest need for me in open lodge to offer any proof that we belong to an essentially moral organisation, formed on a strictly religious basis. If Freemasonry is not that it is nothing. (Applause.) The thousands of ministers of religion who are enrolled in our ranks abundantly confirm the moral basis and virtuous character of our Society; and the tens of thousands of the greatest and best in this and other countries who have agreed

To aprons put on
And make themselves one
With Free and Accepted Masons

testify to their belief in like manner. If a knave joins us we are deceived, but he will continue to be a knave all the same, though he call himself a Freemason. Immoral men alas! have been admitted into our lodges (for there are wolves in sheep's clothing in all bodies of men), but I submit that they are not really of us, though in our Society. One of our "old charges" declares that "Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing band of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess." No Master of a lodge can

be placed in the chair without promising, "To be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law;" "to live creditably, and act honourably by all men;" "to guard against intemperance and excess;" "to promote the general good of society, and to cultivate the social virtues as far as his influence and ability can extend." And I fail to discover how any institution, moral or religious, could possibly be more exacting than ours as to these matters for such a purpose. Masters of lodges are empowered to refuse admission to visitors "of known bad character," and I only wish that a more strict attention would sometimes be paid to this rule. (Hear, hear.) At any rate, I have offered sufficient reasons why this and other halls of the kind should be dedicated to virtue.

Finally, this hall is dedicated to "universal benevolence," and all who are acquainted with the eventful past and present customs of our Fraternity will not be slow to acknowledge our right so to do. The term, however, includes much more than the word charity, for it means genuine love, not only for Freemasons, but for all mankind. Our Grand Lodge is always among the first to seek to alleviate distress, to grant aid in great calamities, and patriotically to bear its share of national burdens and claims. (Applause.) One thousand pounds each was readily granted to the Patriotic, the Indian Relief, the Lancashire Cotton, and the Indian Famine Funds. Four thousand pounds was voted to the National Lifeboat Institution, and £500 each to the National Society for the Aid of the Sick and Wounded in War, Chicago Fire Relief Fund, Bengal Famine Relief Fund, relief of distress in Ireland, and to relieve the distress amongst the deserving poor of the Metropolis. (Applause.) Our own Charities, under the wing of the Grand Lodge of England, are both numerous and important. The Institutions in London for the Boys and Girls, and Aged Freemasons and Widows, cost some £150,000, and in the Metropolis and the provinces, at least 1000 children are being clothed and educated, and the great majority maintained as well, besides which hundreds of indigent Masons and widows are annuitants on our funds, and are thus preserved from want. In this systematic form of charity we in England spend every day in the year at least £250, and sometimes much more in the relief of the destitute; and the helping hand is most gladly offered "to the fatherless and widows in their affliction." (Loud applause.) We make no parade of these facts, for the extent of our benevolence is not even known to many of our own members, and the bloom of a kind deed is lost by being published. (Hear, hear.) Yet, great as are our Charities at home and abroad, I maintain that the primary object of the Society is not Charity, but fraternity. (Applause.) Freemasonry is not a benefit society. We seek to realise practically the sublime truths of the "Fatherhood of God" and "the Brotherhood of Man," and we look upon all the world, rich and poor, as our kin. It is my firm conviction, after an experience of the Society for nearly 30 years, and familiarity with its varied and extensive literature, that the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is one of the most beneficent and useful institutions under the sun; and that it requires only the consistent conduct of its members generally to make it the most blessed organisation of the kind in the Universe. (Applause.) In conclusion, let me offer the words of Charles Mackay—slightly altered—as the pith of the whole matter—

If thou'rt a Mason
In deed and thought,
Loving thy neighbour
As Craftsmen ought;
Sharing thy wealth
With the suffering poor,
Helping all sorrow
That hope can cure,
All God's angels will say, "Well done;"
Whenever thy mortal race is run.

The D. PROV. G.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan for his eloquent address. There were few brethren in the Craft who had more completely made Freemasonry their study than Bro. Hughan had done, and few who could not go to him and learn something of the true principles of the Craft to which they belonged. (Applause.)

Bro. G. B. AVANT, who seconded the motion, spoke of Bro. Hughan's address as a beautiful oration, and said he hoped it would make a deep impression upon the minds of all who had heard it, and that all those who had not acted up to it in the past would feel themselves called upon to do so in the future.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

This concluded the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and the D.P.G.M. having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bro. G. B. Avant, and the installation of Bro. J. F. King as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The whole ceremony of installation was admirably and impressively carried out by Bro. F. C. Hallett, P.P.S.G.D., and at its conclusion the newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. B. Avant, I.P.M.; E. W. Locke, S.W.; James Hearn, J.W.; J. S. Whidborne, Treas.; W. Southwood, Sec.; H. L. Friend, Chap.; D. C. Powell, S.D.; F. Webb, J.D.; J. Cole, I.G.; W. Locke, Org.; R. G. Underhill and E. B. Betty, Stwds.; and J. Luscombe, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Albert Hotel, where a large number partook of an excellent banquet presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. F. King. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and congratulations exchanged on the fact that the Dawlish brethren have been able to provide themselves with such an excellent Masonic hall as had that day been dedicated.

Reference was also made to the splendid oration delivered by Bro. Hughan, and his eloquent justification of the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and a hope was expressed that the oration would find its way into the hands of every Mason in the province.

The toasts were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

At Lewes, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, which has recently been re-decorated and greatly improved. The lodge room was hung with handsome banners, and emblems of the Craft were profusely and artistically exhibited. This was the first occasion on which this important gathering had been held in the county town, and the brethren of the Lewis Lodge extended a hearty welcome to visitors from other parts of the province. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, D.P.G.M., presided. There were about 50 brethren present. All the lodges in the province being represented.

From the returns it appeared there had been a large accession of members during the past year.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER expressed great regret at the enforced absence of his Royal Highness, but confidently hoped the Duke of Connaught would preside over them some time during the ensuing 12 months. He said the progress of Mark Masonry in Sussex had been satisfactory, yet he counselled the members to increased zeal and perfection in working the Degree. He invested the following officers:

Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.M. 168, 391	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. R. Legg, P.M. 75, 391	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Puttock, Chap. 166	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Clowes, W.M. 409	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. C. Buckwell, P.M. 78, 164, 386	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, S.W. 168	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. E. Morrison, J.W. 166, 409...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Adames, W.M. 391	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" C. F. Lewis, W.M. 386	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" C. A. Smith, I.G. 168	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. H. Haine, S.W. 166	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. Briscoe, 164	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. Willard, W.M. 75, 164	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. F. Lamette, S.W. 75	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. T. Musson, J.W. 376	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Holman, M.O. 391	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. N. Roe	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Wright, S.O. 391	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. W. Turner, J.W. 391	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Farncombe, Treas. 391	...	...
" E. S. Medcalf, M.O. 168	...	...
" T. Bullock, Sec. 75...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. H. Hughes	...	...

Business ended, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where Bro. Whitcombe supplied an excellent dinner. Bro. the Dean of Battle presided. There was a good attendance.

The speeches were short and to the purpose, and the comfort of the brethren greatly enhanced by the excellent arrangements of Bros. James Adames, W. E. Morrison, J. T. Musson, and C. Briscoe, the retiring Stewards. The vocalist was Mr. Albert Barnard, and the accompanist Mr. Percy Starnes.

THE HISTORY OF A MASONIC LODGE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

By BRO. DR. JOSIAH WILLIAMS, F.R.G.S.

The Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, is the lodge to which I now allude. The circumstances under which the charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of England are certainly unique in the annals of Freemasonry, and cannot fail to be of interest to the Craft generally. Johannesburg, which has become known throughout the civilised world as the principal centre of the South African gold-fields, is situated 6500 feet above sea level, isolated almost from the rest of the world. It is about 300 miles from Kimberley, 200 from Natal, and 33 from Pretoria, which is the seat of government. Access to it is obtained by coach, mule waggon, and ox waggon, but in two or three years from now the shrill whistle of the railway engine will reverberate over the hills and plains of the Witwatersrand.

Four or five years ago what is now Johannesburg was the bare veld over which the springbok fearlessly and joyously bounded and the lordly lion roamed at leisure, but, as if by the touch of a magician's wand, handsome houses, shops and streets, fine hotels, magnificent clubs, concert halls, and theatres have sprung up, and well-appointed equipages of millionaires, who five years ago were penniless, dash along the streets amidst a population of 30,000 people.

Whilst Johannesburg was yet in its infancy certain enthusiastic Masons mooted the desirability of getting up a petition to the Grand Lodge of England praying for a charter. The first meeting was held in Bro. Hutton's office in Johannesburg on November 11th, 1887, at which several Past Masters were present. When the matter had been fully discussed it was resolved that a petition be sent "To the M.W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England" praying for a charter.

This was accordingly done and signed by all the Past Masters and Master Masons present at the meeting. The petition was handsomely engrossed by Bro. Charles Serrurier, and photographed by Bro. T. D. Williams, and despatched to the M.W. Grand Master, and in due course a reply was received refusing to grant a charter as the Transvaal was a foreign State. Probably this refusal would have terminated all hopes of obtaining a lodge under the English Constitution but for the energy and indefatigable zeal of one of the Master Masons present, who had taken the initiative in the matter.

Bro. D. C. Stevens (familarly known as "Zanzibar") had, years ago, formulated a scheme for what is well known as the "Zanzibar route," and had it brought under the notice of the British Government. It was pooh-poohed, but nothing daunted, he returned again and again to the attack. After repeated rebuffs, however, the "Zanzibar route" became *un fait accompli*. The British Government adopted that which has been an inestimable boon to commerce, and with its usual liberality awarded the originator of this grand scheme—nothing, but allowed him to waste his time and money, and then relapse into obscurity. Still, there was life in the old dog yet.

Nothing daunted he returned to the attack, and sent the original petition back, with the addition of 63 names, none below the Degree of M.M., at the same time reminding the M.W.G.M. that "the Queen of England is Suzerain of the Transvaal." The M.W.G.M. recognising this fact, replied that as the present petition had been rejected a new one must be forwarded, and the matter would then be considered.

Determined, if possible, to avoid failure a third time, Bro. Stevens set about getting attached to the new petition the signatures of no less than 28 Past Masters residing in different parts of the Transvaal, an achievement probably unprecedented in the history of Masonry. All this was not accomplished without a considerable expenditure of time and trouble, but the result was magnificent.

Having now obtained the names of 28 Past Masters, Bro. D. C. Stevens again submitted the petition to a meeting, which decided that it should be sent to the M.W.G.M. This was accordingly done, and eventually the warrant was granted. I must not omit to mention that Bro. Stevens' efforts were ably seconded by Bros. Keith and Crow, who, on going to England, were appointed to act as a deputation to Grand Lodge, and were empowered to represent the wishes of the proposed lodge and the English Masons in the country with respect to the formation of the lodge under the English Constitution. In this they admirably succeeded. They were most untiring in their contention against seemingly insuperable obstacles, and went to great expense and trouble, spending nearly a fortnight in London principally on the mission of what is now the Johannesburg Lodge, the first English lodge consecrated in the Transvaal since that country was handed over to the Boers. The sister lodges there also lent their valuable aid, namely, the Golden Thistle (Scotch) and the Star of the Rand (Dutch).

Bro. Charles Cowen was appointed the first Worshipful Master, and it is worthy of note that all the senior and junior officers acting, with the exception of the Wardens, were Past Masters. Bro. Crosby, W.M. elect of another lodge, who was one of the 28 Past Masters, acted as I.G.

Previous to the installation and consecration, Bros. Cowen (W.M. elect), Green, and Hicks were deputed to arrange the ceremonies, and it was agreed that formal invitations be sent to Heidelberg, Klerksdorp, Potchefstroom, Pretoria, Rustenburg, and the local lodges. The date was fixed for the opening ceremonies, but was postponed for another week so that Bro. Stevens, who had worked so hard for the charter, should be present, but this, unfortunately, could not be after all, as he was then and for some weeks afterwards under my professional care suffering from a very dangerous illness from which he eventually and happily recovered. The 26th of March last was the day appointed for the ceremonies of installation of the Worshipful Master and the constitution of the lodge.

I was not only present at the installation, but acted as reporter for the *Mining Argus* newspaper at the request of the proprietors, and do not think I can do

better than quote from that report, as, being written on the day, it will be more accurate than relying on my memory months afterwards.

It may be as well to mention that I have now been requested to give an historical account of the proceedings, so that it may be in the possession of the lodge for all time as, on account of absence, business, and worry the brethren who should have done this at the time, were unable to do so.

Wednesday, the 26th of March, 1890, was a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry so far as Johannesburg is concerned. At 10 a.m. the evidences were not wanting that something unusual was about to happen. At that hour many gentlemen could be seen bustling about the streets in evening dress, bearing under their arms small leather cases. As they all looked as fresh as paint they were, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion, and no one could possibly imagine for one moment that any of these gentlemen had been making a night of it, and were returning home to meet with an ardent reception from their dear wives. No, they were simply making their way to the elegant Masonic Temple, where shortly would be consecrated the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313.

The brethren mustered in considerable force—about 150—by 10.30, but the proceedings did not commence until 11 a.m. The officiating Past Masters were Bros. J. E. Green, J. Massey, Hicks, W. Royce, and Dr. Exton. An introductory prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. H. Fisher, was followed by a brief address to the brethren and by the presiding Past Master, Bro. Charles Cowen, the W.M. elect.

The petition to Grand Lodge was read by the Secretary, Bro. T. W. Goodwin, P.M., and then the warrant, after which followed a most impressive oration by Bro. the Rev. F. H. Fisher, who took for his text the well-known words of the Psalmist: "It is a good and pleasant thing for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The oration was not only listened to most attentively, but was so excellent in every way that I shall reproduce it, so that the brethren in all parts of the world may read, mark, and inwardly digest.

"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity."

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I beg to add my congratulations to those of the presiding officers and others on the dawn and completion of the work and anxiety of many months. I feel sure that you will believe me when I say, that in the presence of so many old Masons, many Past Masters in the Craft, I feel deeply the honour you have conferred upon me in requesting me to act as Chaplain to the lodge. At the same time, it is the part of every true Mason to fulfil the particular duty to which he is appointed during the time of labour. I shall fulfil my duty to the best of my ability, endeavouring to bear in mind the responsibility which attaches to the words and works of the Chaplain of a lodge. Let me direct your attention for a few moments to that passage from the Volume of the Sacred Law which I have just read. The Psalm is appointed to be read or sung during the solemn service in which we are engaged. The sum and substance of that whole Psalm is contained in the first verse. Let us first consider the word "brethren." All men are, in a sense, brethren. We are, by creation, the children of one parent, for "of one blood God made all nations to dwell upon the earth." This takes us to the creative work of the Great Architect of the Universe. Note the order of that work. He laid the broad foundation of the Universe. Like Solomon's Temple, it came into existence in solemn silence. No axe or hammer was heard in that first great building. Then He roofed it with the canopy of heaven, and set in their places sun, moon, and stars—the glorious constellations which provoke our admiration and reverence. Then having looked upon His work, like a workman "who needeth not to be ashamed," and pronounced it "very good." But glorious as was that creation, a still more wondrous display of the power of God was yet to come. He raised a still more glorious temple—He built the human frame. He endowed it with thought, emotions, and sensations. He furnished man with immortality, and bade our first parent "multiply and replenish the earth." From Him all are descended, and therefore all are brethren. Again, by His providence, God shows that we are brethren. The joys, the beauties, the riches of this life are for all. He causeth His sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. The rich colours of the sunset, the subtle influences of a peaceful sunrise, the glorious carpet of the manifold vegetable creation gladden and rejoice all hearts, even if in different degrees. The various relationships of life, the various family ties, the herbs and meats of the earth, the wondrous and mysterious potency of the fine arts, all these the Great Provider hath given to all men "richly to enjoy." But, as Masons, how much more closely, more particularly, are we bound over to one another as brethren. Let me remind you of that time, now perhaps long past, when you undertook those solemn and awful obligations which are for ever binding upon us. Those bands bind us together into a relationship of the closest description. They are bands into which we were not born, nor entrapped, persuaded, or forced. We entered into these of our own express desire, of our own free will. Even at that last moment we might have escaped, if we had wished to do so. We, then, above all other men, are brethren; and, as brethren, to "dwell together in unity," it is not only our plain duty, but also our high responsibility. There is no deep feeling, no emotion, no principle but what will show itself outwardly. The reality of Masonic unity must be shown in our conduct one toward another, both in word and deed. We know this, that backbiting, defamation, and slander are the bane of modern society. Let Masons, at least, be true to their principles, and show the inconsistency of this between brethren. Let a Mason's character be sacred. If we have nothing good to say of a brother—a very remote possibility—let us say nothing at all, and carry our golden rule of silence into our conversation about him. But we must be brethren also, indeed. So long as the sun shines, there will be rich and poor, some filling a high station, others a lowlier one. Let not such considerations interfere with our intercourse as brethren. Rather let them incite us to the relief of poorer brethren, and to the making of life easier for all of us in acts of kindness, sympathy, and co-operation. Let each brother move on in the square of truth, within the compasses of integrity, by the rule of the Volume of the Sacred Law, so that when our earthly lodge shall be dissolved we shall acknowledge, in the heavenly temple prepared by the Great Architect of the Universe, the truth of those words: "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity."

Next in order was the Dedication, when the Masonic anthem, "Hail! Masonry Divine," was sung by the brethren Bro. H. Stidolph presiding at the organ.

The first portion of the dedicatory prayer having been pronounced, the hymn, "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," was sung to the tune of the "Old Hundredth," and was joined in most heartily by all present. The formal dedication of the lodge by the presiding Past Master having been pronounced, the Chaplain followed with the second portion of the dedicatory prayer. The lodge having been declared formally constituted, "The Spacious Firmament on High" was sung, this portion of the proceedings closing with a patriarchal benediction. The installation of W.M. and investiture of officers were then proceeded with. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Cowen, was followed by the formal salutation by the whole of the brethren, at the conclusion of which the Worshipful Master installed and invested his officers for the ensuing term as follows: Bros. T. Sheffield, S.W.; D. C. Stevens (by proxy), J.W.; J. E. Green, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Goodwin P.M., Sec.; A. H. Reid, S.D.; E. H. Stidolph, Org.; Rev. F. H. Fisher, Chap.; and Wester, Tyler.

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J. MORRISON McLEOD,
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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Temperance, No. 169; Tranquillity, No. 185; Excelsior, No. 226; York, No. 236; Apollo University, No. 357; Star-in-the-East, No. 650; Dalhousie, No. 865; Hemming, No. 1512; All Saints, No. 1716; Atlingworth, No. 1821; Warner, No. 2256; and Duke of Fife, 2345.

MARK—Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, and Alfred Lodge, No. 247.

ROYAL ARCH—Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

INSTRUCTION—Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834; Kensington Lodge, No. 1767; and Star Chapter, No. 1275.

Consecration of the Hilbre Lodge, No. 2375, at Hoylake. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent. West Hamer Benevolent Institution.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. Henry Sadler has found time to write another work, and certainly this one, which completes the trio, bids fair to be as interesting as either, and to many the most useful of the three. The extraordinary career of Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, whilom gunner in the Royal Navy, and subsequently a barrister, and Past Senior Grand Warden of England, as also Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of numerous provinces in England, has never received the attention it deserves.

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Dunckerley's name and fame were rather clouded in regard to some of his Masonic transactions, but we believe unjustly so. Doubtless Bro. Sadler will see that the character of this enthusiastic Craftsman is duly rehabilitated, as he has the means to adequately examine into the facts of the case. His remarkable origin will call for rigid scrutiny and careful consideration, but we feel assured the whole matter will be in good hands, and we look forward quite eagerly to the advent of this pre-eminently needful volume concerning one of the most prominent Masons of the last century. As a list of subscribers is to be printed with the work, brethren should have their names enrolled at once.

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At the regular meeting of the Eureka Lodge, No. 47, Dundalk, Ireland, held on the 13th inst., a vote of thanks was unanimously and heartily passed to Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, for the gift to the library of the rare tract, "A Vindication of the Real Principles of Freemasonry," which contains the evidence that Lord George Sackville was Grand Master of Ireland in 1751. Bro. Hughan was elected an honorary member of this lodge sometime since, and has taken considerable interest in the progress of the library. The members meet periodically during the winter months to read papers and discuss matters Masonic, and No. 47 is thus quite a Quatuor Coronati Lodge in miniature, and one of their members (Bro. C. P. Cooper) is a member of the "C. C."

It is scarcely necessary to say that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, which was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, proved, as it invariably does, a great success. There was the usual full attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, present and past, of the representatives of lodges, and of visitors, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. We shall publish a full report next week, but in the meantime we may mention that the proceedings included the reading and confirmation of sundry reports, in which the result of the past year's labours were clearly set forth. Among these was the 12th annual report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, from which it appears that of the 21 Life Subscriberships which were drawn during the year, 20 were placed to the credit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the remaining one to that of the Girls' School. The next meeting of this Association will be held in December, when a fresh drawing for Life Subscriberships will take place.

It is gratifying to know that our brethren in Port Elizabeth—which is included in the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Eastern Division—have succeeded so well in their Masonic Educational Scheme. We have been favoured with a report of the directorate for the past year, and we find that including the balance in hand at the close of June, 1889, the receipts to July, 1890, amounted to £242 10s. 11d., while the expenditure was £181 1s. 11d., leaving a balance to be carried forward to the new year of £61 9s. We are further told that there is a sum of £50, which has been already voted by the lodges and chapters in the town, but which had not been received in time to be included in the report, so that the assets in hand are, in fact, in excess of £110. There is likewise an Endowment Fund, which has been made up during the past year to £200, so that there can be little doubt as to the present stability of this organisation.

Two features in this report are especially to be commended. The expenses of management for the year are within £3, the precise amount disbursed in "printing and sundries" being £2 14s. The amount spent in educating 18 children was £103 7s. 11d., and £75 was added to the Endowment Fund, so that it will be difficult for even the most searching criticism to find anything blameworthy in the policy and conduct of the directors of the fund.

The reports received respecting the children assisted by the fund must also be regarded as satisfactory. Of three perpetual scholarships at the Grey Institute, to which the Governors and subscribers have the right of nomination, one is vacant, because the boy who held it during the past year has gained the Municipal Scholarship, in addition to passing the Government elementary Examination. Another pupil has succeeded in gaining a scholarship at the Northend Branch of the Grey Institute, while one of the girls passed the last Government Examination with Honours.

We may state that the Board of Management of this fund consists of the Masters, Immediate Past Masters, and Senior Wardens of the local Craft lodges; the Master and Immediate Past Master of the Mark Lodge; the First Principals and Immediate Past First Principals of the local chapters; together with six subscribing members (Masons), who must be elected annually at the general meeting in June by the subscribers. But however it may be constituted, the Board or Directorate which is responsible for the administration of the fund does its work admirably, and we trust that future reports which may reach us of this distant Colonial educational institute will be as admirable in all respects as this has been.

A correspondent, who signs himself "Prov. Grand Officer," is anxious "to obtain, if possible, information as to the principle or basis adopted in selecting Provincial Grand Officers." He adds that he has obtained and compiled a tabulated statement showing the various officers appointed during the past 10 years—from 1880 to 1889 inclusive—by the Grand Master of a province which has 25 lodges on its roll. From this statement it appears "that some lodges during that period have received as many as 10 provincial collars, whilst others during the same period have received only four or five," one lodge having been so unfortunate as to obtain only three collars. He adds that the number of collars distributed annually is 16—those of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary not being included in the reckoning—and "in the absence of any special reason for such an inequality he considers the distribution of honours is on the face of it unfair."

We cannot presume to speak on behalf of the distinguished brethren—some 40 or 45 in number—who have been appointed by the Prince of Wales and his predecessors in the office of M.W.G.M. to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. But we hardly think our correspondent is justified in assuming that all the lodges in a province furnish an equal number of brethren who are worthy of being appointed to provincial office. Some lodges are certain to have more good men in their ranks than others, while certain other lodges will have a preponderance of brethren not so well qualified for office. Again, some lodges are numerically strong, and others weak, so that we are unable to suggest any general principle or basis for the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers beyond that of merit, which, so far as our experience goes, is the principle which, as a rule, actuates Provincial Grand Masters in their distribution of provincial honours. It is impossible to expect that all the appointments they make will give general satisfaction, but we are convinced that our heads of provinces do all they can to bestow their appointments on brethren who deserve them.

We are informed that Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Provincial Grand Master nominate of Somersetshire, has decided to postpone his installation till the spring of next year, by which time he will have been installed W.M. of the Craft lodge (the Pegasus) of which he is now S.W. This announcement has been received with satisfaction everywhere throughout the Province of Somersetshire, and there is little doubt that the spirit of harmony which prevailed among the brethren in this county under their late lamented ruler—Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon—will be maintained under his successor. We understand that the ceremony of installing the new Provincial Grand Master will probably take place in Bath.

Correspondence.

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

FESTIVAL BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.M. 2012, P.G.W., for his services as Chairman at the recent Festival. A copy of the resolution has been engrossed and presented by me to him. His lordship desires me to convey to the members of the Board of Stewards his thanks for their appreciation of his services, and the satisfaction he feels in hearing that the Boys' School will be permanently placed on a satisfactory footing.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER, P.M.,
P.G.S.B. Bucks.

October 18th.

THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my letter of December, 1887, respecting the painting of this luminary, the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, that hung over the fireplace at the Bell Inn, Gloucester, in 1792. The lodge having been removed in 1802, no satisfactory account has been given of what became of it in your valuable paper. Notes and Queries refer to it Nos. 719, 721-2-3, in which Bro. Goldney informs us there is a painted portrait of Thomas Dunckerley at the Masonic Hall, Bristol; this may be the one from Gloucester. I find that Bro. H. Sadler is now publishing "The Life, Labours, and Letters of Thomas Dunckerley," and hope the letters in Notes and Queries in your valuable paper, the *Freemason*, have not escaped his notice, and he will be able to inform us what became of the portrait referred to.

I shall look forward with some pleasure to read the book that is now being published by our worthy and much respected Bro. H. Sadler.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS LAMB SMITH.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

916] MARK MASONRY IN 1769.

If Bro. Alexander Howell, the author of the interesting article on "Rose Croix Masonry in Portsmouth," will kindly furnish a copy of the minute which "supplies the evidence of the Mark Degree having been worked in 1769," there will be an end of all question. Meanwhile we prefer the opinion expressed by Bro. Hughan in his "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, 1868;" and the statement made by Bro. W. Logan Langley Park, Durham, that the earliest references to that ceremony are dated during the eighth decade of the last century, and not the seventh, as Bro. Howell declares. We shall be only too pleased to alter our view as to this point on the production of actual evidence, but not until then.

EDITOR F.M.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. W. J. Coplestone, I.P.M., as W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; H. Purdue, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; Hans Scharien, D.C.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; H. Shaw, F.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; W. E. Barker, E. D. Richards, T. Jobson, J. Worth, R. Philips, H. Hewitt, W. G. Boyes, H. Pinn, C. J. Chambers, H. S. May, R. Shaw, R. Collins, W. Pullan, H. W. Dyne, G. E. White, W. Iredale, J. Stehr, H. Stokes, A. M. Segar, J. Banks, H. R. Spooner, C. Southwood, Edwd. Lucas, A. J. Hardwick, A. Pauchin, R. Gerbert, and W. J. Bowles. Visitors: Bros. G. McCrow, 1714; R. W. Walker, P.M. 1107; J. W. Brooks, 172; H. W. Coplestone, 704; and E. Smith, 1336, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales.

The W.M., Bro. Edwin Lucas, being absent, Bro. W. J. Coplestone, I.P.M., presided. Bros. W. Pullan and R. F. Collins were raised to the Third Degree in a most able manner. The by-laws having been read, two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and after other lodge business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Eclectic Lodge (No. 1201).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Richard Glasspool, P.M., was elected a joining member. A letter was read from Bro. G. W. Saul, P.M., in response to a vote of sympathy forwarded to him a short time previously on hearing that he had for the third time suffered the misfortune to fracture his kneecap, thanking the brethren for their kindness. After some routine work of no general interest, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining premises to receive a large company of guests to dinner, the lady friends of the members attending by special invitation of the W.M.

The company numbered 84, and included, amongst others, the following: Bro. C. H. Chauffourier, W.M., and Mrs. Chauffourier; Mr. Chauffourier, sen.; Bro. Capt. R. Harvey Lyon, S.W.; Bro. Le V. D. Anley, S.D.; Bro. J. H. Haworth and Mrs. Haworth; Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.C. Std. Br.; Bro. and Mrs. Amsden; Bro. Almeida; Bro. J. Leach Barrett and Mrs. Barrett; Bro. R. E. Baker; Bro. Boden; Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Davis; Bro. A. T. Foreman, P.M., and Mrs. Foreman; Bro. Goldspink, P.M., and Mrs. Goldspink; Bro. and Mrs. Jourdan; Bro. Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., Mrs. Miss, and Mr. F. Lloyd; Bro. S. H. Lloyd; Bro. J. Mander, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Mander; Bro. Munday, P.M., and Mrs. Munday; Bro. C. M. Pochin, P.M., and Mrs. Pochin; Bro. and Mrs. Pedlar; Bro. Pallant; Bro. and Mrs. Reside; Bro. C. J. Richardson, P.M., Org., and Mrs. Richardson; Bro. Sheard; Bro. A. E. Taylor, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. and Mrs. E. A. W. Taylor; Bro. J. H. Watts, P.M., and Miss Watts; Bro. Egbert Roberts; Bro. Gartley, P.M.; Miss Vincent; Bro. and Madame Benoist; Bro. F. Frye, C.C.; Bro. G. Mullin; Bro. Fred Wood; Miss Mary Melval; and others.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. J. Leach Barrett, I.P.M., rose and said: "Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren,—I am pleased that one of the last duties that devolves upon me in my official connection with this lodge should be to propose 'The Health of the W.M.' on an occasion like the present. W.M., when I first proposed your health at our installation banquet I ventured to prophesy that you would fill that chair with honour to yourself and credit to the lodge. It was a very difficult task to follow the W.M.'s which have preceded you, for they have done their work so perfectly that the Eclectic Lodge has obtained a reputation for good working throughout the Craft, but I am quite sure that there is not a single brother present who does not say that my prophecy has been more than fulfilled. But, Worshipful Master, we appreciate the earnestness with which you have carried out your work, and although ladies and visitors may not be able to appreciate the force of my remark, you have rendered my post of I.P.M. a mere sinecure, for I have not had to prompt you in a single word since you first worked a ceremony. We appreciate also your cordiality; it is not enough for a W.M. to be earnest, but he should also be cordial to every member of his lodge, and so cement that bond of good feeling and union which is our especial characteristic. So has it been always with you. If we have come to see you, your greeting has been 'Well, old boy, how are you? I am glad to see you. Just the person I wanted to speak to!' Or if a lady, 'Mrs. — you honour me with your visit; I am proud to meet you here.' We also appreciate your liberality—the magnificent pair of globes, which will adorn our lodge as long as it exists, will speak to this; and on more than one occasion I, with other members of the lodge, have partaken of your hospitality. And now again to-night our wives, daughters, and sweethearts are here at your especial invitation. But without dwelling on these points we would sum the whole matter up in saying that you have neither spared expense, labour, or trouble in promoting the interest of the Eclectic Lodge. Such exceptional services we feel ought not to be passed over, and it has been a question with the officers of the lodge how they could best mark their appreciation of them. We consider it a happy omen that a Frenchman should occupy our chair, it is an illustration of the universality of Freemasonry, and knowing how gallant your motives are, and particularly how devoted you are as a husband, we thought you would appreciate a presentation to Madame Chauffourier more than one to yourself. Madame Chauffourier, I have therefore to beg that you will accept from the officers of the Eclectic Lodge this fan, as a mark of their esteem towards yourself, and in appreciation of the services your husband has rendered the Eclectic Lodge. It bears this inscription on the ribbon of the Order: 'Presented to Madame Chau-

fourier by the officers of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of the exceptional services rendered by her husband as Worshipful Master during his year of office. October 10th, 1890." Brethren, and I think I may say ladies also, please be upstanding and drink to the health of our W.M. and Madame Chauffourier, and, as we cannot here give Masonic honours, let us give it with musical honours. Bro. Barrett then presented a very handsome fan, made of white ostrich feathers, and having pendant to it long and broad Craft light blue ribbons, inscribed in gilt letters as above.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: Bro. Barrett, I.P.M., Bro. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., Past Masters, Officers, Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In rising to respond to the toast of my health, which has been so charmingly proposed by our I.P.M., and so heartily accepted by you, I feel myself under a heavy difficulty, that of having an immense deal to say, and yet not eloquence enough to express my feelings. I thank you most cordially for this ast mark of your esteem, which welds the last link of that chain that binds us together, a link of gold welded by the hand of friendship with the hammer of affection on the anvil of brotherly love. In responding for my wife, and thanking you for the kind and exquisite present you have given her, I will simply say that it will be for her in years to come a reminiscence of a happy and very enjoyable evening, and may that fan waft away from her path all sorrow, trouble, and pain is the sincerest wish of your W.M. I will conclude, brethren, ladies and gentlemen, by thanking you once again in the name of my wife and on my own behalf, for your attention to Madame Chauffourier and your never failing kindness to me.

The toast of "The Ladies" was responded to by Bro. Foreman in the following terms: Worshipful Master, Brethren, and Gentlemen,—By the way, I do not wish to dissociate brethren and gentlemen, but simply to note that there are present this evening some gentlemen who are not yet "of us." It is so many years since the coveted privilege of responding for the ladies has been afforded me that I feel somewhat nervous in the task. I remember on the last occasion I was requested to respond to this toast simply because I was the youngest bachelor present. Now you know I could never understand why the youngest bachelor should be deputed to such a delicate task. Who better than the average married man can appreciate the devoted attention of a wife in the hour of sickness? Who better than he can properly gauge the affectionate expressions which invariably precede a request for a new bonnet or dress? Who better than he can understand the ominous frown and curt reply which follows when, by "the merest chance in the world," you miss your regular train, and return home—well, never mind when? Who better than he understands the grim satisfaction experienced by the partner of your joys and sorrows when, with singular persistence, she places sundry little unpaid bills (some of them which properly belong to the domestic exchequer) by the side of your plate at breakfast, mostly when you have not a moment to spare? and yet, forsooth, you ask the youngest bachelor to respond for the ladies. Well, perhaps it is the wisest course. The time will come when women's rights will be acknowledged in the Parliamentary world, and then the same influence will extend to the domestic circle, so that we shall have not only women representing us in the House, but responding for themselves at the social board; until then I do feel that no effort on the part of the "sterner sex" will adequately represent the ladies. To be brief, let me thank you very much for the cordial manner in which you have paid the accustomed tribute of respect to the ladies.

Songs by Bros. Foreman, Baker, Egbert Roberts, Fred Wood, Mrs. Barrett, and Miss Mary Belval were interspersed, and at the conclusion of the banquet the room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till a late hour.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 7th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; J. La Feuillade, S.W.; Hearn, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lundie, S.D.; Dennis, J.D.; Mecham, I.G.; Dr. Millson, D.C.; Colwill, Stwd.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Foyalé, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. H. Pohl was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. J. Frier, F. Penn, H. E. Peck, and T. Springthorp, and it proved to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bro. B. Robinson, P.M. 757, as a joining member. The W.M. gave a finished rendering of the ceremonial of initiation. Since the last meeting of the lodge Bro. John Plowman, P.M., had died, and a vote of condolence to his family was moved in feeling terms by Bro. G. Everett, and unanimously passed. A vote of regret upon the lamented death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, was likewise passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, which, as usual, reflected great credit on Bro. Buxton, the caterer. The usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. In proposing this toast Bro. Foyalé spoke of the W.M.'s admirable qualities as a Masonic worker.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave the toast of "The Initiates." In his introductory remarks he congratulated the lodge upon its great accession of strength that evening, and he also complimented the initiates upon the earnest attention they had given to the working of the ceremony. He also trusted that they would do their best to enhance at all times the interests of the lodge that they had elected to join, and which lodge was one of the most popular and flourishing in the south of London.

"The Initiates" having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Among those who acknowledged that pledge were Bros. F. F. Begg, 44; Morris, 902; Roberts, 1216; and T. M. Clark, 2182.

"The Past Masters" toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Foyalé, I.P.M., who duly replied.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in high terms of the services of those respected brethren. The former brother worked very hard to make the lodge financially a success, and his efforts hitherto had been successful. The last balance sheet proved that No. 1381 was in a sound condition. Bro. Everett's health was better than it had been, and he (the W.M.)

trusted that it would continue to improve. They all knew that their Treasurer was looking forward to being elected Grand Treasurer of England in March next, and he trusted that his hopes would not be frustrated.

Bro. Everett having indulged, as is his wont, in a little introductory display of humour, thanked the W.M. for his complimentary remarks. He said that next to No. 177 he looked upon the Kennington Lodge as the apple of his eye. He assisted to found it, and during the 18 years that had elapsed since that event he had endeavoured to enhance its interests in every possible way. With regard to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer it was a matter very dear to his heart, and he sincerely trusted that after a long Masonic service of upwards of 32 years the Craft would elect him unopposed.

Bro. Stuart, the Secretary, having also replied, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Hearn and Lundie, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. T. M. Clark, Davies, Lundie, Buxton, Mecham, Everett, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Metropolitan Lodge (No. 1507).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when members and visiting brethren attended to the number of 86. The members included Bros. W. Davey, W.M.; W. F. Bates, S.W.; R. W. Fraser, J.W.; F. J. Perks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Sec.; J. G. McEwan, S.D.; D. Joyce, J.D.; R. Alaway, I.G.; J. W. Saunders, D.C.; J. H. Little, A.D.C.; J. W. Tubby and J. Bate, Stwds.; J. J. Churchill, Org.; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; George E. Edwards, P.M.; George Clark, P.M.; T. C. Edmonds, P.M.; G. W. Knight, P.M.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P. Prov. G. Superintendent of Works Middlesex; and many others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report adopted, Bros. E. P. Owens and C. F. Pond were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Wm. Furner Bates was next presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed by Bro. W. Davey, the retiring Master, who performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed, and all were invested, with the exception of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., who was unavoidably absent on other Masonic business: Bros. Perks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; Willing, jun., P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Scales, P.M., Sec.; McEwan, S.D.; Bryce, J.D.; Alaway, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; Saunders and Little, A.D.C.'s; Tubby and Bate, Stwds.; Churchill, Org.; Moggeridge, Asst. Sec.; and Whiting, Tyler. The addresses were then rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Davey, I.P.M. The following candidates having been unanimously approved by ballot, were impressively initiated by the newly-installed W.M.: Messrs. E. G. Steers, J. Foster, and T. L. Eames. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master, Bro. W. Davey, I.P.M., and the members signified their approval of his services as Master during the past year by voting him a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was presented by the Worshipful Master in an appropriate speech. The gift and vote of thanks were duly acknowledged by the I.P.M. Votes of condolence were passed to Bros. Michael, P.M. and George Monk, sympathising with them in their respective domestic bereavements. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was formally closed.

An excellent banquet followed, which was served in Bro. Clemow's best style, and after dessert the usual toast list received due recognition.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. having referred in sympathetic terms to the loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Pro G.M., said he was pleased to say there was a happy side to his remarks, as they had presented a Past Grand Officer in the person of their esteemed Bro. Barfield. It was his good fortune to be on very intimate terms with Bro. Barfield, whose Treasurership was during the Jubilee year, and in consequence of that memorable event, the duties of Grand Treasurer were as onerous and as plentiful as they ever had been. They were all pleased to see Bro. Barfield, who had not visited them for six years, as he was at all times genial and entertaining.

Bro. Asher Barfield, Past Grand Treas., said he rose to respond with a very great deal of pleasure, knowing how careful and capable the Grand Officers were. He had to thank them for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received, and was sure he was quite right in saying it would have afforded great pleasure had any of the other Grand Officers been present. They had certainly lost one of their brightest stars in the death of the Pro G.M., but they hoped to have another rising to equal splendour. He must thank them on his own behalf, for he had not been present since his election as Grand Treasurer, when it was by the power of the brethren of London that he gained that honour—the highest honour the brethren could give. He saw around the table that evening many who supported him on that occasion, and he thanked them for their great kindness.

Bro. W. Davey, I.P.M., said the toast which he had the honour and pleasure of submitting to their notice was that of "The Health of the W.M." Most of them were acquainted with Bro. Bates, W.M., who was initiated in the Metropolitan Lodge 12 years ago. The W.M. and he had worked together side by side from that event to the present time. They all were aware that Bro. Bates was capable to occupy the position into which he had been installed that evening, and they would not be disappointed at the way in which he would discharge his duties during his term of office. He hoped and trusted the W.M. would have a goodly number of initiates, to be able to expatiate on the principles of their Institution and show the abilities he possessed in carrying out the excellent precepts of the Craft. He need say no more, but simply ask them to heartily drink to the toast and wish the W.M. a successful and happy year of office.

Bro. W. F. Bates, W.M., in responding, said he felt he had arrived at the point at which he should fail. He, however, begged to thank the I.P.M. for the beautiful way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their kind reception of it. In accepting the office of W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge he felt there was great responsibility resting upon him, but he should endeavour to do his best, as in the minor offices, where he had always striven to carry out his duties in a manner creditable to the lodge. Having been placed in the position of Master, he should always endeavour to maintain the dignity of the chair, and carry on the work to the utmost of his ability, as he had solemnly

promised. It would be impossible for him to do so unless he had, as he was sure he would have, the assistance and co-operation of the officers and of every lay member.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," remarking that the brethren would all agree that the installation ceremony had been performed in a masterly manner. The impressiveness and solemnity of Bro. Davey's working had impressed him very much, and he begged to thank the I.P.M. for his admirable rendering. The Past Masters were shining lights in Freemasonry, and were a tower of strength in the lodge. The proud position and the success attending the lodge was in a great measure due to their efforts, and if the face was an index of the mind, their pleasant countenances were indicative of their great interest in the well being of everything connected with the lodge. Bro. Scales, the senior Past Master present, was always ready to assist, and it would be difficult to find a brother superior to Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., for everything he did was done with credit to himself and the lodge.

Bro. W. Davey, I.P.M., said if there was any one feature which had distinguished his year it was not due to him, but to them for placing him in the chair. He trusted his performance of the duty had met with their approbation, and he felt gratified in the terms in which their approval had been expressed, and also in the handsome jewel placed on his breast. Although that was the last time he should have to respond as Installing Master, he trusted it would not be the last occasion by a large number on which he should have the opportunity of addressing the members.

Bro. Scales, P.M., also replied, after which "The Initiates" was duly honoured, the W.M. expressing the gratification it had afforded him to initiate three candidates, one of them, Bro. Steers, being his brother-in-law.

Bros. Steers and Foster replied, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors" in felicitous terms.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., replying for the visitors, said it always gave him a great amount of pleasure to be present at any meeting of that lodge, because there were so many members and Past Masters whom he knew personally and regarded as his friends. That evening there had been an additional pleasure in witnessing the installation of the W.M., with whom he was connected in other lodges and Degrees in Freemasonry. He congratulated Bro. Bates upon being at the head of so important a lodge, and he also congratulated the lodge upon having such a Master, for he knew that brother would act as a conscientious Mason and support the *éclat* of the lodge. He thanked them for their very kind reception, not only on his own behalf, but for those who would not have an opportunity of expressing their thanks.

Bro. Lewis, W.M. Hendon Lodge, also responded. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Scales, P.M., Sec., and was followed by "The Officers," for which Bro. Perks, P.M., S.W., returned thanks.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening, during which some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Alfred Kenningham, Thurley Beale, and Bruce Smith.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 10th instant, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M., in the chair. There were present Bros. F. W. Cash, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; J. D. Graham, I.P.M.; Cowley, P.M., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; R. Borrett, S.D.; W. P. Makeham, J.D.; T. Winsor, acting I.G.; J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; Carlo Grassi, P.M., Stwd.; Tugwell, Firminger, Boncey, Bell, Manuell, Guffanti, Menninger, Meyer, Mounter, A.D.C., Cogliati, Azario, Frenguelli, Tinelli, Barbagli, Target, Coccioletti, Meffan, Unwin, Peroni, Waters, Woodham, Abba, and Rowe, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Davies, W.M. 1901; J. Norman Calloway, J.W. 2301; C. H. Stone, J.D. 507; Morphew, 1901; and W. Sage, 1614.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Messrs. F. C. Unwin and L. K. Abba were duly elected. As Mr. Abba had not put in an appearance, Mr. Unwin was duly initiated by the W.M., and Bro. Tinelli was passed by the W.M., who immediately afterwards delivered the charge and gave the lecture in the Second Degree. Bro. Grummant raised Bros. Firminger and Coccioletti, and the W.M. raised Bro. Meffan to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and so nicely had the work been timed the lodge would have been closed two minutes earlier than arranged, but—"the best laid schemes of mice and men oft gang a-gley"—the other candidate appears. He arrived in the neighbourhood in proper time, a stranger and a foreigner. He could not find the place of meeting, and he naturally asked a policeman. This active and intelligent officer (whose name and number we are not able to immortalise), after reading the summons, sends him to the Secretary's *private* address in the far distant land of Peckham Rye; from thence (unlike the proverbial Scotchman) he goes back again, and reaches the lodge breathless and excited before it is closed. The W.M., in consideration of his meritorious exertions, at once initiated him into the mysteries of the Order, and when the lodge was closed the brethren were in fine condition for the well-earned repast provided for them. A brief but informal inquiry was held to ascertain who the mysterious policeman could have been who did not know the Portland Hotel, but without success.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" with the usual honours.

"To the Memory of the late Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," was drunk in solemn silence.

"The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed.

Bro. J. D. Graham, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. for the flattering manner in which he had referred to him, and the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had responded. Leaving out of consideration his professional training, which qualified him perhaps to do more than others, he had only done what every W.M. did—his best for Freemasonry in general, and for that lodge in particular. He was happy to say that he was in possession of the only power by which a W.M. could carry out the duties of a lodge with satisfaction to himself. He was in perfect touch and sympathy with the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge; he received their loyal support on all occasions, and that support and sympathy alone had enabled him to carry out the large amount of work alluded to by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiates," pointed out to them in a few well-chosen words the duties and advantages of the Order, and complimented Bro. Abba on his perseverance, and succeeding, in spite of all difficulties, in keeping the appointment he had made.

The Initiates briefly returned thanks.

Bro. J. D. Graham, I.P.M., briefly responded to the toast of "The I.P.M."

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was proposed by the Worshipful Master, duly honoured, and responded to.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling the toast with the names of Bros. Davies, W.M. 1901; Stone, J.D. 507; and J. N. Calloway, J.W. 2310.

Bro. Davies thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had spoken of the Selwyn Lodge, and for the instruction and entertainment he had enjoyed that evening.

Bro. Stone thanked the W.M. for his kindly welcome. He had seen him work some of the ceremonies before, but had never seen him preside at a regular lodge until that evening. The clearness and distinctness with which the W.M. had given every word of the Three Degrees, and the able and impressive manner in which he had delivered the charge and lecture in the Second Degree, was equal to any thing he had heard in any of the lodges, and the able manner in which he had presided at the banquet proved that his genial good fellowship in his own lodge was only equalled by the literary reputation he was establishing in the outer Masonic world.

Bro. Calloway, as J.W. of No. 2310, was delighted to see an old and well known London Scottish man, and Bro. Sergeant, so worthily filling the chair of the New Cross Lodge. As the W.M. had observed they had stood "shoulder to shoulder" through many a hard day's labour in the past, when the refreshment was of a very different character to that which they had just enjoyed. In those days he never anticipated seeing him as a ruler in the Craft, and he heartily joined with the other visitors in thanking the W.M. and brethren of the New Cross Lodge for the hospitality they had enjoyed.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," thanked them for their assistance, and congratulated Bro. Meyer, a Past Warden, on his return from South Africa; and the Tyler's toast closed the meeting in the usual manner.

The evening was enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Grassi, Meyer, Tinelli, Meffan, and Stone. The speeches were short, sharp, and effective, and as time and trains wait for no man, the brethren for the West departed with their usual punctuality and with their usual regularity. The musical compartment was crowded, the overflow of harmony being kept up until the end of the journey, and the departure of the W.M. at London Bridge was the signal for a cheer, which somewhat surprised the officials of that staid, well-regulated, but very dingy emporium of discomforts.

Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M., Bro. A. B. Hudson, C.C., was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Alderman J. Renals, I.P.M.; M. R. Webb, S.W.; J. Larkin, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Sec.; E. B. Fuller, S.D.; Geo. Rawlinson, J.D.; J. Shotton, I.G.; A. Brookman, C.C., P.M.; E. Anderton, P.M.; and E. C. Philpot. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Dennison, W.M. 1837, and H. H. Bridgman, C.C., 2030.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sundry matters of business having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., the usual toasts being given and responded to.

During the evening a selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. J. Haskins.

Caxton Lodge (No. 1853).—The first meeting of the season was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Harry Walter Percy, W.M.; T. Morley, I.P.M.; B. Wynne, S.W.; R. Q. Moody, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; E. Cole, Treas.; J. Black, S.D.; J. Buchanan, I.G.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., P.Z., Stwd.; and several Past Masters and brethren. Visitors: Bros. Skipworth, Fraser, Price, and Carroll.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. T. Vernon and Mr. Allan Culross, which proving unanimous, Bro. Vernon was duly elected a joining member, and Mr. Allan Culross was initiated. The W.M. said he regretted that he had to speak upon a very melancholy subject. Last July he received a communication from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, commanding him to place the lodge in mourning for six months, that they might show a mark of respect to that great and good man the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the late Earl of Carnarvon, but the emblems of mourning upon their badges that evening were there for a double duty, first for that great loss to Freemasonry in general, and secondly for the loss to that lodge in particular, for since their last meeting their highly respected Bro. John Parsons had passed away. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and one of the trustees of the lodge Benevolent Fund. When the sad intelligence reached the W.M. he sent a wreath to be placed upon the coffin in the name of the brethren of the lodge. He attended the funeral, and as he stood by the graveside upon that memorable Saturday afternoon and saw the hundreds of uncovered heads, many of them powdered with the dust of age, he learnt that Bro. Parsons was very widely known and highly respected. Those who knew him in Masonry respected him, but those who knew him more intimately admired him, for he was a good man and a good Mason. The W.M. said he would not speak upon that subject at any length, because the days of mourning for Bro. Parsons were over. He had passed within the veil, the water of Jordan had lapped his tired feet, he was now able to behold the glories of the morning, and his joys were as durable as the everlasting hills. Bros. T. H. Meredith, P.M., and J. Beck, P.M., testified to the merits of Bro. Parsons.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted at the Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, and received with enthusiasm,

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Initiate." He said it was to him a great pleasure to propose the health of his first initiate since he came into office, and, now that the task was over, he was delighted to extend a right hearty welcome to Bro. Culross, for the step he had taken marked a red-letter day in his life. He had commenced to tread that wide and well-worn path that many high and distinguished Masons had trod before him, and because he had that evening associated himself with an ancient and honourable fraternity. He was sure if Bro. Culross would carry out the teaching of Freemasonry in the spirit they were intended, he could not possibly fail to highly appreciate the Craft. He hoped he would be able to look back upon the ceremony that evening and think of it as one of the brightest and happy times of the many he hoped it would be his privilege to remember.

The Initiate replied in a neat and appropriate speech. Other toasts having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful evening.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Walter Thrussell, were highly appreciated by the brethren.

Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., on the 13th instant, when there were present Bros. J. F. Savory, W.M.; G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. S. Smith, I.G.; Eugene Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; C. Val Hunter, Lieut.-Col. H. B. Adcock, C. W. Hughes, A. Thorn, G. Baker, and W. Theobald. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Ebbetts, S.W. 14, G.S.; A. Thompson, P.M.; F. Sturgeon, and H. Ellington.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the names of three candidates for initiation and one for joining, Bro. James W. Beveridge, T.R.C., 1585, were put to the ballot, and they were duly elected. Two of the candidates, Messrs. George Baker and William Theobald, both of the T.R.C., being present, were then initiated. Another candidate for initiation was proposed, and other formal business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual repast.

Cricklewood Lodge (No. 2361).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood. Amongst those present were Bros. Willing, W.M.; Potter, J.W.; Stephens, Sec.; Wilkes, S.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Hare, Stwd.; Tilley, and Paul. Visitors: Bros. Owen, P.M. 1287; Buston, 1987; Ginger, 1608; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Glasse, Ray, Oldrey, and Ginger were passed to the Second Degree, and two of the six candidates who were present were duly initiated.

The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, which was most excellently served by Bro. Paul.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The first meeting of this lodge after the consecration took place at Mark Masons' Hall, on Saturday, the 11th instant, when there were present Bros. N. J. West, W.M.; J. Roberts, J.W.; Rev. R. N. Hosken, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, S.D.; C. V. Burgess, J.D.; J. L. Barrett, D.C.; C. Rawle, I.G.; Dr. Curnow and R. Bullen, Stwds.; Walter George, W. T. Brailey, J. O. Widger, J. E. H. Stephens, and A. Clemow. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Wilks, J. H. Frye, J. H. Montague, G. M. E. Hamilton, W.M. 1641; H. Wright, W. H. Stanton, W.M. 510; and A. W. Aldrich.

The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The by-laws which had been prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose were submitted for approval, and ordered to be printed. Five candidates for initiation, and four for joining were balloted for and elected, and four of the candidates being present, they were duly initiated, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. The success attending the formation of the lodge was a subject of congratulation amongst those present, and numerous letters were read by the Secretary from brethren in Cornwall wishing success to the Cornish Lodge. A discussion took place as to the best means of interesting the Craft in Cornwall in respect to the new venture in London, and seeing that the desire of the promoters is that the lodge shall be considered a home for Cornish Masons, whether residing in or visiting the Metropolis, little doubt was felt that cordial relations would be established between the lodge and the Province of Cornwall.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOWDON.

De Tatton Lodge (No. 2144) The annual festival of the above lodge was held on the 13th instant, when Bro. A. Ingham was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. John Lewis, P.M. 1565, assisted by Bros. E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and A. J. Pearce, P.M. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his officers: Bros. Geo. Bowen, I.P.M.; Frederick Johnson, S.W.; J. T. Goulding, J.W.; E. G. Simpson, D.C.; A. J. Pearce, Sec.; W. Morris, S.D.; Jos. Crashaw, J.D.; W. Moody, I.G.; and W. A. Doherty, A. R. Jury, J. H. Lowe, and H. W. Evason, Stwds.

BRADFORD.

Lodge Acacia (No. 2321).—The first annual installation meeting of this young lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect; Joseph Wilson, P.M., Prov. G.S., J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C., as I.P.M.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Last, Sec.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; J. Thornton, I.G.; A. J. Boyle and John Hill, Tylers; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Root, C. H. Ellis, D. Milner, J. Morton, and J. B. Fearnley. Visitors: Bros. Rev. B. Mayon, 974, Prov. G.C.; John Tillotson, W.M. 387; Wm. Oddy, P.M. 287; J. Symonds, I.P.M. 387, W.M. 2330; A. Nuttall, 387; S. Mortimer, S.W. 603; N. W. Wright,

I.P.M. 1034; W. Downing, P.M. 1034; G. H. Field, W.M. 1018; J. Pelham Browne, W.M. 1648; A. E. Kershaw, P.M. 1522; W. Dickinson, I.G. 974; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Kingdon, S.W. 600; and J. Lees, 1648.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which a candidate was balloted for and duly elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. Auty, P.M., S.W., was then presented by Bro. G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P., and obligated by the W.M., after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Auty was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Stephenson, the retiring Master. The officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows: Bros. A. Stephenson, I.P.M.; T. Jowett, S.W.; Jas. Niven, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; J. Haigh, P.M., Chap.; J. Thornton, S.D.; A. J. Boyle, J.D.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; A. Holmes, I.G.; G. Root, S. of W.; J. B. Fearnley, Asst. Sec.; D. Milner, and J. Morton, Stewards; and S. Robinson, Tyler. Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., was elected the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., was elected Almoner.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned and celebrated the Festival of St. John.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent, the songs and recitations of Bros. Kingdon, Lees, Holmes, and Miles adding much to the harmony of the meeting.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The fourth regular meeting of this very successful lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Didsbury Hotel. There was a large attendance of members and influential visitors. Amongst whom were the following: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; G. A. Myers, S.D.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; Fred Stretch, D. of C.; J. M. Veal, I.G.; Wilmott Holt, Org.; J. Walker and H. W. Jack, Stwds.; Joseph Ward, P. D. Langley, and J. Sharples. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; James Walker, P.P.J.G.W. E. Lanc.; John Slyman, P.P.G.D.; W. Hancock, P.G.S.B.; R. W. Baker, P.G. Org. Cheshire; John Booth, P.M., Treas. 37; T. W. Shorrock, P.M. 1170; J. H. Marsh, 317; Walter Bowers, G. R. Lloyd, P.M.; W. Cray Royle, A. H. Duffin, W.M. elect 1134; John Waring, P.M.; John Simpson, T. McClelland, Lowsby, N. F. Clegg, W. Garner, and Swindell, J.W. 1730.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. A. W. Moore, which proved favourable, and he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. James Sharples was raised to the Third Degree, that ceremony also being performed by Bro. Smith. Before the lodge was closed a very interesting circumstance occurred. The W.M. presented, in the names of the seven founders, a Founder's jewel to Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., who in June last consecrated the lodge. In his remarks he said: It being the first time Bro. Goodacre had visited the lodge since the day of consecration it was a very suitable occasion for him to express the deep sense of gratitude and pleasure the founders had felt at the admirable manner he had performed the ceremony of consecration, and asked him to become an honorary member of the Doric Lodge, and also to accept that beautiful Founder's jewel as a mark of the high esteem he was held by the founders, and which feeling extended to every member of the lodge. Although Bro. Goodacre's name did not appear on the warrant as a founder, yet he who had consecrated the lodge must truly be a founder, and he hoped he would be spared long to wear it, and that members of the Doric Lodge would often have the pleasure of his presence at their regular meeting. These remarks were augmented by Bros. C. E. Towell, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; and E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Bro. Goodacre acknowledged the presentation with a few graceful remarks. After all business the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently supped together, which was admirably served by Mrs. F. Stretch. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 13th instant. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. E. Dare, P.M. 2032, W.M.; Sapsworth, P.M. 2032, S.W.; Grant, J.W.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Bond, S.D.; Spooner, J.D.; Hunt, I.G.; Figg, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; C. R. Smith, A. C. Pattison, W. Flack, G. Cooper, and others. Bro. Whitehead, of the Scots Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. C. R. Smith and A. C. Pattison were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. W. Flack and G. Cooper passed as F.C.'s, the work of the W.M. and his officers leaving but little to be desired. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Prov. G.M., and Bros. R. Drummond, P.G.P., I.P.M.; Featherston, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B. (Hon. Mem.), and many others.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and then gave "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the success that had thus far attended his year of office. He had discharged his duties in a most exemplary manner in every minor office he had occupied in the lodge, and as its Master his working had been most satisfactory. Of his personal liberality the brethren had had on more than one occasion ample proof.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, briefly said that he had endeavoured to do his duty, nothing more. He thought that as the lodge had honoured him by electing him Master, it was obligatory upon him to show how he appreciated their kindness. With regard to the working, he was one of those who believed that no brother should accept the position of Master unless prepared to carry out its responsibilities.

Bro. Whitehead responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in a neat speech.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in high terms of Bros. Featherston and Peat. Of the latter brother he said that he did not know how the lodge would get on without him. He was one of those Secretaries who seemed to anticipate every want of the Master, and he personally thanked Bro. Peat for the great assistance he had given him.

Bro. Peat, in fluent and modest terms, replied to the toast.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Sapsworth and Grant, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—More than usual interest was taken in the last meeting of this lodge, held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. There was a large and brilliant gathering both of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. Charles Middleton took the gavel, and his officers present included Bros. J. J. Fretwell, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; R. Abbott, Sec.; H. Begbie Abbott, Asst. Sec.; A. Butterworth, S.D.; B. Sykes Bailey, J.D.; R. A. Smithson, I.G.; Thornton Jones and Ellis, Stwds.; and S. Barraud, Tyler. The W.M. had invited the Worshipful Masters of the other seven Leeds lodges to be present, and the invitation was unanimously accepted. At the last moment, however, Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, W.M. 1211, had to leave town owing to a professional call. Amongst those present in a very full lodge were Bros. Dr. Smyth, Past Grand Chap. England; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., D.C.; and the following six Masters of Leeds lodges: Bros. Wales Smith, W.M. 289; Lawson, W.M. 304; Godwin, W.M. 1311; Tomlinson, W.M. 1221; Cowbrough, W.M. 1042; and Batt, W.M. 306. The other visiting brethren included Bro. S. Scott-Young, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. East Lancashire, an old member of the Prudence Lodge, whose re-appearance with his honours thick upon him was hailed with delight.

The first business was the scrolling of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. Fretwell, the S.W., a result which was hailed with loud applause. In graceful and earnest language Bro. Middleton congratulated Bro. Fretwell upon the signal honour which had been done him, and assured him of the hearty support of every brother during his year of office. Bro. Fretwell, who was much touched at this hearty token of the regard in which he is held by his brethren, briefly acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren that it would be his intention to carry on the lodge on the lines which had resulted in such vast success heretofore. Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Barraud was re-elected Tyler. Bros. T. Atkinson, J.W., and Smithson, I.G., were elected Auditors, and Bro. Fretwell was chosen to represent the W.M. at the audit. Bro. Trevor, P.M., then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Middleton, W.M., as a mark of esteem. He said that Bro. Middleton was the sixth Master of the lodge, and he had maintained its character for harmony and good feeling; indeed, Bro. Middleton had, by his urbanity and courtesy, if possible, added to the estimation in which the lodge was held in the town and in the province. He was indeed a man whom it was not easy to provoke. Patience and amiability ought always to characterise a W.M. His year had been a most happy and successful one to all concerned, and it was fitting that he should carry away with him some memento of the feeling of the brethren—some tangible token of the esteem he was held in by all. Bro. B. Sykes Bailey, J.D., seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Dr. Smyth then, to the delight of the members and visitors, gave his eloquent exposition of the tracing board in the First Degree, and Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas., gave the tracing board in the Second Degree in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums of all who heard it. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, "Hearty good wishes" were exchanged, and the lodge closed.

At the festive board, the W.M., in proposing what he called the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M. elect," bore testimony to the feelings of affection entertained for Bro. Fretwell by the members of the lodge, and expressed his belief that under his control the career of the lodge would be as prosperous as it had hitherto been.

Bro. Trevor, who had proposed Bro. Fretwell as an initiate five years ago, spoke in kindly terms of that brother, and said what pleasure it was to him that for the first time in the history of Prudence, an initiate of the lodge had been elected W.M.

Bro. Fretwell, the W.M. elect, said that he accepted the honour that had been conferred upon him under a deep sense of responsibility. Looking at the brilliant list of Past Masters who had preceded him, it was no light task he was undertaking. He was convinced that that task was not an impossible one, because he was assured before-hand of the loyal support of every brother in the lodge. His brethren had sympathised with him in sorrow and sickness, and he was sure they sympathised with him in his present joy. Though he failed to find language to express all he felt at that moment, he could assure them that his heart was full, and it would be his life-long endeavour to discharge the debt of gratitude he owed them, and to hand on the banner of the lodge unshuffled to his successor.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Scott-Young, Duckley, Atkinson, and others.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 2104).—The members of this lodge—a lodge which was founded some years ago in memory of the late Bro. Thomas Whitwell—celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The retiring W.M. was Bro. J. C. Bage, and in succession to him Bro. C. J. Seaman, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. John F. Craggs, P.P.G.D., who performed the impressive ceremony in the presence of a considerable assemblage of brethren. Having been duly installed, the new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. C. Bage, I.P.M.; H. Garton, S.W.; John Harrison, J.W.; G. D. Leng, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. Broome, Sec.; H. H. Readman, Org.; S. Appleton, S.D.; H. Macdonnell, J.D.; John Wilks, I.G.; D. McNaughton and J. H. Elliott, Stwds.; and Bedford R. Smith, Tyler.

The customary banquet was held after the installation, and a number of ladies were present, the presence of ladies on such an occasion being a new departure instituted by the lodge.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).

This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W., acting J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Captain R. Perry, S.D.; Bennett, D.C.; Roberts, Stwd.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; Davis, and others. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.M., P.D.G.M. Middx., attended the lodge, and was saluted in due form.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the sum of £5 5s. be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 1890, per Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., as Steward at the last Festival of that Institution. Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year; Bro. J. T. Briggs, Treas.; E. W. Davis, Auditor; and Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. The Secretary gave a notice of motion that the June meeting of the lodge be abandoned, and that a meeting be held in January or some other month in lieu thereof. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lieut.-Colonel R. Cuming, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.M.; A. H. Gurney, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

WEDNESBURY.

St. Bartholomew's Lodge (No. 696).

The brethren held their annual meeting on the 14th inst. in the Masonic Hall at the Anchor Hotel. In addition to the members there was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Bodin, submitted a very interesting report, in which he showed that during the past year the lodge had made great progress, there having been nine initiations, eight passings, and seven raisings. The brethren had recognised the claims of the Masonic Charities in a commendable manner, 100 guineas having been promised to the "A" Fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Institution. Bro. George Wilson was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. H. Bodin. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. H. Bodin, I.P.M.; E. M. Scott, S.W.; A. Horton, J.W.; Rev. G. Tuthill, Chaplain; J. H. Walton, P.M., Treas.; C. W. D. Joynson, Sec.; G. Platt, P.M., D.C.; H. Palethorpe, S.D.; S. H. Horton, J.D.; H. W. Rogers, Org.; A. Frizelle, I.G.; and W. S. Smith, H. C. Crewe, and W. Willies, Stewards.

In the evening a banquet took place, the W.M., Bro. George Wilson, presiding.

WORKINGTON.

Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).

This lodge, which was dedicated to Masonry at Harrington over 18 years ago, has, by the authority of the M.W.G.M., been removed to Workington. The chief of the members reside in that district, and are having erected a Masonic hall to meet in, with suitable ante-rooms, which is expected to be completed in a few weeks. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Morton, P.G. Stwd., W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. L. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.P., was then invited to the chair, and Bro. J. Kerby, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.A.G. Sec., duly installed, and he invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Appleyard, S.W.; R. Thomas, J.W.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.P.G.C. Chap.; L. Ward, Treas.; H. Wynn, P.M., P.G.D.C., Sec.; C. Nicholson, S.D.; J. Rimmer, J.D.; T. E. Bedford, D.C.; G. G. Glen, P.P.J.G.D., Org.; J. Ferguson, I.G.; R. Morton, W. Jackson, and W. Thomas, Stewards; and T. B. Roxley, Tyler.

The following were present: Bros. J. Rubery, P.M.; J. J. Little; Rev. J. Anderson, J.W. 119, P.P.G.C.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Leach; J. Ward, W.M.; J. Reed, S.W.; J. O. Scott, and T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., of 872; G. B. McKay, W.M., and D. Atkinson, S.W., of 962; I. Dickinson, P.M., P.G. Purst., J. Paterson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., E. Loach, J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., A. Ashmore, D. H. Windler, and H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G.P., of 872; J. Bouch, 962; W. Yates, J. H. Hartley, and H. Hartley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., of 1660; J. Wakefield, S.W., and J. Armstrong, Stwd., of 1660; J. Singers, D.C., and J. Dickinson, W.M. of 1989; J. McHarry, P.M., J. Telford, H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.P., C. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and J. Lewthwaite, P.M., of 962; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 2285, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Eden, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. F. E. Wood, J. Jenkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., A. W. Turner, S.W., T. Casson, Treas., and Dr. J. H. Dudgeon, of 662; R. Musgrave, and others.

Several letters and telegrams were read from brethren at a distance, conveying congratulations to the newly-installed Master, and with a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the proposition of one candidate, and "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges Nos. 119, 371, 872, 962, 1267, 1660, 1989, and 2285, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned, at the invitation of Bro. Kerby, W.M., to the Commercial Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and with toast and song a pleasant evening was spent.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).

The annual meeting for election of Worshipful Master took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 13th instant. The W. Master, Bro. G. Chapman, presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M., W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; and most of the officers and many brethren. Amongst the visitors were the Senior Warden and several brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236; the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991; the W.M. and several brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304; the W.M. and brethren of the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566; and representatives of several other lodges.

A candidate was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Geo. Lamb was elected Master, and Bro. G. Balmford was re-elected Treasurer, both elections being unanimous.

After the close of the lodge the brethren entertained their visitors at supper.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).

—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 15th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middx., M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas., acting H.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. Jenkins, S.N.; A. Toulmin, jun., 1st A.S.; and Harrison, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers then took place with the following result: Comps. A. H. Gurney, M.E.Z.; E. W. Jenkins, H.; H. Jenkins, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; Lambert, S.N.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.S.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. on his retirement. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H.; A. H. Gurney, E. W. Jenkins, Smiles, Lambert, and others. Before the convocation was closed Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., P.S. elect, stated that it was his intention to represent the chapter and mother lodge at the next Festival in February of the R.M.B.I., when he hoped to be well supported by the companions.

The usual banquet and the accustomed toasts followed. The M.E.Z. during the proceedings instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. W. H. Munday, W.M.; W. Densham, S.W.; C. Grove, J.W.; F. Marx, Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, Sec.; J. Blundell, S.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; R. Blum, P.M.; Deaton, P.M.; F. Klein, P.M.; R. J. Harvey, and J. G. Thompson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Klein answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Klein being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, with officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. J. T. Ashby, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; J. Russell, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. E. Bulling, Treas.; W. Baker, acting Sec.; H. G. Cubitt, S.D.; J. W. Drysdale, J.D.; H. T. Sykes, I.G.; D. G. Imlay, J. Jennings, Dr. A. E. Barrett, Harry Wilks, R. Horne, H. S. Wellcome, D. Carpmal, Frederick Mason, H. Tatlow, F. J. Sykes, C. Hurst, and F. C. Pigott.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. J. Jennings, F. C. Pigott, and Hutchinson, which proved unanimous in favour of their being elected joining members, and a hearty welcome was accorded them. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Imlay, who volunteered to act as candidate, went through the customary examination, was entrusted, and retired while the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidate was then re-admitted, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by Bro. Ashby. Bro. D. Carpmal then worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. At the first rising of the W.M., Bro. Bulling took the opportunity of handing over formally the new collars and collar jewels that had been provided for each of the officers, the jewels being generously presented by various members, to whom a special recognition of thanks was voted. Bro. H. Wilks, of the Highgate Lodge, was duly proposed as a joining member, as also was Bro. D. Carpmal, of the Wickham and Eastes Lodges. A response was received from Bro. Harvey to the letter of sympathy transmitted to him the previous week by the brethren then assembled, condoling with him on the loss he had sustained in the death of his wife. As this was the first occasion on which Bro. Ashby had occupied the chair of this lodge, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the admirable way in which he had conducted the evening's business and worked the ceremony, and a suitable acknowledgment was made in happy terms by Bro. Ashby. Bro. Dr. A. E. Barrett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The work will be the first ceremony, the charge, the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; E. S. White, S.W.; E. T. Taylor, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. J. Rogers, S.D.; J. Hall, J.D.; W. T. Dillon, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; R. E. Cursons, J. W. Curtis, A. Pozzati, C. Coleman, W. Chapple, and S. Lichtenfeld. Visitor: Bro. E. P. Clayton, 1558.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stratton was examined and entrusted. The lodge was next opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stratton candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pozzati candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. P. Clayton was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. White, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This prosperous lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 16th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Austin, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.

few accounts of the existence and the working of the lodge in its earlier times are preserved. But that it was possible for the lodge to pass through all the troubles and difficulties in heavy political times is principally due to the skilful and decided management of eminent men, of which the lodge could boast at all times. So it was that in 1780 the Oberhofmarschall, Baron Racknitz, as Master of the lodge, brought the lodge in more prominence. He was followed as Master of the lodge in 1797, in consequence of a pause which was caused by the difficulties of the time, by the Vice-President of the Privy Council of War, de Bhoizem. During the eventful years of 1813-5, Christian Gottfried Koerner, the father of the poet Theodor Koerner, Schiller's friend, and at that time Judge of the Highest Appeal Court of Dresden, was Master of the lodge, and was followed by Privy Councillor de Brand, who was Master of the lodge till 1831, and deserves great praise for the services rendered to the lodge. And again, after the death of this eminent man, the lodge had the good luck to choose a man at its head who, during a quarter of a century, served her with devotion and fidelity—Carl Gottlieb Theodor Winkler, Aulic Councillor and Dramaturg of the Royal Theatre, who is, as poet, generally known under the name of Theodor Hell. Far beyond the long time that he acted as Master of the lodge, the lodge derived the benefit of his spiritual importance. After him the office of Master of the lodge was executed for shorter periods by the preacher of the Reformed Church, Richard, by the Doctors Meissner and Küchenmeister, and by the Judge of the Highest Court of Appeal, Heydenreich, to whom the lodge is much indebted respecting its laws. From 1869 till 1888 the Court comedian, Walther Rumpelt, held the office of Master of the lodge, and this period resembles in importance for the lodge the time when this office was held by the late Winckler. After Walther Rumpelt's death the brotherhood entrusted the office of Master of the lodge to Eugen Theodor Winckler, one of the directors of the Royal Saxon Railway, and son of Theodor Hell, who has the satisfaction to conduct the celebration of the 150th jubilee of the lodge. The boys' school at Friedrichstadt, a part of Dresden, celebrates the festival of the lodge, whose child it is, through a banquet. This establishment was founded by the Swords' Lodge in 1772, as misery and need prevailed in our Fatherland after great wars and bad harvests, and is maintained by it these 118 years. The anxiety which this child caused to its mother in troublesome times has been richly recompensed, because the school has not only bestowed thousand-fold blessings, and is still flourishing, but undoubtedly it was this anxiety which forced the members of the lodge in all their troublesome times to keep steadfastly together.

The celebration commences to-morrow Saturday evening with the reception of all guests of honour and deputations of many foreign Grand Lodges and lodges. Sunday at 11 a.m. begins the festival lodge, which is in the afternoon followed by a festival banquet.

Dresden, Anzeiger, 23rd September, 1890.

As previously reported, the celebration of the 150th year of the Dresden Freemasons' lodge, Zu den drei Schwertern und Astraea zur grünenden Raute, took place on Saturday and Sunday last. The celebration commenced by a banquet of the College of Tutors and the boys educated in the establishment at Friedrichstadt, Dresden (which has been founded and is still maintained by the lodge). This institute has presented to the lodge, its mother, a memorial tablet in honour of this celebration. The banquet was honoured by the presence of the representative of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the English Freemasons, who, conducted by the Master of the lodge, found favourable opportunity of inspecting the well-maintained arrangements of the establishment, and repeatedly expressed his admiration, and his interest on the subject was the more natural as the English lodges maintain several similar institutions. On Saturday evening were assembled in the club-rooms of the Masonic Hall a large number of members of the lodge in order to welcome the delegates of other lodges and guests to the festival. The festive lodge on Sunday commenced at 11 a.m., the Master of the celebrating lodge being in the chair. The congratulations were presented by the above named representative of the English Grand Lodge by special order of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by the Grand Master of the Saxon Grand Lodge, by the Lodge Zum goldenen Apfel,—since years intimately connected with the Swords' Lodge—by delegates from the Grand Lodges of Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Darmstadt, and Hungary, and of all the Saxon confederated lodges, for the main part represented by their Masters, and of the lodges of Leipsic, Altenburg, Hannover, Breslau, &c. This solemn working, in which about 400 persons participated, was introduced by a grand musical performance. The festive banquet, joined by about 300 persons, and likewise presided over by the Master of the lodge, was enlivened by song and speech, and particularly by the perfect musical performances of celebrated professionals, who are members of the lodge. It is certain that this festival, at which the jubilating lodge received so very numerous proofs of love, affection, and esteem, will never be forgotten by those present.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Royal Naval Exhibition was held on Saturday last under the presidency of Admiral Sir William Dowell, among those present being Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh. The Guarantee Fund was stated to have reached £38,286.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, and was largely attended. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, W. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, S. Valentine, J. H. Matthews, George B. Langley, Charles Dairy, Geo. Read, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. B. Grieve, S. C. Haslip, C. F. Hogard, R. J. Taylor, J. Bunker, E. Shedd, Walter Hopekirk, A. Peterken, C. J. Axford, Carl T. Fleck, Robert Marke, C. S. Birch, William Marchant, George W. G. Barnard, Henry Nuding, Edwin J. Davey, C. N. McIntyre North, Richard A. Bush, L. W. Harvey, Albert Escott, J. J. Dibley, G. W. F. Loftus, W. Oldham Chambers, H. Massey, J. M. Scarlett, George Brown, H. T. Gunner, Sidney Napper, Joseph D. Wilkinson, John Petch, Rawson Kelley, T. Weeks, M. A. McImray, S. H. Goldschmidt, M. I. Emanuel, W. R. Parker, Henry Cattermole, Abel Lawrence, Edwd. J. Dodd, G. H. L. Stephenson, T. B. Dodson, G. W. Allen, E. J. Gittins, C. H. Webb, J. H. Price, H. Dehane, E. Squirrel, H. H. Wells, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the September meeting amounting to £200. The new list contained 43 cases, qualified by lodges in the London district, Wanganui, N.Z., Christchurch, N.Z., Kidderminster, Batley, Liverpool, Riverhead, Bellary (Madras), Sidcup, Cairo, Norwich, Leeds, Whitehaven, Workington, Chester, Havant, Kingston, Todmorden, Ledbury, Tywardreath, Devonport, Harrow Station, Exeter, Lowestoft, Adelaide (South Australia), Brighton, South Shields, Linslade, Stalybridge, Keighley, and the Netherlands. Five of the cases were dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £872. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, four to the Grand Master of £40 each, five of £30 each, and one of £25; besides 15 grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, two of £5 each, and one grant of £2.

The Board sat four hours.

MASONIC CONCERT.

A very successful concert in aid of the Masonic Charities was given under the auspices of the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, in the Concert Hall, Liscard, on Monday, the 13th inst. Unfortunately the inclement weather seriously militated against the attendance. Those, however, who braved the elements were amply rewarded by the rich musical treat afforded them. The programme reflected the greatest credit on those responsible for its arrangement, and the only thing to be regretted is that their efforts, and those of Bro. Wm. Davidson, the Hon. Sec., and others who took an active part in the getting up of the entertainment, were not rewarded with a "bumper" house.

India.

MHOW.

Malwa Chapter (No. 139, S.C.).—The annual election of officers of the above chapter was held on the 23rd ult., when Comps. Capt. Synje, Khan Bahadur Besonjee, and Dr. Willis were elected to the three Principals' chairs in the order they are named. Comp. Cubbon undertook the office of Treasurer, and Comp. Manchershaw Besonjee that of Scribe E., while Comp. Lieut. Hooper, R.A., was nominated to the chair of the Principal Sojourner. Before the close of the chapter Comp. Khan B. Besonjee thanked Comp. A. H. Etty for his zealous work for this chapter during the past two years for which he had held the P.Z.'s chair. In replying, Comp. Etty congratulated the chapter on its present position, which contrasted most happily with its almost moribund condition two years ago. The credit should partly be given to Comp. Mulvarry, who was determined the chapter should not die out, and had passed himself (the speaker) into it as a permanent Mason likely to save it. They had together done so, in spite of the many changes and chances of an Indian military station, and he hoped the sound condition it was now in might long continue under Comp. Synje, his assistant Principals, and their successors.

Banquet followed chapter, and the toasts of the new and old Principals, and other officers, were heartily proposed and honoured.

Obituary.

MRS. D. P. CAMA.

Bai Bhicaijee Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, whose death on the 14th inst. we briefly announced in our last week's issue, was born at Bombay, November 29th, 1833, and was consequently within a few weeks of completing her 57th year. She was the sister of Bro. K. R. Cama, of Bombay, Deputy District Grand Master of All India (S.C.), one of the most learned scholars of the Zend language, and also well known in Eastern and Western commercial circles. In 1839, when seven years of age, the subject of this notice married her cousin, Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, who was a few months older than herself, the youthful bride and bridegroom both, in accordance with the Eastern custom, returning to school after the ceremony for the completion of their education. It will, of course, be well known to our readers that Bro. D. P. Cama, after serving well and working worthily in English

Masonry for 16 or 17 years, was, in March, 1886, elected Grand Treasurer by a large majority over his opponent. By thus marrying his cousin, Mrs. Cama became the daughter-in-law as well as niece of Bro. P. H. Cama, who some years ago gave upwards of £20,000 for the purpose of founding the Hospital for Women, Bombay (the foundation-stone of which was laid by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in 1883), and who has lately supplemented this handsome gift by handing to the authorities a further sum to establish scholarships open to poor women desirous of qualifying as medical practitioners. In 1869 Bro. and Mrs. Cama left India on an extended voyage. Among other places they visited Palestine, America, China, and Japan, finally settling in London (where they have ever since resided) in 1870. We believe we are right in saying that Mrs. Cama was the only Parsee lady who had made the journey round the world. In Masonry Mrs. Cama took an active interest, actuated thereto in great measure, doubtless, by the position which her husband held in the Craft, of which position she was very proud. She was a patron of our three Charities, and also of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and had served as Steward to all four Institutions, to some of them on more than one occasion. She also several times presented prizes to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and her cheery face and little figure will be much missed on the occasions of the different Festivals and Stewards' visits, &c. The funeral took place on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Necropolis Company's Cemetery at Woking, where the members of the Parsee community some years ago purchased a plot of ground, and erected a temple of their own for burial purposes. Thirty-one mourners attended to show their feelings of respect and admiration for the deceased lady, and to express their sympathy with our bereaved brother. The funeral train left the Necropolis Station in the Westminster Bridge-road at 11.45, and arrived at its destination (the station being situated within the cemetery) about 12.40. The coffin having been placed on a hand-carriage, a procession was formed, including, among others, Bros. D. P. Cama and J. K. R. Cama, chief mourners; Bro. Dadabhai Naoroji, Chairman; Bro. Dadabhoj Byramji and Mr. N. J. Mulla, Trustees; Bro. D. R. Cola, Hon. Secretary; Bros. N. D. Fracis and Mr. F. B. Cama, members of Managing Committee, all of the Charitable Fund of the Zoroastrians in Europe (of which Bro. D. P. Cama is the senior Trustee); Dr. N. M. Tarachand; Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, honorary private Secretary; and Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock, family physician. The mourners, some of whom came from Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and other distant towns, included representatives of the Hindoo and Mahomedan communities. The ceremony in the temple consisted of the reading of prayers in the Zend language (supposed to be the oldest language in the world) by Mr. N. J. Mulla and Dr. N. M. Tarachand, while Bros. D. P. and J. K. R. Cama lighted a sandalwood fire in a brazen vessel, which was kept alive with fresh fuel during the whole of the ceremony. The remains were then replaced on the hand-carriage and conveyed to the open grave, into which they were lowered without further ceremonial beyond the sprinkling of the coffin with earth by Bro. J. K. R. Cama and Dr. Tarachand, who, after reciting a short prayer in a subdued tone of voice, concluded the whole ceremony by bowing the head into the palms of both hands. Our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. Cama keeps wonderfully well under his sore bereavement, the latest accounts being especially reassuring.

The Right Hon. James P. Bannerman Robertson, Q.C., M.P., Lord Advocate for Scotland, has kindly consented to take the chair at the 226th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation, to be held in Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, the 29th ult. (for St. Andrew's Day). This charity is doing good work, especially in the case of those coming up from Scotland in search of employment and finding themselves destitute. To such a little timely help often means the difference between success and ruin, and, although they have really no valid claim to assistance from the charity, the Committee are anxious that no deserving native of Scotland, however short his residence in the Metropolis may have been, shall, if in destitute circumstances, be turned away without assistance. To accomplish this in a satisfactory manner, however, the present resources of the charity are totally inadequate, and the Committee feel under the necessity of appealing for assistance to an extended number of their fellow countrymen in Scotland.

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Bro. the Earl of Jersey has let his town house, No. 3, Great Stanhope-street, to Mr. Hanbury, of Pontypool, for the next five years.

A charter of incorporation has been granted to the town of Richmond (Surrey), which will henceforth possess a Mayor, Aldermen, and Council.

The Queen has forwarded, through her private Secretary, her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which she is a patron.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at seven o'clock p.m.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale arrived at Marlborough House from Scotland on Friday, the 17th instant, and the day following left for Sandringham, where he arrived in the afternoon.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has lately disposed of one of his outlying properties near Elgin to Sheriff Black, the price paid for the land being considerable in consequence of its beautiful position and surroundings.

In recognition of the donation of £50 presented some short time back by the German Emperor to the Royal Sailors' Home at Portsmouth, the Committee have named two of the cabins "Kaiser William" and "Hohenzollern."

Saturday, the 1st prox., has been appointed as the day for closing the French Exhibition at West Brompton, and it is estimated that over a million and a quarter of people have visited the show. A German exhibition will be held next year.

Sir John Stainer presided on Monday evening at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, at the presentation of prizes to the pupils who successfully passed the Trinity College (London) examinations, there being present a large muster of students and their friends.

The annual show of chrysanthemums in the Inner Temple Gardens was opened to the public on Monday, and has remained open during the whole of the present week. The show, which numbers about 800 plants, does great credit to Mr. Newton, the Temple gardener.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have promised their patronage to a bazaar, which is to be held at Southampton, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Artillery Volunteers' head-quarters. Their Royal Highnesses have sent a donation to the fund.

A marriage has been arranged between the Hon. Dudley Leigh, eldest surviving son and heir of Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, and an American lady, Miss Beckwith, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin during the past season.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, reached Sandringham Hall on the evening of the 16th instant, and will remain for the winter season. It is expected that the Prince of Wales will join their Royal Highnesses on his return from the continent.

Bro. Jackson, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, accompanied by his private Secretary, left London towards the close of last week for the purpose of paying a second visit to Ireland. He has made his way to the congested districts in the West with a view to finally examining the proposals for constructing light railways in that part of the country.

It is announced that a marriage is in contemplation between the Hon. A. E. Harbord, second son of Bro. Lord Suffield, and Miss Dorothy A. Musgrave, eldest daughter of the late Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart., of Eden Hall. A marriage has also been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Mr. F. G. Brenton and Miss Alice Puleston, second daughter of Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P.

The Empress of Austria arrived at Mentone on Sunday on board her steam-yacht the *Chazalie*. On Monday her Majesty left for San Remo, where she visited the Villa Ziris, at which the late Emperor Frederick resided during his illness. She afterwards visited the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and in the evening went on board her yacht, which had come round from Mentone, and proceeded to Genoa.

Sir Richard Burton, British Consul at Trieste since 1872, died in that city on Monday morning in the 69th year of his age. The deceased was among the most famous of our African explorers and a great Oriental scholar, and in addition had seen considerable service under the late Bro. General Sir Charles Napier, and during the Crimean war. He had not been in robust health for a long time, but his death was not expected.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Colonel Clarke, Mr. Phipps, the British Chargé d'Affaires, and Mr. Grant Duff, of the Embassy, visited the quarters of the Volunteer Salvage Society, being conducted over it by the three founders. His Royal Highness expressed great admiration at what he saw, and was presented with the medal of the society. On Sunday last, at the Palace of Schonbrunn, the Emperor Francis Joseph gave a dinner party in honour of his Royal Highness, at which the Archduke William, Count Kalnoky, Count Degin, Austrian Ambassador to Great Britain, and other distinguished personages were present.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—Our attention has been called, on behalf of the W.M., Bro. C. T. Smith, of Chatham, and his numerous friends in that town who attended his installation in the above lodge on the 11th inst., to a printer's error in our notice of the meeting which appeared in our last issue, and to which the persons concerned attach some importance. The compliment of a full representative attendance of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, to witness the installation of their much respected fellow townsman is naturally valued by both the recipient and the members of that lodge, and we are therefore asked by our contributor to state that the number "20, Chatham," should have been printed after their names in the report referred to instead of 28.

The British Training Squadron left Gibraltar on the 17th inst. for Mogador, and after a short stay there will proceed to Spithead.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife (Princess Louise of Wales) are expected to arrive shortly at Castle Rising, Norfolk, for the winter season.

According to the latest accounts from Teheran, the health of Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff has slightly improved, but his condition is still regarded as critical.

On Saturday last the Duke of Cambridge paid an official visit to Chatham for the purpose of inspecting the troops of the division under the command of General Goodenough.

The Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction meets on Wednesdays at the Joiner's Arms, Denmark-hill, S.E., at 8 p.m., instead of Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, as hitherto.

The marriage of Lady Louise de Vere Beauclerk, daughter of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, with Bro. Gerald Loder, M.P. for Brighton, will be solemnised to-morrow (Saturday).

The annual meeting of the Dartmouth Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 15th instant, when Bro. the Rev. W. F. Bradley was installed Worshipful Master for the year. In the evening the annual banquet was held.

Bro. the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., Senior Grand Warden, is on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. Cornwall, and attended the unveiling of the National Armada Memorial on Plymouth Hoe on Tuesday.

The *Newcastle Leader* says the city of Adelaide, in South Australia, claims possession of the "first Methodist minister who has risen to the dignity of a Worshipful Master of a Masonic lodge." This is Bro. the Rev. G. E. Rowe, who has just been recently elected to the office.

Some of the fruit that was recently exhibited at the Fruiterers' Exhibition in the Guildhall having been forwarded to the Queen at Balmoral by Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., her Majesty has been pleased to express her admiration of the specimens presented to her.

We are asked to state that the installation of Bro. Beddoes as W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday next, the 27th inst. The lodge will be opened at 4 p.m. Bro. Simson J. Byng, 425 (S.C.), P.M. 902, will be the Installing Master.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., will be held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, to-morrow (Saturday), at three o'clock p.m. A banquet will afterwards take place, and visiting brethren are particularly invited.

The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., installed Bro. Sir Henry MacAndrew as Prov. Grand Master of Inverness, on the 23rd inst., and on the same day he installed the newly-appointed Grand Master Mason of Ross and Cromarty, Bro. Sir Hector Monro, of Foulis, Bart.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress gave a grand ball at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom and their ladies. The guests present included 171 English and three Irish Mayors, 11 Scotch Provosts, and 22 Town Clerks, with their wives.

On Wednesday a collection was simultaneously made at every hotel and tavern frequented by commercial travellers in aid of the Commercial Travellers' School at Pinner. The yearly meeting of the Metropolitan members was held at the Saracen's Head, Snow Hill, and it augured well for the collection elsewhere that the sum of £61 was collected in the room.

Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., M.P., Sir A. E. Miller, Q.C., Mr. E. Ford North, and others are patrons of a grand ball to be given on December 2nd, at the Holborn Town Hall, on behalf of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road. Mr. J. T. Balls, 262, Gray's Inn-road, is Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. W. H. Brinklow Hon. Secretary of the Organizing Committee.

A successful concert was given at the Victoria Hall, Dundee, on Friday evening, the 17th instant, in aid of the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund. The Countess of Jersey, Bro. Lord and Lady Kennedy, and others were present, and a very full programme was admirably carried out. The concert was under the auspices of the lodge in Dundee, and great credit is due to Bros. Brodie, R.W.M., and Dr. Calross, Secretary, for their arrangements.

The Queen of Roumania intended paying a visit to the interesting old mansion of Plás Cöch, Anglesea, the residence of Colonel Hunter, High Sheriff of the county, and Mrs. Hunter. The visit, however, had to be put off owing to the illness of General Graciano. Bro. Col. Hunter is Past P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of North Wales.

A public meeting was held in Belfast on Friday, the 17th inst., at which the Mayor presided, and there were present a large attendance of Ulster merchants and other interested persons. A scheme was submitted for constructing a channel tunnel 33 miles long between Mayer Island, County Antrim, and Wigtownshire, the greatest depth being 500 feet, and the steepest gradient one in 75.

Woodhouse and Rawson, Limited, held their annual meeting at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, on the 10th inst. The report presented was a most satisfactory one. After paying a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the preference shares, and 15 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares, the sum of £25,000 was carried to the reserve fund. This speaks well for the management as well as for the future prospects of electric enterprise.

The South Australian *Freemason* states: "Invitations have been, by instructions of the M.W. the Grand Master, forwarded to the Grand Masters and Grand Officers of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania to be present at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of St. Peter's Cathedral. The M.W. the Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., and the M.W. the Pro Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. the Hon. Dr. Tarrant, M.L.C., have signified their intention of being present with some of their Grand Officers."

Lord Herschell has accepted the presidency of the Sunday School Union, thus following in interest in Sunday schools his predecessors in the Lord Chancellorship.

The Mercers' Company have made a grant of £21 to the Prize Fund of the Society of Arts' examinations, to which fund the Clothmakers' Company had previously contributed a sum of £21.

Comps. W. C. Johns, T. Brakenridge, and J. Allinson were installed M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven, on the 17th instant.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife and Bro. the Duke of Fife visited Drury Lane to see "A Million of Money," and on Friday H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and suite honoured the same theatre with his presence.

Bro. Robert Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, lately private Secretary to the President, the Right Hon. Henry Chaplain, M.P., was exalted in the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, on Thursday, the 16th instant.

In connection with the recent postal jubilee a special effort has been made to increase the means at the disposal of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund. The amount collected is very considerable, and the future of the fund is certainly brightening.

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to accept the dedication of the "Ancient Vellum Book" of the Honourable Artillery Company, which has been printed by order of the Court of Assistants, and edited by Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. Raikes, F.S.A.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mrs. W. H. Collingridge laid the memorial-stones of the Extension Wings of the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green on Saturday last in the presence of a large body of friends and supporters of the institution. In the course of the proceedings Mrs. W. H. Collingridge handed to the Secretary a cheque from an anonymous donor for £1000 towards the erection and endowment of the new buildings, while other donations and subscriptions were announced to the extent of £3700.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, on the evening of Sunday, the 26th instant, at 6 p.m., when brethren are cordially invited to attend. Information may be had of Bro. Henry Harris, 3, Beaumont-street, E., who is honorary Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, P.M., has accepted the invitation of the American National Horse Show Association to visit New York and judge the animals which will be exhibited at the show to be held in that city next month. Bro. Burdett-Coutts will cross in the *Teutonic*, which sails on the 29th instant, and will be back in time for the opening of Parliament.

It has just been decided that the new musical extravaganza—music by Mr. Ivan Caryll and libretto by "Richard Henry"—announced as in contemplation for production by Mr. Horace Sedger next Easter—will not now be produced till far later in 1891. It may be mentioned that the libretto—which will be "quite English"—will be based (by arrangement) upon an unpublished French piece written by the well-known romancist and playwright, M. George Duval, of Paris.

The long-promised "Life and Diaries of E. L. Blanchard" will, it is hoped, be published before Christmas. The Diaries, we understand, though not elaborate, are suggestive, and have been interestingly annotated. Mr. Clement Scott, the editor of the work, will contribute an introduction to the memoir and various personal recollections of his deceased friend. He has been largely assisted in the preparation of the work by Mr. Cecil Howard, Mr. Scott's former colleague in the editorship of the *Theatre*.

The last nights of "A Village Priest" are announced at the Haymarket, where Mr. Tree will reproduce the successful drama "Called Back" on Monday, November 10th, after which date it will be continued in the regular bill, except on Monday evenings. Messrs. W. E. Henley and Robert Louis Stevenson's comedy "Beau Austin," which will be produced on Monday, November 3rd, will be repeated on Monday, November 17th. In addition to the artistes already named, Mr. H. Eversfield and Mr. E. W. Lawson will play in this piece.

Bro. W. Harris Saunders, P.M., has written calling attention to the omission of the motions of which he has given notice from the advertised announcements in the *Times*, &c., of the meeting of the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School on Friday, the 31st instant. Possibly the spirit of economy may have had something to do with this, but, whatever the reason, we do not think that Bro. Saunders's proposals will suffer by the omission. They are included in the circular notices of the business to be transacted, so that every Governor and Subscriber who is interested either in their success or defeat will find them set forth in full in the agenda.

At the regimental dinner of the Hussars of the Body Guard at Potsdam on Tuesday night, at which the Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught were present, his Majesty proposed the health of the Royal visitor, whom he eulogised as a capable and experienced British officer, adding that the Duke as a Prussian officer displayed the same capacity which distinguished him as a British soldier. The Emperor congratulated himself that his grandfather had appointed the Duke of Connaught chief of the renowned Zieten Hussars. The Duke, in reply, thanked the Emperor, and, testifying to his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him by the late Emperor William, assured those present that he was proud of wearing the uniform of the Zieten Regiment.

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