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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The business transacted at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on Thursday, the 5th instant, especially the reports relating to its various Funds, show that Freemasonry north of the Tweed is in a highly flourishing state, its present condition contrasting in all respects favourably with what it was some 12 or 15 years ago, when, owing to circumstances which need not be recapitulated, its affairs were in a state of dire confusion, and the Grand Lodge, though undoubtedly solvent, was burdened with a heavy load of indebtedness. But the influence exercised by the distinguished brethren who have successively presided over it as Grand Masters, ably seconded, as it has been, by the ability and devotion of its Executive Officers—of whom Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, G. Sec. and the historian of Scottish Freemasonry, stands out most prominently—has not only removed the burden of indebtedness, and evolved order out of disorder, but has likewise placed the Grand Lodge on a sure and stable basis. Last year, for instance, as will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere, the funds and estate of Grand Lodge are represented as amounting to close on £30,000. Its income, so far, we presume, as relates to what corresponds with our Fund of General Purposes, amounted last year to £4913, and its expenditure to £2268, or less than one half. Its Annuity Fund shows a capital account of £3985, while its income, including the half of the “free income” of Grand Lodge for the year 1889, amounted to £1129, and the expenditure to £622. This excess of income over expenditure being added to the capital will raise the latter to £4492, which will be still further increased by £1322—the half of the “free income” for 1890—to £5814. As regards the Fund of Masonic Benevolence, the income was £758, and the expenditure £701. During the present year, however, the receipts of this Fund of Masonic Benevolence will be swelled by the proceeds of the Grand Bazaar in Edinburgh held some time before last Christmas, which amounted to upwards of £15,000, as well as by the proceeds of the supplementary Bazaar held in Glasgow in the early days of January, so that with such a capital as it will now or shortly have, the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be on a large scale, and to judge from the expenditure annually recorded, ample enough to cover the outlay and leave a handsome margin to be carried forward from year to year, or capitalised, as may be deemed most desirable. It is also most gratifying to note that, as the result of the arrangements made between the Grand Committee of Grand Lodge of the one part and the Lodge of Melrose—the only lodge in the kingdom which has hitherto stood aloof from the Grand Lodge—of the other part, the whole of Scottish Freemasonry is now brought under the government of Grand Lodge. These and the other facts which are set forth more fully in the report already referred to, all tend to show that Scottish Masonry has been making rapid strides during the last fifteen years, that its organisation is being made more and more complete every year, and that it is at the present time one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the Old or the New World. We rejoice at this exceedingly, and congratulate our Scottish brethren on the progress they have been and are making. Like us, they have recently had many lodges drop from the roll, in consequence of the establishment of the Australasian Grand Lodges, but while their numerical strength may have been thus diminished, their organisation has been made more and more perfect, and their financial position strengthened beyond the most sanguine expectations of their most ardent well-wishers.

OLD WARRANTS.

LODGE OF UNANIMITY, No. 89, DUKINFIELD.

[COPY.]

To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Bretheren [of the Antient and Honourable] Society of free and accepted Masons.

Send Greeting.

KNOW Ye that by virtue of the power given under the hand and seal of the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful John Lord Ward Baron of Birmingham in the County of Warwick Grand Master bearing date the 30th day of April A.D. 1743, A.L. 5743 [giving law]ful power and authority to me William Ratchdale of Liverpool in the County Palatine of Lancaster M.D. his Provincial Grand Master to appoint my Deputy and Wardens and Masons and constitute Lodges as occasion shall require, I the said William Ratchdale taking special care that all and every the Members of every Lodge of (sic) shall be constituted have been or shall be regularly made masons and that they do observe perform and keep all & every the Rules orders & regulations contain'd in the Book of Constitutions (except such as have been or may be revoked or alter'd at any Quarterly Communications or other general Meeting) and do al such matters and things as may from Time to time from the Grand Lodge by order of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master for the time being) deliver'd to me, and that each Lodge so constituted by me ye sd. P.G.M. shall pay the sum two guineas for the use of the Grand Charity and ten shillings and six pence to the grand Secretary for entering the said Lodge in the Lodge Book of ye Grand Lodge and [that every such] Lodge or Lodges as shall by him the P.G.M. [be so] constituted that they keep the Rules [Orders and Regulations aforesaid].

NOW WHEREAS I the said William Ratchdale ye said P.G.M. have been applied to by Petition from several Bretheren dwelling and resideing in Manchester in the County Palatine of Lancaster praying that they may be constituted and formed into a regular Lodge.

KNOW YE that I the said Wm Ratchdale by virtue and in pursuance of the power aforesaid Hath and by these presents doth constitute and form the said petitioning Bretheren into a Legal regular and constituted Lodge to be held on every the 1st and 3d Wednesday in every month at the place called St. Anns Coffee house now kept by Harry Kirks in Manchester aforesaid, and I do and have appointed Joseph Greenwood Gentn Master of the said Lodge, John Smith Gentn Senr Warden and John Harrysone MD. Junr Warden.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 4th Day of Feb. 1754. A.L. 5754.

WM RATCHDALE
P.G.M.

Seal.

The foregoing is a literal transcript, so far as it can be deciphered, of an original Warrant now in possession of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield, and which has been kindly supplied to me by Bro. John Clayton, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire, to whom also I am indebted for other valuable information.

The Warrant, which (as will be seen) is a provincial Warrant, i.e., issued by a Provincial Grand Master, is a most interesting and unusual document, and worthy of more than ordinary notice. The words in italics within brackets are not legible in the original. I supply what appears to be the correct reading.

In the latter part of the year 1887 Bro. Hughan reproduced copies of the (so-called) “Warrants” of Nos. 37, Bolton, 39, Exeter, 41, Bath, and 42, Bury. All of these, as I have previously pointed out (“Handy Book,” p. 18), were merely “deputations” to constitute, and were not Warrants in the sense in which we now use that word.

The document, however, quoted above, is a real Warrant, and so far as I am aware is the oldest known issued under the authority of the Premier or “Moderns” Grand Lodge. In it the names of the Master and Wardens are given, and by it, without any further act, the lodge appears to have been duly and regularly constituted.

In addition to this there are one or two peculiarities that may be indicated.

(1). The date given in the Warrant, 4th February, 1754, is just a year earlier than the date given in all the Engraved Lists, which is 4th February, 1755. This may probably be explained or accounted for if (as was very likely) the Provincial Grand Master failed to make a return or report to the Grand Lodge of the issue of that Warrant until the following year.

(2). The date of the appointment of the Provincial Grand Master is noted in the Grand Lodge Calendars as made in the year 1742, and in said Calendars his name is spelt “Rachdale.” The Warrant, however, gives the date as 30th April, 1743 (a year later), and in the document the name is spelt “Ratchdale.”

The publication of this old, and in many respects remarkable, Warrant will, I trust, induce other brethren to hunt up and send me copies of any old Masonic documents they can find, which when received shall have my best consideration.

JNO. LANE.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master Depute, presiding, in the absence of the Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan acted as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Colonel Campbell, Perth, as Junior Grand Warden. There were about 400 Masons in attendance.

A state of the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 27th November last was submitted, with the Auditor's report thereon. It showed that after giving effect to the sum of £3,000 written off as a depreciation on the value of buildings as authorised by Grand Committee, the funds and estate of Grand Lodge amounted to £29,931. The income for the year had been £4,913, and the expenditure £2268, showing an excess of the former to the amount of £2645. An abstract of the accounts of the Annuity Fund for the same year showed that the capital account amounted to £3985, that the income, including £697 as the half of free income of Grand Lodge for the year ending December, 1889, had been £1129 and the expenditure £622. The excess of income was £507, making the capital account £4492. To this will be added £1322 as the half of the free income of Grand Lodge for last year. The accounts of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that the income had been £758, and the expenditure £701. It was reported that the income of Grand Lodge for the two months had been £1260, and the expenditure £347, showing an excess of income to the amount of £913.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to a proposal to grant a charter to a new lodge in Bridgeton, Glasgow. That came up on a petition and with the recommendation of the Grand Committee.

Bro. GRAHAM, of Broadstone, the P.G.M. of Glasgow, moved that a charter be granted on condition that the lodge be named St. Luke, and that the charter be not issued until nine months hereafter.

An amendment that the charter be not issued was carried by 224, against 120 for the motion.

Another discussion took place as to Lodge St. Vincent, Glasgow. The Grand Committee reported in favour of dismissing a petition against the recent election of office bearers, and adoption of this was moved.

The P.M. of the lodge moved an amendment to the effect that a new election be ordered, but the report was adopted by 289, against 50 for the amendment.

The motion was then submitted, of which notice had been given, by Bro. JAMES MUIR, Uddingston, and seconded by Bro. JAMES DRUMMOND, Steward, Edinburgh, to the effect that the powers presently vested in Provincial Grand Masters to choose and appoint by commission the Wardens of Provincial Grand Lodges be repealed, and that it be enacted that such office-bearers shall be elected annually by Provincial Grand Lodges. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried by 224, the other motions being to remit the matter to Grand Committee, or to permit the appointments for one year only.

On the recommendation of Grand Committee a charter was granted to Lodge Strathendrick, Killearn, Stirlingshire.

The GRAND SEC. reported the resignation of his Grace the Duke of Fife as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire.

Bro. Dr. Middleton, Stow, was re-appointed Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh and Selkirk shires.

It was reported that the Lodge of Melrose had resolved to relinquish its independence and join Grand Lodge on the condition recommended by Grand Committee and confirmed by Grand Lodge in August last.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of members of Grand Committee in place of the following brethren, who retired by rotation: Bros. W. J. C. Abbott, Richard Barnwell, Robert Davison, Wm. Black, Charles Harding, George Fisher, F. W. Allan, J. Dalrymple Duncan, P. Stirling, John Falconer, Allan Mackenzie, and James Crichton. There were thus 12 vacancies, and for these 18 brethren had been nominated. The following were elected to the vacancies, with the under-mentioned number of votes: Bros. Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow, 334; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, 297; George Christie, Stirling, 275; Hugh R. Wallace of Cloncaird Castle, Maybole, 274; J. Macnaught Campbell, Glasgow, 269; Richard Barnwell, Glasgow, 257; James Crichton, Edinburgh, 250; Allan Mackenzie, Portobello, 246; James Muir, Uddingston, 229; Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie, 212; George Fisher, Paisley, 176; and C. M. Pelham Burn, Edinburgh, 172; The new members are Bros. Christie, Wallace, Campbell, Muir, and Burn, and they come in place of Bros. Abbott, Edinburgh; Black, Falkirk; Davison, Glasgow; Falconer, Edinburgh; and Harding, Paisley, some of whom did not seek re-election.

The business occupied nearly three hours.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127—which is eagerly looked forward to as one of the principal events of the Masonic season—was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Last year the lodge had the unique privilege of meeting at the Mansion House, but on Tuesday last the grand saloon of Drury Lane Theatre was once again filled with a representative and influential gathering of brethren. The arrangements made for their reception and subsequent entertainment were excellent, thanks to the indefatigable energy and administrative capacity of the Secretary, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Alderman Sir Henry A. Isaacs, P.G.W., W.M., supported by his officers, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Bros. R. Clowes, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex, and S. H. Tatham Armitage, M.D., P.P. S.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, were unanimously elected joining members, and Mr. G. L. Munday was approved by ballot as a candidate for initiation. The audit report having been adopted, the most important item on the agenda was at once proceeded with.

Bros. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, and Col. Cook, P.G.S.B., assumed the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. James Fernandez was presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair to preside over the lodge for the ensuing year.

The officers appointed and invested were Bros. S. B. Bancroft, S.W.; Harry Nicholls, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; T. Catling, S.D.; G. F. Bashford, J.D.; Oscar Barrett, I.G.; W. Ganz (for Bro. A. J. Caldicott absent abroad), Org.; Lionel Brough, Stwd.; and R. Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. Alderman Sir HENRY ISAACS, I.P.M., terminated an effective rendering of the installation ceremony by an admirable delivery of the customary addresses.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said his first important duty in the lodge was one he availed himself of with the very greatest pleasure, for it was to express to Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs, on behalf of the lodge, the very high feeling of regard they

entertained towards him for the excellent way he had performed his duties and the services rendered them. He had to tender to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel as a souvenir of his year—a year as memorable to Sir Henry Isaacs as it would be in the annals of the lodge—and might the Great Architect grant him many years of health and happiness to wear it with that delight with which it was presented by the lodge.

The I.P.M. assured the W.M. he appreciated most warmly his very kind words, the more so because he was vain enough to believe they described the feelings of the members towards their late unworthy Master. He used the word unworthy advisedly, because he felt he did not do all he should have done, although he did all he could during his year. He had satisfaction in the reflection that they took him for better or for worse, and he did not conceal from them the fact that he had a very important public office to fulfil, the duties of which he could not neglect, desirous as he was to perform his duties on all occasions as Worshipful Master of the lodge. He should always regard that presentation from the Drury Lane Lodge with the greatest possible esteem, and so long as memory held with him, he was sure the recollections of the kindness of every member would not forsake him.

Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," and said that at every Masonic installation the first toast was always anticipated with such eager delight that introductory remarks were regarded as a hindrance to enjoyment. He therefore gave them with all loyalty and Masonic feeling "The Queen and the Craft."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said the next toast commanded hearty commendation, for Masons were aware of the interest manifested and the great good effected to the Craft by the beloved M.W.G.M. Wherever and whenever it was possible for H.R.H. to evince by his presence the earnest desire he entertained to promote the good of Freemasonry with true fraternal spirit he was ever eager to avail himself of his individually exalted position, and his well known appreciation of the worthy, and the good indicated for the Craft an honourable prestige in the present, and was a sure harbinger of its advancement in the future. It was, therefore, with the utmost sincerity of feeling he (the W.M.) proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

"The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER remarking that, honoured as they were by so many to whom the toast bore reference, he was impressed with the importance of his task because it was impossible to enumerate the manifold claims they had upon their esteem and regard. They knew how indefatigably the Grand Officers laboured for the good of Freemasonry, and the harmonious working of the officers of the numerous lodges testified to the fact that their labours had been and were in unison with the desire of the entire Craft. They, of the Drury Lane Lodge, had special cause to know and appreciate the kindly services of the Grand Officers, for much of the status of the lodge was attributable to the body of Grand Officers, who at its foundation and initial meetings were never weary of tendering their good offices. It was very gratifying to their Masonic pride to know that so many representatives of Grand Lodge were also members of the Drury Lane Lodge, and that one of their founders and Past Masters enjoys at the present moment the honoured distinction of being Grand Treasurer. This fact increased the pleasure they derived in welcoming that day those Masons whose distinctions were the tacit implications of the services they had rendered, and as honour to whom honour is due might be fittingly applied to this toast, it was with the greatest pleasure he proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling the name of Bro. Sandeman.

Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. Bengal, said that knowing as he did that from the very constitution of that lodge they were obliged to consider the early closing movement, it would ill become him to take up their time by making any lengthy remarks. They had enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge with the greatest satisfaction, and that satisfaction was more than doubled on hearing the excellent working in the installation ceremony. They were not astonished, because, although he did not wish their Bro. Sir H. Isaacs to blush, yet they had expected to find good working from one who had for many years been known as a lodge Preceptor and Instructor. What pleasant evenings these would be if there were no after-dinner speeches! He would go further, and say it was calculated to produce heart palpitation and paralyse digestion. The status of the lodge was not so much owing to the efforts of the Grand Officers who had given assistance—and he knew the valuable assistance it had received from the Grand Secretary—but to the large and influential body of the members. As long as it had such an influential list of members it would continue one of the leading lodges. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the members very sincerely for the kind hospitality shown them.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. ISAACS, P.G.W., I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said: You have heard of those terrible things described by a brother who has spoken as palpitation of the heart and paralysis of digestion, and I am sure you will give me credit for sincerity when I say I am suffering from both, so much am I impressed with the importance of the duty which devolves upon me as your Immediate Past Master. The worthy brother who last spoke had doubtless a very important duty to perform in responding for the Grand Officers, but I am speaking especially to the Drury Lane Lodge, and I have to propose the Worshipful Master of that lodge. Your Worshipful Master, my Worshipful Master, our Worshipful Master. I think you will go with me when I say that everything undertaken by your W.M. is invariably well done. I do not doubt that the majority of those present have seen him in a most unromantic position, namely with a large knife in his hand cutting a large cake. I venture to say he goes through that ceremony well, and without being accused of attempting a pun I would say he could not do anything "badly." I might go so far as to say that in any competition where eloquence and feeling were required our W.M. would "take the cake." Not very many years ago you heard a very old Mason use these words: "Every candidate for the Master's chair must be true and trusty, of good report, and held in high estimation by his brethren and fellows. He must be many other things—courteous of demeanour and firm in principle." I venture to say those few words describe the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. I am too much a friend of the W.M. to occupy his time, and so perhaps detain him from a certain neighbourhood which had not a high reputation when I was a very young man. He is the best friend who, in having to propose his health, makes the shortest speech. I value my friendship with your Master, and am impressed with the importance of retaining good health for him in order that he may discharge the duties devolving upon him as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and therefore I give you, without further preface, "Health, long life, and happiness to our Worshipful Master."

Bro. JAMES FERNANDEZ, W.M., said he was now made aware of the fact that the most difficult part of his duty that evening had arrived, for it was easy to keep one's nerves and composure while sounding the praises of another, but it was not so easy while others were singing the praises of one's self, especially when the praise, although sincerely given, was abundantly bestowed in excess of one's merits. He knew the I.P.M.'s good intentions in the remarks he had made, and the equally kind intentions of the brethren in so kindly receiving them, and he also knew they were desirous of affording him encouragement by giving him an earnest of their good wishes for his success during the coming year of his Mastership. He received with the very greatest pride the expressions of their kindly feeling, which would act as a stimulus to his exertions, and now rose

stronger within him the hope that it might be his good fortune, in the exercise of his duty, to merit their praise and gratify their good wishes. If it was possible to attain that by earnestly and consistently stirring, then he was certain that in the future he should conscientiously feel he was not undeserving of the honour conferred upon him. His energy and watchfulness would be placed with his love for his duty, and aided as he should be by the able assistance of his brother officers and those Past Masters, whose advice and kind assistance was always so cheerfully tendered, he felt confident he should be enabled to maintain for the Drury Lane Lodge that Masonic prestige which it now enjoys. He heartily thanked them, and availed himself of the opportunity afforded him of proposing for their acceptance a toast which he had the gratification to know would be received with the approbation the subject merited. It was at all installation banquets a great pleasure to know that all the honour and kindly remembrances were not given to the active workers in the present, but were also bestowed on the workers of the past. It was just that it should be so, for nothing more than in Masonry did the rule hold good that the present was made up from the past, and every lodge was indebted to its Past Masters for the exertions and for the influence used in the past. In the Drury Lane Lodge there was kept in grateful remembrance the names of the Past Masters. They had Lord Londesborough, who expressed his regret at his unavoidable absence; Sheriff Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer, to whom the lodge owed its foundation and most of its prosperity; Sir J. Gorst, P.G.W., who sent a telegram expressing his regret at not being present; breezy and good-hearted Admiral Sir E. Inglefield; and last, not least, the I.P.M., Alderman Sir H. Isaacs—a brother who, by his knowledge and geniality had endeared himself to them all. The I.P.M. had on all occasions shown his high regard for the lodge and for Masonry, and he (the W.M.) had but to recall to their memories the day of which the present was the anniversary, when Sir H. Isaacs evinced his desire to pay respectful homage to Masonry by associating with the ceremony of installation the unique fact of being installed W.M. in the temple of Masonry within the walls of the Mansion House. It was impossible to forget the warmth of hospitality then displayed, for it was a record which must always have a delightful abiding place in their memories, and on the present occasion the I.P.M. had afforded additional cause for pleasant recollections in the most able and eloquent delivery of the ceremony of installation. He wished he might be fortunate in coming one-tenth near Sir Henry, but it was a lesson which must perforce be of great advantage to him. They were proud of the I.P.M. in connection with the Past Masters, and he asked them to accentuate the fact by drinking to "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Sir H. Isaacs.

Bro. Alderman Sir HENRY ISAACS, I.P.M., P.G.W., said that during his Mayoralty he had the honour in his character of Lord Mayor of paying a visit to brethren across the border, and he was affiliated to No. 1, St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, Edinburgh. He was most hospitably received by the Master of that lodge—a kind-hearted Mason—and he had great pleasure in proposing his health at the banquet which followed the ceremony. When the Master rose to respond, he turned to him with his handkerchief in his hand wiping his brow, and said, "Ah, my Lord Mayor, but your kind words have made me very warm indeed." If he might be allowed to substitute the words Worshipful Master for "My Lord Mayor," he should be inclined to say, "Worshipful Master, your kind words have made me very warm indeed," because the W.M. had paid him a compliment such as he felt he did not deserve. When the hero of the Baddeley cake should suggest anyone could give him a lesson in elocution, it was calculated to make anyone warm. He felt he ought to apologise for the rustiness he displayed in his working. He had taken every opportunity, he might tell them in confidence, to remind the brethren near him—and especially Bros. Col. Clerke and Philbrick—that it was 25 years since he last performed that ceremony. It was very easy to feel when the audience was in sympathy with them, for then the task was easy indeed, and it made even the stammerer eloquent. He could not forget that he had to respond for a most distinguished body, and he ventured to say it was possible to take any lodge throughout the world and to point to the Drury Lane Lodge, and say there was no lodge, having been so few years in existence, which could point to such a record of Past Masters. Their first W.M., as they had been reminded, was a noble lord with a noble heart. Their second Master was that brother who had done so much for the lodge, and who had revived the Augustan era. That brother was followed by a most distinguished statesman and kind-hearted Mason—Bro. Sir John Gorst—and then came that delightful old Admiral—Bro. Sir E. Inglefield—who was welcomed everywhere. He would not go further, but taking those four names they could challenge comparison from the roll of Past Masters in any lodge in existence. It gave him great pleasure to be one among the number, and if in the future he could compensate, not for his want of zeal, but for his want of ability, he should be happy. He prided himself immensely on being a Past Master of that lodge, because leaving the Past Masters for a moment, he ventured to say the lodge *per se* was one unparalleled in the history of its representatives of art, science, the stage, music and literature—in fact everything that was good and great and noble was represented in the Drury Lane Lodge. He should like to take advantage of that opportunity to express his great gratitude to those brethren who were now S.W. and J.W., and to those under them, for their great forbearance in retaining their positions in order that he should be Master of the lodge during his Mayoralty. He fully appreciated that kindness and should ever be mindful of it. He wished to express his indebtedness to their Bro. Matthews, who so kindly came forward to assist him as their Secretary, and who had done good work. In conclusion, he would say that the Past Masters whenever called upon would be only too delighted to do anything in their power to prove their gratitude to those who in by-gone days elected them to the chair of that distinguished lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," the IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER said he was not a volunteer for the task, but a pressed man. One could scarcely conceive a Masonic banquet without visitors, and one of the first charms of a Masonic banquet was the fact that they received visitors who would partake of their pleasure. There was a large body of distinguished visitors that evening—so large that it was difficult to make a selection for a response. If he had expected to have had the pleasure of proposing the toast he would have looked through the names, but in the absence of that preparation he looked straight in front of him, and the first person he saw was a distinguished Mason wearing a crimson collar, which indicated he was not unknown in Freemasonry, and he certainly was not unknown in the City of London. He referred to Bro. Dimsdale, in whom they had an excellent and practised orator, who would do justice to those for whom he was called upon to respond.

Bro. J. C. DIMSDALE, P.G. Stwd., returned the members of the Drury Lane Lodge his most sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had entertained the visitors, and given them an opportunity of seeing the working of the lodge so admirably carried through. He was certainly sorry it had not fallen to some of the brethren round the table to eloquently express their appreciation of the entertainment they had received. He could only imagine that he had been chosen from the fact that time was essential to many present, and it was also valuable to himself, inasmuch as he had arranged to go to the theatre. He would only say on behalf of the visitors that they deeply appreciated the kindness shown them, and although that might be their first opportunity of visiting the lodge, he hoped it would not be the last afforded them.

At this stage of the proceedings the W.M. was compelled to leave, and the chair was assumed by the I.P.M., who at once rose and said they were honoured that evening with the presence of one of the most distinguished of London citizens, who held the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London—Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. Masons who were lovers of good order of course respected

the representative of justice let him come whence he might and as he might, and when he came among them in the character of a brother Mason he was doubly welcome. He had had the privilege to claim the Lord Mayor as a colleague for some years, and if he were not present he should be disposed to tell them that the more he had seen of him the more he had respected him. The Lord Mayor exercised in the highest degree what they recognised as the distinguishing characteristic of Freemasonry, and it was not him on that occasion to say how he discharged his duty as a magistrate, but he would say of him as an English gentleman he discharged his duties in the most commendable fashion. He was sure the Lord Mayor's love for Freemasonry would increase with his knowledge of it, and he hoped at no very distant date to see him wear, as many other Lord Mayors wore, the purple of which they were all so proud.

Bro. the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, in reply, said: Your Chairman has told you he had few anticipations as to what his duties might be this evening, and I had no idea I should be called upon to speak, for on looking at the toast list I saw that there would be no toast for which the Lord Mayor would probably have to reply, and indeed I congratulated myself on the fact. It often falls to my lot to respond to the somewhat interesting theme of my own health, but if that health could possibly be proposed in terms acceptable to myself, it has been done this evening, and especially by one who was my immediate predecessor in the office. We well know that hospitality is indeed the special attribute of Freemasonry, and I think I may say it is also not only of Freemasonry in general, but of the Drury Lane Lodge in particular, and I can assure you I have deeply appreciated the cordial and kind welcome extended to me. I only regret that other engagements of an absolutely imperative nature prevented me from attending the lodge and witnessing that installation about which I have heard was performed in such an extremely able manner by your I.P.M. I came here at the earliest possible moment I could leave the duties of the Mansion House, and I have to thank you for your readiness to accept me as an unpunctual guest. I have an intense love and admiration for all that belongs to Freemasonry, and especially for its noble Charities, and it will be my ambition during my tenure of office and during the remainder of my life to do all I can for the good of Freemasonry. I have to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received the toast of my health.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of BATTLE, G. Chap., in giving "The Masonic Institutions," said that proposing a toast at the Drury Lane Lodge—especially if it was a first visit to the lodge—there was, of course, a quotation which could scarcely be called hackneyed, it was so good, referring to the fact that "all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." They there played not an assumed but a real character, and the real character they, as Masons played, was the character of Charity. They had had that day among them the outward signs and symbols of the Municipality of London, and he did not think he could pass by without noticing the toast which had immediately preceded this, because he thought it most right and proper that the Lord Mayor of London should be a Mason and attend their Masonic gatherings. In the proud history of the Chief Magistrate of the greatest city in the world, its brightest records were those associated with Charity. In this 19th century, no man worthy of the name of man, and especially none worthy of the name of Mason, could ignore the responsibilities which rested upon him of active and practical Charity. They must all have in their minds cases of brethren who had been kept from absolute want by the help accorded them by Masonry. In connection with the three great Institutions, which were the pride of Masonry, it might, perhaps, be interesting for them to know that the M.W.G.M. would inaugurate the new hall of the Girls' School the week after next; Lord Lathom, D.G.M., would preside at the coming Festival of the Boys' School, which should be an incentive to the brethren to place the School in a higher position. The Secretary of the Boys' Institution was present, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McLeod, of whose energetic and praiseworthy labours they were aware, for he was working for the good of that great Institution, and they all wished him the greatest success. The Secretary of one of the other Institutions was not able to be present on account of his health, which he was sure they all regretted.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, in response, said that so much had been said by brethren who had preceded him in their admirable speeches as regards palpitation of the heart and paralysis of digestion, that at such a distinguished gathering he might be excused if he added one more to the list of apologies. After the excellent manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the full terms in which the cause of Charity generally, and Masonic Charity in particular, had been placed, but few words were needed to commend the Institutions to the hearts of all Masons present. He must add his regret that the Secretaries of the other Institutions were not present, and he said that most feelingly, for had they been in attendance they would have been called upon to reply to the toast. He especially regretted it for the sake of his old friend, Bro. Terry, who was absent from ill-health, and it was a serious time for that brother, as the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was so near, and upon which so much depended, that every brother would echo the wish that Bro. Terry would soon be restored to health. It was a gratification to know of the prosperity which attended the Girls' Institution, which was always looked up to with so much pride as being so excellently managed. When he came to the Institution which he had the honour to serve, he might say that although last year a very large sum of money was subscribed by Masons to carry on the work of the three Institutions—no less a sum than £56,000—the Institution which looked after the welfare and education of the boys did not receive its fair share, and that had been going on for years past. He would be pardoned if he mentioned that Institution more particularly. The Boys' Institution had turned over a new leaf in its history, by dint of hard work of a distinguished body of Masons who had to see the house in order. They now hoped it would advance its position to that which it formerly held in the estimation of every Mason in the country, and be looked upon once more as being a bright ornament, such as it once was considered. He felt certain things were going on brightly, and he trusted the doors of the Institution might be opened to their fullest extent for the clothing and education of boys. He returned sincere thanks for the kindness with which his name had been received, and could only hope that as time went on he would be looked upon as an old servant in connection with the Masonic Institution, and that it would be said he had done his best as it was now said he was trying to do his best.

Bro. S. B. BANCROFT, S.W., replying for "The Officers," said that at that late stage of the toast list he should not presume to detain them, but in the simplest words he would thank them on behalf of the Wardens and his fellow officers for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. It might perhaps not be unpleasant to their W.M. to find that his two principal officers happened to be members of his own calling. He could assure the W.M. in his absence that they would most loyally serve him, as he was sure every officer would worthily uphold the history of the Drury Lane Lodge.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., Sec., said he had rather suddenly been called upon to make a speech, but he hoped they would judge him by acts not by words. If the meeting had been a success it was in consequence of the I.P.M., who never once interfered with the arrangements made, and when a man was not contradicted it was easy for him to get through this world.

Bro. LIONEL BROUGH, Stwd., also replied, and said he was told when he accepted the office that he should have nothing to do. He had been all round the table drinking with everyone generally, which was the only duty he had performed. He was once I.G., but was generally found outside smoking when he should have

been inside attending his duties. If it fell to his lot ever to occupy the honourable position of the chair he should thank the W.M. very much for having started him that evening on the lowest rung of the ladder. He was in the fore-castle now, but hoped to be on the bridge some day.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings, during which Bro. J. Morley acted as Toastmaster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS.

The annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 29th ult., at Exeter, and was attended by Bros. W. G. Rogers, D. Prov. G.M., who presided; J. Stocker, 39; R. Pengelly, 70; M. Emdon, 105; W. L. Cocks, 106; S. Jones, 112; F. G. Knight, 156; Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189; H. Welch, 202; W. Browning, 223; J. Brewer, 251; G. Merrifield, 282; F. C. Frost, 303; W. W. Madge, 372; Rev. F. King and W. Locke, 444; M. Whittle, 797; J. W. Swann, 847; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099; J. B. Crabb, 1125; W. Vicary, 1138; G. Evans, 1181; W. Powell, 1205; J. J. Leonard, 1212; J. R. Lord, 1247; E. T. Fulford, 1254; F. Sanders, 1284; J. Templeton, 1332; Jno. Lane, 1402; C. A. Nicholson, 1847; R. Hambly and J. Griffin, 2025; S. Jew, 2258; Major G. C. Davie, and J. B. Gover.

The SECRETARY reported that since the last meeting there had been two elections at the London Institutions, one for boys, the other for girls. The girl candidate of the province was elected. Of the number of votes received from the province in October last there were 570 for boys, 329 for girls, against the previous votes of 594 for boys, 347 for girls.

The London representative, Rev. W. WHITTLE, 156, reported that he did not see how he could take up the case of the brother of Lodge No. 202, Devonport, a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next May, unless it was the pleasure of the Committee that he should incur a very great debt in votes. In October last he received from the province 594 boys' votes and 346 girls' votes; total, 940. The girl candidate adopted by Devon was the last of the successful candidates, and she was elected with 3563 votes. Towards that number he polled 2531. From those take the 940 received from the province, and there was a debt of 1591. Those he had borrowed. Supposing the province should send him in April next 594 boys' and 346 girls' votes, and in May next, as in last May, 559 men's and 697 women's votes, those would make 2196. After repaying the debt of 1591 he would have but 605 votes left for their brother of Devonport. Last May the lowest successful brother polled 2315 votes, and he was afraid that it would take quite 3000 votes to carry a man next May. If so, and they elected their candidate, it would leave the province in debt 2394 votes. If that was accomplished, and suppose the province sent votes in October, 1891, and May and October, 1892, at the same rate it had been sending that would make 4081 votes. When from these he had paid the debt incurred on the election of their present candidate, there would only remain 1687 votes in hand, so they would not be able to appoint another candidate until October, 1893.

Bro. GOVER said this statement was worth the attention of the Committee, but Bro. Whittle was evidently taking a pessimist view. At least 800 to 900 votes would be coming in from outside their province in the interim. It was the duty of the province to endeavour to carry their Devonport brother at the election in May, whatever number of votes they might have to run in debt.

It was ultimately resolved that the representative should be instructed to successfully return the candidate by all possible means, however much it might involve the province, the members in the province at the same time to be earnestly desired to co-operate, as no doubt there would be keen competition.

Four petitions for relief were considered, all from widows, one each from Lodges St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter; Loyal, No. 251, Barnstaple; St. George, No. 112, Exeter; and one from Harmony, No. 156, Plymouth, in which Dundas, No. 1255, of Plymouth, and Bedford, No. 282, of Tavistock, joined. Five pounds each were voted to the petitioners, and the two last mentioned to be further considered at the next meeting.

Bros. W. G. Rogers, Rev. W. Whittle, and J. B. Gover were re-elected the Chairman, London representative, and Secretary of the Committee respectively.

CONSECRATION OF THE SEWELL MARK LODGE, No. 421.

This new Mark lodge was consecrated by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 229, P.P.S.G.W., D.P.G.M., under most favourable auspices, at Egremont, Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, on Thursday, the 29th ult., and a worthy compliment was paid to the Consecrating Officer by the new lodge being named the Sewell, the choice being the unanimous wish of the founders and petitioners. Since the 7th October, 1881, the day our worthy D.P.G.M. was invested as successor to the much respected late Bro. Col. Whitwell, no brother has done more in this province to merit the esteem of the Craft, and all Masonic ceremonies appear with an ease and grace under his mallet, and we have every confidence this lodge will do honour to Mark Masonry and the name.

The other brethren deputed to assist in the ceremony of consecration were Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of Eng.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of Eng.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.M. 213, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 282, P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, S.W. 216, P.G. Chap.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Steward of Eng., P.G. Sec.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.A.G.D.C. of Eng.; and D. H. Cook, Org. 213, P.G. Org.

The officers designate were Bros. James Stout, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; James Lowery, S.W.; and J. Kitchin, J.W.

There were besides nearly 50 brethren present.

The brethren were marshalled by the Acting D.C. and proceeded to the lodge room where a lodge was opened by Bro. Col. Sewell, D.P.G.M., and ten candidates were balloted for and accepted. Nine being in attendance, they were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.M.O., in an able manner.

The founders of the new lodge were then arranged in order by the D.C., and the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed them at length on the nature of the meeting, also the great obligations they were about to take regarding the future of the new lodge, and said he was highly pleased when he first learned that the brethren of Egremont had decided to petition for a warrant from Grand Mark Lodge, but there was one unexpected honour they had conferred upon him in giving it the

name of "Sewell" which he felt very proud of, and he had no doubt in the time to come that lodge would be an important addition to the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Bro. GARDINER, P.G. Sec., then read the warrant, and delivered it up to the Consecrating Officer, and the officers were unanimously approved of, also the petitioners, and the brethren listened with marked attention to a long and eloquent oration by Bro. Rev. G. B. ARMES, S.W. 216, P.G. Chap., on the moral teachings of Mark Masonry.

During the singing of the anthem, the pedestal was uncovered, and the following brethren carried the elements of consecration: Bros. Collin, corn; Anderson, wine; Thompson, oil; and Craig, salt, which were duly applied by Bro. Colonel Sewell, and the lodge was dedicated and consecrated to Mark Masonry.

Bro. J. Stout, W.M. designate, was then presented to Bro. J. Gardiner to receive the benefit of installation, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Bryce Craig, I.P.M.; J. Lowery, S.W.; John Kitchin, J.W.; J. Nelson, M.O.; W. Irving, S.O.; J. Parker, J.O.; Rev. G. B. Armes, Chap.; H. Hartley, Treas.; T. McLeod, R. of M.; W. Bosward, Sec.; T. Miller, S.D.; J. C. Hellon, J.D.; E. K. Bouch, I.G.; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler.

Bro. CRAIG delivered the customary addresses in his usual able manner; and the following, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge: Bros. Col. Sewell, P. de E. Collin, Rev. James Anderson, J. Gardiner, J. C. Thompson, and Geo. Dalrymple.

Bro. Col. SEWELL returned thanks for the honour, and then said those beautiful ceremonies of consecration, &c., were now ended, and it gave him much pleasure to ask the newly-installed Master, Bro. Stout, and his officers and members of that new lodge to accept from him a lodge banner as a token of his regard for their future welfare, and, as said before, he had no opinions but one—that it would be one of the most successful in the province.

Bro. STOUT, W.M., said on behalf of himself and the members of the Sewell Lodge, No. 421, it gave him great pleasure to thank Bro. Col. Sewell for such a handsome banner, and it would be kept with every care, and he now had to ask the D.P.G.M. to accept as a present from the members of the new lodge a founder's jewel, designed from the "Sewell's" armorial bearings, viz.: a circle, with four roses, and in the centre a white bee on a black ground; motto—"In labore quies." Founder, Sewell Lodge M.M.M., No. 421." For style and beauty of workmanship it was much admired.

Bro. Col. SEWELL thanked the members for the jewel, and expressed himself as much pleased with it.

Several new members were proposed, and with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges Nos. 60, 151, 195, 213, 216, 229, and 282, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a capital banquet was served, and a most pleasant evening spent.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE NENE MARK LODGE, No. 427, AT SUTTON BRIDGE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

During the reign of the present highly popular Prov. Grand Master Mark Masonry has made great strides in the Province of Lincolnshire, and on Monday, the 26th ult., a new lodge was constituted and consecrated at the south-east corner of the province. The petitioners were Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, Anderson, Bates, Henry Edward Cousans, George Smith Woodwark, John William Shepherd, George Carrick, Charles E. Ward, William Robert Millns, Joseph Edward Townsend, and John Richard Clarke. Bros. Geo. Smith Woodwark, Charles E. Ward, and Wm. R. Millns being named by the M.W. Grand Master as W.M., and S. and J. Wardens in warrant dated 18th December.

A dispensation having been granted by the Prov. Grand Master, the lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Liversidge, W.M. 172, P.P.G.W., as W.M.; W. W. Copeland, P.M. 188, P.P.J.G.W., as I.P.M.; G. S. Woodwark, W.M. designate, as S.W.; W. R. Millns, J.W.; J. W. Shepherd, M.O.; J. E. Townsend, S.O.; George Carrick, J.O.; W. W. Mortimer, S.W. 117, as S.D.; Charles E. Ward, 117, as Reg. of Marks; and the following brethren were advanced: Bros. M. Cox, W. Patrick, R. H. Aldham, J. S. B. Glasier, J. G. Dunlop, and D. Oliver.

Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M.; Anderson Bates, P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; J. A. Robinson, P.J.G.W.; and W. R. F. Morton, P.G. Sec., were received.

Bro. C. F. Matier took the chair of A., and appointed Bros. J. Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M., as Chaplain; Anderson Bates, D.P.G.M., as S.W.; J. A. Robinson, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C., as D.C.; and Ben T. Adlard, Organist, and performed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge and installing the W.M., Bro. G. S. Woodwark, in his usual impressive manner.

The Treasurer and Tyler were then elected, and the W.M. invested the officers, a Committee being formed to prepare by-laws.

The W.M. then proposed, the S.W. seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the honorary membership of the lodge be offered to Bros. C. F. Matier and R. Berridge, Past Grand Wardens, as a slight recognition of the honour they had conferred upon the lodge by coming down to consecrate it, also to Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M.; A. Bates, D.P.G.M.; and H. E. Cousans, P.G.D. England, who had assisted in the formation of the lodge by becoming founders.

The four first-named brethren very gracefully returned thanks, and accepted the compliment, and the Secretary was ordered to write Bro. Cousans, who was not present, having been detained at the last moment.

A P.M. of Lodge 809 was then proposed for advancement in April, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to partake of an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. J. R. Clarke.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in a few well chosen words, proposed "The G.M. and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," also "The Consecrating Officers, Bros. Matier and Berridge," pointing out that the thanks of the lodge were especially due to the Consecrating Officers for the labours they had so successfully performed that day, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., whose name was received with honours.

Bro. MATIER responded in a very graceful manner for the Grand Officers, the representatives of light and leading, reminding brethren of the illness of the D.G.M., Bro. Lord Euston, and expressed the hope that the G.O.O.T.U. would restore him to health, and, in conclusion, proposed "The Health of the W.M."

"The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and responded to in a happy vein by the P.G.M., Bro. JACK SUTCLIFFE, after which the usual toasts were disposed of, and the brethren separated.

In response to "The Mark Benevolent Fund," Bro. BERRIDGE made an appeal, and £1 16s. 3d. was collected.

The furniture and jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

On Friday, the 6th instant, the above ball took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, the whole of the establishment being necessary for the accommodation of a large and influential gathering of members and their friends, Bro. George Gardner, as usual, undertaking the arrangements, which were perfection. The dancing took place in the gymnasium, which was splendidly decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns, and an elegant display of flowers and plants, which alone were worth a day's journey to look at. Bros. F. D. Hubbard and F. Brown took a very active part, the party alone numbering 76. Bro. Hubbard deserves the thanks of all present for the floral part of the decorations.

Amongst the guests we noticed Bro. F. Brown and ladies; Bro. J. T. Wood and Mrs. and Miss Wood; Bro. W. C. Dickey, Mrs. Dickey, and five friends; Mr. and Mrs. Gardner; Bro. B. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon; Mrs. Mousie and daughter, Mrs. Hubbard; Mr. Clark and four friends; Mr. and Mrs. Bush; Mr. George Donaldson and daughter; Bro. Colonel Parsons and Mrs. Parsons; Bro. W. Hodgkinson and Mrs. Hodgkinson; Bro. E. Hamblin and Mrs. Hamblin; Bro. H. Butter and Mrs. Butter; Bro. T. Crouch and Mrs. Crouch; Bro. W. H. Wilson and party, 10; Bro. C. W. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, and party, 28; Bro. W. Ellis, Mrs., and Master Ellis; Bro. J. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, J. Ashby, Miss Brill, G. Callingham, and party, 5; Bro. Burgess, Mrs. Burgess, and daughter; Bros. Dr. Lawrance, Dr. Harzhorne, Dore, and party, 7; Bro. Walden and Mrs. Walden; Bro. Timberlake, and many others.

Dancing commenced at 9.30, to Messrs. Symonds' excellent band, Mr. Knight Smith being M.C. At one a.m., supper being announced, the whole assembly partook of a very *recherché* repast, dancing being resumed and kept up until six o'clock, the High-road of Chiswick, between that hour and 7 a.m. being quite alive with carriages, and so ended certainly the most successful of these annual gatherings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, on Wednesday, when there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brette, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, T. B. Purchas, J. Newton, Robert Griggs, W. J. Masters, James S. Fraser, Charles Kempton, Thomas B. Daniell, William Hollis, William Smith, Charles J. Perceval, H. S. Strong, M.D., George Everett, Geo. G. Fairchild, R. P. Stevens, A. Forsyth, John Barnett, jun., T. C. Haslip, G. Bolton, James P. Fitzgerald, C. H. Webb, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Cumberland, A. Mullord, Hugh Cotter, H. M. Hobbs, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. Durant, C. G. Dilley, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., W. J. Crutch, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., (Secretary).

The minutes of the January Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three male annuitants, and the Warden's report for the past month was read.

The receipt of a further £1000 on account of the bequest by the late Dr. Morris Wilson was reported, and the applications of two widows of recently deceased annuitants to be allowed the half of their late husbands' annuities were granted.

The number of vacancies on each fund, and of the approved candidates as follows, viz., Male Fund—14 vacancies (including the three deferred) and 66 candidates (including one whose petition had been held over for further inquiries and two which had since been satisfactorily answered); Female Fund—12 vacancies (including the three deferred) and 81 candidates. The total, therefore, is 26 vacancies (including the deferred annuitants) to be filled from lists together containing the names of 157 candidates.

Proof of the balloting paper was submitted and approved, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

MASONIC BALL OF THE EMULATION LODGE.

The second *soirée dansante* under the auspices of the Emulation Lodge, No. 299, which holds its meetings at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, was held at the Victoria Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., under the distinguished sanction and patronage of Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, and Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., the Hon. Sec., and Bro. W. Greig, P.M., P.P.G.P., Hon. Treas., most valuably aided by the Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Charles Hind, who was assisted by Bros. F. Barton, S.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; T. Jenkins, I.P.M.; and other members of the lodge. The orchestra was composed of the string band of the Royal Engineers from Chatham, by permission of the commandant, and their skilful performance, it need hardly be said, left nothing to be desired in the musical department. The

members of the lodge had the privilege of introducing friends approved by the Committee, and a select party of about 70 met to enjoy the pleasures of the dance, which commenced at nine o'clock.

Under the artistic designing of the W.M., Bro. C. Hind, and Bro. C. C. Potter, the hall of the Assembly Rooms was very charmingly and picturesquely decorated, the walls were tastefully adorned with banners of every hue and shields of the Kentish arms and loyal expression, whilst the platform was fringed with a handsome display of foliage plants, environing the military orchestra, the fireplace being similarly decked, much taste also being evidenced in the arrangement of drapery, and hanging baskets of flowers depending at intervals along the centre of the hall. The *tout ensemble* was extremely pretty, and highly creditable to the painstaking designers.

The exterior gallery was draped to the refreshment room, which was elegantly arranged, and here was set out the most tempting productions of the host's cuisine, the delicately and artistically prepared viands and excellent wines being fully worthy of Bro. G. E. Startup's wide reputation as a first-class caterer.

Dancing was continued until four o'clock in the morning with unflagging animation, and the fitting of the charmingly-dressed company in the brilliantly-lit hall formed quite an enchanting spectacle.

The duties of M.C. were efficiently discharged by Bro. W. J. Light, P.M., while Bro. C. B. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex, acted as his deputy.

SUPPER AND MUSICAL EVENING OF THE ZETLAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 511.

The annual supper and musical evening of this thriving lodge of instruction was held at the York and Albany Hotel, Camden Town, on Monday, the 9th inst., the chair being taken by the Preceptor, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey, who was supported by the following members and visitors: Bros. T. Phillips, 2353; A. White, 1693; J. J. Spalding, 1693; E. Toder, 179; H. Hempel, 2353; J. Heilbrun, 2353; C. Gammon, 704; J. A. Myzoul, 1693; J. Dugood, 569; C. Smales, 160; F. Brunk, 27; Stretch, W.M. 1950; T. Goldfinch, 1604; A. J. Ward, 2282; R. Corry, S.D. 1861; J. Hooker, 1861; T. Simon, J.W. 1693; W. J. Righton, S.D. 1681; H. J. Hazel, S.W. 1693; S. Abbott, 765; T. Caseley, P.M. 1693; E. Styles, S.D. 704; J. Wilson, 1445; W. Fitch, 179; T. E. Davies, 1950; J. W. Hunt, 2353; T. J. Patrick, 2353; B. Lyons, Jas. Kew, P.M. 179; J. R. Harnell, J.W. 511; S. Lichtenfeld, J.W. 2353; J. Clampit, 2202; J. P. Pointer, I.G. 2202; C. Rex, 2202; J. Sunderland, 1693; W. Windsor, 1693; B. Lord, 2184, and several other brethren, nearly 50 being present.

After the substantial supper had been disposed of, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the first toast of the evening, which was duly honoured.

After the usual musical response had been given, The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was heartily received. In a few words, but well to the point, the W.M. spoke of the grand qualities of his Royal Highness, and told those present who were now eligible to attend Grand Lodge that they had something to look forward to, and also of the masterly way in which his Royal Highness had installed his son as Grand Master of Berks a few weeks ago.

The next toast was that of "The Zetland Lodge of Instruction," which was well received, the W.M. telling the brethren of the great success of the lodge from the very beginning. During the year there had been over 40 joining members, and the average number of attendances had been 18. It was very pleasing and encouraging to a Preceptor to find he was appreciated in that manner.

After some good songs by Bros. E. Loder, Goldfinch, Ward, Simon, and Styles,

The S.W. gave the next toast, which he called the toast of the evening. In a few kindly remarks he spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. E. C. Mulvey, their Preceptor, was held by the brethren, not only of that lodge of instruction, but in others of which he was Preceptor. In the lodge of instruction he imparted the knowledge that was required in a quiet way, so that the members felt at their ease, and therefore learnt all the quicker.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, in response, thanked the S.W. for his kindly remarks, and said he should be only too pleased to stay as their Preceptor for many years to come. At the same time it was really the members that made the meetings a success, coming up on all occasions to support him in such goodly numbers. As Bro. Stretch, S.W., had said, he always endeavoured to give instruction without being offensive. Not to force it on the members, but to gradually lead them on, so as to give them confidence, and he felt that was the great aim a Preceptor should have in view.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" being the next toast on the programme, the W.M. spoke in feeling terms of the absence of one of their old members, Bro. C. Sheppard, P.M., Treasurer, who has had great trouble lately by the dangerous illness of his daughter, and he felt sure that if it had been at all possible he would have been at his post on such an occasion as the present. The Secretary, the W.M. said, was well known by all the members of the lodge of instruction. He was a kind, genial, and clever brother, not only in the ritual, but as Secretary of the lodge, and it was in

a great measure due to the hard work of Bro. J. P. Pointer that that meeting was such a success. Bro. J. P. Pointer had also presided for them at the piano, and after what the brethren had seen they must certainly call him a jolly good fellow.

Bro. J. P. POINTER, responding for the Treasurer and Secretary, said that all present were sorry at the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. Sheppard, and he knew that if it had been possible he would have been with them to reply for himself. On behalf of the Secretary he told the brethren that it was really a labour of love for him to attend every Monday evening. When he was there he always found real peace and harmony in the lodge with intellectual enjoyment, and he felt proud in being the Secretary of such a lodge as the Zetland.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and well received by the brethren. There were only two visitors present, the number of tickets being limited, so many of the members wishing to be present.

The toast was replied to by both visitors.

The W.M. then referred to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge of instruction, and spoke of the great good that lodges of instruction had rendered to the three Masonic Charities. He also stated that he had placed his name as a Steward for the Boys' Institution, and hoped that the brethren would support him.

A very jovial evening was brought to a close by a general vote of thanks to the Preceptor, Secretary, and executive officers of the lodge of instruction.

Very great thanks were also due to those brethren who had delighted the brethren with such good songs and recitations.

COUNTY OF LONDON SESSIONS.

The Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls appealed against the assessment of their school and grounds in the parish of St. Mary, Battersea. Mr. Poland, Q.C., and Mr. Ryde were for the appellants; Mr. Lyon and Mr. Earle for the respondents, the Wandsworth and Clapham Union. The appellants were the Trustees of an Institution founded in 1788 for the education of girls, who, being the daughters of Freemasons, were in distressed circumstances. The oldest part of the present buildings, which are on Wandsworth Common, not far from Clapham Junction Station, was erected in 1851, and additions had been made from time to time, adjoining land being bought for the purpose, as the necessities of the Institution required. New buildings are still being erected, and when they are finished, the school, which now has 264 pupils, will be able to accommodate 300. The amount spent in the land occupied by the school, playgrounds, &c., has been £18,341, and in building £71,000. In the list of May, 1890, the gross value was £2500 and the rateable £2100, and, the parties agreeing that the new buildings, which will be finished in March, should be included, these figures were increased to £3720 gross and £3100. Against this assessment the appeal was brought, the appellants claiming to have the gross value reduced to £1800 and the rateable to £1500. On their behalf it was urged that the cost of the buildings and land was not a fair criterion, inasmuch as the buildings were more ornamental than was necessary, and had cost more and were less convenient than if they had been built all at one time; and, further, that the appellants had sometimes been compelled to pay exorbitant prices for the land which they had to buy. Mr. Hunt and Mr. E. Ryde, surveyors, gave evidence to the effect that the buildings would be unsuitable for any purpose other than that for which they were now used, and that, if they were to let, it would be hard to obtain a tenant for them. On the other hand, Mr. Pilditch and Mr. Chadwick, surveyors, who were called by Mr. Lyon in support of his contention that land was very valuable in this neighbourhood, and that the premises were well suited to the needs of an institution of this nature, estimated the value of the property at a sum larger than that at which it was now assessed. The Court reduced the gross value to £3300 and the rateable value to £2755. These figures would include the new buildings. No order was made as to costs.

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MALTA.

St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 349).—One of the most impressive ceremonies which have ever been performed in the lodge was the installation on Saturday evening, the 31st ult., of Bro. G. S. O. Carr as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Wisheart in a most able manner, and the new and deservedly respected Master took his chair amidst the warmest wishes of the brethren, who recognise in him the right man in the right place. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, Dist. G.M., occupied a chair on the right of the W.M., and the I.P.M., Bro. Hughes, resuming the left, after a most successful year of office. There were also present Bros. Bedford, P.G.C.; Captain Weston, and others, besides a very large general assembly.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren sat down to a capital supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the Malta Masonic Charities" was proposed by the D.G.M. in a most interesting address, in which he detailed the good work being done by the Association, which he has now worked up to a very prosperous condition. The first annual report is looked forward to with much interest.

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- CRAFT LODGES—**
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- ROYAL ARCH—**
 Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.
- MARK—**
 Tristram, No. 346.
 Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Crowle Masonic Hall.
 Masonic Entertainment at the Bolton Theatre.
 Masonic Entertainment to Old People at Northampton.
 New Masonic Hall at Wadebridge.



Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1891.

We understand that the inauguration of the Girls' School Centenary Hall by the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. and President of the Institution, will take place either towards the end of the current month or on some day at the very beginning of March, the precise date not having yet been fixed. This will widen the interval between the opening ceremony and the anniversary festival, but it will still be possible for the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the former to regard it, as we suggested, a fortnight since, "as a kind of introduction" to the latter, to be utilised for the purpose of promoting its success. This, in effect, is the opinion we expressed when we learned that his Royal Highness had graciously consented to open the Hall, and the more carefully we consider the matter, the more convinced are we that if the opening ceremony is not turned to some account in the manner we have indicated, it will seriously endanger the success of this year's Festival.

It is satisfactory to know that substantial progress in strengthening the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was made last week, when as many as 26 brethren were added to the list, so that, after deducting the withdrawals, there were on Saturday last over 290 brethren who have volunteered their services for the 25th instant. Since then the Board has been further increased, and, at the time of writing, is just 300 strong. Last year Bro. Terry secured the services of a Board of 330 Stewards, so that we may anticipate the number on this occasion will be almost as great. As to the amount which may be forthcoming, we shall wait till the day itself before hazarding a guess as to the total which Bro. Terry will be in a position to announce.

While we are on the subject of this particular Festival we may as well say a few words generally as to the withdrawals of brethren from a Board of Stewards, to which reference has been made in the preceding paragraph. When a brother enters himself as a Steward Unattached for one of our great Festivals, and subsequently, finding himself prevented by illness or other causes from fulfilling his engagement, withdraws his name, no great harm is done. He has undertaken to represent nobody in particular, and in all probability, when his health is restored or the other difficulty is removed, he will tender his services to act at some future anniversary. But when a brother undertakes to represent a lodge or chapter some four or five months before the appointed time, and after receiving the usual circulars and forms for canvassing, withdraws two or three weeks before, or even on a shorter notice still, considerable harm is done. The Secretary interested solicits no aid from the lodge or chapter because he believes it will be forthcoming by the hands of the brother who has promised to represent it, and when the withdrawal takes place, there is little or no time to find a substitute.

The responsibilities which devolve on the Secretaries of our Institutions are neither few nor light, and that of obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards for the annual Festivals is by no means the least exacting. Their duties also are arduous, and they deserve better treatment than to be left in the lurch in the manner we have indicated. They are the executive officers through whom the governing bodies look to obtain the necessary ways and means from year to year. In the case of the Benevolent Institution, the sum to be raised annually is close on £15,000, while the Schools require each of them about £11,000 or £12,000. There is difficulty enough in raising these large sums without—as we regret to say is sometimes the case—having the difficulty enhanced by the default of brethren.

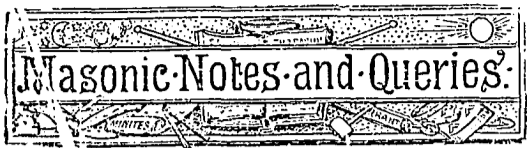
The circular letter addressed by Bro. Col. Gough, P.G.M., to the lodges in his Province of Staffordshire—copy of which we acknowledged we had received last week—is well worth studying. Its object—to secure as far as possible a uniformity of ritual throughout Staffordshire—is most laudable, and the means by which he proposes to attain this desirable consummation most reasonable and, if adopted, well calculated to secure its attainment.

Bro. Gough very sensibly points out that no one Mason, however gifted, can claim to speak authoritatively on this important subject; that is to say, there is no brother, however qualified an exponent of our ritual he may be, can venture to say absolutely of his version of it—This is the ritual of Masonry as it was agreed upon at the Union of the two English Grand Lodges in 1813, and as it has been handed down pure and undefiled through successive generations of Preceptors to me—this it is and none other is worthy of acceptance. He illustrates this point by his own case. He states that at the commencement of his Masonic career 36 years ago, and subsequently he studied under "Bros Harris, Warner, and Lewis—the first of whom had received his instruction direct from Bro. Honey," who, after the Union had been effected, had been sent from headquarters into Staffordshire to propagate a knowledge of the ritual as then "approved and adopted." But as he subsequently tells us, he has discovered that there are Masons "as old as and older than" himself "whose memories as to certain more or less important details do not accord" with his own. Under these circumstances he feels that he dare not claim for his own version that pre-eminence in accuracy which a standard ritual should possess.

Again he lays stress on the fact that though uniformity of ritual might be attained without serious difficulty in any one Province, it might be found on comparing it with the ritual in force elsewhere that the two systems were at variance with each other in points of detail. Therefore, as affording a means of escape from the endless difficulties which would thus arise, he proposes that what is commonly known as the "Emulation Working" should be adopted generally throughout his Province, this being the working which is recognised and adopted by the Grand Master "in his own lodge, the Royal Alpha, and by the officials in or connected with the Grand Lodge of England, or any of its Boards or Committees."

The means by which Bro. Gough looks to attain the object he has in view is that every lodge in his Province shall establish a lodge of instruction, and appoint for a period or term of three years some brother who is known to be a competent exponent of our ritual according to the "Emulation Working" as a Preceptor. He further proposes that the Preceptors thus appointed shall meet together under his presidency at an early date, so that a uniform mode of procedure may be adopted. We strongly commend the subject which Bro. Gough has so ably set forth in his letter to the consideration of brethren in other provinces besides that of Staffordshire.

One of those pleasing Masonic functions which are termed "ladies' nights" took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Wednesday, in connection with the Montague Guest Lodge. An excellent dinner, short speeches, and a most enjoyable concert in the drawing-room very pleasantly filled the hours allotted for the entertainment, and about 60 brethren and ladies were present, and the greatest satisfaction was expressed at the proceedings. Unfortunately, the programme was shorn of an interesting item, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. and Madame Festa, owing to the fact that our worthy brother had been obliged to journey to a more genial climate in search of health which we trust he will bring back with him.



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THE "WILLIAM WATSON MS." OF THE OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS.

A capital discovery is this new manuscript, no doubt one of the most valuable documents that have come down to us from our operative ancestors. I quite agree with Bro. Hughan that it is the most important that has been traced for many years. I consider it to be a kind of joining link between the Cooke MS. and the ordinary version of the 16th and 17th centuries, as it agrees, on one side, with nearly two thirds of the Cooke MS., and partakes, on the other, in several peculiarities of the younger form, namely, particulars about St. Albans as well as about Edwin. The name of the latter is not yet mentioned in the Cooke MS., but he is only described there as the "youngest son" of King Athelstan. Only the last section of the history has not been taken from the Cooke version, the last section of the latter being replaced by a more detailed description of the introduction of Masonry into England by St. Albans, as well as of the restoration and encouragement of the craft by King Athelstan and his son Edwin. The remaining part of the Cooke MS. being originally, as Bro. Speth so ably points out in his excellent commentary, a copy of the very "book of charges," the later compiler omitted this part then obsolete, and supplied the new charges "seen and perused" by King Henry VI. This king was killed in 1471, therefore the new compilation must have taken place after this year, as the king is called "our late Sovereign Lord;" Edward IV. died in 1483, then came Richard III., and Henry VII. succeeded in 1485. The time from 1471 to 1485 does not seem to have been very favourable for compiling a new constitution of Masons, though it would be the proper period of calling King Henry VI. "our late Sovereign Lord;" but I do not think it probable that people would have used this manner of styling long after 1485, when Henry VII. had brought the land to rest and peace. This induces me to believe that the new version came to light soon after 1485, certainly before 1490, if not, in spite of the perpetual wars and troubles, it was already made up between 1471 and 1483, during the reign of Henry's immediate successor. The new charges probably had been "seen and perused" by Henry before 1455, for then he was deprived of his kingly prerogatives, and did not enjoy them again until his death. Therefore the old "book of charges," forming part of the Cooke MS., must be of a much earlier date, and the very original of the Cooke MS. is to be ascribed to the beginning of the 15th century; perhaps the "book of charges" was compiled already towards the end of the 14th century. Because of some conformities in the charges Bro. Hughan feels inclined to connect the new manuscript with the Dauntsey MS., but as there are still greater agreements with the Thomas W. Tew MS., I cannot join in that connection. I am of opinion that the William Watson MS. is to be ranged as a version for itself, a separate sundry form, like the Regius and the Cooke MSS. It is a form of transition between the Cooke version and the ordinary version, and should be added to the first group of these ancient Masonic documents—1, Regius MS.; 2, Cooke MS.; 3, William Watson MS. Bro. Hughan is quite right in stating that Dr. Plot must have had a copy like the new manuscript, and as the latter bears the date of 1687, whilst Plot's book appeared already in 1686 he cannot possibly have used this copy. It may be that he had the original, but there are some slight differences between Plot and the William Watson MS. that make me believe Plot had not the very original of our manuscript, but another old copy of the same version. Now, as the Cooke MS. proves to be a transcript of an older original—perhaps already a transcript of a transcript—as the William Watson MS. is no doubt a transcript of an older copy, and as Dr. Plot, in my opinion, is likely not to have had this one, but another older copy, we are at once enabled to trace five or six manuscripts giving the history of Masonry in the form of the Cooke MS., I feel inclined to think that the Cooke version of the "history" was a common form of the fifteenth century, somewhat altered already as to England towards the end of this century. The charges, as settled by Henry VI., say about 1440 to 1450, remained unchanged on the whole, but the historical part of the Constitutions underwent several omissions as well as additions during the first half of the sixteenth century, for the lost 1581 original of the Melrose MS. and the Grand Lodge MS. of 1583 offer the ordinary version settled in all points. The Grand Lodge MS., being no doubt a transcript, not an original, most probably the ordinary version may have been complete about 1550. Bro. Speth, in his able commentary on the Cooke MS., undertakes to show that the author "has not served as a model to subsequent writers;" certainly he will now feel induced to alter this opinion. The particulars that are omitted in the ordinary version, in my opinion, are of such a nature that we can very well imagine their being voluntarily omitted or altered in the manner of the younger version. The beginning of this alteration is illustrated by the last section of the history in the William Watson MS., which, especially by this difference from the Cooke MS. and the reference to Henry VI., must be acknowledged to be one of the most valuable old documents of Masonry,

more valuable even, I think, than the Regius MS. as to the settlement of various historical questions. I beg therefore to congratulate the deserving discoverer of the manuscript, as well as our most able Bro. Hughan, who first pointed out the extreme value of the document and offered it to the Craft.

DR. W. BEGEMANN, P.G.M. Mecklenburg.

935] THE WILLIAM WATSON MS.

Though I have never doubted that Plot before 1686, and Anderson before 1723, had examined a document of this character, yet many Masons have been misled by ultra-criticism. With all respect to Bro. Speth's opinion, I do not think that the original of the William Watson MS. can be considered a copy of the Cooke MS. To Bro. Speth belongs the credit of having amply proved in his commentary to the Cooke facsimile that it is not itself anything more than a copy of an original, to which had been bodily added an older copy of the Athelstan charges. I think an equally careful examination of the William Watson MS. will show that it is not a copy of Cooke, but rather of its original. Thus:—

ORIGINAL (2 PARTS).

Cook MS., say 1450. MS. from which the William Watson is copied.

The cause of the compilation of the Original might be sought for in two occurrences, the first soon after 1356, and the second and more probable about 1445, in the surmise that the compilation was made to submit to the Council of Hen. 6. The older date is that in which (*vide* Gould) the Mayor and Sheriff of London were called upon to adjudicate the differences of two rival classes of Masons. The one was the Mason-Hewers of which 6 (with Henry Yevelee "the Kings Freemason") were a deputation, and the other six a deputation from the Light Masons and Setters. The Mayor arranged their difficulties in a code of 10 laws, one of which, in accord with the older Athelstan law, was that a Master taking work in gross should bring about four of the ancients of his trade to vouch for his competency. That this united the two bodies of Masons is proved in the fact that lists are extant which show that prior to an uncertain date the Masons and Freemasons had been separate, but between 1377-1411 were then united as one London Company. The idea forces itself upon us a certainty that the Masons were the old Masons of the Athelstan Charges, and the Freemasons those of the Norman Charge, which explains the admission of Charles Martel into the preface. I myself think that all the more recent charges are an abbreviation of the Original Cooke, suited to a new state of things, the result of penal laws against large assemblies, but Bro. Speth differs from this, and he may be right. It has been considered (on no sufficient data) that the original of the W. W. MS. formed a part of the Ashmole collection, but the W. W. MS. has too many inaccuracies to render it probable that the version is written by either Ashmole or any of his staff. We see, however, how carefully the Revivalists of 1717 considered all the old evidence, and possibly an original of this important document may yet lie in the archives of one of the early Grand Masters.

JOHN YARKER.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).—An innovation in the usual course of proceedings of this old lodge, whose age dates back as far as the year 1733, was introduced for the first time on Thursday, the 5th inst., by the present energetic W.M., Bro. E. H. Dove. The lodge had never before moved out of the old Masonic course, except, perhaps, at its very inception 158 years ago, when, according to an historian, it was originated for the purpose of bringing business to an house of refreshment, a principle which is about as un-Masonic as could well be conceived. However, Bro. Dove's new line for the lodge to follow annually was one which is likely to bring the Society of Freemasonry into better repute with the female members of brethren's families than it held down to 20 years ago. Bro. Dove inaugurated a ladies' night, and he will now stand in an historical position with regard to the Strong Man Lodge. Historical, perhaps, in more than one point, for in addition to being the originator of the scheme, he was the hero of a great success. No entertainment could have been better, and none more amply provided, unless, indeed, dancing had been added, as was the case two nights after at the Gallery Lodge. Bro. Dove's programme was, first, a regular meeting of the lodge (at the Guildhall Tavern), second, a delightful banquet, and third, a charming concert, divided into two parts, full of overflowing with lovely music and singing performed by artistes of celebrity. He gathered together a party of some 100 ladies and brethren, taking the head of the table himself, of course, with Mrs. Dove on his right hand.

Among the brethren who supported him were Bros. Wm. H. Liddall, S.W.; Chas. H. Dowsett, J.W.; Bateman S. Liddall, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Nell, Sec.; W. F. Bruty, S.D.; A. M. Whitby, J.D.; J. G. Cobb, I.G.; Thos. E. Taylor, Clement Spurgeon, T. Ockelford, H. R. Medcalf, Edward J. Stafford, D. A. Langton, Wm. G. Mills, B. Rutter, J. Cuer, J. H. Smet-hurst, H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Arthur Whitby, A. H. Finch, W. W. Soar, Mark Ashford, Hallet, P.M.; Wm. Ball, P.M.; F. Driver, P.M.; and R. E. Hunt P.M.

Visitors: Bros. D. W. Wilson, P.M. 274; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. K. George, J.D. 1426; W. G. Thom, 1839; R. Pringle, 1275; N. Taplay, P.M. 1076; F. A. Eastwood; W. R. G. Emerson; H. J. Layton, 1571; J. Heath, 1000; J. Badkin, P.M. 1365; E. C. Ashford, 360; and W. C. Vigo, 1445; Bro. Mallett being Tyler.

The dinner was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Marcham, of the Guildhall Tavern, appointed so to do by Messrs. F. W. Smith and Co., proprietors. It left nothing to be desired, and when it was concluded a selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Tom Taylor, assisted by Miss Maud Chichester, Madame Adeline Vaudrey, Madame Annie Witt, and Miss Patti Whitby, Bros. Henry Thom, W. H. Webb, W. Finch, H. T. Nell, A. Whitby, and Mr. Eustace Jay, Mr. W. Emerson being accompanist.

Bro. Ball, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that an honour had fallen to him which he had not anticipated, and which he felt he was not competent to do justice to. He should have despaired of putting the toast favourably before the ladies and brethren but for one fact, that it needed no words of his to commend it to the company. But one thing he would like to mention, that Bro. Dove had many claims to their admiration, and one of them was that during his Mastership the lodge had passed through a crisis, and he had been in a great measure the producer of that large amount of harmony and goodwill which existed that evening. If Bro. Dove had any doubt in his own mind of his success as W.M. he had only to look around him and see the good feeling, the good looks, and the good wishes which prevailed. Bro. Dove had done something else. That night saw the inaugural meeting of a new departure, which he (Bro. Ball) trusted would be followed up, that of asking ladies to share with the brethren the pleasures of the hospitable board. It was generally believed outside Masonic circles that Freemasons were not friends of the ladies, but they had a song (he was not going to sing it, as it might betray some Masonic secrets) which mentioned that there was no one to whom a Mason was so true or for whom he had so great a respect as the ladies. The song was quite right, and the W.M. that night had endeavoured to show that the brethren did honour and respect the ladies very highly indeed. He trusted the presence of the ladies that evening would mitigate some of those discords which had arisen when Masons sometimes had stopped out a little late, and their only excuse was that they had been to lodge. After what the ladies had seen that night they would not have a bad feeling towards Masons, but they would respect them more in the future than they had in the past. He could not propose that toast without a reference to that lady who sat upon the Worshipful Master's right. He could inform that lady that some day it would be the duty of the brethren of the lodge to place upon her husband's breast a jewel which would commemorate the respect and esteem of all the brethren. They would place it there with the greatest pleasure and pride, and he did not think he was asking her when her husband came home with it to look upon it as a memento of the love, respect, and esteem of all the brethren gained by his amiable manners, and by the admirable way in which he had presided over the lodge. He was sure all the brethren would agree that no Master of the Strong Man Lodge had won it more justly, or would wear it more worthily.

Bro. Dove, in reply, while thanking Bro. Ball very heartily for proposing his health in such out-of-the-way flattering terms as he had used, said it had been his wish, as many knew, since he had been a member in and an officer of the Strong Man Lodge, that the brethren should try to set apart one evening in the year for entertaining the ladies. He, with the same feeling as Bro. Ball, quite believed that in many ways they did not look after the ladies enough. For many years past he had made it a rule on various occasions, whenever he had an opportunity, to take his wife to Masonic balls and outings, and that was the reason she was as good a Mason at heart as he was himself. Through the kindness of Bro. Sadler she had seen G. Lodge set out on great days, and from having seen that she had said she was not surprised he (Bro. Dove) was led away by Freemasonry. He was also pleased that during his year they had removed the lodge, although it had entailed a great deal of work and trouble. As several new members were proposed, he saw a bright future for the lodge. At the last meeting he initiated three gentlemen, and on the next occasion there would be four or five more, and that showed the lodge would be a strong one. As regarded the Masonic Charities, this year they had a Steward for the Old People. Two members were members of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, and a widow had lately died who was an inmate of the Asylum 38 years. Two members were drawing £40 a year each. That showed that in Masonry, although the ladies did not think Masons did more than eat and drink, there was much else done. Bro. Cobb was going up to represent the Asylum, and he asked all brethren and ladies to give as many guineas and half-guineas as they could to constitute themselves Governors and Life-Governors. He trusted it might be many years before he ceased to meet the brethren.

The toast of "The Ladies" was the only other toast, which was given in very happy terms before the meeting closed.

Temple Lodge (No. 101).—The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge took place at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Jas. Minter Flegg presiding. There were also present Bros. F. Williams, S.W.; S. Smith, J.W.; J. Sparks, S.D.; Harry Wood, J.D.; Frank Wint, I.G.; C. Plant, Stwd.; Lardner, P.M.; H. B. White, P.M.; G. Taylor, P.M.; Walter George, P.M.; J. H. Wynne, P.M.; T. H. Bullock, P.M.; Ruff, H. C. Green, J. Budd, A. Payten, H. Eyre, R. P. Wilson, Horace Petley, T. Mansell, G. Bridge, J. Shelvey, T. Squire, B. Dowsett, W. Wright, J. Wint, W. G. Groom, G. R. Peerless, G. H. Holland, Wm. Briant, and G. Harrison. The visitors were: Bros. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; D. Mercer, G. Purst.; E. C. Davis, 1329; Robert Manuel, W.M. 1196; W. Davis, W.M. 1901; C. H. Stone, J.D. 507; J. Evans, 1965; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; A. Durrant, P.M. 569; E. J. Edwards, P.M. 2264; E. Piggott, J.W. 2264; H. Adams, 1706; J. Pash, P.M. 569; W. T. Warner, S.D. 1297; J. Partridge, 201; Rose, P.M. 73; F. Hilton, P.M. 1475; F. Oldfield, P.M. 134; F. Dunn, P.M. 72; T. C. Shipton, W.M. 1922; R. Davis, W.M. 2266; G. J. Judge, W.M. 2264; J. McDowell, 52; A. Weston, 1929; Jas. Gawthrop, 1706; E. J. Jones, P.M. 765; W. Jeffery, W.M. 1622; H. Martin, S.W. 1622;

R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; Chas. Sowton, 1679; G. S. Snelgrove, 12; Thos. Grummant, P.M. 1559; W. A. Perry, 1776; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec. 2030; W. G. Smith, P.M. 907; C. Mussared, S.W. 2264; E. Wright, P.M. 1364; R. Birkett, 569; E. Horton, 72; G. Horton, J.D. 72; W. Payton, 2168; Fred. Bevan, S.D. 1706; F. Churchill, 901; Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622; H. Squire, P.M. 1827; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M. 188; W. B. Marcus, P.M. 2264; J. Bastone, P.M. 1861; F. Stephens, 1348; and others.

Bro. F. Williams, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Taylor, P.M., to receive the benefits of installation from Bro. Flegg, who performed the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner before a Board of 32 Installed Masters, one of the largest ever witnessed in the lodge. The W.M. then invested his officers in a most efficient manner as follows: Bros. Flegg, I.P.M.; S. Smith, S.W.; J. Sparks, J.W.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., Sec., Treas. (pro tem.); Harry Wood, S.D.; Frank Wint, J.D.; W. George, P.M., D.C.; Horace Petley, Org.; C. Plant, I.G.; Jas. Budd, Stwd.; and Potter, Tyler. The addresses were most ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Flegg. Several letters of apology were read for non-attendance, and also one from Bro. Thomas, P.M., Treas., who was seriously ill, with whom much sympathy was expressed. The W.M. announced it was his intention to stand as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the lodge voted the sum of 10 guineas to be placed upon his list as a mark of their appreciation. The report of the Audit Committee showed a substantial sum in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Wynne, P.M., moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the I.P.M. for the splendid rendering of the installation ceremony. He stated he had been a member nearly 50 years, and had never witnessed the like. There were two propositions for initiation by the W.M., which, with the candidate already balloted for, augurs well for the coming year. After "Hearty good wishes" from a numerous array of distinguished visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, to the number of 86.

At the conclusion, the Worshipful Master proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He remarked that the Grand Officers were always ready and willing to give up an enormous amount of time at Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Craft. He was pleased to state that they were honoured by two Grand Officers that night, and he was delighted to have such worthy and distinguished brethren among them as Bros. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and D. Mercer, G. Purst.

In reply, Bro. Simpson stated he was but a sleeping partner that night, but he offered his sincere thanks for the invitation given him by the W.M., and he was certain if Lord Lathom had been present he would have been delighted at having the ceremonies so ably rendered by the I.P.M., and the great promise of the W.M. He had read the charter of the lodge with deep interest, and it would bear scrutiny. He had, like Bro. Wynn, P.M., been a Mason over 40 years, and he would say that they would ever remember their position, and the influence that they, as Masons, could bring to bear upon their fellow creatures. Bro. Mercer, G. Purst., also replied.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who stated the W.M. was the most popular brother of the Temple Lodge, for his name was only to be mentioned and there was the greatest enthusiasm. He trusted he would have health and strength to discharge his duties, and would, he felt sure, initiate the candidates (he had himself proposed) at their next meeting. He had already shown how excellently he could perform his duties in the chair. As brevity was the order of the evening, he would give the toast of the W.M., which was drunk with acclamation.

The Worshipful Master replied, and said that he heartily thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had given the toast, and could assure the brethren that he had the interest of the Temple Lodge at heart, and if the work was not so ably carried out during the present year, his interest in the lodge would not in the slightest degree lessen. Bro. George, P.M., had asked him to allow him to initiate his eldest son at the next meeting, which he had most readily assented to, because of the honour one must feel in initiating his own son. He might state that that was the proudest moment of his life, and he had looked forward to it for many years. He knew he had the hearty support of the Past Masters, and he hoped he might be spared very many years to do all he could for the Temple Lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," and stated the pleasure it gave him in proposing it. The I.P.M. had had a most successful year of office, and had handed a splendid balance forward for the present year. His working had been admirable, and now it was his proud privilege to pin that handsome jewel on his most noble breast, and he hoped at the end of his year of office to have the same accorded him by the whole of the brethren. He trusted he might live many, many years to wear it.

The toast was drunk most heartily. The I.P.M., in reply, said that his best thanks were given to the brethren for the elegant jewel, which he trusted he had deserved. He had only done his duty, and would do all he possibly could for the W.M. and the brethren. He heartily thanked them for drinking his health.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and stated that the lodge was always honoured by visitors, who were received with the greatest heartiness, as they were brethren of the first water. As there were such a splendid array, he would call upon the W.M.'s of the various lodges to respond for the rest of the visitors, coupling the names of Bros. Manuel, Walter Davies, G. J. Judge, Jeffery, Edwards, David Rose, and R. Davis.

The several brethren having suitably responded, the toast of "The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who stated nothing gave him greater pleasure than presenting that toast, as they were ever ready and willing to perform any duty, and he was confident they would accord him that hearty support during the ensuing year as they had done in the past.

Bro. Wynne, P.M., replied he was at a loss for words after the excellent speeches of their brother visitors, and he thanked all for the hearty good wishes accorded to the Past Masters.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., in a few appropriate remarks, said the Past Masters would always be at the W.M.'s service during the coming year. He was delighted to see such an array of visitors, many of whom were the most intimate friends of the W.M. They had responded in an admirable manner.

"The Charities" was entrusted with Bro. Edwards, P.M., which he advocated in an excellent manner. He was glad to state they were most ably supported, and was proud to hear that the W.M. was standing Steward at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he trusted that they would all do their very utmost for those noble Institutions.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Secretary and Treasurer." He was sorry to state that the Treasurer was seriously ill, but he trusted he would be among them shortly. The Secretary had carried out his duties most efficiently; in fact, it was impossible to be without him. He had filled several offices that day, even to Steward. During the Treasurer's illness Bro. Lardner had filled both offices, which redounded most creditably, and he must say that he had added lustre to the Temple Lodge during the past year.

Bro. Lardner, P.M., said, in reply, that after the eulogistic remarks of the W.M., he would say it had been very hard work for him, but he gave his services most gladly. That splendid gathering reflected great credit on the lodge, the like of which had not been witnessed for many, many years. He did not wish to guild the lily, for the noble virtues of their W.M. were well known, and they all appreciated his good qualities most highly. Such an array of brethren showed that they all wished to do him honour. He would ask the brethren to drink to the return of the Treasurer, Bro. Thomas, P.M., and he trusted they might be spared many years to assist in keeping up the prestige of the Temple Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given by the W.M., who congratulated himself upon having such an excellent body. He trusted that they would be regular and punctual in their attendance, and would accord him their hearty support in the future as they had so ably done in the past. He would couple the names of the Senior and Junior Wardens with the toast.

The Wardens, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked the W.M. and brethren for so heartily drinking to their health, and promised the W.M., on behalf of the whole of the officers, their most cordial support.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most eventful meetings of this lodge to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the able conductorship of Bro. F. Bevan, assisted most effectively by Bros. J. Gawthrop, Arthur Weston, Arthur Thomas, and Jas. Budd, Bro. Horace Petley ably presided at the organ.

Stability Lodge (No. 217).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. F. C. Woolmer, W.M.; J. Owen, S.W.; J. F. Jones, J.W.; T. Hinks, Treas.; J. Nixon, P.M., Sec.; S. A. Hardiman, S.D.; W. R. Smith, J.D.; P. H. Garner, I.G.; W. J. Lyle, D.C.; G. Say, Org.; W. Gorrie, P.M., and J. H. Edwards, Stwd.; and Say, Org. I.P.M.; G. A. Taylor, P.M.; H. Marfleet, P.M.; J. Addington, P.M.; J. T. Wright, P.M.; W. Eckersall, P.M.; E. H. Cattermole, J. Finch, J. Brown, F. Joslin, G. Tennant, H. Berry, J. Itter, J. R. Ayris, F. Fitch, H. B. Hancock, W. H. Smith, J. Macaulay, H. Clowes, J. Gilbert, E. A. Dando, F. H. Colepeper, S. P. Fisher, W. H. Edwards, J. H. Watts, J. E. Cosham, and H. Walter. Visitors: Bros. C. T. Scrivener, P.M. 206; W. Pound, P.M. 19; J. F. Perrins, 1839; W. T. Perrins, 1839; and A. Langley.

After confirmation of minutes, Mr. J. S. Morriss was initiated. The W.M., Bro. Henry Lynn, M.L.S.B., then installed his successor, Bro. F. C. Woolmer, in first class style, and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Owen, S.W.; J. F. Jones, J.W.; Nixon, P.M., Sec.; T. Hinks, Treas.; S. A. Hardiman, S.D.; W. R. Smith, J.D.; P. H. Garner, I.G.; W. J. Lyle, D.C.; W. Gorrie, P.M., and J. H. Edwards, Stwd.; and Say, Org. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Taylor, P.M., that £10 10s. be given to the Boys' School and £2 10s. to the Indemnity Fund. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet afterwards took place. After the usual preliminary toasts, Bro. H. Lynn, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who suitably responded.

Bro. H. Lynn, in the name of the lodge, then presented Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., with a very handsome testimonial in recognition of his services during the past 11 years, and trusted he might long be spared to act as Secretary.

Bro. Nixon, after thanking the members, said that testimonial would serve as an incentive to him to strive, with the assistance of them all, to, if possible, place the lodge in a prouder position than it now held.

The toasts of "The Installing Master," "The Initiate," and "The Visitors" followed, and the latter was responded to by Bro. W. Pound, P.M. 19.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. W. Wright, P.G. Org. Middlesex, assisted by his brother and several other brethren.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).—A regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Geo. Parrett presided, assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. Davies, S.W.; W. J. Trappitt, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Buchan, Sec.; J. Lusty, S.D.; Geo. Powell, J.D.; Esmond, P.M., D.C.; Gumprecht, I.G.; G. H. Seddon, Org.; Thomas, Stwd.; and Ellis, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. A. Snelling and A. G. Watts, who had been already balloted for, were then initiated. Bro. Ferguson having been passed, Bro. Simons was raised, Bro. G. Parrett performing the whole of the ceremonies with that earnestness which he always infuses into his work. Throughout it was marked with precision, and the addresses were given in a manner at once impressive and complete. The work of the various officers reflected credit on the lodge.

The principal business of the evening being ended, several cases of charitable objects were disposed of, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

After an excellently served refection, Bro. Parrett, W.M., proposed the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers,

Present and Past," which were received in the manner that Freemasons alone know how to receive them.

The hour being late, brevity was the standing order, and the various speakers conformed to the "rules of the house" in an exemplary way.

Bro. Omer, I.P.M., could not refrain from expatiating somewhat on the merits of the W.M., whose energy and strict attention to his duties was contributing so much to the prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Two Initiates," who responded with the natural bashfulness of the infant Freemason.

The toasts of "The I.P.M.," "P.M.'s," "Treasurer and Secretary," from the pressure of time, being incorporated into one toast, the Bros. Omer, I.P.M., Wakefield, P.M., Treasurer; and J. W. Buchan, P.M., Sec., being representative men, responded.

"The Visitors" were fairly represented by their sponsors, Bros. J. T. Kinipple, M. J. Hayes, G. H. Seage, and H. A. Pettipher.

Bro. R. E. Ferguson, 781, specially thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the privilege accorded him in being able to take his Second Degree before his own lodge meeting, he having to sail to-day (Friday). From the exigencies of the maritime profession it often happens that years may elapse between a man's initiation and his taking the Third Degree.

For "The Officers," Bro. W. Davis and others responded.

Between the various toasts Bros. Buchan, Pettipher, Kinipple, and Powell contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Atkins, P.M.; W. Esmond, P.M.; Omer, P.M.; J. J. Fould, J. Hillier, F. Adams, J. M. Simons, A. Howard, T. G. Henderson, J. F. Munro, H. Busbridge, and A. Snelling. Visitors: Bros. F. Willair, 898; C. Nash Fox, 1349; M. J. Hayes, 1348; G. H. Seage and R. E. Ferguson, 781; J. T. Kinipple, P.M. 1816; Jno. Mills, 1765; and H. A. Pettipher, 700.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The members present included Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; J. J. La Feuillade, S.W.; J. Dennis, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; A. Lundie, S.D.; W. Hearn, J.D.; J. Burn, Org.; G. Willson, Stwd.; W. Meham, I.G.; H. F. Foale, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; R. Lingley, P.M.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Slater, 1791; M. Chapman, I.G. 619; W. H. Pain, 1321; C. O. Took, 171; S. G. Murray, 619; E. Bracknell, 140; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; C. Clarkson, 1604; A. Newton, 186; T. Morris, 2345; J. Langdon; Ernest Attenborough, 438; S. J. Attenborough, P.M., W.M. 2348; E. Clare, S.D. 865; W. F. Grummatt, P.M. 15; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; W. G. Lowe, S.D. 2348; A. Walker, 2048; S. J. Martin, P.M. 188; A. Rendell, 1441; G. R. Bolton, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; E. E. Howston, I.P.M. 1155; G. Chapman, 186; J. Craven, 1624; W. Stead, 1087; C. R. Hurl, 1348; T. Neal, 1348; G. White, J.W. 975; R. Temple, 1319; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and a very satisfactory Auditors' report was received and unanimously adopted. The Worshipful Master commenced a very long programme of work by raising Bro. H. J. Braddie to the Third Degree, after which Bros. E. Archer and A. Durie were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Ballot proving unanimously in favour of Messrs. A. J. Llewellyn and H. M. Wolsey, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. then completed his arduous labours by impressively installing Bro. J. J. La Feuillade as the Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Dennis, S.W.; A. Lundie, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Hearn, S.D.; W. Meham, J.D.; C. Colwell, D.C.; A. C. Thornley, A.D.C.; Burn, Org.; George Millsom, I.G.; C. W. G. Burrows, Stwd.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. Bro. W. W. Westley, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses, and was presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which he said he should always regard as a souvenir of a happy year of office. On the motion of Bro. Everett, P.M., Treasurer, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the W.M.'s list on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and on the proposition of Bro. Capt. Walls, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Westley, I.P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master.

Propositions for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently enjoyed an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Buxton.

The usual toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and having alluded to the great loss sustained by the Craft in the death of the late Pro G.M., said that the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M., would take the chair at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when no doubt the lodges would rally round him and give him their hearty support. He wished to say a few words about their coming Grand Treasurer, Bro. George Everett, P.M., who was nominated without opposition for the highest honour the brethren could bestow, and the acclamation with which that nomination was received proved that the Craft heartily approved of it. Bro. Everett could not respond that evening as a Grand Officer, but would be enabled to do so at the next meeting, and every lodge in the Metropolis—and especially those with which he was connected—would hail with acclamation the time when he would be invested with the collar of Grand Treasurer. That was his (Bro. Walls') mother lodge, and he should therefore be proud to see a Grand Officer in their ranks.

Bro. W. W. Westley, I.P.M., said that was the first time he had had the honour in that lodge of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," but he was pleased to be able to do so, as Bro. J. La Feuillade had been a member as long as he had, and they had worked together for many years. The W.M.'s heart and soul was in the lodge, and as time rolled on he would prove a worthy successor to those who had filled the chair before him. Their W.M. had not had any work that evening, but was reserving his powers for the next meeting, when he would have the three Degrees to perform. He wished their W.M. a happy year of office, and further

than that he could not say, as his had been a most happy term in the chair.

Bro. J. J. La Feuillade, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the flattering and kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their hearty reception of it. When he came into the lodge a few years ago he was quite satisfied to deputise at the organ, and had no idea of ever attaining the dignity of the chair. However, he became acquainted with one and another, and found them such good fellows that he could not keep away. His cousin—Bro. R. La Feuillade, P.M.—also urged him to work, and although he did not think himself capable of satisfactorily performing the onerous duties of Master, he would do his utmost to give them all satisfaction. He had a distinguished predecessor to follow in Bro. Westley, I.P.M., whom he should endeavour to emulate, and he could assure the brethren that he would do all he could for the lodge, and any suggestion the officers should make he should be ready to adopt for its welfare. He thanked them one and all for the kindness which had placed him in the chair, and also for their kindly reception that evening.

"The Initiates" having been duly honoured, Bro. Webb, P.M., gave "The Installing Master," and said he was pleased to hear the vote unanimously passed in the lodge thanking Bro. Westley, I.P.M., for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. He had known the I.P.M. almost from his entry into Freemasonry, and they had worked together for many years. He knew from the attention paid by Bro. Westley to the work that he would become an excellent Master, and that brother had proved himself one, and the installation ceremony had never before been given to their more entire satisfaction.

Bro. W. W. Westley, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said he had worked through nearly all the offices, and had tried to do his best. During the past year he thought he had succeeded fairly well, and had been supported by the members in a most enthusiastic manner. It had been the happiest year he had spent in Masonry, for he had been received with kindness by one and all. With regard to his duties that evening, he had performed them to the best of his ability, and was more than gratified at the manner in which his efforts had been spoken of. He thanked the lodge for presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, and also for the vote of thanks, which he did not expect, and only hoped that his successor would have as prosperous and as happy a year of office as he had had.

Bro. S. J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, in response to "The Visitors," which was proposed in cordial terms by Bro. R. La Feuillade, P.M., said that a more magnificent treat in the way of Masonic work than they had witnessed that evening it would be impossible to imagine, and he congratulated the lodge on having such a Past Master in the art of Masonic ceremonies. As far as the entertainment was concerned, no lodge could have received their visitors more heartily. He was connected with the R.M.I. for Boys, being a member of a Committee with Bro. Everett, and, therefore, asked the members to heartily support the W.M. in his Stewardship.

Bro. Bolton, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, and Martin also responded.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., replying for "The Past Masters," said they represented one fourth of the community that evening, which was saying a great deal for the interest they all took in the lodge. There was a long list of Past Masters who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and who were all connected with the lodge by memories of which younger members could know nothing, and they had an interest which others could not have in the proceedings of the lodge. On his right was Bro. Everett, P.M., the third Master and father of the lodge, and on his left was the oldest joining member. So long as the lodge was well officered by brethren occupying the executive offices, it would continue to progress, and the same good feeling and harmony would prevail.

Bro. Webb, P.M., also responded, and other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A capital programme of music was ably carried out by Miss Edith Clay, Mrs. Temple, Mr. Edgar Barnes, Mr. R. D. Hopkins, and Bros. R. Temple and Langdon.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The regular meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Harding, W.M.; Sandalls, S.W.; Coombe, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, P.M., Sec.; Wright, S.D.; Grundy, J.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Gordon, Org.; Knight, Asst. Org.; Fayers, I.G.; Tidlesley, Stwd.; Wing, I.P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; and Collick, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Close, P.M. 465, P.G.D.C. Surrey; Weinel, W.M. 1828; Green, 865; Brown, 1567; and Cameron, 2030.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Preston, Collings, Grimshaw, Knapp, and Cox, which proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Knapp being unavoidably absent, the remaining four were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Prestige, Lightfoot, and Halfpenny were raised to the Third Degree, after which Bros. Weeks, A. Leapman, H. Leapman, Fuller, and Reid were passed to the Degree of F.C. After some routine business, and the nomination of two candidates for election at next meeting, the lodge was closed.

After the banquet, at which 53 sat down, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were tersely given, and duly honoured, after which those of "The W.M.," "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were duly given, and suitably responded to.

Bro. Close, P.G.D.C. Surrey, in responding for the visitors, remarked that in many years of Masonic experience he had never seen the work of the Three Degrees done better, and in very few instances had he witnessed the equal of the W.M. of 1585.

The Secretary, in responding for himself and the Treasurer, who had been obliged to leave, complimented the W.M. on his success hitherto, there having been 15 initiates in four meetings, and, while the general funds of the lodge were in a most prosperous condition, there had been in the present Master's time a sum of money vested in trustees as a reserve fund for the lodge Benevolent Fund.

Some harmony was interspersed with the speeches, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Caxton Lodge (No. 1853).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Harry Walter Percy, W.M.; S. Morby, I.P.M.; B. Wynn, S.W.; R. Moody, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; E. Cole, Treas.; J. Black, S.D.; J. Buchanan, J.D.; H. J. Wick, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; and several Past Masters and brethren. Visitors: Bros. F. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; Jas. Dellagana, S.D. 1362; J. H. Laing, 1364; Percy J. Lyons, 28; and G. C. Fraser, 72.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Culhoss was raised in an impressive manner by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Messrs. F. W. Sanders, T. F. Young, and Albert Barrett, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bro. Brian Wynne, S.W., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bros. Hearnden and Jehring were appointed Auditors. It was proposed by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously, that the Caxton jewel be presented to Bro. Percy for the excellency of his Mastership during the year.

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,

Bro. Morby, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Harry Walter Percy." He said it was to him a great pleasure to propose that toast, because no Master of the Caxton Lodge deserved the jewel with greater credit than Bro. Percy. His working was the best they had seen in the lodge for a long time, and the genial manner in which he had presided at the banquets entitled him to rank with the best Masters they had.

The Worshipful Master thanked them for the honour they had done him, and said when 12 months ago they elected him to the chair he felt very keenly the responsibility that would fall upon his shoulders. He was determined to exercise all his powers to keep up the dignity and high importance of the Caxton Lodge, and from the eulogistic manner in which the I.P.M. had spoken of him he was pleased to find he had met with their approbation.

Other toasts having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).—Bro. W. T. Perkins, W.M., has just introduced a ladies' night, with all the success which attends that very popular institution. The gathering took place on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and about 70 ladies and brethren were present. Ladies were, at the conclusion of the regular business of the lodge, received by a Committee of Stewards, consisting of Bros. H. Bussey, P.M.; Rendle, Sanderson, James, A. F. Robbins, H. M. Brodie, Ribbons, Striem, and Irvine.

Dinner was served at six o'clock in the Pillar Hall, the W.M. presiding.

The company included Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.T., who escorted Mrs. Perkins; Bro. T. Catling, 2127 and 2190, and Miss Catling; Bro. H. Wright, I.P.M., Mrs. Wright, and Miss Wright; Bro. H. Bussey, P.M., D.C., and Mrs. Bussey; Bro. W. M. Duckworth and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. Minstrel, Sec.; Bro. E. E. Peacock, S.W., and Mrs. Peacock; Bro. Cooke, J.W.; C. K. Moore, S.D.; Pattison, J.D.; C. Lock, A.D.C.; Manning, I.G.; Bro. Percy W. Husk, Org., and Mrs. Husk; Bro. H. J. Sanderson and Mrs. Sanderson; Bro. Tarran and Mrs. Tarran; Bro. Rendle; Bro. Berthold Striem; Bro. Alfred Alison and Mrs. Alison; Bro. S. James and Mrs. James; Bro. W. Potts; Bro. A. F. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins; Bro. L. Gowing; Bro. Ribbons and Mrs. Ribbons; Bro. T. G. Scott; Bro. W. G. Kirby; Bro. Monkley; Bro. J. D. Irvine and Mrs. Irvine; Bro. W. E. Pitt and Mrs. Pitt; Bro. R. S. Masson and Mrs. Masson; Bros. James Walker and Cooke (from one of the Scotch lodges); Bro. G. E. Saunders, W.M., and Mrs. Saunders; Bro. H. M. Brodie and Mrs. Brodie; Bro. H. L. Bell and Mrs. Bell; Bro. R. R. Dodds and Mrs. Dodds.

At the conclusion of the banquet, which was admirably served by Mr. Clemow, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Ladies," "The Masonic Visitors," and "The W.M." were cordially honoured, the company testifying its hearty appreciation of the pleasing innovation introduced by Bro. Perkins, who expressed the hope that succeeding Masters would be induced by the success of that evening to continue the experiment.

Before leaving for professional duties Bro. Edward Terry created roars of laughter by an inimitable recitation of "The Cornish Jury."

An excellent musical entertainment followed, the artistes, who volunteered their services in compliment to the W.M. and the lodge, including Madame Clark, Miss Woodward, Miss Henderson, Miss Devina Henderson, and Mr. Merton Clark. Mr. Dalgety Henderson was prevented from attending by a severe cold.

A delightful evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by a Cinderella dance in the Masonic temple. The orchestra was occupied by Mr. C. Hann's quadrille band, and Bro. C. K. Moore efficiently discharged the duties of M.C.

Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. John Brown presiding. There was a very good muster of the brethren, including Bros. R. Wimpey, S.W.; F. Walden, J.W.; F. Laurance, Treas.; George Gardner, Sec.; J. Rowling, S.D.; B. Kenyon, J.D.; E. Wavell, D.C.; W. C. Dickey, I.G.; H. Clark and B. Hartzorne, Stwds.; C. Patrick, Tyler; G. Everett, acting I.P.M.; and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. S. Marler, 1261; E. Faux, 77; F. Craggs, S.W. 834; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.W. Sussex; and Kenneth Montgomery, P.P.G.W. Middx.

The work of the lodge was excellently performed by the W.M., which included the passing of Bro. James Colbourne and the initiation of Messrs. R. Aldington, R. Uniacke, and Eugene A. Ruhlman (Stratton, "Whistling Coon").

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren proceeded to partake of the banquet.

The toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren were highly entertained by the singing of Bros. Ruhlman, Williams, Everett, Gardner, Spurr, and Rowling, and a most enjoyable and instructive evening came to a conclusion at this very prosperous and successful young lodge.

West Ham Abbey Lodge (No. 2291).—The installation meeting of this large and prosperous lodge, now one of the most successful of the East-End lodges, was held at the Town Hall, Stratford, under the presidency of Bro. A. Govier, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. Boulton, I.P.M.; C. W. Carroll, P.M.; W. G. Norman, S.W.; E. Triggs, J.W.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; A. Reed, S.D.; G. W. Kidd, J.D.; G. Gwinn, D.C.; R. Fielder, I.G.; and W. Graves, Organist. The Council Chamber presented an imposing appearance, no less than 70 or 80 brethren and visitors being present, of whom a large number were Past Masters. Among them were the following: Bros. T. J. Vallance, J. Maloney, W. G. Stone, T. Porter, A. Mitchell, T. J. Richardson, W. S. McDonald, W. Yeoman, F. C. Goodchild, W. Jones, A. Single, A. N. Robertson, W. H. Turner, C. Mansfield, L. Angel, G. Bush, G. Handley, J. Byford, jun., R. Ayton, C. E. Riche, A. R. Trew, J. F. Westley, J. Curtis, W. C. Young, H. Worland, H. Barrow, A. C. Lowry, A. J. Chalmers, W. Volckman, W. D. Waif, A. Thompson, and J. M. Smith. Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Money, G.S.; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 554; C. Reeves, P.M. 1816; W. Land, P.M. 742; J. Dorton, P.M. 1076; Rev. E. Stevens, P.M. 1816; F. E. Burston, P.M. 212; R. Tucker, P.M. 933; A. S. Dale, P.M. 1706; H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; W. Mumford, P.M. 1538; H. Davies, 386; J. Wayland, 95; C. Kelf, 554; H. Rogers, 898; J. R. Smith, 1421; F. J. Reed, 959; W. Dick, 871; W. Davison, 1382; E. Black, 959; E. H. Rolfe, 259; A. R. Turnbull, 1598; H. S. Smith, 1598; G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; C. Winterton, 860; J. Day, 212; C. J. Cole, 957; R. White, 1716; J. Thompson, 879; E. Smith, 1816; J. Martin, 1056; J. R. Keating, 1185; F. Smee, 276; J. Spearing, 1625; and H. Wagstaff, 212.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. G. Norman, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. as a candidate for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. A. Govier was inducted into the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was enacted by Bro. Govier, as Installing Officer, with dignity and precision, and the charges were delivered with point and impressiveness. Bro. Norman appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with their insignia of office with appropriate words: Bros. E. Triggs, S.W.; A. Reed, J.W.; G. Hay, Treas.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; G. W. Kidd, S.D.; R. Tueber, J.D.; G. Gwinn, I.G.; J. T. Pavitt, D.C.; and H. Young and W. Jones, Stwds. The W.M. then presented Bro. Govier, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel and collar, expressing in the name of the brethren their satisfaction and appreciation of the eminently good services performed by him during his year of office.

The business of the evening being over, the brethren adjourned to an excellently-served banquet.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and received with due Masonic honours.

To that of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Terry, who is nothing if not eloquent, responded in the manner that always infuses a kindred warmth in his hearers.

Bro. Norman, who acts as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I., gave the welcome announcement that, in addition to the £30 voted in lodge to his list, an additional amount of from £60 to £70 had just been subscribed by individual brethren at the festive board. £150 had been presented to the funds of the West Ham Hospital, of which £125 was the proceeds of the recent Masonic ball; £25 was voted in lodge, and Life Governorships had been conferred on Bros. Govier, I.P.M.; Norman, W.M.; and Fenn, Sec.

The other toasts were proposed and accepted in the usual hearty way.

To that of "The Visitors" a solid phalanx of close on 40 rose, but did not all reply.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

During the intervals between the speeches, necessarily brief for the most part, a very judiciously arranged programme of music, under the direction of Mrs. Norman Jones, enlivened the proceedings. The performers were Mrs. Owen Jones, Mrs. Clara Gaze, Miss Grace Carter, Bros. Curtis, Jones, and Riche. Without giving invidious preference, we may note the brilliant violin performances of Miss Grace Carter, which heralded much promise in so young an artiste.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY EDGE.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. A. Lawley, P.A.G. Sec., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were three raisings, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. Lawley. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. G. Small, S.W.; T. W. Markland, J.W.; Arthur Keymer, S.D.; Jas. B. Gemmill, J.D.; John Jones, P.M.; Robt. L. Bourne, M. Aspden, P. Whyman, John Urquhart, Elliott Urquhart, W. R. Dambrell-Davies, R. Stephens, Jas. Gow, and Hartley Johnson. Visitors: Bros. J. Gregory, S.W. 999, and John Newton, 1140.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. H. Maunder, W.M.; J. S. Webb, Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; R. R. Samson, S.W.; A. Hann, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.I.G.W., Treas.; O. M. Beament, Sec.; R. Toleman, P.P.G.R., acting S.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R., acting J.D.; C. G. Purkis, P.I.G.D., Org.; F. P. Kitson, I.G.; and J. Keech, Tyler.

After the lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, a vote of condolence was, on the proposition of the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., unanimously adopted, expressing sympathy with the family of the late Bro. E. M. Evans, formerly of this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

BERKELEY.

Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship (No. 270).—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult. The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, attended, and installed Bro. J. V. Thomas W.M. for the ensuing year, and the W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. J. E.

Petifer, P.M. and P.D.G.D.C., Treasurer; C. Cox, S.W.; A. T. Price, J.W.; A. Griffiths, S.D.; W. C. Harding, J.D.; Warren Smith, Sec.; J. Owner, I.G.; E. Gregory, Stwd.; Dr. Dutton, D.C.; and J. Merrett, Tyler. There were members present from Bristol, Gloucester, and the Forest of Dean.

The usual banquet took place in the evening, and was admirably served by Host Brown, 28 brethren being present.

BLACKLEY.

Wilton Lodge (No. 1077).—The 25th annual celebration of the Festival of St. John took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. There was a large attendance, including Bros. C. E. Collingwood, P.G.D.C.; Sawyer, P.P.G.S.B.; and R. Caldwell, P.P.G.S.B. Bro. J. W. Lloyd was installed W.M., the installation being conducted by Bro. Caldwell, and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. T. W. Foxcroft, S.W.; Sam Mills, J.W.; J. T. Sawyer, Treas.; R. Winfield, Sec.; J. Horsfield, S.D.; G. T. Lenard, J.D.; J. Slater, I.G.; Dr. Coutts, Org.; R. H. Jackson, H. M. Wilson, F. Middleton, and F. V. Arden, Stwds.; and J. Hyde, Tyler. Bro. J. Bridgford, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative for the year.

The musical entertainment at the festive board was contributed chiefly by members of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, 2363, its W.M., Bro. Martin Thomas, and his principal officers being present.

During the evening a Bell American organ was presented to the lodge by Bro. Coutts on behalf of the subscribers, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Jackson, the I.P.M., and who had some years ago served the office. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. G. Jackson, P.M., by the officers and members of the Wilton Lodge, 1077, as a token of esteem for having served the office of W.M. for the second time. February 2nd, 1891."

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BRIGHTON.

St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. B. Isworth, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. R. Edwards, I.P.M.; D. T. Bostel, S.W.; F. E. Sawyer, J.W.; J. Wood, Sec.; F. W. Hollands, J.D.; G. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O. Org.; F. Guy, I.G.; J. Jefferies and E. Mitchell, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present: Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M., P.G.O.; W. Balchin, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. S. Gates, P.M., P.P.G.O.; E. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. R. Edwards, P.M.; W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.; J. Eberall, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; C. A. Sharp, J. E. Stafford, J. Crouch, Shepherd, C. Huckell, J. R. Gwatkins, J. Horton Stephens, E. Day, T. Griffith, J. W. Stride, jun., C. Hucks, T. Garrett, W. H. Rean, A. Upton, A. Neall, A. Gregory, J. Lewis, and H. Testor. The lodge was honoured with the attendance of the following visitors: Bros. J. M. Reed, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. L. Dowdall, W.M. 271, Prov. G. Chap.; B. Burfield, P.M. 1821, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Botting, P.M. 732, P.G.S. of W.; S. Peters, P.M. 1821, P.P.G.P.; J. Harrison, P.M. 1820, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Billing, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W.; G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. De Paris, P.M. 811, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Berry, P.M. 1821, P.P.G.P.; G. Inkpen, W.M. 38; J. Terry, W.M. 315; W. Wright, W.M. 311; W. H. Sawle, W.M. 851; G. B. Simpson, W.M. 1141; W. E. Raper, W.M. 1184; G. Wilson, W.M. 1303; R. Fitzmaurice, W.M. 1465; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 1466; W. H. Brown, W.M. 1610; H. Pearce, W.M. 1707; M. Lelew, W.M. 1821; W. Gill, W.M. 1829; C. J. Buckwell, 187; T. P. Harker, P.M. 732; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; Lloyd, 1829; W. F. Booth, J.D. 732; C. F. Hollands, P.M. 1797; D. Thomson, D.C. 1829; R. A. Stock, 311; E. Histed, P.M. 732; Woodhead and A. Olding, 271; A. Rawlinson, 811; H. W. G. Abell, J.W. 1797; and J. Tidmarsh, W.M. 2063.

The chief features of the afternoon's business was the installation of Bro. D. T. Bostel as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. B. Isworth. The following officers were appointed, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. W. B. Isworth, I.P.M.; F. E. Sawyer, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; Col. Tester, Treas.; H. G. Collins, Sec.; F. W. Hollands, S.D.; F. Guy, J.D.; E. Mitchell, D. of C.; G. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; H. F. Dorey, I.G.; J. Jefferies and F. J. Culley, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. Bros. A. Gregory, T. Garrett, and C. A. Sharp were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee; Bro. W. R. Isworth, as Charities Steward; and Bro. A. J. Hawkes to serve on the Masonic Rooms Committee. The retiring W.M., Bro. Isworth, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. D. T. Bostel, presided.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers of Grand Lodge," apologised for the absence of Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O., who was prevented by an engagement from being present till later in the evening.

In submitting "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. expressed the hope that the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge-Advocate-General, P.G. Stwd., would soon be with them again, cheering them with his genial presence and bright amusing speeches.

Bro. Rev. L. Dowdall, P.G.C., in responding to the latter toast, said he reciprocated the good wishes the W.M. had expressed respecting Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott. He himself could not amuse them as could Sir William, for he had recently been advanced to the chair of K.S., and that tended to solemnise one. He regretted that he had been unable to visit the lodge in time to see the installation ceremony. He had, however, seen some of the working, and was pleased with it, and also with the hospitality extended to him. He hoped to have the pleasure of attending the lodge again on a future occasion.

Bro. J. M. Reed also responded, remarking that the Prov. Grand Officers were always ready to do their utmost to advance the interests of the province.

Bro. W. B. Isworth, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said it was a toast which he was sure would be received with acclamation, for the appointment of their W.M. had received the unanimous approval of the brethren. Bro. Bostel had, he said, been assiduous in his attention to the duties of the offices he had filled in the lodge, and he was certain that, at the end of the year, the brethren would say that their W.M. had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the members of the lodge.

Bro. Bostel, who was warmly received, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. In all his actions he had based his work upon a strict adherence to the demands of duty. Guided by the principles of Freemasonry, and with the able assistance of his officers, he hoped to give satisfaction to the brethren. He could not say more, and he failed, he said, to find words to thank the brethren sufficiently for the hearty reception they had given to the toast.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, J. M. Kidd, and T. Billing responded.

Bro. W. Kuhe, who now entered the room, was enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Bro. A. J. Hawkes embraced the opportunity of proposing his health. Bro. Kuhe was, he said, the father of the lodge, and since its consecration had never failed to attend the annual installation meeting. He was proud to see him amongst them again, and delighted that he had not broken his record. Bro. Kuhe had given the lodge its support during its infancy and childhood, and maintained his close connection with it till the lodge was strong enough to run alone.

Bro. Kuhe said the hearty reception accorded him reminded him of the overwhelming reception given to Mr. Santley a few days' since on his return to the concert room. That eminent baritone was overcome on the occasion, and the brethren should bear in mind that young fellows like himself—(laughter)—were subject to nervousness. He always looked forward to the last Tuesday in January with pleasure, and kept that day open for visiting his old lodge. Since writing to say he would be present he had undertaken a professional engagement at Chichester-terrace, but only on condition that he could visit the lodge during the evening for a few words and a pianoforte solo. He had been driven down to the Pavilion, and the carriage was awaiting him to take him back to Chichester-terrace.

Bro. Kuhe supplemented his speech with a pianoforte solo, and then withdrew from the banqueting room.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," to which Bros. Isworth and Edwards responded.

Bro. F. E. Sawyer, in an admirable speech, gave "The Initiates," which was acknowledged by Bros. Shepherd, Neall, Hucks, Gwatkin, and Crouch.

"The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Isworth, was responded to by Bros. F. E. Sawyer and J. Wood, and the Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a pleasing programme of vocal music arranged by Bro. G. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O., was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Darlington, Miss Edith Cole, Bros. A. Neall, F. J. Cully, W. N. Roe, and G. Cole, an excellent recitation being given by Bro. F. W. Hollands. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.

CHESTERFIELD.

Scarsdale Lodge (No. 681).—On Wednesday, the 31st ult., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, when the W.M. elect, Bro. A. E. P. Voules, M.A., was duly installed into the chair in an impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. J. T. Windle, the ceremony being carried through without a hitch. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Windle, I.P.M.; H. N. Biggin, S.W.; W. O. Plowright, J.W.; W. W. Jeudwine, P.M., Treas.; T. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; R. B. Stockwell, S.D.; E. Taylor, J.D.; W. Davies, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Busby, P.M., Org.; W. Wilde, I.G.; W. H. Rangeley and F. Stanton, Stewards; and W. Grayson, Tyler.

Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Boden, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., W.M., G. Slater, E. Atkinson, J. W. Wilson, and C. C. Baggaley, of 2355; Thos. Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.T.; H. Arnold Bemrose, P.M. 253, P.G.T.; R. Wilkes, W.M. 506; C. Margerson, 149; W. H. Wheelton, 253, P.G.S.; J. W. Brigg, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.D.; F. S. H. Wilson, W.M. 1239; Isaac Ellis, W.M., J. Harrison, Stwd., and W. Skinner, P.M., of 296; H. J. Garnet, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks; Thos. Fisher, P.M. 1853, P.P.G.P. Notts; J. Clark, P.M. 1324, P.P.G.S.B.; T. W. Lumley, 506; and G. Wilkinson, W.M. 1179.

After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the upper Corn Exchange, where a banquet was partaken of, the catering reflecting the highest credit on Mr. and Mrs. S. Hadfield, of the Star Hotel.

The banqueting hall was most tastefully and profusely decorated by Sergeant-Instructor Wells.

DOVER.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—The largest gathering of local brethren that has taken place at the hall, Snargate-street, for some years past, was that held on Monday evening, the 19th ult., on the occasion of the last meeting under the present popular W.M., Bro. W. W. Burkett. The officers of the lodge were in attendance, and there were over 60 present, including visitors from the other local lodges, from Canterbury, London, and members of Burmah and Malta lodges.

The business was commenced earlier than usual, and a new member having been balloted for and initiated, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Bro. Christopher Sims was unanimously elected to that high office, and Bro. J. J. Wright was re-elected Treasurer.

The business having been completed, the members adjourned to the adjoining building, where an excellent dinner had been prepared. Sixty-three sat down, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

During the evening the brethren enjoyed a rare musical treat, the brethren who had formed the lodge choir rendering several glees, duets, and solos, under the direction of Bro. W. O. Kennett, P.M. The vocalists were Bros. J. Plant (of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir), Higgins, W. O. Kennett, G. R. Igglesden, E. W. Barclay, G. Spicer, and A. H. Highley.

Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Simpson, W.M. 2195; W. Bissett, 2195, P.J.G.D. Malta; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G.O.; C. R. Adams, P.M. 1442 (Burmah); J. D. Terson, P.M. 199; Higgins, 31; J. H. Todd, 426; G. Church, I.P.M. 199; J. H. Brash, 1442 (Burmah); H. J. Brown, 20; and many others.

HASLINGDEN.

Lodge of Commerce (No. 215).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, at Pickup's Commercial Hotel, recently. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. S. Gendall, W.M.; R. Greenwood, I.P.M.; W. R. Yates, S.W.; J. J. Hamer, J.W.; J. Maxwell, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Stallon, P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. C. Whitham, S.D.; D. Halstead, J.D.; Rev. J. H. Slacke, Chap.; H. Henry, I.G.; and C. Nuttall, Tyler. The installation was performed by Bro. J. Holt.

LEWES.

South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Wright, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Stwd., was influentially supported by brethren from all parts of the county. Amongst those present were Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; R. Clowes, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Billing, P.P.J.G.W.; G. P. Simpson, W.M. 1411, Prov. G.S.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.M. 40, P.P.G. Chap.; W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), P.M. 916, W.M. 1110, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. Dowdall, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Gill, W.M. 1829; H. S. Gates, P.P.G. Org.; R. Fitzmaurice, W.M. 1465; H. W. Saule, W.M. 851; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 1466; J. C. Buckwell, W.M. 2187; W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.; G. Wilson, W.M. 1303; G. R. Godfree, P.M. 315; S. Denman, P.M. 732; H. F. Dorey, 1636; A. J. Lewis, 140; R. Willard, P.M. 732; S. Stone, I.P.M.; A. Russell, D.C.; Gerard Lloyd, Sec.; J. Paters, J.D.; W. Flint, I.G.; J. C. Lucas, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. White, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. Tanner, P.M.; A. Holman, P.M.; G. E. Chapman, P.M., P.P.A.G. Purst.; R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1303; G. Holman, P.M.; E. G. Hales, Asst. Org.; H. Constable, R. Weston, W. Bollard, J. Farncombe, jun., W. Beaty, J. Kennard, J. C. Woolgar, Sec. 1303; J. Snelgrove, 1303; H. Granger, G. H. Levett, and S. Starnes, Org.

By permission of the W.M., the ceremony of initiating a candidate into the lodge was ably performed by the W.M. elect, Bro. Wright, who was afterwards duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony in connection therewith being admirably carried out by Bro. Broad, Bros. V. P. Freeman and S. Tanner assisting with the addresses. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers, those who were present being duly invested with the insignia of their rank: Bros. J. W. Broad, I.P.M.; Wm. Stone, S.W.; Albion Russell, J.W.; J. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; George Holman, P.M., Sec.; Gerard Lloyd, D. of C.; J. Peters, S.D.; Walter Flint, J.D.; R. Weston, I.G.; and H. Hall, Tyler. In the selection of a member to serve on the Charities Committee, the choice of the brethren again fell on Bro. J. C. Lucas, who was unanimously re-appointed. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Broad, for the able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year, which mark of appreciation was feelingly acknowledged.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel to a banquet prepared by Bro. Whitcomb, in his usual well-known and complete style.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given in graceful and appropriate terms by the Chairman, Bro. Wright, and Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., responded on behalf of the Officers of Grand Lodge.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., the Duke of Connaught," also proposed from the chair, met with a hearty response, allusion being made to the anticipated visit of his Royal Highness to the Sussex Province.

Bro. George Halman, P.M., submitted the next toast on the list, "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Sir W. T. Marriott, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and expressed the pleasure and satisfaction it gave the rank and file of the Masonic body in Sussex in receiving visits from the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Rev. W. Dowdall, Prov. G. Chaplain, and Clowes, P.P.S.G.W., who responded.

Bro. J. W. Broad gave "The W.M. of the Lodge," and evoked much enthusiasm in recounting the earnest and enthusiastic manner in which Bro. Wright had worked in the South Saxon Lodge and also in the Pelham Lodge, in which he had just passed the chair, and congratulated him on his recent appointment as Prov. G. Steward.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren for their kind feeling in electing him to the highest position to be attained in the lodge, and for the support accorded him in the past by the officers and brethren, and which he ventured to hope would be extended to him during the present year. He trusted that they would have a prosperous and harmonious time together, and that he might hand over the warrant of the lodge (which had been in existence for 96 years) pure and unadulterated as he had now received it. Bro. Wright announced, amid applause, that he intended to endow the lodge with a Life Governorship in one of the Masonic Charities.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Broad," proposed by the W.M., also met with a hearty reception, advantage being taken to testify to the regard and esteem entertained for him by the brethren, and to the efficient and painstaking manner in which he had carried out his duties during his year of office. It was also mentioned that the lodge was indebted to Bro. Broad for a handsome tablet recently placed over the entrance to the Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. J. C. Lucas, P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Masters of the Province and the Visitors," said that the South Saxon Lodge was purely a working lodge, and although their hospitality was extended to their friends but once a year, he trusted the visitors found it none the less sincere and hearty on that account.

Bros. Billing and Buckwell replied, emphasising the cordial manner in which visitors were always received by the lodge, and expressed on their behalf thanks for the kindness shown them.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given by Bro. Russell, and responded to by Bros. J. C. Lucas and G. Stone. "The Health of the Initiate" was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. T. R. White, P.M., and "The Officers of the Lodge" by the W.M., acknowledged by Bros. Russell, J.W., and Lloyd, D.C., the Tyler's toast completing the list. Several songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. Clowes, Roberts, Willard, J. Farncombe, jun., J. Kennard, and Lloyd, Bro. Roe, P.P.G.O., giving piano-forte accompaniment.

MANCHESTER.

Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High-street. Bro. W. F. Farrington, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Charles Swinn, the retiring W.M., who had evidently studied the ceremony in a careful manner, as it was rendered throughout in a very masterly and clear manner much to be admired. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by Bro. S. D. McKellan, P.P.D.G.D.C., in the following order: Bros. Charles Swinn, I.P.M.; J. T. Kenworthy, S.W.; Wm. Battersby, J.W.; W. Craven, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Wills, S.D.; A. Jacobson, J.D.; Geo. Macfarlane, P.M., D.C. and Charity representative; C. Howard, Org.; H. Mason, I.G.; and J. E. Greenwood, W. Padget, and T. H. E. Carter, Stwds. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Tom Cavanah, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. Geo. Macfarlane, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. Swinn, P.M. We sincerely trust that Bro. Farrington, W.M., may have as brilliant a year as his predecessor, for in addition to him paying off a debt of the lodge of £70, about £40 has been subscribed to Charities.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Chas. Swinn, W.M.; W. F. Farrington, S.W.; J. T. Kenworthy, J.W.; Wm. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Battersby, S.D.; J. Wills, J.D.; A. Jacobson, I.G.; W. T. Allitt, P.M.; G. Macfarlane, P.M., D. of C.; W. Craven, P.M.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; W. Byway, P.M.; S. D. McKellan, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Lyon, P.M.; C. Howard, Org.; J. Bowers, W.M. 730; S. Jupp, P.M., P.G. Org.; R. Atchison, C. Arnold, H. B. Dixon, H. P. Box, J. H. Carter, B. Taylor, R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; J. Fletcher, W.M. 993; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P.; F. Green, 231; R. Gregory, Jos. Lees, W.M. 1345; Thos. Uttley, P.M. 295; E. C. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bladon, P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; Thos. McClelland, P.M. 1134; G. Kinder, Peter Lawton, P.M. 78; N. H. Hocking, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Thorpe, 78; T. M. Johnson, 1325; W. Cookson, 1302; J. K. Fairclough, 2231; Henry Turners, 1219; H. Denham, T. Turvey, J. C. Walker, C. G. Jaques, and J. Wilson, 1161.

At the close of the ceremony, the Festival of St. John was celebrated. A banquet of rare quality had been prepared by Bro. Tom Wood, the proprietor of the hotel, embracing a menu of everything in their proper season. The whole was delightfully served, and the charming decorations of the tables and the extensive display of fruits and flowers gave a most charming effect.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs from several brethren, including Bro. Stephen E. Jupp, P.G.O., and we must not forget a recitation given by our esteemed Bro. W. Brown, P.M., Sec., who seemed on that occasion even to surpass himself.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Adelphi House, the W.M. presiding. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The business was to raise Bro. Cadwell, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a most clever manner, and he was well supported by his officers. Bros. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and W. Hardcastle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., visited the lodge as a deputation from the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and explained the proposals of the Provincial Grand Master for further extending the usefulness of the Institution, recommending that a subscription of 5s. per annum per member, at least, be regularly made to the fund of the Charity. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., S.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Meakin and Hardcastle for their attendance, which they duly acknowledged. All other business being concluded, the lodge was closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. A. H. Duffin, W.M.; T. McClelland, I.P.M.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., S.W.; E. Webb, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; B. Eckersley, S.D.; C. Driver, J.D.; H. Waterhouse, I.G.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treasurer; Hy. Mainwaring, P.M.; A. Cadwell, J. Ogden, Hy. F. Atkinson, A. K. Boothroyd, R. W. Martin, J. Simpson, and James Green. Visitors: J. J. Meakin, P.M. 992, P.P.J.G.W.; Richard Shanock, 1313; W. Hardcastle, P.M. 1773, P.P.G.D.C.; A. T. McGregor, P.M. 654, P.G.D. Derbyshire; E. Edmonson, Org. 323; A. Lewtas, P.M. 1588; and J. Taylor, J.W. 1126.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., when Bro. F. J. Turner was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. A. L. Peace, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. S. H. C. Ceshlin, S.W. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. H. Bletcher, W.M.; J. Constable, W.M. 1482, J.W.; W. G. Winter, P.M.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, G. Kenyon, T. Livingstone, W. Martin, A. Goodhind, W. P. Robotham, W. Pickering, T. Barber, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. Chamberlain, P.M. 1482.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. J. Bowers, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the installation and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. T. French, which proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Swindells, S.W., and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. J. Marsh, J.W. The chair was taken by Bro. G. A. Myers, I.P.M., and he raised Bro. Henry Holding. Bro. C. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec., took the chair, and conducted the ceremony of raising Bro. James Ormrod. Bro.

P. Heaton gave the traditional history. An additional five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. All other business being concluded, the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. J. Bowers, W.M.; G. A. Myers, I.P.M.; R. Swindells, S.W.; J. Marsh, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.D.; F. Stretch, J.D.; J. Walton, jun., D.C.; W. Bowers, Org.; A. Christie, I.G.; G. Mends, Stwd.; N. Jones, Tyler; P. Heaton, P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Walton, P.M.; J. Plowman, J. Ormrod, R. W. Fowler, G. H. Holding, M. B. Wheeler, and J. Artingstall. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Mosley, 1773; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; H. Clulow, 993; W. B. Lobb, 1219; G. L. Ballard, 1052; J. H. Lamb, W.M. 992; and W. Hunsley, 1993.

WHITBY.

Lion Lodge (No. 312).—On Monday afternoon, the 2nd inst., the members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, for the annual installation of the W.M. The choice of the lodge having this year fallen upon Bro. Thomas Atkinson, the ceremony of his installation was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who performed the duty most impressively. The following were also appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Attkay, I.P.M.; J. T. Oliver, S.W.; E. Smithson, J.W.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; B. Newbold, Sec.; T. W. Renshaw, S.D.; L. H. Watson, J.D.; G. Remmer, I.G.; Z. Waite, D.C.; J. Ball and A. Harrowing, Stewards; and T. H. Trueman, Tyler.

In the evening the usual banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, and was of a sumptuous description. The W.M. presided, and the S.W. was in the vice-chair.

The customary loyal toasts were duly honoured, after which the W.M. proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., and the other Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. John T. Stewart, P.M., P.S.G.W.

"The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was proposed by Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., and duly responded to by Bros. George Wright, R.A., Major Marwood, and W. H. Attkay.

"The W.M." was given in appropriate terms by Bro. W. H. Attkay, I.P.M., and heartily received by the brethren, and the W.M. acknowledged the compliment in feeling terms.

"The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who complimented him upon the manner in which he performed the interesting duties of that office.

This toast, as usual, was most heartily received, and Bro. Stevenson acknowledged the compliment paid him.

"The I.P.M." was proposed by Bro. Stevenson, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Attkay.

"Our Newly-initiated Brother" was proposed by the W.M., and suitably replied to by Bro. Willis.

The S.W. next proposed "The Past Masters of the Lion Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. W. H. Attkay.

Bro. Stevenson gave "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

The "Visiting Brethren" was then proposed by the W.M., and duly acknowledged by Bro. Hudson, W.M. of the St. German Lodge, and Bro. Holt, W.M. of the Tees Lodge.

Bro. B. Newbold proposed "Prosperity to the Lion Lodge," to which the W.M. responded.

"Absent Members" was given in a feeling and appropriate manner by Bro. M. Smith, P.M., after which the W.M. gave "The Ladies," and Bro. Stevenson "The Host and Hostess," which were well received.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. T. Trueman, J. Ball, A. Harrowing, J. T. Thornton, R. W. White, C. Wills, J. T. Oliver, G. Wright, J. N. Lawson, J. T. Stewart, and others, and Bro. Z. Waite gave a recitation.

WITHINGTON.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall. Bro. H. Nall, W.M., presided for the first time since his installation. The following brethren were present: Bros. John J. Tiller, I.P.M.; W. D. Fryer, S.W.; C. H. Beever, J.W.; J. Laidlaw, Treas.; J. G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; J. Morrison, jun., S.D.; J. W. Wilcock, J.D.; B. R. Howell, P.M., D.C.; A. Pickford, I.G.; W. C. Flint, Stwd.; J. Bradshaw, P.M.; W. T. Hesketh, P.M.; T. Dodd, L. R. Kirkham, L. Schlotz, J. A. Carse, T. R. Holland, J. Coupland, J. G. Corkell, and C. Rawle. Visitors: Bros. Major Preston, 41, P.P.S.G.W. Somers; F. G. Goodacre, I.P.M. and Treas. 2231; C. Martyn, W.M. 1387, 2231; J. H. Lamb, Sec. 1496; C. Heywood, P.M. 1387; W. D. Holbrook, late of the lodge; and J. Wood, acting I.P.M. 2363.

The W.M. conducted the work in a commendable manner all through. There was an initiation and two raisings due. During the evening the W.M. presented the lodge with a beautifully designed devotional chair, of dark oak upholstered with handsome crimson plush velvet, which was acknowledged to be a great acquisition to the lodge furniture. It was graciously received by the whole of the members of the lodge.

WOOLWICH.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The above prosperous and important lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, there being some 80 or more of the members of the lodge and visitors present. A whisper had been circulated that Bro. Fred Leslie (Hobson), the famous comedian, and an old Woolwich boy, would be present, and when that distinguished brother was admitted, accompanied by his brother (Bro. E. B. Hobson, P.M.) and Bro. White, Org. 1589, he was received with a most hearty welcome.

Bro. S. E. Southgate, W.M., presided; supported by the following Past Masters, officers, lay brethren, and visitors: Bros. W. Webber, I.P.M.; T. Butt, P.M., P. Treas.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Secretary; J. Sanderson, P.M.; H. King, P.M. and Secretary 615; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; J. McCollough, S.W.; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; W. Lawson, S.D.; H. Tuffnell, J.D.; G. Nichols, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. H. Porter, A.D.C.; H. Pamment, Stwd.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., W.M., C. Coupland, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. and Treas., H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Rcg., H. Mason, P.M., W. Bus-

bridge, S.W., J. Sanders, J.W., C. Clapham, I.G., W. A. Tucker, D. Somers, W. Ledger, W. Davidson, B. Hammond, and Crapnell, all of 913; Fred Leslie, 2127; W. White, Org. 1589; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.G. D.C.; J. Coombes, P.M., W. Beaver, and R. Smith, of 1000; H. Wooster and A. Jones, 1472; S. Foster, 217; J. Pepper, 697; H. Flemming, 1339; W. J. Barnes, J. Horn, and W. Skinner, of 13; W. Hewett, W.M. 957; and A. Luker, 869.

The business consisted of raising Bros. Bell and Martin. Ten guineas were voted to Bro. Rev. Jamblin's list for the forthcoming Benevolent Festival, two guineas to each of the local Charities, and two guineas, an annual gift, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The banquet was provided by Bro. Rimer, and was much enjoyed.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and then the I.P.M. briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was heartily responded to.

Bro. Southgate, in response, said he was sure the I.P.M. had spoken much too highly of his (the W.M.'s) abilities. He was sorry he had had only one Degree to work, especially as they had such a grand gathering of distinguished Masons. He hoped at their next meeting to have more to do, and that he might have just such another splendid gathering as the present one.

Bro. Butter, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Visitors," said he felt highly honoured at having his name mentioned by the W.M. as the first of the visitors to respond. He, however, did not take it to infer that he was any better or was the most worthy, but because it was the first time that he had either the honour or opportunity of being with them since his lamentable accident some time ago. He felt that must be so, for he had a distinct and vivid recollection of the kind and unceasing sympathy he, during the whole of his illness, received from every brother of the Nelson Lodge. A sympathy and kindness for which he felt he never could sufficiently thank them. He was exceedingly pleased to see the excellent working that night of the W.M. and his officers, and to witness the brotherly love that reigned amongst them. He believed in Masonry, nor did he think that it was a mere perfunctory matter of eating and drinking, but rather a means whereby life was made pleasant to many, and relief extended to their less prosperous fellow Masons, and, indeed, fellow creatures. He trusted to be a good working Mason as long as he lived, and while thanking them most heartily for their kind reception, could assure them it would not be his last visit.

Bro. Coupland spoke of the good and long relationship that existed between the Pattison and Nelson Lodges, and eloquently urged the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on their charity.

Bro. Leslie expressed his thanks, and said he never was happier than with his old friends of Woolwich. It had been a great pleasure to him in his professional capacity to acknowledge at various times and in various places the peculiar abilities of his brother townsmen, and to watch Woolwich coming to the front, and it was a circumstance that he always remembered with a great deal of pleasure, that in that locality he had laid the foundation of his present position. Now he was under a great obligation to the brethren for their kind invitation that night, and felt it incumbent upon him to try and repay it by any means in his power. He should shortly be in Australia, and he could assure them that he should only be too pleased to undertake any little commission for them he could. If any present had relatives who might have been sent out by a paternal government to that delightful watering-place, Botany Bay, especially for the benefit of their health, and generally for the good of the country, and would furnish him with the letter and number they were known by when departed, he should only be too happy to find them out, and tell them of their friends at home, or if he could send them a little potted kangaroo, he should be much gratified. The last time he appeared in public he had been kept talking for some hour and a half, but he did not intend that night to inflict such a burden on them, so would again thank them most cordially for their hearty reception of him at their excellent lodge and hospitable board. Our esteemed brother, who had caused roars of laughter by his witty speech, resumed his seat amid great cheering.

Bros. Barnes, Mitchell, White, and Jolly also responded.

The other toasts were those of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers."

Bro. Leslie sang two songs splendidly, and Bros. Hobson, Skinner, and others contributed liberally to the pleasures of the evening.

YORK.

Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Castlegate Masonic Hall, on the 26th ult. Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. W. A. Wigham, S.W.; G. Manton, J.W.; Jos. Booth, Treas.; T. Laverack, Sec.; Quartermaster-Sergeant T. N. Latham, S.D.; D. Young, J.D.; and J. Dow, I.G.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the resignation of the Tyler, Bro. Sergt. Osborne, was accepted, owing to his call on military service to Bermuda. Subsequently Bro. Osborne was the recipient of a suitable monetary gift from the lodge. The initiation of Mr. Karl Louis Schwabe next took place, Bro. Capt. F. Hewson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Malta, performing the ceremony, the charge being given by Bro. Garood, D.C., and the working tools presented by Bro. A. Hatfield. Bros. Woodhams and Gullime were passed to the Second Degree. The lodge approved a five guinea contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. An illuminated address was presented by Bro. Hewson, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Sergt.-Major J. T. Bullock, P.M. 209 (I.C.), on his leaving for Bermuda on military service. Bro. Hewson, P.M., having presented the lodge with a copy of "Anderson's Ancient Book of Constitutions," and several new members having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwick, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. Crook, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H., Z. elect; Fleck, J., H. elect; North, J. elect; Grummant, P.Z., Treas. elect; Woods, P.S.; Fry, A.S.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas. and S.E.; Addington, P.Z.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; Eckersall,

and Stone. Visitors: Comps. Capt. Vincent, P.Z. 1329 and 1777; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Geo. Powell, P.Z. 1185; and J. Kipps, P.Z. 79.

Comp. Grummant installed Comp. Benedetti as M.E.Z. as faultlessly as usual, and Comp. Fleck, M.E.Z. 172, was declared H., and then installed Comp. North as J., also doing himself credit. The officers for the coming year are Comps. Benedetti, Z.; Fleck, H.; North, J.; Grummant, P.Z., Treas.; Major Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Meierhoff, S.N.; Fry, P.S.; Dr. Makeham, 1st A.S.; H. Martin, 2nd A.S.; and Patrick, P.Z., Tyler. Comp. Crook was presented with the usual P.Z.'s jewel. Comp. Major Williams, sen., P.Z., was presented with an illuminated vellum, expressing the regret of the companions at his resigning the post of Treasurer, and thanking him for his labours during the past years. He was also made an honorary member at the last meeting. He returned thanks, tracing his connection as "father" of the chapter, and generously gave the chapter a bond that was owing to him for foundation fees. During the evening the other founder's fees were promised by the S.E., on behalf of himself and others.

After the banquet, Comp. Benedetti, as one born in another clime, bore testimony to the great loyalty of Englishmen when proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch."

In proposing "The Grand Z.," Comp. Benedetti said that the Prince of Wales was equally beloved on the Continent as in this country.

Comp. Crook, I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z.," speaking of his work.

Comp. Benedetti, M.E.Z., spoke of what he intended to do during the year.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Visitors," and each present suitably responded. Each had been there before, and trusted to come many more times.

In response to "The P.Z.'s," Comps. Major Williams, sen., and Crook made very short speeches, Comp. Williams being particularly happy in his well-chosen remarks.

Comp. Fleck, H., promised to try to be a credit to the chapter.

Comp. North, J., said that he was thankful the G.A.O.T.U. had for the third time spared his life, as he recently had a narrow escape in a railway accident. He also referred to his work "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," which had been so well received by Masons in all parts of the world.

The officers all responded, and a happy evening was closed.

Songs were given by Comps. Stone, North, Powell, and others.

BEAMINSTER.

St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).—At a meeting of this chapter, held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, the Principals' chairs were occupied as follows: Comps. S. R. Baskett, Z.; C. Hann, H.; and R. Toleman, J.

After the chapter had been opened, the ballot was taken for officers for the ensuing year. The following elections were unanimously approved: Comps. C. Hann, Z.; R. Toleman, H.; S. Lawrence, J.; J. S. Webb, Treas.; J. Andrews, S.E.; R. England, S.N.; C. G. Purkis, P.S.; C. Toleman and A. Hart, A.S.; and J. Keech, Janitor. A letter was read from Comp. J. A. Sherren, P.G.S.E., announcing the resignation, through ill-health, of the Grand Superintendent. On the motion of Comp. J. S. Webb, P.Z., and S. R. Baskett, Z., the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That this Royal Arch Chapter, St. Mary's, No. 707, desires to express its sincerest sympathy with Comp. J. M. P. Montagu on his illness, and regret at his retiring from his position as Grand Superintendent of Dorset, and to tender its hearty thanks to him for his unvarying kindness and fraternal consideration to the chapter, and trusts he may long be spared to enjoy better health, and to visit the chapter." The chapter was then closed.

PLUMSTEAD.

Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this old chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 28th ult., when there was a large number of companions present, amongst whom were Comps. Capt. Spinks, Deeves, P.Z.; Kennedy, P.Z.; Penfold, P.Z.; Warren, P.Z.; Woodley, P.Z.; Canning, Tailby, Akers, Barry, Keeble, Howard, Syer, Hully, Hancock, Lock, Taylor, W. J. Crowdy, H. Crowdy, King, De Grey, and others. Visitors: Comps. Col. Vansittart and Capt. Hearn.

The usual formal business having been disposed of, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by the Installing Officer, Comp. Deeves, P.Z., who duly installed Comp. R. J. Warren, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Comps. Canning and Tailby as H. and J. respectively. The undermentioned officers were duly elected to the offices stated against their names, and invested accordingly by the M.E.Z., viz.: Comps. West, P.Z., Treas.; Kennedy, P.Z., S.E.; W. J. Akers, S.N.; F. Barry, P.S.; W. H. Keeble, 1st A.S.; Syer, 2nd A.S.; W. J. Crowdy, Stvd.; and H. De Grey, D.C. The M.E.Z. in an appropriate address presented to Comp. A. C. Woodley a Past Principal's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the chapter for the dignified manner in which he presided over the chapter for the past year. Comp. Woodley acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms. A cordial vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Officer, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was served by the host, Comp. De Grey, in his usual *recherché* style.

Mark Masonry.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 355).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, Bro. H. Dickey, W.M., in the chair. After the usual preliminary business Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., took the chair, and very ably installed Bro. G. Mordey, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair, and gave the usual addresses. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Dickey, I.P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, S.W.; A. H. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Dickinson, M.O.; W. Jaques, S.O.; H. Longmun, J.O.; W. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; E. M. Weston, R. of M.; C. J. Knightley, Sec.; G. Rice, S.D.; J. D. Vicary, J.D.; T. C. Cloake, D.C.; W. W.

Arter, Org.; N. J. Churcher, I.G.; W. Bradford, Stvd.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., who suitably replied. Several brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, and a good programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. W. W. Arter, Org.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday afternoon, the 20th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. Willard, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. J. C. Buckwell, S.W.; A. F. Lamette, J.W.; W. Belcher, M.O.; E. Histed, S.O.; J. J. Abell, Reg.; T. Bullock, Sec.; T. Wickham, S.D.; A. P. Dollman, J.D.; A. F. Goode, A.D.C.; E. A. Buchanan, Org.; W. Bennett, I.G.; E. Tebbs, Stvd.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The members of the lodge present included Bros. J. Eberall, P.M. 75 and 386; H. W. G. Abell, P.M., G. Std. Br.; J. Harrison, P.M.; W. N. Roe, T. H. Challis, T. Hills, H. W. Ingledew, G. R. Godfree, G. Heckford, W. E. Hughes, R. Strong, A. de Wasgindt, E. Whittaker, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey; J. M. Mennick, and J. W. Stride. The lodge was honoured with the attendance of the following visitors: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.P.G.M.; R. Clowes, P.G. Treas.; J. Newbury, W.M. 27; F. Duke, W.M. 166, P.P.G.M.O.; W. E. Morrison, J.W. 166 and 409, P.G.M.O.; H. Butler, 50; W. Hillman, Sec. 386; J. Morris, G. Johnson, M.O. 391, P.G.S.B.; W. Gill, S.O. 386; W. Wright, S.O. 391, P.G.I.G.; E. M. Money, P.M. Old Mold Lodge, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Lewis, W.M. 386; R. Weston, S.D. 391; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 168; T. Billing, P.G. Sec.; W. Botting, P.G.S. of W.; A. King, S.W., and E. Whittle, S.O., of Royal Connaught Lodge; S. R. Legg, P.M.; T. Musson, J.W. 386; and G. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.O.

Bro. A. F. Lamette, Prov. A.G.D. of C., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bros. R. Willard and H. W. G. Abell. The newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. R. Willard, I.P.M.; J. C. Buckwell, S.W.; T. Bullock, J.W.; J. Belcher, M.O.; E. Histed, S.O.; T. Wickham, J.O.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, Chap.; G. R. Lockyer, Treas.; E. Tebbs, Sec.; J. J. Abell, R. of M.; Dr. Goode, D.C.; T. Chapman, A.D.C.; A. P. Dollman, S.D.; W. Bennett, J.D.; J. A. Thilthorpe, I.G.; W. N. Roe, Org.; T. H. Challis and E. Austin, Stvds.; and H. Hughes, Tyler. Bros. H. W. Ingledew, J. W. Stride, E. A. Buchanan, G. Heckford, and G. Chapman were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee; Bro. J. C. Buckwell as Charity Steward; and Bro. H. W. G. Abell to represent the lodge on the Masonic Rooms Committee.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Sayers. The newly-installed W.M. presided.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. E. M. Money and H. W. G. Abell responding for "The Grand Mark Lodge Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. R. Willard, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said he had experienced the pleasure of working with Bro. Lamette in several Degrees of Masonry for the past nine years, and never met a more enthusiastic Mason. He could not speak too highly of him, and was convinced that he would prove one of the best W.M.'s it was possible for the lodge to have.

Bro. Lamette, on rising to respond, was very warmly received. He thanked Bro. Willard for the very kind manner in which he had spoken of him. All his duties in Masonry were to him, he said, a labour of love. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to attend to the duties of the various Degrees with which he was associated, and as long as he lived he would continue his devotion to Masonry. He would especially do his utmost to faithfully discharge his duties as W.M. during the coming year. He then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bro. R. Willard responded.

The W.M. next gave "The Worshipful Masters of the Mark Lodges of the Province of Sussex," which received acknowledgments from Bros. Duke and Lewis.

"The Visiting Brethren," submitted by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. A. King, T. Billing, Butler, and W. Wright.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. Buckwell, Tooth, Bennett, and Tebbs, and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening vocal selections were given under the direction of Bro. W. N. Roe, Prov. G. Org., by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Amy Freeman, Bros. R. Willard, G. Cole, F. J. Cully, and J. P. Slingsby Roberts.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. King, W.M.; Livett, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Beaven, J.D.; Weeks, Tyler; Pease, Windsor, Balcombe, Sandals, C. H. White, W. J. Lavington, Boulton, Anderson, J. S. Lavington, W. Scott, Wyer, Sherring, Morris, Robertson, Russell, Harvey, Folkard, Perkins, and Armstrong. Visitors: Bros. Cope, Phillips, and Davies.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, Bro. Peate, having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The W.M. vacated the chair to enable Bro. Westley to work the ceremony of installation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lavington was presented to the W.M. as W.M. elect, and having answered the usual questions, took the solemn obligation of W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the rest of the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Third

Degree, and the M.M.'s were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the F.C.'s were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the E.A.'s were admitted, and saluted the W.M. In each Degree the proclamation was given, and the working tools presented and their uses explained. Bro. Lavington invested the officers, and Bro. Westley gave the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren in a very impressive manner, on which he was heartily congratulated by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bros. W. J. Cope, 200, and T. Davies, 1381, were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Westley proposed, and Bro. Gilbert seconded, that Bro. Livett be W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Livett returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. Nock, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; H. Pocock, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; J. W. Drysdale, S.D.; D. D. West, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; G. R. Kennedy, W. Rowley, F. Jeffrey, H. Neville, and J. Pullman.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Hurt, 1158; Walker, 2157; G. R. Kennedy, 263; and Mihill Slaughter, 176 and 404, which proved unanimously in favour of the above brethren being admitted as joining members. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. H. Neville having kindly volunteered to act as candidate, was examined, and then retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Nock rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a fluent and most able manner. Bro. J. Pullman worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. D. G. Imlay was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and gave notice that the work for rehearsal would be the first ceremony, the charge, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 6th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M. 834, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W. 834, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W. 834, J.W.; James Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; J. W. Dyne, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; Blackman, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M. 169; Reid, Hyde, Barber, and Wake. Visitor: Bro. Martineau.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Reid offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Wake offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony having been rehearsed, the lodge was closed.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. F. W. Buxton, W.M.; W. O. Welsford, S.W.; J. Leather, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; E. L. Berry, acting Sec.; T. Whitford, S.D.; E. D. F. Rymer, J.D.; J. Jonas, I.G.; H. Matthews, F. S. Jarvis, W. C. Smith, J. Conquest, J. Wheatcroft, T. Mogford, W. F. Bates, and Geo. H. Carter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. having intimated that the ceremony of passing would be rehearsed, Bro. Matthews offered himself as a candidate, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Jarvis having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was asked the usual questions, and having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Jarvis as the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. H. Carter was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Welsford, was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; C. G. Gray, S.D.; C. H. Stevenson, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; R. W. Nicole, J. H. Collingridge, H. J. Kimbell, sen., S. Napper, E. H. Bury, T. E. Newman, Milton Smith, and J. Amand.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Holness being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Collingridge, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Bury answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Milton Smith was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. G. A. Bergholtz, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; C. O. Burgess, acting as Sec.; J. K. Harnell, S.D.; F. W. Buxton, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; J. Row, I.G.; W. Hoggins, J. H. Warwick, R. E. Cursons, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. R. E. Cursons having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. C. O. Burgess worked the 1st Section, and Bro. F. W. Buxton the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the

ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. C. O. Burgess, acting Secretary, proposed that a vote of sympathy and condolence be sent to Bro. G. Reynolds, their worthy Secretary, who was suffering from a sad accident, cordially wishing for his speedy recovery, and that he would shortly resume his duties, the vote to be entered on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. G. H. Foon—carried unanimously. Bro. J. Greenway thanked the brethren for his election to the post of Preceptor, and assured the members of the lodge of doing his very best to help to make it a great success. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. It being the meeting immediately preceding the meeting of the mother lodge, the members of that lodge occupied the following positions: Bros. A. J. Taylor, W.M.; A. Love, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; F. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; R. Josey, P.M.; M. Speigel, P.M.; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; J. Sims, P.M.; W. A. Cubitt, P.M.; R. H. Rogers; T. Jobson, H. Oliver, Aylett, Stonnill, O'Hagan, Richardson, Kingdon, F. Craggs, Larter, and J. Arnott.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very creditably rehearsed by the W.M. The installation of officers was rehearsed by the W.M., he being the W.M. elect of the mother lodge. Bro. Richardson, acting as the candidate for passing, answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. A hearty vote of thanks was passed for the able and excellent manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties for the first time. The Preceptor having called the attention of the brethren to the condition of the collars, Bro. Austin offered to supply new ones at his own expense, which was unanimously accepted, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed for his generous offer. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and closed the lodge.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Browne, W.M.; R. Whimpey, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; M. Speigel, P.M., S.D.; W. F. Harbord, J.D.; W. C. Dickey, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; W. S. Whiteley, J. N. Baxter, and T. W. Biggs.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Whiteley acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Baxter being the candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, was then closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; C. Horst, S.W.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; W. Baker, S.D.; R. Kershaw, J.D.; W. Alcock, I.G.; J. Ives, Stwd.; J. Pinder, P.M.; E. James, Broshoff, H. F. Bromhead, W. J. Bishop, H. J. Brasted, W. W. Cook, J. King, J. Collett, F. Taylor, J. Dickinson, E. Spurgeon, T. E. Horley, C. H. Bestow, James Bird, H. F. J. Hallows, A. W. Orchard, T. Scoresby Jackson, A. H. Wilson, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very efficient and impressive manner, Bro. H. J. Brasted acting as candidate. Bro. Shurmur then delivered the installation charges. The lodge was called off and on. Bros. James, Brasted, Orchard, and Spurgeon answered questions leading from First to Second Degree. Bro. C. Horst was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Collett, King, Brasted, Wilson, and Orchard, all of 2374, and Bro. Baker, 1662, were unanimously elected joining members. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. Hillier, 834, S.N.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, 1st A.S. 975, P.S.; J. Jobson, 733, 1st A.S.; J. H. Wood, M.E.Z. 1642; J. R. Allman, Treas. 890; and M. Speigel, 834.

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

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. V. T. Murché, M.E.Z.; W. Wingham, H.; Esling, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Goodwin, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Benedetti, Axford, Addington, North, H. Martin, J. H. Price, Corpe, Marsden, C. W. Davis, and Wightman.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. H. Price personating the candidate. Comp. Corpe, Z. 507, was elected a member, and most ably responded for the honour conferred upon him. The by-laws were read. Comp. W. Wingham was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when the election of officers will take place.



The Prince of Wales's Theatre was honoured by the presence of the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Fife on the occasion of the first performance of "Maid Marian." Never did comic opera get a better start off altogether, for the whole audience, including our M.W.G.M., applauded this charming work of two young Americans, Mr. H. B. Smith and Mr. Reginald De Koven. It cannot be complained that "Maid Marian" has no plot, as is frequently the case in such pieces, for in the second and third acts it is worked up too elaborately. Although by Americans, there is not a line not quite English. Authors, artistes, and manager are all to be highly congratulated on the production of one of the prettiest comic operas. How often have not the lines and fortunes of Maid Marian and Robin Hood, otherwise Earl of Huntingdon, been the theme of burlesque, opera-drama, and fairy tales: so our work as regards the story is easily done. Some of the melodies of Mr. De Koven remind us now and then of Sullivan, but the composer adroitly then goes off into original stuff. The orchestration is throughout melodious and bright. We hardly know which of the three acts we prefer. The scenery, acting, singing, and songs are good in all of them. Miss Violet Cameron's song of "The Bells" is one of the most tuneful. On Thursday of last week it was encored four times. The tinker's song, with accompaniment of hammers and tin pans, is another great feature. The madrigal, "All is fair in love and war," the pastoral glee, and the quartette, "Oh yes, he loves me dearly," deserve special mention. Miss Cameron sings in her old form, and makes a splendid Allan-a-Dale. Bros. Monkhouse and Le Hay supply the comic business, and are very humorous. Miss Attalie Claire is a captivating Annabal, and maintains all we said of her in "The Rose and the Ring." A new comer, Miss Manola, plays the title rôle. The young lady also hails, like Miss Claire and the authors, from America. She has a rich soprano voice, and can act as well as she sings. Bro. Hayden Coffin never appeared in better form, and a new comer to the stage is Bro. Egbert Roberts, whom most of our readers have met and heard time and oft at Masonic banquets, and who is the bass. Bro. Charles Harris has again scored in the stage mounting. "Maid Marian" is an opera to see again and again, and we doubt not Mr. Sedger will have the Prince of Wales's full for many months.

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It is odd that in the same week, when only two new events take place, that both should be American. We have spoken of the comic opera at the Prince of Wales's, now we have to allude in short terms to the Avenue, which Mr. Henry Lee, who hails from over the pond, has taken and opened, with Dumas' drama, "Monte Christo." We believe that most persons went on Saturday expecting to witness burlesque or comic opera, for few playgoers have seen the real "Monte Christo." It is 23 years since it was given in London, and then at the Adelphi by Webster, with Fechter as leading man. Only in the form of extravaganza have we of to-day seen it. Our opinion is that a heavy drama in five acts at the Avenue will not draw, excellently as it was played by Bro. Charles Warner, Miss Millward, Bro. Grahame, &c. Since the opening of the Avenue about 10 years ago only opera, burlesque, and comedy have been played there. It is true that the audience on Saturday vociferously applauded the drama, but we warn Mr. Lee not to be too certain, but to have something else in readiness to take its place should it fail to draw. "Monte Christo" is a melodrama to see once, and we are glad to have had that opportunity.

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To-morrow (Saturday) night Mr. Edouin revives "Turned Up," which was a great success at the Royalty six years ago. Had he properly rehearsed "Private Enquiry" before producing it to the public we believe it would have succeeded.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 21, 1891.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal-buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Criswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Tupps' Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Hanover Arms, Clapham-road, at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MARK LODGE.

234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
90, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1509, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1694, Imperial, Coot's Restaurant, 24, Victoria-street.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Aisle-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.
St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Sawyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
Unique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupps' Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Jomatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel High-street, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Egfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Rampton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Grairon, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.

Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
171, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1347, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
149, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, East Hill House, Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1614, Eccleston, Criterion.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
2066, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.
2318, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2361, Cricklewood, The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion, South Norwood Park.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1716, All Saints', Office of Board of Works, Poplar.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.
Coven Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creston, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Eliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

MARK LODGES.
Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.
7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.
House Committee Boys' School, at 3.30.
CRAFT LODGES.
143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

ALBION, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
15, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
MARK LODGES.
226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.
ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.
10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
CRAFT LODGES.
715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1304, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1737, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)
For the week ending Saturday, February 21, 1891.
The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges, and R.A. Chapters, will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and that of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
CRAFT LODGES.
Gravesend ... 77
York ... 230
Whitby ... 312
Southampton ... 359
Gateshead ... 424
Kettering ... 455
Stamford Baron ... 460
Coventry ... 725
Whitehaven ... 874
Tewkesbury ... 500
Birmingham ... 925
Mouth ... 949
Croston ... 986
Carnarvon ... 113
Horsham ... 1141
Manchester ... 1170
Congresbury ... 1193
E. Stonehouse ... 1205
Dover ... 1208
Twickenham ... 1235
Plymouth ... 1255
Dawlish ... 1443
Liverpool ... 1502
Worsley ... 1814
Nottingham ... 1909
Landport ... 2074
Leicester ... 2081
Stevenage ... 2086
Liverpool ... 2114
Bournemouth ... 2205
Great Crosby ... 2289
North Shields ... 2327
Blackpool ... 2349
R.A. CHAPTERS.
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Bolton ... 37
Bury ... 148
Swansea ... 237
Boston ... 272
Oldham ... 277
Sheffield ... 290
Northwich ... 428
Goole ... 458
Driffield ... 734
Wolverton ... 840
Ulverston ... 995
Lancaster ... 1051
Topsham ... 1284
MARK LODGES.
Norwich ... 92
Lincoln ... 117
Altrincham ... 148
Great Grimsby ... 188
Handsforth ... 318
Dartford ... 322
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Birmingham ... 74
Chatham ... 184
Norwich ... 213
Bradford ... 302
Brighton ... 315
Pembroke Dock ... 370
Huddersfield ... 521
Ventnor ... 551
Whitehaven ... 872
Workington ... 902
Levenshulme ... 993
Saltash ... 1071
Ramsgate ... 1209
Mossley ... 1218
Carlton Hill ... 1221
Sutton ... 1347
Canterbury ... 1449
Alford ... 1600
Bromley ... 1904
Landport ... 1770
Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
East Retford ... 1802
Snaresbrook ... 1804
Hull ... 2134
Walthamstow ... 2256

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.
CRAFT LODGES.
Margate ... 127
Plymouth ... 223
Warwick ... 284
Hanley ... 418
Nuneaton ... 433
Croydon ... 452
Birmingham ... 408
Carmarthen ... 476
Ashton-in-Makerfield ... 484
Ventnor ... 551
Stourport ... 500
Burton-on-Trent ... 624
Liverpool ... 667
Launceston ... 789
Crewkerne ... 814
Dukinfield ... 830
Jersey ... 958
St. Day ... 1000
Farnham ... 1046
Manchester ... 1052
Ramsey ... 1075
Sheerness ... 1089
Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225
Seacombe ... 1270
Old Srompton ... 1424
Newcastle ... 1447
Cromle ... 1452
Birmingham ... 1551
Liverpool ... 1570
Northampton ... 1704
Kenysham ... 1833
Bedlington ... 1902
Portsmouth ... 1903
Narberth ... 2011
Ealing ... 2012
Wilkesden ... 2015
Surbiton ... 2140
Newton-le-Willows ... 2155
Liverpool ... 2310
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Bath ... 41
Plymouth ... 105
Brighton ... 315
Wets, Somerset ... 440
Fofts ... 623
Basingstoke ... 694
West Hartlepool ... 704
Grimsby ... 791
Havant ... 804
Douglas ... 1004
Sevenoaks ... 1414
Hull ... 2134
MARK LODGES.
Warwick ... 47
Hayle ... 85
Hastings ... 160
Buxton ... 240
Folkestone ... 380
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
St. Austell ... 90

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Whitehaven ... 119
Margate ... 127
Weymouth ... 170
Jatley ... 204
Lewes ... 311
Maryport ... 371
Broadstairs ... 429
North Shields ... 431
Halifax ... 448
Aylesbury ... 591
Woolwich ... 700
Lee ... 704
Crewkerne ... 814
Wotton-under-Edge ... 855
Stockton ... 940
Jarrow ... 1119
Edmonton ... 1437
Wrexham ... 1330
Bootle ... 1473
Huddersfield ... 1703
Dartford ... 1837
Beckenham ... 2200

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
CRAFT LODGES.
Chatham ... 20
Prescot ... 86
Poole ... 137
Ryde ... 175
Wigan ... 178
Scarborough ... 200
Denton ... 210
Norwich ... 213
Bolton ... 221
Guernsey ... 243
Cheltenham ... 246
Heckmondwike ... 258
Taunton ... 261
Oldham ... 277
SheptonMallet ... 285
Lewes ... 311
Mottram ... 320
Salford ... 325
Yeovil ... 329
Rye ... 341
Landport ... 342
Sandbach ... 368
Ipswich ... 376
Morley ... 380
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 430
Burslem ... 451
Birkenhead ... 537
Ormskirk ... 580
Gloucester ... 592
Bristol ... 610
Manchester ... 633
New Mills ... 654
W. Bromwich ... 662
Newport, Mon. ... 673
Colchester ... 697
Plumstead ... 700
Stafford ... 726
Llandudno ... 755
Liverpool ... 823
TunbridgeWells ... 874
Pontefract ... 910
Whitefield ... 934
Birmingham ... 938
Fleetwood ... 950
Workington ... 962
Canterbury ... 972
Wakefield ... 1019
Kirkdale ... 1036
Fakenham ... 1114
Rochdale ... 1129
Torpoint ... 1130
Wymondham ... 1193
Stoke Damerel ... 1212
Aston ... 1246
Oakham ... 1265
Grimsby ... 1294
Brighouse ... 1301
Durham ... 1334
Lancaster ... 1353
Eastwood ... 1493
Hornsea ... 1511
Ramsbottom ... 1634
Eye ... 1663
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1774
Skegness ... 1893

MARK LODGES.
Nottingham—Newstead
E. Stonehouse ... 48
St. Helier ... 74
Bury ... 123
Ainwick ... 135
Chester ... 196
Hythe ... 266
Cambridge ... 334
Liverpool ... 393
ROSE CROIX.
Weston-super-Mare ... 28
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Weymouth ... 31
Newbury ... 574
Liverpool ... 594
Manchester ... 1106
Sowerby Bridge ... 1293
Liverpool ... 1350
Bromley ... 1805
Fenton ... 1942
Herne Bay ... 2099
Hanley ... 2149
Stenton ... 2200

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
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Shrewsbury ... 117
Jover ... 199
Jugley ... 439
Haverfordwest ... 464
Newbury ... 574
Liverpool ... 594
Manchester ... 1106
Sowerby Bridge ... 1293
Liverpool ... 1350
Bromley ... 1805
Fenton ... 1942
Herne Bay ... 2099
Hanley ... 2149
Stenton ... 2200

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
CRAFT LODGES.
Bury ... 72
Arundel ... 57
Lowestoft ... 71
Gt. Yarmouth ... 100
Colne ... 116
Liverpool ... 203
Dewsbury ... 208
Devonport ... 230
Jersey ... 245
Macclesfield ... 207
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 268
Huddersfield ... 275
Chelmsford ... 276
Worcester ... 285
Hasiingden ... 280
Hadleigh ... 332
Uppermill ... 337
Preston ... 343
Blackburn ... 345
Whitworth ... 393
Southampton ... 394
Chester ... 425
Bideford ... 489
Leicester ... 523
Bradford ... 600
Birkenhead ... 625
Glossop ... 625
Howden ... 630
Blyth ... 659
Deviex ... 693
Runcorn ... 758
Belper ... 787
Derby ... 802
Worksop ... 939
Stockton ... 940
Southend ... 1003
Manchester ... 1011
Chorley ... 1032
Portland ... 1037
Leeds ... 1042
Melton Mowbray ... 1130
St. Germans ... 1164
Battle ... 1184
Liverpool ... 1299
Credition ... 1332
Northallerton ... 1337
Liverpool ... 1391
Oswestry ... 1432
West Gorton ... 1459
Dunstable ... 1470
Hampton Court ... 1512
Frestwich ... 1534
Risca ... 1592
Landport ... 1776
Brighton ... 1821
Sandown ... 1809
Surbiton ... 1872
Wallingford ... 1887
Carshalton ... 1832
Settle ... 2091
Newmarket ... 2107
Boscombe ... 2158
Rhyminy ... 2226
Sheffield ... 2268
Southwell ... 2302
Ashford ... 2305
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Oldham ... 2341
R.A. CHAPTERS.
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Hull ... 450
Manchester ... 517
Tofts ... 603
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E. Stonehouse ... 2045
MARK LODGES.
Bristol—Canynge
Waterfoot ... 18
Plymouth ... 50
Aldershot ... 54
Maryport ... 151
Abergavenny ... 214
Longton ... 308
ROSE CROIX.
Weston-super-Mare ... 28
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Weymouth ... 31

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St. Asaph ... 77
Deptford ... 147
Sheerness ... 158
Liverpool ... 219
Jatley ... 264
Leeds ... 289
Uxbridge ... 382
Hartlepool ... 531
Liverpool ... 673
Rochester ... 1052
Liverpool ... 1182
Sunderly ... 1234
Wimbleton ... 1360
Kontord ... 1437
Ratneid ... 1500
Leyton ... 1655
Stratford ... 1816
Brighton ... 1829
Sandown ... 1809
Snaiklu ... 1864
Wallingford ... 1887
New Brompton ... 1967
Dover ... 2195
Bradford ... 2341

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.
CRAFT LODGES.
Manchester ... 152
Liverpool ... 155
Brighton ... 271
Helston ... 318
Tipton ... 317
Slaidburn ... 401
Watford ... 404
Spilsby ... 420
Twcester ... 445
Stowmarket ... 510
Newcastle ... 541
Selby ... 509
Holmfirth ... 651
Louth ... 712
Abergavenny ... 818
Stow-on-the-Wold ... 951
Levershulme ... 993
Eccleshell ... 1034
KirkbyLonsdale ... 1074
Deal ... 1090
Leeds ... 1311
Market Harborough ... 1330
Sale ... 1357
Svadilincote ... 1730
Pendleton ... 1773
Nottingham ... 1794
Clacton-on-Sea ... 2063
Godaiming ... 2101
Felixstowe ... 2371
R.A. CHAPTERS.
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Ripon ... 837
Barnet ... 1335
Hull ... 1005
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Woolwich ... 226
Hull ... 329
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Penistone ... 1462
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
CRAFT LODGES.
Meltham ... 149
Brighton ... 811
Romley ... 1120
Swanage ... 1146
Kirkburton ... 2035
Hampton Court ... 2381
Birkenhead ... 478

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Birkenhead ... 478

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The Lord Mayor, with the Sheriffs and the Grand Officers of the year, has accepted an invitation from the W.M. of the Alliance Lodge to visit the brethren on the 11th prox. A guard of honour will be furnished for the occasion by a detachment of the 4th Volunteer battalion of the Essex Regiment, which is expected to turn out particularly smart, and wearing the new helmets, Col. T. Davies Sewell having given instructions that the men detailed for the duty are to be specially selected. The guard, with the band and drums of the regiment, will, by special permission, assemble in the Guildhall.

Bro. Earl and Countess Granville and the Ladies Victoria and May Leveson-Gower have returned to town from visiting Earl Spencer at Althorp Hall.

Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill and Bro. Lord Suffield were among the audience present at the amateur concert given at the Lyric Club, on Thursday, the 5th inst.

We regret to announce the death of the Dowager Lady Burrell, widow of the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, who died in the year 1886.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley delivered the inaugural address at the opening on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Royal University, Dublin, of the newly-formed Military Society of Ireland.

The Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345 (Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, W.M.), meets on Wednesday, 18th inst., and not on the 11th inst. as stated in our last issue. The First and Second Degrees will be worked at that meeting.

The office of High Steward of the University of Oxford, which was made vacant last summer by the death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, has been conferred on the Earl of Selborne, Ex-Lord High Chancellor of England.

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

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., has been re-elected Governor of the Irish Society, notwithstanding that an attempt was made by a member of the Common Council to put an end to the system of re-elections.

It is announced that the Prince of Wales, by command of the Queen, will hold Levees at St. James's Palace on Tuesday, the 24th inst., and Monday, the 9th prox. On the former occasion the Knights of the several Orders will appear in their collars.

The annual dinner in aid of the funds of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on the evening of the 6th inst., the amount announced in the way of donations and subscriptions being upwards of £4100.

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome's clever comedy, "New Lamps for Old," as rendered into Dutch by Mr. Jack T. Grein, was produced at Amsterdam last week with very much success. The same writer's "Woodbarrow Farm" has, we hear, been translated into German, and will shortly be represented in that language.

The Horners' Company dined together at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 5th inst. Bro. Lord Mayor Savory was prevented by slight indisposition from being present, but the guests included Sheriff Farmer, Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Bros. Aldermen Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Renals, and Bro. Lieut-General Randolph.

The "Heathen Chinee" knows a good deal about women's ways. A newspaper in Bridgeport, Connecticut, recently printed the following advertisement: "Chu Fong would like a small nice Melican lady. She has no have to work, as Chu Fong got big lot of money. Chu Fong will do the washee and the cookee; wife she can dress up every day.—Chu Fong."

A second Carnival Ball will be held at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Tuesday next, the 17th inst. and Bro. Augustus Harris has engaged the bands of the Grenadier, Coldstream, and Scots Guards for the occasion. Bro. Harris has also determined to give a floral character to the ball, and many thousands of bouquets have been ordered for distribution among the ladies.

The annual ball of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, was held on the evening of the 28th ult., at the Albert Rooms, Strongate, York, and was attended by upwards of 80 ladies and gentlemen. Masonic clothing was worn, by permission from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Cowper's band supplied good music. During the evening suitable refreshments were served, and a pleasant evening was spent.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal Naval Exhibition, to be held this year in the grounds adjacent to the Royal Hospital, Greenwich, occupied the chair at a meeting of the Council and guarantors held at the Royal United Service Institution on the 5th instant, among those present being Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and a Vice-President of the Council, and Bros. Admirals Sir George Willis and Sir E. A. Inglefield.

"Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket-Book" for 1891 are most valuable contributions for the convenience and guidance of the Masonic Craft of the Kingdom. The former number is published at two shillings, contains besides the matter usual in other pocket-books a list of all the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters corrected from the books of the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and a variety of articles concerning Masonry. Published for the benefit of the Craft Fund, it has the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and is issued by command of the M.W. Grand Master. The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" is published at a shilling, is a most comprehensive Masonic book of reference, and furnishes particulars of the Grand Masonic bodies of Scotland, Ireland, and all colonial and foreign jurisdictions. Both books are published by George Kenning, of Great Queen-street, London, and should be in the possession of every Freemason.—*Yorkshire Post*.

The Avondale Lodge, No. 2389, is to be shortly consecrated at Middlewick, Bro. John Plant, P.M., being the first W.M.

Bro. W. Ackland, of 416, Strand, optician to her Majesty, has been admitted to the freedom and livery of the Spectacle-makers' Company.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has notified his intention of becoming a patron of the Royal Western Horticultural Society of Plymouth.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught concluded their visit to the Metropolis on Saturday last, and on their return to Portsmouth made a stoppage of a few hours at Bagshot Park.

Among the visitors at the monthly meeting held on Saturday last, at Limmer's Hotel, of "Ye Odde Volumes," were Bros. Edmund Yates, Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., and Sir John Monckton.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale attended the Malton Steeplechases on the 6th inst. Owing to his recent mishap in the hunting field his Royal Highness appeared with his left arm in a sling, but in all other respects in excellent health.

Bro. Earl and Countess Granville and Bro. Lord Alcester were among the guests invited last week to Althorp Hall, Northampton, by Earl Spencer, to meet the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Princess Victoria and Prince Adolphus of Teck.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnccliffe, who were in town at the wedding of Bro. Major Stuart-Wortley and Miss Guthrie, returned to Wortley Hall, Sheffield, on Friday, the 6th inst. The marriage referred to had taken place the day previous at St. Peters, Eaton Square.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Osborne on Saturday, and dined with the Queen, who subsequently during the evening witnessed two short plays, in which their Royal Highnesses Princess (Louise Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Henry of Battenberg took parts.

The guests at the dinner party given by Bro. the Duke of Fife, on Monday evening, were the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Salisbury, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bros. Earl Granville and Lord Carrington, Lord Knutsford, Lord Gifford, Bro. Lord Herschell, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Sir M. Vernon-Harcourt, Bros. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Sir Charles Mills, Sir Francis Knollys, and Baron H. de Worms.

The annual dinner in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary in London, was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday last under the presidency of M. Waddington, the French Ambassador. Among the principal guests who supported his Excellency being Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, Sheriff Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris. The subscriptions in the course of the evening amounted to about £2,500.

The marriage of Colonel F. Aylme Grave-Sawle, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Bro. Sir Chas. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., with Miss Harriet A. Vernon Wentworth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Lady Harriet Vernon Wentworth, was solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Monday, the ceremony being performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Later in the afternoon Colonel and Mrs. Graves-Sawle left for Penrice, at St. Austell, for the honeymoon.

Bro. H. S. Foster, of the Alliance Lodge, was on Monday exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Bayard Chapter, on the nomination of Comp. Captain Henry Wright, P.M. Alliance Lodge, seconded by Bro. Baron De Bush. Bro. R. A. Bush, W.M. Honor and Generosity Lodge, was also exalted. At the banquet at the Café Royal Comp. Wright, who presided, referred to the fact that Comp. Foster is one of the candidates for the Shrievalty of the City of London in June next. Amongst those present were Comps. J. Fernandez, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge; W. E. Chapman, W.M. Savage Club Lodge; Major Francis Graham Moore, Baron De Bush, ex-Sheriff Clarke, Bro. D. Wilson, Surgeon-General Jessop, E. F. Barber, C. E. D. Kiallmark, and E. F. Sauerbrey.

The *Builder* thus describes the huge steel structure to be erected at Chicago as a Masonic Temple: "The new Masonic Temple at Chicago, for the supply of structural steel, of which a contract has just been obtained by the Columbia Iron and Steel Company, Pittsburgh, will be a building 20 stories high, the chief feature of which is a skeleton of steel, round which the masonry will be built. The building will measure 113 ft. by 170 ft. in plan, and will rest on a foundation of steel rails. The steel work will weigh between 3500 and 4000 tons, and will be made at Pittsburgh ready to be put together without any alterations. Every piece will be exactly fitted, holes drilled, connections dovetailed, and all details adjusted, so that the work of erecting the skeleton can be proceeded with with celerity. In fact, the entire work of erecting the steel structure may be completed before the masons and bricklayers begin their part of the work. The contract for the steel has been taken at 300,000 dols., and the whole building is estimated to cost 2,000,000 dols."

We take the following from *Colonies and India* of the 7th inst.: "Colonel Cooper, having resigned the Secretaryship of the Church Emigration Society, has removed his agencies for Government and General Emigration and Passages to his offices, 10, Delahay-street, Westminster. From his intimate and practical knowledge of placing Emigrants to the best advantage, he is in a position for sending out, either singly or in parties, those who desire to settle in the Canadian, Australian, or South African Colonies, or the United States. Bonuses of £3 and £1 10s. per adult are now given by the Dominion Government to families taking up land in Manitoba, the North-West Provinces, and British Columbia. Colonel Cooper is a Government Agent for free and assisted passages to Queensland, and will supply the requisite forms on application. Single girls, domestic servants of good character, for whom excellent situations are open, are always required, and should apply to him for free passages, or send stamped envelope for papers." Bro. Cooper is a member of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham; P.M. and a founder of the Harlesden Lodge, No. 2098; also a M.M.M.; P.M. Military Lodge of Ireland, No. 728, and P.K. of Royal Arch chapter attached thereto; and Past Preceptor of the First Volunteer H.K.T. Preceptory, No. 620, so has strong claims on the Craft, and will be always glad to give the brethren information and advice.—*Ed. F.M.*

The Duchess of Abercorn and a number of other distinguished ladies and members of the Order are organising a grand Masonic bazaar at Balls Bridge, Dublin, to be held about Easter week.

Bro. Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Boston, Mass., has been appointed Grand Representative of the Supreme Council, A. and A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, near the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

The first of three instalments of the Bank of France's loan of three millions sterling to the Bank of England was returned, *via* Boulogne, on Wednesday night. It consisted of 101 cases of bullion weighing 8100 kilogrammes.

A capital series of sketches of the proceedings of the Drury Lane Lodge, on Tuesday last, appeared in the *Daily Graphic* of yesterday (Thursday), with portraits of the W.M. and Wardens, that of the S.W., Bro. Bancroft, being particularly good.

One of the eight diocesan chancellorships vacant by the promotion of Mr. Justice Jeune to the judicial bench—that of St. Asaph—has been accepted by the Right Hon. H. Cecil Raikes, M.P., Postmaster-General. The appointment of a Member of her Majesty's Government to such an office is probably unique.

Bro. William J. Kelly, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recently very neatly and truly answered the question, What is the secret of the power of the Masonic Fraternity? by saying, It contains more humanity to the square inch than any other organisation or institution known among men.—*Keystone*.

A library was founded in Manchester so early as 1421, while it is said that another was established in London in 1425 by the famous Dick Whittington. It does not appear whether either of these were really open to the public, as was the case with a Public Reference Library, founded in Bristol in the year 1464.

We were glad to notice at the meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge on Tuesday that the practice of Worshipful Masters endorsing the warrant on the expiration of their year of office was adopted at the suggestion of Bro. H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal. We consider it as a very useful and fitting adjunct to the records in the minute and signature books.

On Friday night, the 3rd inst., a grand ball was held in the National Schoolroom, Long Eaton, in connection with the Fairfield Lodge of Freemasons. Bro. Horne, W.M., Derby, was M.C. The room was splendidly decorated, and the affair was very bright and attractive. The members of the lodge were in full regalia, ornaments, &c. Supper was provided at 11 o'clock by the Recreation Ground Company. Mr. Burdett's quadrille band, of Derby, provided the music. The ball commenced at 8 p.m., and closed at 3 p.m.

A Cinderella dance in aid of the funds of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club was held (by the kindness of the Masonic Club Company) in the large rooms of the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, Northampton, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The dance, which took place on the date arranged for the third of Mrs. Ratliff's popular Cinderellas, attracted the excellent company of 120 ladies and gentlemen, and in every respect the affair was a splendid success. Mr. C. E. Thorpe was again an admirable M.C., and was well assisted by Messrs. T. H. Vials, A. C. Pearson, J. P. Kingston, H. Dainty, H. Norman, T. Phipps, W. S. Godfrey, and F. M. Tebbutt. Excellent music was played by Mr. Walter Ashton's band.

On the 9th inst. Bro. William Hall, of Linden-terrace, Tanshelf, Pontefract, completed his 50th year as a Freemason of West Yorkshire, and is probably the oldest Freemason in the whole of Yorkshire, Bro. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.P., was initiated in the Lodge of Integrity, No. 529, at Morley, on February 9th, 1841. On the evening of the 9th inst. the St. Oswald's Lodge, No. 910, gave a Masonic ball in the Assembly Room, Pontefract, in aid of the accident ward of the Pontefract Dispensary, and the building fund of a new St. Oswald Lodge. During the evening Bro. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.P., was presented with a magnificent illuminated address to commemorate his 50th year of Freemasonry, and dispensations were obtained for the brethren to wear Craft, Mark, or Royal Arch clothing. The Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England, made the presentation. Bro. Hall, the recipient, was for many years stationed at Pontefract, as Superintendent of the Upper Osgoldcross Division of Police.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. George Harradon, Prov. Grand Treasurer, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity. Applications were made for a number of children to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the next Court of Governors, and, without discussion, the sum of £72 was voted for the proposed purpose. The amended by-laws of the Institution were submitted, and it was resolved to forward them for full and free discussion at the next meeting of the General Court of Governors. The financial statement of Bro. J. I. Callow, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, showed that the present invested fund of the Charity amounts to £21,562. There are now nearly 220 children receiving the benefits of the Educational Fund, in addition to which a considerable number of boys and girls are also being educated, clothed, and maintained. The balance-sheet likewise shows that last year there was a surplus of £1171; that the proceeds of the ball in 1890 amounted to £355, and that the donations and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, &c., amounted to £1277, the total income for the year from all sources being £3784. The expenditure included £1037 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation of the institution. A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy, should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady long a martyr to dyspeptic troubles writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually a marvellous change has been effected, that she is, altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.