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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Earl AMHERST, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, proved in every way a magnificent success. There were present a goodly company of guests, the arrangements reflected the greatest credit on the staff of the Institution, the speeches were in good taste and worth listening to, and, above all, there was announced, in the course of the after-dinner proceedings, a total of subscriptions and donations, on which all who had part in raising them and the Institution itself are to be congratulated. The Chairman, in particular, must have been delighted with a result so gratifying, and the more so that his own Province of Kent contributed so largely towards its success. The usual full report of the celebration, together with an Analysis of the Returns, will be found elsewhere, and, therefore, we shall add nothing further here than our own hearty congratulations on a success which we believe is greater than was anticipated even by the most sanguine well-wishers of the Institution.

THE ISLE OF MAN.

There are not many Provinces in England which issue such elaborate Reports of their proceedings and of the state of their several lodges as the Isle of Man. It is little more than five years since the lodges in the island were constituted as a Provincial Grand Lodge by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, but it is amazing to find what progress in organisation and efficiency has been made during that brief period. The last annual meeting was held on the 18th December, 1890, and the various Reports he then presented, but especially that of Bro. THOMAS H. NESBITT, Prov. Grand Secretary, fully bears out this statement. The minute details collected and marshalled in his Report by that able brother, show at a glance how each of the lodges in the Province is circumstanced, and to judge from these particulars our Manx brethren are to be congratulated on the zeal and energy and strict attention to duty they have displayed. One of the lodges—the St. Maughold, No. 1075—is returned as having a Charity Fund of close on £180, a large sum seeing that the lodge has only 28 members on its roll, while the amount standing to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund at the close of last year was upwards of £260. When we remember that during the brief period of its existence, the Provincial Grand Lodge has had to defray the expenses of its organisation, the flourishing condition of its funds is to be the more highly commended, nor do we think such a degree of prosperity would have been possible of attainment had not the lodges and brethren devoted themselves with such exemplary zeal and ability to the discharge of their duties. Much of this success is due to the care exhibited by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. GOLDIE-TAUBMAN, in administering the affairs of his Province, and much also to the executive work accomplished so steadily by Bro. NESBITT, who, after holding the position of Provincial Grand Secretary from the day the Provincial Grand Lodge was constituted, has now been appointed to the still more responsible post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In this position his duties will be less exacting perhaps, but his facilities for advancing the interests of the Province will be greater, and we have no doubt he will turn them to the best possible account. We congratulate the Provincial Grand Master, his officers, and the lodges and brethren under his obedience on the excellent work they have done since they were organised into a Province.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

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

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December, 1890, will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master regrets to have to inform Grand Lodge that in the month of August last he received a report from the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, New Zealand, that Brother Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, had obtained a warrant from the Grand Orient of France to establish a lodge under it in New Zealand, and had, under that authority, recently opened a lodge in the town of Wellington in that Colony, of which lodge he is the Master.

On receipt of this information, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to address Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, and to call on him for an explanation of the grounds on which he felt himself justified in thus taking part in an invasion of British territory by a foreign Masonic body, and especially by one, many of whose members had been declared by a solemn resolution of the Grand Lodge of England on the 6th March, 1878, not to be true and genuine brethren.

A reply has now been received from Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, in which he admits the facts alleged, and seeks to justify his action.

Under these circumstances, the Grand Master, with much regret, feels that he has no alternative but to make a complaint of the conduct of Brother Sir Robert Stout, and to submit the matter, with the correspondence relating thereto, to Grand Lodge for its consideration and decision.

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

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Brother George Everett, P.M., No. 177, London, the only nomination.

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

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, Dover	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham	50 0 0
A brother of Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, Upper Norwood	50 0 0
The orphan children of a brother of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough	100 0 0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, London	150 0 0
A brother of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading	100 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5308 7s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £54 4s. 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

17th February, 1891.

7. Report of Bro. JOHN SMITH, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1890.

8. Appeal—

By Lodge Rewa of Viti, No. 2238, Nausori, Rewa Viti Levu Fiji, against the ruling of the Colonial Board on the complaints of Brother James Harding of the said Lodge—and against the decision of the Board cancelling his exclusion from the lodge and ordering him to be reinstated therein.

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

- No. 2386, The Clarence Lodge, Chester.
- " 2387, The Manchester Dramatic Lodge, Manchester.
- " 2388, The Lodge of Harmony, Stutterheim, South Africa (E.D.).
- " 2389, The Avondale Lodge, Middlewick, Cheshire.
- " 2390, The Exmoor Lodge, Minehead, Somersetshire.
- " 2391, The Orde-Powlett Lodge, Middlesborough, Yorks (N. and E.).
- " 2392, The Victoria Lodge, Accra, West Coast of Africa.
- " 2393, The Charleville Lodge, Charleville, Queensland.
- " 2394, The Galen Lodge, Great Queen-street, London.
- " 2395, The Avondale Lodge, Brixton, London.
- " 2396, The Bishopsgate Lodge, Bishopsgate Without, London.
- " 2397, The Columbia Lodge, Regent-street, London.
- " 2398, The Holborn Lodge, High Holborn, London.

AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

[COPY.]

LODGE OF KNARESBROUGH.

We the Master Wardens & Secretary Do hereby Certify that our Worthy Brother Christopher Brotherton is a regular made free and accepted Master Mason and that he has upon all occasions behaved himself with Candour, Integrity, and Honour as becomes a member of our Antient and Honourable Society. And we do further certify that he may be received into any assembly or Lodge of free and accepted Masons on the face of the whole earth.

Given under our hands the fifteenth day of April 1771 and of Masonry 5771.

Fras. Bedford, S.

Wm. Bateson, W.M.
Cowling Ackroyd, S.W.
John Clarke, J.W.

The foregoing is a copy of a certificate which, by the courtesy of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, Deputy Prov. G.M. North and East Yorks, I am enabled to publish. It has a seal in red wax, which, however, is much broken, the square and compasses only being visible. The lodge which issued this certificate was one of the few chartered by the *Grand Lodge of all England at York* on 30th October, 1769, and met at the Crown Inn, Knaresborough. It was working down to the year 1777, and perhaps later, but no records are extant to show how or when it ceased its activity.

As in 1785 the "Moderns" warranted a lodge in the same town, known as the "Newtonian Lodge," it may be fairly inferred that the older lodge was not then in existence.

JNO. LANE.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, and, in spite of the constant lugubrious forebodings which the Secretary, Bro. Terry, has for some time past indulged in, it was an eminent success. The chair was taken by Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, who was supported by Bros. Lord Dungarvan, P.G.M. designate for Somerset; Dr. Strong, hon. surgeon of the Institution; J. A. Farnfield, Treas.; H. B. Marshall, P.G.T.; A. Barfield, P.G.T.; E. Terry, P.G.T.; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, G.D.; &c., &c.

Over 300 brethren sat down to dinner, which was well provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and at its conclusion Bro. Morley, who was Toastmaster, called on the brethren for silence for the Chairman, and the toast list was commenced.

Bro. Earl AMHERST, in proposing "The Queen," said, let me ask you to be upstanding and drink the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of our Order.

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the band playing a verse of the National Anthem.

Bro. Earl AMHERST then said that "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons," was always received with the greatest enthusiasm among Freemasons. The services his Royal Highness had always rendered to the Craft made it unnecessary for him to offer any remarks, further than this, that since the Prince of Wales had been Grand Master the Craft had made great strides, and it would be ungrateful if at such a meeting as that the brethren did not also recognise the name of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who had always shown great interest in all good work in England, and not the less in the work of the Masonic Craft.

Bro. Earl AMHERST, when that toast had been duly honoured, proposed "The Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and observed that there was now omitted a toast which had always been well received, that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," his lordship having died during the last year. None of the brethren who remembered the services the late Earl of Carnarvon rendered to the Craft could help feeling that a gap was now left in the Order. But there were other brethren still among them who had done good service to the Craft, and the brethren would not be satisfied if they did not drink to their good health. They all knew the excellent work which the Grand Officers had done and were doing, and on all occasions when Masons met together they recognised those services. The present occasion would not be an exception. With that toast he would couple the name of Lord Dungarvan, the Provincial Grand Master designate of Somerset, who, he trusted, would take his place on many of those occasions in the future. Lord Dungarvan had come that evening to honour the Festival, and he hoped his lordship would carry away with him pleasant memories of that, his first appearance at the Masonic Charitable Festival.

Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN, after the toast had been honoured, said the position he was in was one which he certainly was very proud of, because probably he was one of the youngest Grand Officers, and that was an unusual occurrence at a great Masonic Festival. It was with great pleasure he responded to the toast, because the Right Worshipful Chairman had alluded to a very great Mason, the late Earl of Carnarvon, and that noble earl he (Lord Dungarvan) had the honour to succeed in the Provincial Grand Mastership of Somerset. It was a most responsible position to be the successor to one whom this great country could so ill afford to lose. The Grand Officers took a lively interest in the benevolent objects of Freemasonry, and he was keenly alive to that great principle. It was an additional pleasure to respond to that toast, because Lord Amherst was a Past Provincial Grand Officer of the province of which he (Lord Dungarvan) will be shortly installed as the Grand Master. Lord Amherst had alluded to the circumstance that he (Lord Dungarvan) would one day occupy the chair at those Festivals. He could only say that if that honour was offered to him he would be delighted to take advantage of it, and if that should ever occur he hoped he would do his duty in the position, more especially to his Province of Somerset, which he hoped would support him as well as the Province of Kent had supported their Provincial Grand Master that evening.

Bro. Earl AMHERST next proposed the toast "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." Hitherto the toasts of the evening had been despatched with some celerity, but he was afraid he must now intrude himself a little longer on the notice of the brethren, as the Institution which caused the brethren's attendance that evening deserved some more lengthened observations, and he trusted that what he might say would commend itself to their thoughtful consideration. The Masonic Institutions stood in a peculiar position, a different position to other charitable institutions, because at the festivals of Charities which were not Masonic the lists went round when the dinner was completed, and the Chairman might hope by appealing to his hearers to seduce some lingering guinea from the corner of some pocket

where it had hitherto seemed forgotten. But at the Masonic Festivals the Chairman was in this position—that the Stewards had already done their work, and he was afraid had done it so effectually that if a guinea was found there it was a great discovery. Let them hope that the most worthy Secretary, Bro. Terry, would be satisfied when he announced the lists would show that the result of the Stewards' efforts had not been in vain, and that the sum which had been obtained would be worthy of the occasion which had called them together. He would be wrong in dismissing that toast without giving the brethren some little detail of the work of the Charity on whose behalf they were assembled. He need not go into the past history of the Institution—a long recitation of the past of the Charity would be somewhat of a mistake. Their task was with the present, although the Institution had done a great work in the past. As regarded the present needs of the Institution, he found by the figures which the excellent Secretary had put in his hands, that on the old men's fund the annual income was £2030, and without any charges for the establishment or maintenance, there was a yearly deficit on the old men's fund alone of £7240. That was a large sum, but the brethren must remember that they were now giving annuities to 181 males of £40 each. That was a very large expenditure, and if the annual deficit had to be made up on those occasions, the brethren must remember the deficit was not caused by the management and those who had charge of the Charity, but by the large claims on the Charity and the small amount of the income. Take the female side of the Institution. They had 230 widows, each receiving £32 a year. That entailed an expense of £7360 a year. And there were in addition widows receiving half of their late husband's annuities to the amount of £480 a year. The two amounted to £7840 a year. As against that they had the permanent sources of income, and the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and the dividends from the funded property, £1634, left a deficit on the female side of £6200 per annum, or a deficit on the two funds of something like £13,000 a year. That had to be made up by the liberality of the Craft. That was a serious matter. But the Craft hitherto had never failed to make up the amount of the difference between the income on which the Charity could rely and the amount which was required to meet the demands made on the Institution. All the cases which sought to be put on the list were carefully examined by the Committee, and they were certified to be worthy. There were on the list a larger number than could possibly be elected. That being so, it behoved the brethren to strain every nerve to support such a deserving Charity. The brethren must remember that those on behalf of whom he pleaded had been once in reputable circumstances, many of them had come among the brethren and been at those Festivals, and now through old age and no fault of their own were now in want of relief. There might be widows for whom he was pleading whose late husbands sat at those Festivals and subscribed their money to the Charity liberally, some of them perhaps had taken their part as Stewards, and in their career had recommended the cause all Freemasons had at heart. Masonry was not a great benefit society. He had always insisted on those occasions that Freemasonry never was and was never intended to be a great benefit society. In its Institutions it was carrying out the highest principles of the Order; it was carrying out the cause which had banded Masons together—the endeavour to alleviate the wants and sufferings of those who had given their lifetime to the Order and were worthy members of the Craft. He could wish that at the close of that Festival a considerable addition might be made to the funded property of the Institution so that the calls on the brethren annually would be less. But the respected Secretary, Bro. Terry, had mentioned that the Craft in England had never failed in their liberality, and it was to be hoped that the income might be made up to such a sum as to be able to meet all the demands which might grow up. He hoped that sufficient funds would be available so that the Committee might never have to deny those who wanted assistance. The brethren would not, he was sure, have been present that night in such large numbers if they had not been sure that the Charity was well worthy of their support. He did not hope that any word of his could extract any more from their pockets; as he had said, the Stewards had left him in the peculiar position of not being able to get another guinea from their pockets. But if that was the case, the efforts of the Stewards had not been in vain. They might have to support the other Charities of the Order, to educate the boys and the girls of those who had fallen into distress; but even though they had to support those,

"Let them the tender office long engage,
And smooth the pillow of declining age."

He trusted that the Craft would show it was not unworthy of them as men and as Masons. He was sure that the brethren would not refuse to drink in the heartiest way the toast which he now proposed.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Institution, in reply to the toast, said that it was with somewhat of mixed feelings they had approached that Festival, because they knew that next year the jubilee of the Institution would take place, and they feared that many of the brethren would hold back from being Stewards this year, in order to come forward next year, and raise so large a sum as to obtain a fund to which the Chairman had so properly alluded. Fortunately, however, Lord Amherst came forward as Chairman, and he had been nobly supported by the Kentish brethren. It would not do for him to anticipate anything that Bro. Terry might have to say as to the lists, but one thing he might say—that he believed, from what Bro. Terry had told him, that they were at all events free from care for the present year, and that the deficiency to which the Chairman had alluded of some £14,000 or £15,000 would be made up that night. The Chairman had said that some of the brethren who were seeking the annuity might have sat at that table in wealth and affluence, and had been reduced to penury. They had a widow on the Charity whose husband came from India with three-quarters of a million of money, and lost it in speculation, and the widow was glad to take the annuity of £32. Bearing that in mind, it was well for all to put their hands in their pockets and do what they could for the Institution.

Bro. TERRY then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.				£	s.	d.	
UNATTACHED.							
Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough	£	s.	d.	Bro. Francis Shelton	10	10	0
" Asher Barfield	10	10	0	" W. G. Thompson	11	11	0
" Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart.	10	10	0	" R. Loveland Loveland	5	5	0
" Thos. R. Daniell	10	10	0	" Augustus Harris	10	10	0
" The Earl of Euston	10	10	0	" John Jones	15	15	0
" John L. Mather	10	10	0	" Dep. Ins.-Gen. B. Ninnis	10	10	0
" William Pierpoint	10	10	0	" Henry V. Clements			
" Edward Terry	10	10	0	" Frank Jackson			
" William Webber	21	0	0	" T. L. Rose			
" J. Morrison McLeod	36	15	0	" W. Belchamber	21	0	0
" W. S. Harvey	10	10	0	Mrs. Charles Lambert	5	5	0
" George Stagg	10	10	0	Miss Francisca Lambert	5	5	0
" Robert Grey	10	10	0	Lodge			
" Capt. C. J. Knightley	10	10	0	1 Bro. J. C. Dimsdale	33	12	0
" Thomas G. Bullen	12	12	0	2 " C. E. Keyser	89	5	0
" Horace B. Marshall, sen.	15	15	0	L. of 1.			
" Horace B. Marshall, jun.	10	10	0	3 " James Wilson	22	5	0
" F. J. Hubbard	57	15	0	Lodge			
" John H. Lane	10	10	0	4 " A. J. Venn, M.D.	15	15	0
" E. E. Wendt	35	14	0	5 " William T. Bloxam	30	9	0
" James Stephens	31	10	0	8 " S. W. Mellush	23	1	0
				Chapter			
				9 Comp. Lewis H. Harvey	80	17	0

Nevertheless, he thanked the brethren for their response and for their kind reception of him that evening.

Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT proposed "The Other Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School (Festival, May 13th), and the Boys' School (Festival, June 24th.)" He proposed the toast with considerable feelings of pleasure, as both those Institutions were connected with the great Institution called Masonry. It was only right and proper that while they thought most kindly of the old people with whom they had had the honour and pleasure of, perhaps, being associated with in those Festivals, and who, perhaps, had supported the boys and the girls, they should not be oblivious of the fact that the children of Masons were growing up and must be looked after and sought out and educated to make them useful members of society and a credit to the Craft. The Girls' School was most useful, because girls were of the tender sex and required more care than the sturdy boy. But they must look after the boys also, and they did it with the greatest pleasure and solicitude both in their childhood and later on. The Girls' School, they knew, was well organised and the girls in it were a credit to the brethren, who were greatly indebted to the teachers and the matron. Those officials discharged their duties to the Institution well. The Girls' School was a grand Institution, and it was a great privilege to assist and help it. They were not forgetful of the centenary year of the Institution, when they received so large an amount of money at their meeting in the Albert Hall. They thought a great deal of that, and they respected the brethren who so largely contributed on that occasion; they thanked them even now, and he hoped and trusted that when the Benevolent Institution for the poor and aged had its Jubilee Festival next year and its centenary 50 years later the brethren would muster round its Chairman and be even more numerous than they were that night. With regard to the Boys' School he wished it God-speed in the way it was being conducted. Great alterations had been made in its arrangements which they felt were for its good. They got out of the beaten track and wanted new blood. That new blood had been poured into it, and it must prosper. Let them not allow it to go to the wall for want of support, but help it in its indigence and in the good and excellent education it was giving. He hoped both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools would be well to the fore this year, and he had now the pleasure of proposing success to those two great Charities, which he asked every brother in the room to support.

The toast having been honoured,

Bro. TERRY apologised for the absence of Bro. Hedges, who, he was sorry to say, was ill, and Bro. McLeod, who, having gone to Newark, was on his way to the Festival, but had not yet arrived.

Bro. Col. CLIFFORD proposed "The Stewards." He said he was a very young Mason, but nevertheless it afforded him great pleasure to ask the brethren's kindly cheers for the efforts made by the Stewards of that Festival to obtain great success for it. Knowing very little about the Institution—it was the first visit he had paid to it—he hoped the brethren would kindly bear with him if there was any want of fulness in his remarks on the subject he was speaking of. If there was any lack of warmth in what he was saying the brethren must attribute it to his want of knowledge.

Bro. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M. Kent, President of the Board of Stewards, in response, said he had hoped that the reply to that toast would have been left to the Chairman, the Provincial Grand Master for Kent; but, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, he begged to say that those brethren felt very gratified at that acknowledgment of their work. It was a very hearty toast. There was a large Board of Stewards from the Province of Kent. The Board of Stewards had done their utmost to make that Festival a success, and all must admit that the Province of Kent had done a great deal. They had that sort of kinship in Kent that when their Provincial Grand Master presided over anything they supported him. Earl Amherst had done so on former occasions, and he had done so that day. He (Bro. Eastes) was happy and proud to preside over the Board of Stewards. Outside the Province of Kent they had had a large amount of success, and he thanked all those brethren from his province for the great amount of work they had done. He was sure they would congratulate him and the Institution heartily on the very great success now achieved. They must all admit that a very large amount of that success was due to Earl Amherst's presidency. He had only one word more to say—the Countess Amherst, the Chairman's wife, was present in the concert room, and would be happy to meet the brethren there.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. the Rev. Dr. LEMON, P.P. G.W. and P.P.G. Chap. Devon, and responded to by Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, and the brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where Bro. Earl Amherst presided over a delightful concert, in which the following artistes took part: Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Edward Dalziel, Bro. Alfred Moore (director); solo violin, Mons. Victor Buzian; concertina, Signor Alsepti; and pianoforte, Bro. W. W. Hedgcock and Mr. Frank Abernethy, Mus. Bac., Oxon.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It must be gratifying to Bro. Terry to find that his anticipations of a favourable result have been so fully justified, and that the slight upward tendency which the Returns of last year's Festival, as compared with those of 1889, showed has been maintained. His gratification must be the greater in consequence of the Board of Stewards which he was successful in bringing together being less numerous than it was last year. However, it is not necessary we should dwell upon this topic. The Festival is over, and, though it falls short of the result achieved in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, it is, nevertheless, one of the chiefest among the many successes which Bro. Terry has had the good fortune to record. Our present purpose is to analyse, in accordance with the custom we have followed for many years past, the Returns as they are apportioned between London and the Provinces, and, seeing what an array of admirable lists we shall have to deal with, it will readily be conceived that the task is one of more than ordinary satisfaction.

LONDON

was represented by 155 brethren, of whom 33 were Unattached, and 122 acted on behalf of 104 lodges, seven Royal Arch chapters, and five lodges of instruction, there being in some few cases more than one Steward per lodge, while in some few other cases a brother acted for a lodge and its chapter, for two chapters, or a lodge and its lodge of instruction. The amount obtained by these brethren, or by those of them who had sent in their lists in time to be included in the general total, was announced as £6993 2s., but the additional amounts which have been since received have increased this to £7128 13s., the lists generally averaging higher than in 1889 or 1890, while the proportion of three-figure lists and those which somewhat nearly approach £100 is very considerable. The place of honour was secured by two brethren who had evidently made up their minds to be at the top of the London contingent, and as neither appears to have been willing to give place to the other, even to the extent of the minutest fraction of a farthing, they wisely concluded to divide the honours equally. The worthy Stewards to whom we are referring are Bro. William Beavis, Steward for the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, and Bro. John C. Osterstock, of the Cator Lodge, No. 2266, who both succeeded in raising the splendid total of £315, and by so doing stand bracketed together at the head of the Metropolitan Stewards. Such a result must be looked upon as being unique in the annals of Masonic Festival work, and we congratulate these zealous worthies not only on the position they have secured, but on having created a precedent for future rivals in these honourable contests to follow. Following these, and very

close together, were Bro. Ernest A. G. Smith, who acted as Steward for the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, and returned £229 19s., and Bro. C. H. Halford, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, whose total was £226 16s. These occupied respectively the third and fourth places, while Bro. J. Oldis, of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1288, was fifth, with a total of £200 os. 6d. Next came our well-known Bro. Geo. Gardner, of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, who had the satisfaction of compiling a total of £180 10s., and close at his heels were Bro. Henry Jay, representing Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, with the chapter attached to it, whose list amounted to £174—the figure, by a strange coincidence, corresponding exactly with the number of his lodge—and Bro. G. H. Clark, of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, with £173 5s. Bro. R. L. Pasfield, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, raised £143, and Bro. John Dorton, Capper Lodge, No. 1076, £138 12s. Bro. F. J. Ruse, Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, stood next in order with a list of £126, and next him we find a group of three, namely Bro. James Jennings, Steward for United Strength Lodge, No. 228—the mother lodge of Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution—to whose credit is recorded the sum of £117 11s.; Bro. W. O. Swetman of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, who raised £114 13s. 6d., and Bro. Henri Gros, of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, who is able to show a list of £113 13s. 6d. Major C. W. Carrell, London Irish Rifles Lodge, No. 2312, and Bro. G. J. Baker, London Lodge, No. 108, unlike Bros. Beavis and Osterstock, appear to have been content to differ as regards their list totals, at all events, to the extent of a shilling, Bro. Carrell taking the lead with £108 3s., and Bro. Baker recording £108 2s. Bros. H. Cotter and W. Hawes, acting together as Stewards for the Yarborough Lodge, scored each of them a fraction over £50, and thus offer a combined Return of £100 10s., while Bro. E. W. Clements, Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, was almost level with £100 8s. These 18 brethren by raising the amounts we have enumerated, did splendid service, and are to be congratulated on the result. The following also obtained good lists, but short of £100, viz.: Bros. George Graveley and W. T. Legg, jointly representing the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, to the extent of £97 11s., the former obtaining £47 10s., and the latter £50 1s. Bro. L. E. Wilson, High Cross Lodge, No. 754, returned £95 os. 6d.; Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose, Clerkenwell, No. 1964, £94 9s. 6d.; Bro. C. E. Keyser, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, £89 5s.; Bro. W. Potter, John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, £87 3s.; Bro. Ernest Flower, of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, £87 2s.; Bro. James Boulton, of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, £82 8s. 6d., and Comp. L. W. Harvey, of the Albion Chapter, No. 9, £80 17s.

THE PROVINCES

were represented by 166 Stewards, the total of the donations and subscriptions obtained by them being announced as £8049 19s. 6d., but since increased by additions and corrections to £8335 19s. 6d. The largest contributing Province was that of Kent, of which the Chairman of the day has been for so many years the Provincial Grand Master. But many other Provinces lent their aid, and to very material purpose, though there are several Festivals during the last few years at which we have known the Country lodges to have figured to greater advantage. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the absentees were slightly more numerous than usual; but let the cause have been what it may, the 31 Provinces which took part in the celebration are to be congratulated on the efficient service they have rendered to an Institution which depends so largely for support on the voluntary efforts of the Craft. The unrepresented Provinces, including the Channel Islands, were 15 in number, viz., BEDFORDSHIRE (6 lodges), which has taken no part in any Festival since that of the Boys' School in 1889; BRISTOL (9 lodges), which did nothing last year, though previously it will be found to have figured on sundry occasions to considerable advantage, the "Old People" being an especial favourite among its members. Possibly the establishment of a local Charity Fund will account for an absence which, in this instance, has been more protracted than usual. CAMBRIDGESHIRE (six lodges) may justly claim a respite from labour in this particular field of Masonic duty. Though so small a Province, it raised by the hands of Bro. B. Chennell £206 12s. for the Boys' School Festival in July of last year, and £52 10s., per Bro. C. A. Vinter, for this Institution in the preceding February. In 1889 it distributed £315 among the three Charities, the Boys' School receiving more than one half, while in 1888 it contented itself with raising £362 5s. for the Girls' Centenary. CHESHIRE (41 lodges), though for reasons we have again and again stated never a very large contributor, is rarely to be found among the absentees, though it has been periously near finding itself in that plight on more than one occasion. If we remember rightly, its Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton—placed the claims of our Central Charities somewhat prominently before our Cheshire brethren at the last annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, and we trust the advice his lordship then offered will be followed at the School Festivals of the current year. DERBYSHIRE (24 lodges) is very rarely an absentee, as a reference to last year's Returns, when the Province raised upwards of £444, as well as to those of 1889, when the total was £414, and those of previous years, will show. DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges) raised last year by the hands of Bro. S. R. Baskett £181 13s. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and in 1889 £156 10s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In 1888 it figured at the Girls' Centenary to the extent of £294, so that it has in turn supported all our Charities, and before the year is over will not improbably be heard of as rendering material help to one or other of our Schools. GLOUCESTERSHIRE (14 lodges) raised £234 13s. in 1890; £199 10s. in 1889; £621 3s. 6d., of which the Girls' School received over £520, in 1888; in 1887, £221 11s.; and during the three preceding years an average per year of £747. Therefore, while we regret, we must not be surprised at, the occasional absence of so generous a contributor. As regards HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges), which has taken no part in these celebrations since the Girls' School Centenary in 1888, we can only repeat the opinion we expressed in our Analysis of the Boys' School Festival in July of last year, that it is about time it renewed its support of one or other of our Charities. NORFOLK (17 lodges) may possibly be reserving itself for one of the remaining Festivals of the year. In 1890 it raised over £229 for this Institution, and gave a further £26 5s. to the Boys' School. In 1889 it supported the latter Charity to the extent of £101 11s., while in 1888 the Old People received £63 and the Girls' School £214 4s. NORTHAMBERLAND (23 lodges) took no part in last year's Festivals or in those of 1889, but in 1888 it raised £900 for the Old People and £52 10s. for the Girls' Centenary. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (15 lodges) raised £178 10s. for the Boys' School last year, the brethren representing it being Bros. R. C. Wills and J. M. McLeod, the present Secretary of that Institution, to whom no doubt the Province will give a generous support in the course of the present year. In 1889 it figured at the Benevolent Festival for £57 10s., and in 1888 at those of the Benevolent and Girls' School, the sum of its two contributions being £242 11s. Last year WILTSHIRE (11 lodges) raised £378 4s. for the two Schools, the Girls' being benefited to the extent of £335 14s., while the Boys' received, per Bro. Harry Bevir, Prov. Grand Secretary, £42 10s. In 1889 the Benevolent Institution received £168, in 1888 the Girls' School £340 8s. 6d., and the year previous the Boys' School £234 3s. Therefore, we may hope to hear of something being done before the year is out by this small but liberal Province. The remaining absentees are the CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges) and JERSEY (seven lodges), which have figured on some of these occasions to good purpose, and the ISLE OF MAN (eight lodges), which has also from time to time evinced its interest in our Institutions. The result of the above particulars shows 15 unrepresented Provinces with an aggregate of 204 lodges.

Turning to the Provinces which took part in the proceedings of Wednesday, we notice with pleasure that out of the 13 lodges on the roll of the newly-constituted Province of

BERKSHIRE.

the Union, No. 414, Reading, with the chapter attached to it, and three other lodges, sent up Stewards, whose lists amounted to £146 3s. 6d. Last year Berks and its neighbour Bucks were grouped together, as in the days of the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., P.G.M., as one Province, and excellent service they rendered, the total of their contributions being £814 16s., of which the Benevolent Institution received £435 13s. 6d., the Girls' School £142 17s. 6d., and the Boys' School £238 5s. This was a grand finish for the two counties acting together as one Province, but after such an effort we could hardly expect them to show to the same advantage separately.

The same may be said with respect to the Province of

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

one of whose 12 lodges was represented by Bro. Bliss to the extent of £36 15s. There is this, however, to be said by way of apology in behalf of Bucks, as compared with its old associate, that, while the latter has had its organisation completed, Bucks is at present a body without a head, though one in the person of Bro. Lord Carrington has already been provided by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and will in due time be installed in its proper place. Of course, anything in the way of a comparison of Wednesday's result with those of previous Festivals is out of the question.

The lodges in

CORNWALL,

which are now 30 in number, are content to do their part through the medium of a single Steward, and Bro. Major J. J. Ross, who acted in this capacity on Wednesday, had the satisfaction of heading a list amounting to £143 11s. Last year the same brother represented the Province at the Boys' School, and compiled a total of £137 10s., while Bro. G. B. Pearce raised £132 6s. in May for the Girls' School, and Bro. F. W. Thomas £110 5s. in February for the Old People, the total for the year being £380 1s. In 1889 the Province distributed £362 5s. among the three Institutions, in 1888 £465 5s., of which the Girls' School received the lion's share, and in 1887 the still higher sum of £704 11s., Bro. G. B. Pearce being sole Steward at all three Festivals.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

with its 20 lodges, was represented by Bro. P. de E. Collin, whose list contained donations and subscriptions amounting to £46 4s. Last year it raised £73 10s. for this Institution, while the year previous it raised £140 for the Benevolent and Boys' School. In 1888 it made a great effort, and gave this Institution £1050, a supplementary £210 finding its way into the coffers of the Girls' School, while in 1886 it contributed £500 to the Boys' School. These are records of which the brethren in the lake counties have reason to be proud.

One of the 52 lodges in

DEVONSHIRE,

the Sincerity, No. 189, Stonehouse, had an efficient representative in Bro. Dr. Lemon, who has frequently acted in a similar capacity at these annual gatherings, and has invariably handed in a goodly list; on Wednesday his total was £63. Last year the total raised by the Province was £424 18s., namely, £207 10s. per Bro. Dr. Lemon for the Old People in February; £142 10s.—chiefly by the hands of Bro. John Lane—for the Girls' School in May, and £74 11s. per Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon and the Rev. Harry Hebb for the Boys' School in July. In 1889 the total traceable as contributed by this Province was £198 9s., which was pretty nearly equally divided between the Schools. In 1888 it figured for £1013 5s., of which £840 was received by the Boys' School, in whose behalf Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., acted as Chairman.

The 33 lodges in

DURHAM

had an efficient representative in Bro. C. D. Hill-Drury, whose list amounted to £168. Last year all three Charities were supported, the total being £262 10s., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received £78 15s., the Girls' School £105, and the Boys' School £78 15s. In 1889 the sum of £354 18s. was distributed among the Institutions, while in 1888 the total was £751 3s., this Institution securing £122 15s., the Girls' School £375 18s., and the Boys' School £262 10s. Such figures as we have quoted constitute a welcome addition to any Festival Return.

The Province of

ESSEX

has increased the number of its lodges during the last few years, there being now no less than 32 on its roll, and as it has been a regular and on most occasions a large subscriber to our Charities, we shall hope to find its contributions on a more extended scale. On Wednesday the number of its Stewards was six, of whom one acted independently and one did duty for a chapter, while the others represented lodges. Their lists amounted to £244 13s. 6d., of which the principal items were the £75 12s. raised by Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, No. 2256, and the £71 8s. by Bro. Scarlett, No. 1799. Last year it raised £977 10s., namely, £385 16s. 6d. in February for this Institution; £284 0s. 6d. for the Girls' School in May; and £307 13s. for the Boys' School in July. These figures were a great advance on those of 1889, which only reached £646 5s. 6d., while in 1888—the year of the Girls' School Centenary—it raised £1297 3s. 6d., and in 1887—the year of the Queen's Jubilee—£873 4s. These Returns, though varying from year to year, are most creditable.

Out of the 46 lodges in the Province of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

six were represented by four brethren, Bro. H. J. Atkins having undertaken to represent the Hengist (No. 195) and Horsa (No. 2208) Lodges at Bournemouth and the Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158. The total reached £204 15s., and is considerably below what we have been accustomed to record from this strong and influential Province. Thus in the year of the Queen's Jubilee its contributions to the three Charities was within a fraction of £1883, nearly the whole of which was received by this Institution, while the year following it just exceeded £1355, the bulk of which was handed over to the Girls' School. In 1889 and 1890, however, the Returns were small, owing, as we have before explained, to the establishment of a local Charity Fund, towards which it has raised over £2000 during the last three or four years. Thus the smallness of the amounts at this and the Festivals of the last two years is easily explained.

HERTFORDSHIRE

has made great strides during the last year or two, and where it numbered a dozen lodges or thereabouts can now boast of as many as 21 on its muster roll. Six of these sent Stewards to the Festival on Wednesday, and the total they together compiled was £319 2s. 6d. The James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, which was consecrated last year, was represented by the worthy brother from whom it takes its name and who is its W.M., his list being such as Bro. Terry, notwithstanding the heavy duties which devolve on him as Secretary of the R.M.B.I., always manages to raise—£167 10s.; while the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, and the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, which was consecrated in 1889, were responsible, the former for £60 18s., and the latter for £26 5s.

The Chairman's Province of

KENT

musters 57 lodges, and of these no less than 46 were represented by one or more Stewards, while in addition there was Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., doing his duty right well as Steward for the Province generally, and four brethren unattached together with three companions acting on behalf of as many Royal Arch chapters, the total number of brethren from this favoured county being 62. The total amounts to the grand sum of £3493 9s. 6d., the most important individual Returns being as follow, namely: that of Bro. J. S. Eastes, who made up the exceptionally brilliant total of £628 15s. 6d., and who as richly deserves the thanks of his Province for the able manner in which he led them in support of the Chairman as he does those of the Institution for having been instrumental in obtaining so large an amount; Bro. the Rev. Robert Jamblin, representing Lodges Nos. 913 (in part), 700, and 1837, returned a list of £200; Bro. Horatio Ward, of No. 31, Canterbury, one of £154 18s. 6d.; Bro. J. J. White, No. 2099, £131 5s.; Bro. Alfred Wootton, No. 127, £125; Comp. E. Palmer, of Chapter No. 913, and Bro. Herbert Black, of Lodge No. 1273, each of them £105; Bro. Felix Kite raised only a few shillings short of £100, the precise amount being £99 15s.; and there were many other good lists, such as those of Bro. W. W. Burkett, No. 1208, £78 15s.; Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson, No. 1206, £74 11s.; Bro. R. Derry, No. 158, £70; and Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, No. 1965, £69 6s., while the five Stewards of the Emulation Lodge, No. 299, compiled amongst them a total of £80 7s. Kent, indeed, did splendidly, its average for the 62 Stewards who represented it being between £56 and £57 per Steward; in fact, considering the number of lodges on its roll as compared with those on the rolls of the three great manufacturing Provinces of East and West Lancashire and West Yorkshire, Kent may pride itself on having done better on this occasion than ever those three northern giants at any Masonic Festival ever held for our Institutions.

Seven brethren did duty for

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

six of them acting on behalf of three of its numerous lodges, while the remaining brother worked independently. Their lists together amounted to £126, which for a Province with upwards of 100 lodges would be a small amount. But it must be borne in mind that the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution has the first place, and very naturally so, in the affections of our East Lancashire brethren, who support it very generously. We cannot, therefore, expect them to be quite as free in their contributions to our central Masonic Charities as otherwise they would be.

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION)

is even stronger than its neighbour—East Lancashire—yet only three of its hundred and odd lodges were represented, the number of Stewards being four, and the sum total of their lists £99 15s. Here, again, we have the smallness of the contribution explained by the existence of three local Institutions—the West Lancashire Educational Fund, the Hamer Fund, and the Alpass Fund, which are all well supported by the Province, and do a vast amount of good locally. There is, too, in the case of this Province, a special reason why the Returns should be on a modest scale. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who is Grand Master of the Province, has undertaken to preside as Chairman at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and our West Lancashire brethren will very properly reserve their strength for that occasion.

The agreeable duty of representing the 12 lodges in

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

devolved on Wednesday on Bro. John Hassall, of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, whose list amounted to the very acceptable sum of £70 6s. 6d. Last year it figured at the Benevolent Festival to the extent of £189. In June, 1889, it raised £525 for the Boys' School, and in 1888 the still larger sum of £648 11s. for the Girls' Centenary. In 1887 the Old People received the kind attention of the Province in the shape of £250, while in 1886 the Boys' School was enriched by £257 5s., and in 1885 the Girls' School by £405. These are large amounts from a Province of such moderate strength, nor can it be said that the subventions are distributed otherwise than most impartially.

It is not the first, and we trust it will not be the last, occasion on which the credit of

LINCOLNSHIRE

has been entrusted to Bro. H. E. Cousans, and though his list amounted only to £42 13s., it is to the credit of the Province that it is not included among the absentees, for Lincolnshire now has 24 lodges, and for three or four years has been doing excellent work. Thus it subscribed £542 to the Girls' School in May, 1890, and £100 to this Institution the preceding February. In 1889 it raised £448 14s. for the R.M.B.I. and £69 6s. for the Boys' School, while in 1888 its contributions just exceeded £223, of which over £200 was raised for the Girls' School Centenary. Thus in the course of the three years—1888—89—90—Lincolnshire's contributions have amounted to just a trifle more than £1383, or on an average £461 per year.

The Metropolitan Province of

MIDDLESEX

had six out of its 40 lodges represented by seven brethren, the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham, having two Stewards, the aggregate of their lists being £207 3s. This, under all circumstances, must be regarded as a satisfactory Return. Last year Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the respected Grand Master of the Province, was Chairman for the Girls' School, and his Province supported him to the extent of over £1000. In addition, it raised upwards of £285 in February for this Institution, and £51 for the Boys' School in July, its total for the whole year being £1337 15s. 6d. In 1889 its work was on a more modest scale, the sum distributed amongst the three Institutions being between £593 and £594. But in 1888 it raised £1816 5s., two-thirds of which was received by the Girls' Institution, while in 1887 and 1886 it subscribed in round figures £1265 and £1035 respectively. With such amounts as these before us we must not be surprised that every now and then even a Province of 40 lodges shows only a moderate total to its credit.

There are but 10 lodges in

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

yet six out of the 10 were directly represented, while Bro. William Pickford acted as Steward for the Province generally. The amount raised by the seven brethren was £325, Bro. Pickford's list being £53 10s., and Bro. Flanders, £58 16s. In May, 1890, the Province gave its support to the Girls' School, for which it raised subscriptions amounting in all to £247. In 1889 upwards of £300 was raised for the Boys' School, while in 1888 it gave £438 3s. to the R.M.B.I. and a further £94 10s. to the Girls' School Centenary. In 1887 the Boys' School received £300 and the Girls' School £62, so that each Institution has its turn of support. On Wednesday, however, though the amount raised is below some of the Returns we have enumerated, the contingent of brethren who had a hand in raising it was more numerous than usual.

One of the 18 lodges constituting the Province of

NORTH WALES

sent up a Steward in the person of Bro. C. K. Benson, whose name is by no means unfamiliar to those who study our Festival Returns, and who on this occasion

figured with £26 5s. to his credit. In July of last year, four Stewards, of whom Bro. Benson was the most successful, raised amongst them the comfortable sum of £120 4s. 6d. for the Boys' School, while in the May preceeding three Stewards, including Bro. Benson, contributed £68 5s. to the Girls' School. In 1889 the Province was represented at the Festivals of the two Schools, while in 1888 all three Institutions received support, the Girls' School obtaining within a fraction of £675 in honour of its Centenary celebration.

At the last moment Bro. H. Carman, of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough, stepped in, and offering his services as a Steward, rescued

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS

from the list of absentees, his list amounting to £31 10s. This Province, under Bro. the Earl of Euston as Prov. G. Master, has bestirred itself considerably, and when his lordship presided as Chairman for this Institution in 1888, supported him to the extent of upwards of £900. It has also assisted in a lesser degree on other occasions, and will doubtless acquit itself well at future celebrations.

OXFORDSHIRE

is a small Province with only 11 lodges on its roll, but we cannot call to mind the Festival from which it has been absent during the last 15 or 16 years, while, though on ordinary occasions its figures do not total up a very large amount, it is nevertheless a very considerable benefactor of all our Institutions. On Wednesday the total received from the four lodges which sent up Stewards was £68 12s. Last year it distributed £385 6s. 6d. among the three Charities, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution obtaining £246 out of this sum. In 1889 the sum total was lower, £276, while in 1888 it reached £656 9s. 6d., of which £568 12s. was raised in respect of the Girls' Centenary.

There is little doubt that

SHROPSHIRE,

since it has stood by itself as a Province, has done excellent service. It has but 11 lodges, and is hardly therefore strong enough to enter an appearance at all the Festivals, but it makes a point of being represented at one, and oftener at two out of the three, and generally it figures to excellent purpose. On Wednesday two of its lodges had Stewards, Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell acting for the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, and handing in £31 10s., while Bro. A. S. Townsend represented the junior lodge on the roll—the St. Alkmund, No. 2311, Whitchurch, and obtained £66 7s. 6d., the two together amounting to £97 17s. 6d. Last year it raised £181 13s. for the Boys' School, and £96 12s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or together £278 5s. In 1889 the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received £210 18s., the total for the year being £361 4s., while in 1888 it raised £807 10s., of which the bulk was in respect of the Girls' Centenary, and in 1887 £1022 17s., when Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., presided as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival. These figures need no embellishment.

The fortunes of

SOMERSETSHIRE

were entrusted to good hands when Bro. W. J. Nosworthy was chosen to act as the representative of its 25 lodges on Wednesday. Bro. Nosworthy has had experience of the work which a Festival Steward is called upon to do, and his list of £82 2s., shows that he did it well on this occasion. True we have seen larger Returns from Somersetshire, but it must be remembered that the Province is in a state of transition. In the summer of last year it had the misfortune to lose its deeply-respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and his successor in office—Bro. Viscount Dangarvan, though nominated to the post by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master—has not yet been installed. However, a Province which has been so well organised for a long term of years will not need much supervision in order to adapt itself to the new order of things, and we dare say before the present year has run its course we shall hear of further contributions being made to the Central Charities by our Somersetshire brethren. Last year it raised £358 1s. for the Boys' School and £190 17s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution together, while at the Girls' Centenary celebration it figured for the large amount of £946 1s.

For the second time the lodges in the Province of

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION),

had the great good fortune to be represented by Bro. J. R. Davies, who did duty on its behalf at the Boys' School Festival in July, 1890, and raised the large sum of £380 for that Institution. On Wednesday his list amounted to £380, which is all the more creditable as being the result of a second Provincial Stewardship following immediately on his last year's success. The greatest achievement of this Province was in the month of February, 1888, when Bro. Sir George Elliott, Bart., M.P., presided at the anniversary of this Institution and his lodges and brethren supported him to the extent of £865.

The neighbouring Province of

SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION)

has but 10 lodges on its roll, but its two Stewards, Bros. F. E. Remfry and Aaron Stone, both of whom are experienced workers in this sphere of duty, put their shoulders to the wheel, and between them raised the capital sum of £248, Bro. Remfry's list being £101, and Bro. Stone's £147. Last year the same brethren applied themselves to different Festivals, Bro. Remfry, as Steward for the Girls' School, obtaining £68 5s., and Bro. Stone, on behalf of the Boys' School, having £136 10s. to his credit. In 1889, the total for the Boys' School and Benevolent Festivals was £256 18s., of which the former had the good fortune to secure £204 8s., while in 1888 the spoils of successful Stewardship were pretty equally divided between the Old People and the Girls' School, the former obtaining as its share £108 10s. and the latter £105.

Two brethren are returned as Stewards for

STAFFORDSHIRE

with its array of 29 lodges, but one of them, Bro. W. H. Bailey, being entered in the London contingent also, and yet sending in a list of £73 10s. The other, Bro. J. F. Pepper, represented the Province generally and the St. James' Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, the amount he had the satisfaction of compiling in the shape of donations and subscriptions being £78 15s. In July, 1890, six brethren did duty for the Boys' School, and raised amongst them £304, while in May Bro. Ryder for the Province obtained £94 10s. for the Girls' School, and in February Bro. M. Barker £200 for the Old People, the year's contributions amounting in all to £599. In 1889 the total reached £498 15s. only, while in 1888 it was £627 17s., the Girls' School at its Centenary Festival receiving £365 7s., and the Boys' School £262 10s.

SUFFOLK

(22 lodges) has had many calls upon it during the past few years, and has invariably responded in a generous spirit. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee it raised £794 16s.; in the year of the Girls' Centenary celebration £1195 12s.; in 1889, when Lord Henniker, P.G.M., presided as Chairman at the 101st Anniversary of the Girls' Institution £1048 17s. 6d., of which the favoured Charity received £571 13s. 6d.; and in 1890 £619 13s. 6d., the R.M.B.I. in February obtaining £211 15s., the Girls' School in May £149 12s. 6d., and the Boys' School £258 6s. On Wednesday three of the lodges sent Stewards, whose lists amounted together to £134 5s.

There are 35 lodges on the roll of

SURREY,

and three of them sent up Stewards to this Festival, while a fourth brother acted independently, the sum of their contributions being £115 19s. Last year this Province raised £647 6s., namely, £274 10s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution, £277 9s. for the Girls' School, and £95 6s. 6d. for the Boys' School. In 1889 the amount distributed among the Charities was £496 4s., but in 1888 its contributions, including £1147 18s. in respect of the Girls' Centenary, reached £1298 14s., while in Jubilee year they amounted to £797 13s. 6d., and in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master, acted as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, they were £1829, of which "Our Girls" received £1346. It will probably be some time before the large amounts last enumerated are again recorded, even though the Province is numerically stronger than it was five years ago.

SUSSEX,

with its roll of 27 lodges, has the right to claim that it keeps on pegging away famously, and though its Returns to the different Festivals vary oftentimes considerably in amount, it generally contrives to give an excellent account of itself from year to year. In 1885, when its late chief, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided at the Girls' School Festival, it raised £1850, the total for the whole year being £1923 10s. In 1886 and 1887 it rested somewhat on its oars, its contribution to the Old People and Boys' School in the former year amounting to £542 10s., and to all three Institutions in the latter to £317 2s. In 1888 it raised £946 13s., of which the Girls' School received £884 9s., and the other two Charities the balance between them. In 1889 the Benevolent and Boys' School between them were benefited to the extent of £620 8s., while in 1890 the sum of £725 1s. was apportioned amongst the three, the Benevolent securing £247 6s., the Girls' School £278 5s., and the Boys' School £199 10s. On Wednesday six lodges contributed amongst them £291 6s., though the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, had no Steward to represent it. Included in the above total were £105 received per Bro. C. H. Haine from the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne, and £63 7s. per Bro. William Dawes from the Wellington Lodge, No. 341, Rye.

Two out of the 30 lodges in

WARWICKSHIRE

between them raised £31 10s., Bro. T. R. Arter, who represented a Worcestershire lodge as well, sending in a list of £21, while the remaining £10 10s. came from Bro. T. Duke, Steward for the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby. Last year it raised £78 15s. for the Boys' School, and £21 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or together £99 15s. In February, 1889, 14 members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, raised £147 for the Old People, while in 1888 at the Girls' Centenary it figured for the substantial amount of £1440 6s. 6d., the Athol Lodge again distinguishing itself with £315, the joint contributions of 30 of its members.

WORCESTERSHIRE

had a Provincial representative in the person of Bro. A. Green, whose list amounted to the goodly sum of £84, and Stewards for two of its lodges, Bro. T. R. Arter representing the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, Moseley, and Bro. W. T. Page, the Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, the total from all three reaching £203 15s. 6d. Last year the Province, which figured at all three Festivals, raised £136 10s. In 1889 the total reached £365 16s., the Boys' School receiving out of it £252; while in 1888 it raised £695 18s. for the Girls' School, and during the whole year £848 3s.

Though

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

has not done much during the last two years for our central Charities, it has been doing excellent work of a similar character at home, the sum raised for its Educational Institute being very considerable. It subscribed £31 10s. to the Old People in February, 1890, and £81 18s. to the Girls' School the following May, the total for the year being £113 8s. In 1889 the same two Charities received £150 between them, the Old People obtaining £105. But in 1888 the total of its contributions was £832, of which £763 was received by the Girls' School, while for the five preceding years its subscriptions averaged £532 per year. On Wednesday, Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. Grand Secretary, did duty as Steward for the whole Province, his list amounting to the handsome sum of £180, while Bros. Shackles and Haberland, of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, swelled this by a further £86 6s. to £266 6s. This is an excellent result.

We are not surprised that

WEST YORKSHIRE,

though our third strongest Province, should have contributed what for it is so small an amount, namely, £400. We know that it has pledged itself to give a large amount of support to the Boys' School, and therefore a moderate sum, just to show the Old People that their claims upon its generosity were not entirely lost sight of, is all we could reasonably expect. Last year its figures were somewhat below the high average it has maintained for the last 16 or 17 years, but in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, including the purchase money for the Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the R.M.B.I., and in 1888, when it was one of the principal contributors to the Girls' Centenary, the total was considerably above it. Such fluctuations, therefore, need cause little surprise.

COLONIES, &c.

It is pleasant to find brethren hailing from foreign parts entering an appearance in these lists from time to time. On Wednesday three Stewards from China, Cyprus, and New Zealand helped to swell the total by contributing £10 10s. each, or together £31 10s. We feel sure that Bro. Terry will be only too delighted to include the names of other distant brethren in the lists of future Festivals in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

CONSTITUTIONS OF 1762.—These well-known "Constitutions" form one of the most important documents which concern the true history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, as, if they are genuine, there arises a fair inferential argument as to the ante-Charleston existence of the 33 grades. What then is the evidence connected with them? Thory in the "Acta Latomorum" (1815, pp. 77 and 80, vol. i.), first, we believe, mentions their existence. He states distinctly that the "Commissaires" of the Conseil des Empereurs d'Orient et d'Occident à Paris, and of the Conseil des Princes de Royal Secret à Bordeaux, drew up "règlements de la Maçonnerie de Perfection en 35 articles," and adopted practically the 25 grades of the Council of the Emperors of the East and the West,—and that these were drawn up September 21, 1762. Both Thory and Ragon mention Bordeaux as the place where these Constitutions were drawn up, hence termed Constitutions of Concordat of Bordeaux, though Ragon expressly points out that "il n'est resté à Bordeaux aucun trace, aucun souvenir du consistoire prétendu." Mackey tells us that in the archives of the Mother Supreme Council of Charleston there are two MS. copies of these Constitutions, one written in 1789 by Jean B. M. Delahogue, and the other transcribed 1797 by Jean B. Aveilhé. These, however, do not, in our opinion, affect the question. These Constitutions have been published in *extenso* at Paris in 1832, so we need not give them in detail; Mackey also says in 1859 in America.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Livett, W.M.; Janau, S.W.; King, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Lavington, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Weeks, Tyler; Gilbert, Hudson, Lyell, Langdon, Harvey, Scott, Russell, and Armstrong. Visitors: Bros. H. R. Cheese, Todd, Hennell, and Laker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced and Bro. Hennell having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Hennell duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bros. Cheese, 145; Hennell, 857; and Laker, 869, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge. The three brethren returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Janau was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; W. Shales, S.W.; J. Tapping, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harvey, S.D.; F. J. Deaton, J.D.; J. Grove, I.G.; C. Grove, P.M.; G. Deaton, P.M.; J. Smith-Kay, and Bro. J. Grose (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kay 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, Bro. Kay being candidate. Bro. Deaton answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Deaton being candidate. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. Bro. J. Grose, 752, was unanimously elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

The annual supper will take place on Tuesday, the 10th prox., at 8 p.m., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; J. Thomas, S.W.; W. H. Tucker, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; J. Stutfield, S.D.; Neville, J.D.; and Ambler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor then worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. G. A. Nock, W.M.; H. T. Sykes, S.W.; J. W. Cooper, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; D. D. West, S.D.; C. E. Bulling, Treas., acting J.D.; D. G. Imlay, I.G.; J. Parker, J. H. Passmore, H. W. Fraser, H. G. Hurt, H. A. Saunders, and L. M. Myers. Visitor: Bro. H. G. Underhill, 357.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Gilling, was taken. Bro. Saunders was accepted as candidate, and, on being examined and entrusted, retired while the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was then very ably rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, who also recited the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. J. W. Cooper worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture, and Bro. W. H. Kirby the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. H. G. Underhill, 357, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. H. Tatton Sykes was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The warrant for this lodge of instruction having been surrendered, a meeting of the brethren hitherto connected with it was held at the Masonic Rooms, 116, High-street, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. A. A. Drew, G. A. Pickering, W.M. 890; James Stevens, R. Tilling, Fieldson, Norris, West, Lancaster, La Feuillade, J. Clarke, Van Puten, White, Walter Robin, Sec.; Blanchard, Humphreys, Moyley, Geen, Pynegar, Childs, Mascall, Thomas, Ponter, Gleave, Visgar, Sheppard, Homes, and others.

Lodge was opened by Bro. A. A. Drew as W.M., and a ballot was taken for a Life-Subscribership to one of the Masonic Charities, Bro. Lancaster being successful. It was then unanimously agreed that the lodge should be immediately dissolved, and the furniture and effects thereof offered to a new lodge about to be formed, and of which the brethren present should be the first members. The lodge was then finally closed.

HORNSEY LODGE (No. 890).—Permission having been granted by the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, at its regular meeting on the 6th inst., for the establishment of a lodge of instruction bearing its name, the brethren named in the foregoing notice resolved themselves into a Committee, Bro. A. A. Drew in the chair, and a communication from Bro. G. A. Pickering, W.M. 890, having been read, it was decided that the Hornsey Lodge of Instruction should be formed, that all members of the late Camden Lodge of Instruction be nominated its first members in consideration of the transfer of the furniture and effects of the late lodge and without payment of entrance fees, and that Bro. Pickering be invited to proceed at once to open the new

lodge. The W.M. of the Hornsey Lodge thereupon assumed the chair of K.S., and the Hornsey Lodge of Instruction was opened by him. The first officers were Bros. La Feuillade, S.W.; Blanchard, J.W.; J. Clarke, S.D.; Norris, J.D.; and White, I.G. Bro. A. A. Drew was unanimously elected Preceptor, and the compliment of honorary membership was conferred upon him, as also upon Bro. James Stevens, formerly Preceptor to the Camden Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Wimbush was then elected Treasurer, and Bro. Walter Robin Secretary. A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws. Thanks were voted to the Hornsey Lodge, through its W.M., for the warrant, and to the members of the late Camden Lodge of Instruction for the gift of Masonic furniture, which is to be held in trust by the Preceptor and Secretary for the time being. Bro. Pickering was elected W.M. for the opening night of working in the ensuing week, and Bro. Thomas for Thursday, the 5th prox., and the lodge was then closed.

LILY LODGE (No. 820).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. F. C. Austin, the Preceptor; the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. H. Sapsworth, the Treasurer and a P.M. of the Richmond Lodge. Among those present were Bros. Trinder, Sec.; Pritchard, Hatton, Keyes, Gosling, Booking, Brodric, Marjason, W.M. 2032; Skinner, 2309, Hanham, 2309; H. Barton, 946; Tyler, 1707; R. W. Forge, P.M. P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened in regular form, and some routine business transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment and the good things provided by Bro. Mouffet, to which ample justice was done. Bros. Barton, Gosling, Brodrick, Austin, and Mr. Parker (a most efficient accompanist) contributed in a very great measure to a most successful meeting.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. W. B. Fendick, W.M.; T. Whitford, S.W.; J. H. Price, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. F. Swan, Sec.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; J. Wheatcroft, J.D.; J. D. Hunt, I.G.; H. Heck, G. H. Carter, J. Jonas, E. D. F. Rymer, E. L. Berry, H. Matthews, T. Mogford, W. Cussens, J. Hemming, J. Mason, F. W. Leaver, T. West, H. J. Weston, and E. P. Glayson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Mason, P.M., and the 2nd Section by Bro. Greenway, Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Carter having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, with Bro. Carter as the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. F. W. Leaver, T. West, H. J. Weston, and E. P. Glayson were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W., Bro. Whitford, was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Bros. Whitford and Berry were elected Auditors to audit the lodge accounts, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, &c., for the annual lodge of instruction supper. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. R. Rogers, W.M.; H. Campbell, S.W.; T. W. Heath, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.D.; H. Windeatt, I.G.; H. Ward, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; J. Cruttenden, J. C. Conway, and T. Jobson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Conway, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Allman being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Rogers re-assumed the chair. Bro. Campbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rogers for the able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W., also acting as Secretary; J. Rowe, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; W. Hoggins, S.D.; G. A. Bergholz, J.D.; C. Cole, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Kirk, W. H. Warwick, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Reynolds worked the 1st Section, and the Preceptor the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. H. Warwick, having offered himself as a candidate to be raised, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. S. Lea Smith, W.M.; E. A. de Paiva, S.W.; C. Ellis, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; S. W. Morris, S.D.; R. T. Whaites, J.D.; H. Barnett, I.G.; H. E. Diamond, F. M. Smith, S. M. Southwell, J. H. Williams, F. G. Ivey, T. Burne, E. Snelling, F. G. Coates, G. F. Marshall, J. White, jun., F. H. Daubery, W. H. Causton, M.D., and Gordon Smith.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The

lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board were rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. E. A. de Paiva, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; A. Williams, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; M. Speigel, P.M., J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; R. H. Wimpey, G. W. Marple, and L. Lee.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the brethren assisted the Deputy Preceptor to work the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The 2nd Section was then worked by Bro. Speigel, P.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marple acting as candidate. Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Friday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. Raymond, W.M.; H. Heck, S.W.; J. D. Kingston, J.W.; J. Thom, Preceptor; C. P. Bellerby, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Harnell, Asst. Sec.; W. Wood, S.D.; R. C. Wilson, J.D.; Clayson, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. B. Cox, P.M.; W. Parker, P.M.; J. Hemming, P.M.; W. L. Collins, P.M.; T. Parker, L. Gunzell, H. Parfitt, Leather, Cane, Burgess, and Austin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Parker, candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cox candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Austin, 2021, was elected a joining member. Bro. Heck was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. K. White, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Coughlan, Preceptor; Budd, Sec.; Aristow, S.D.; Green, P.M., J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Hobbs, Glover, and Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Glover, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering itself, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoestreet, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Urban Smith, W.M.; C. H. Bestow, S.W.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; H. F. Bromhead, S.D.; R. Kershaw, J.D.; W. Baker, I.G.; H. Inman-Hallows, J. J. Briginshaw, F. Taylor, C. Dickinson, E. Spurgeon, T. Maynard, T. Brown, J. Ives, T. King, G. Lloyd, E. James, J. Hamilton, J. Bird, W. Alceck, G. Long, H. Harris, J. Baker, P.M.; J. Cropley, R. Sandell, and E. Gray, jun.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the ancient charge was delivered and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. James acting as candidate. Bro. W. Shurmur delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. C. H. Bestow was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. G. Lloyd and T. Maynard, of 2074, and J. Baker, P.M., were unanimously elected joining members. The generous offer of Bro. H. Grant to supply an harmonium for the use of the lodge, free of cost, was gratefully accepted. The genial Hon. Sec., Bro. Wm. Peter Allen, as usual, was actively engaged in looking after the comfort of the brethren. 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 20th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, H. elect 733, H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; J. Davies, 733, Freas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Cruttenden, 779, S.N.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, P.S. elect 975, P.S.; G. March, M.E.Z. elect 733, 1st A.S.; T. Jobson, 834, 2nd A.S.; D. Stroud, P.Z. 157; J. H. Wood, M.E.Z. 1642; J. R. Allman, Treas. 890, 276; O. W. Battley, 2246; A. Williams, 834; M. Speigel, 834; and W. W. Williams, 834.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. A. Williams being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. J. Davies as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, a valuable clock was presented to Comp. Dehane by Comp. Davies, on behalf of the companions, which compliment was duly acknowledged by Comp. Dehane. 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 20th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, H., M.E.Z.; V. T. Murché, H.; T. Grummant, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, Z., S.N.; Corpe, Z., P.S.; West, P.Z.; J. H. Price, Z.; Axford, P.Z.; Jas. Addington, P.Z.; and R. Davis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Axford, P.Z., personating the candidate. Comp. West, P.Z. 548, was elected a member, and returned thanks. Comp. V. T. Murché, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

It will be seen from the agenda we publish elsewhere that there will not be much to excite the attention of the brethren at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. There is, however, a communication from his Royal Highness the Grand Master relating to the establishment of a lodge holding under the Grand Orient of France in territory already occupied by our Grand Lodge, the territory being the Colony of New Zealand and the lodge the one of which Bro. Sir R. Stout, P.A.G. D. of C. and D.P.G.M. of Otago and Southland, is the first Venerable or W.M. We see from the notice that Bro. Sir R. Stout has virtually admitted the offence and offers justification for his conduct. It will now rest with Grand Lodge to act.

Bravo, Kent! £3500 in round figures was the amount contributed by the Masons of Kent to the splendid total announced at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday. The noble Chairman must have felt proud of his province, and the Craft generally will not be slow to appreciate this generous contribution to the funds of the "Old Folks."

Unfortunately neither of the Secretaries of the other Institutions were present at the Festival to respond to the toast of "The Charities." Bro. Hedges, we regret to learn, was absent through a somewhat serious indisposition, and Bro. McLeod on account of urgent private business, otherwise both would, we feel sure, have ungrudgingly offered their congratulations to their colleague on the result.

We regret to find that the authorities of the Girls' School have missed an excellent opportunity for rendering a substantial service to the Institution over which they have been elected to preside. It must be quite three months since it was publicly announced that the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and President of the Institution, had graciously consented to preside at the opening of the Centenary Hall, yet it was only last week that any steps were taken to invite brethren to be present on the occasion. In the interval, the authorities, we presume, have been busily engaged in devising schemes to provide his Royal Highness with a suitable attendance, with the result that the Centenary Stewards have been given to understand that they will have the privilege of attending if they are prepared to undertake the expense and trouble of securing a second Stewardship.

There are those who think that if any body of brethren have a kind of prescriptive right to witness the ceremony of inaugurating the new Hall it must be the Centenary Stewards. It was by their exertions that the money was raised which has enabled the building to be erected, and it is argued by those who take this view, that those who pay the piper are entitled to call the tune. Others hold that the Centenary Stewards have no such prescriptive right. They were granted special privileges in the shape of extra votes and the permission to wear their Centenary jewels at all Masonic meetings in recognition of their services, and they have, therefore, received a reasonable *quid pro quo*.

It matters little, however, what opinion may be held as to this right of the Centenary Stewards. There is no getting a quart of fluid into a pint measure, and whether the Stewards in question have or have not the right to attend, it would be impossible to squeeze 1500 persons into a hall which is only large enough to contain a thousand.

But the authorities, though after months of cogitation they appear to have at length realised this fact, have hit upon a plan which is decidedly objectionable. The Centenary Stewards are given to understand that they will be allowed the privilege of attending if they are prepared to pay for it by serving another Stewardship. We have yet to learn, however, who will be admitted, if, as is not improbable, they resent this offer as a body, or if a majority of them resent it, and only a small proportion of them accept the conditions announced in the circular of last week. In the meantime, we are within a fortnight of the day fixed for the ceremony, and no one knows for certain who will be allowed to witness it.

We do not imagine the authorities will have any difficulty in filling the Hall on the 12th prox. There are plenty of brethren, generally more ornamental than useful, whose brilliancy of decoration will give colour to the scene. But what is wanted on such an occasion as this is an assembly of brethren strictly representative of the Craft of Masonry. The Grand Officers for the year, with the Prov. G. Masters and their Deputies, the Committees and officers of the three Institutions, and the Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School would go some way towards providing such an assembly, and as the Princess of Wales will be present, a number of ladies might be invited to present purses to her Royal Highness, who is always ready to do a kindly act, and who, if it were respectfully submitted to her, would no doubt cheerfully consent to receive them on behalf of the School. However, there is no time left to formulate a plan which shall be generally acceptable. What we are suggesting now, or something of a similar or better character, should have been settled two months ago.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, 1891. Printed by WILLIAM COOPER and NEPHEWS, Berkhamstead.

The "Masonic Calendar or Directory for the Province of Hertfordshire," which is published by authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge, has been issued annually for the last 15 years. The duty of editing it is entrusted to the Prov. Grand Secretary, and although different brethren have at different times occupied that important office, each successive editor has had the satisfaction of knowing that the Hertfordshire Calendar has been invariably characterised by accuracy and fulness of detail, so that it has always proved an invaluable guide to the brethren in the province, and those brethren who are in the habit of visiting its lodges and chapters more or less frequently. Naturally this accuracy and completeness has rendered it difficult for the Prov. Grand Secretaries to introduce any new feature into the compilation, but Bro. Charles Bullock, who has had charge of the Calendar during the last two years, has contrived to introduce some new particulars which considerably enhance the value of the publication, without materially increasing its bulk. This year, for instance, he furnishes a list of those who represent their lodges, chapters, and Mark lodges on the Boards of Finance of Prov. Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Chapter, and Prov. Grand Mark Lodge respectively. He also gives a list of the officers and brethren annually elected to serve on the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, the executive officer of which is Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., of Mersey Hill House, Bushey, Herts. For the rest, the particulars relating to the lodges—now 21 in number, with a net membership of about 700—R.A. chapters, Mark lodges, and Templar encampment, are precisely similar to what previous editions have contained, and may be accepted without question as correct to date. The appendix contains a full list showing the voting strength of the province, and as there is a carefully compiled table of contents, and a full calendar from January, 1891, to January, 1892, both inclusive, with particulars noted as to days of meeting, &c., the Hertfordshire brethren have good reason to be thankful to their provincial authorities for furnishing them with so many and such trustworthy data for their guidance, and to Bro. Bullock, Prov. Grand Secretary, for having placed these data before them in so complete and handy a form.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

London Lodge (No. 108).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when a large number of brethren assembled. The lodge for several years has been composed of a small party of brethren, and at its meetings and banquets (which are always in the best taste, under the superintendence of Bro. E. Ashby, the manager of Bro. Painter) a sparse company have sat down. But latterly the meetings has been more numerous, and Bro. George J. Baker, who was on Saturday installed as W.M. has been generally credited with conducting to the fuller assemblages which the lodge have been fortunate in obtaining. At his installation there were present, among others, Bros. George A. G. Berkely, P.M.; Ed. B. Holloway, P.M., Treasurer; H. W. Green, P.M., Secretary; Giles, P.M.; Dudley Rolls, P.M.; and C. W. Tayleur, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Alfred Morgan, 1155; J. M. Grant, jun., 176; P. M. Skinner, 40; M. Mildred, P.M. 2024; W. Lincoln, 534; J. C. Main, W.M. 157; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; F. J. Perks, P.M. 1777, S.W. 1507; E. Bond, P.M. 860; W. Hill, 1055; T. P. Coope, 15; H. Burton, 1987; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. A. Hains, 1348; W. H. Hornby Steer, 874; George Barson, 1669; Fred. W. Peire, P.M. 90; Walter Wellsman, P.M. and W.M. elect 1589; W. H. Chapman, 1386; Edward F. S. Green, S.W. 1139; Joseph Bruton, J.W. 2006; C. W. Mayo, 1541; R. Steer, 607, 2222; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, G.D.; J. Edward Cockett, P.M. 1384 and 1672; G. F. Spalding, I.G. 1693; J. A. Collings, 1603; A. J. Woodward, 87; C. J. Boyd Wallis, 1982; Major John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; W. Rogers, 1339; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.S.G.W. Middx.; D. F. Tutill, 1305; and H. Manley, Stwd. 1686.

Bro. W. B. Tritton, W.M., presided, and in excellent style passed to the Second Degree Bro. W. B. Girling. To Bro. Henry W. Green, P.M. and Sec. of the lodge, was deputed the office of Installing Master, and he in masterly form installed Bro. George J. Baker, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed were Bros. W. B. Tritton, I.P.M.; Horace Quare, S.W.; H. H. Wotton, J.W.; Edwin S. Holloway, P.M., Treas.; Henry W. Green, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Gretton, S.D.; D. D. West, J.D.; Henry W. Noakes, I.G.; and Joseph T. Marsh, P.M., Tyler. The ceremony being concluded, the new W.M. proceeded to initiate, after a successful ballot had been taken, Messrs. Frederick John Horniman (a candidate for the Shrievalty of London, and for the Parliamentary representation of Shrewsbury), Timothy Joseph Vincent, and Gustavus Landsberger in the earliest mysteries of the Order. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Tritton, and the brethren were appealed to for support of the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of one of Bro. Painter's choice banquets, which Bro. Ashby personally superintended. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine responded to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," when he said it had been his experience to find not only in this country, but in far-off lands in the colonies, where Grand Lodge was known only by reputation, that when it was discovered that any member of Grand Lodge was visiting there the greatest hospitality was extended to him. He then expressed the great pleasure he had had at being present at the initiation of his old friend, Bro. Horniman. Among the many calls on his time there was the invitation to be present at that ceremony, and he readily put all others aside in order to do honour to a gentleman who he was certain would, as he increased in his knowledge of Freemasonry, honour that Craft by the services he would perform to it.

Bro. Tritton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who he was sure would be a credit to the lodge. He was very sorry that on account of a bad cold the W.M. was not so well as he would wish to be, and was unable to speak with that comfort to himself and the brethren which all would desire.

Bro. Baker, in reply, after thanking the brethren for their very cordial reception of the toast, said he was very happy among them all. One great pleasure he had had that evening, that of initiating his old "boss." Bro. Horniman told him a short time ago that he should like to join that honourable Society, Freemasonry, and he asked him (Bro. Baker) what he was to do. His advice was that the London Lodge was one which he would like to join, as he would find there brethren who were gentlemen he would be happy to meet. Money did not make a gentleman. Bro. Horniman possessed a good deal of that article, but still he was one of those very charitable men who used his money well. That evening he had instructed him (Bro. Baker) to make him a Life Governor of each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and he was going to put 20 guineas on his (Bro. Baker's) Steward's list for the Benevolent Institution. That was very satisfactory. He (Bro. Baker) was much attached to the Charities of the Order, and, as a member and Treasurer of lodges of instruction, he always looked out for the money. He should look after Bro. Horniman's, and he hoped Bro. Horniman would be Steward for the Institution, as he (Bro. Baker) hoped that he himself would be Steward of all the Institutions before he shuffled off this mortal coil. He then proposed "The Initiates," and said the London Lodge was very peculiar, being exceedingly particular as to the class of men they admitted. By that means they obtained men who were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry, and such they had that night in Bros. Horniman, Vincent, and Landsberger.

Bro. Horniman, who was the first to reply, said he had gone through the solemn and serious ceremony with nervousness. He had learned, and it was a very solemn assurance to him, that the great object of Freemasonry was Charity, which they knew meant love. He was not going to trouble the brethren with any lengthened remarks, but

he must reiterate the remarks of the W.M., that charity had been one of the chief objects of his life. Although he did not like to speak about himself, he was obliged to do so by the very toast itself. He was very pleased with the flattering remarks of Sir Somers Vine, an old friend and colleague of his. Some of the brethren were aware that on the Wednesday previous he received a large number of friends at his museum at Dulwich, and that he had also the intention of becoming a public character. It was rather a chameleon character that he adopted, and he was changing his character for that of a collector of articles of vertu to that of a distributor. He hoped to become a public character in the City of London, if they would permit him. If at any time he could be of use to that lodge it would give him great pleasure.

Bros. Vincent and Landsberger also responded, and said that though they might not be able to do so much as Bro. Horniman for the Charities, they would yet do their best.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Tritton; that of "The Visitors" by Bros. Perks, Major Peirce, and Wellsman; that of "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bro. Green; and that of "The Officers" by each of those brethren.

The Tyler's toast closed an evening which had been rendered additionally pleasant by some beautiful singing rendered by Bros. W. Rogers, H. Manley, F. J. Perks, T. J. Vincent, and W. H. Manley.

Westbourne Lodge (No. 733).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when the W.M., Bro. William Burton, presided. As usual at the meetings of this lodge there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. The Past Masters who attended were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; L. Ascott, T. W. Allen, J. Collins, S. R. Walker, J. Walford, W. Drew, W. Hallett, and W. J. Burton. The W.M. in an excellent style installed Bro. James William Curtis, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were made officers for the year: Bros. W. Burton, I.P.M.; J. W. Belsham, S.W.; R. J. Rogers, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; L. Ascott, P.M., Treas. B.F.; S. R. Walker, Hon. Sec.; A. Arrowsmith, S.D.; W. H. Faircloth, J.D.; G. Price, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., D.C.; J. Cumming, F. Quick, and H. Hughes, Stewards; F. W. Clarke, Org.; and S. Ellis, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. W. Drew, P.M., announced that he was going to be Steward for the Boys' School, and informed the brethren that he had put 20 guineas on the list. He appealed strongly to the brethren for their individual support, and asked the lodge to contribute from its funds. The lodge thereupon voted 25 guineas, and Bro. Drew, after thanking the brethren, said he had no doubt he should carry up a very handsome amount to the Boys' School, which, in addition to being well worthy of support, was much in want of funds. Some further business was transacted, and the brethren after closing sat down to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and said that as the W.M. had spoken of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be elected on Wednesday, the 4th March, for the 16th time to that high position. His Royal Highness would afterwards fill up the vacant position formerly held by the late Earl of Carnarvon, though he could not say now who the Pro Grand Master would be. He was very proud to be a Past Grand Officer, as a member of the Westbourne Lodge. It was 33 years that night the lodge was consecrated, and he had the honour of being one of the founders. He was pleased to see the manner in which the lodge was worked; it had never been dislocated down to the present time. It had always been a prosperous lodge, and he hoped that for many years to come it would be so. He could not hope to be at its centenary, because he was getting too old for that.

Bro. Burton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He was very proud to be succeeded by such a brother as Bro. Curtis, an older Mason than he, who had been most anxious to do his work properly. He was a most courteous brother; if he had not been he would not have succeeded to the chair.

Bro. Curtis, W.M., in reply, said that as an initiate in the lodge it had been his ambition to become W.M., and at last he had had that honour. Certainly he had worked for it, had gone through every office without a skip, and in every office he had endeavoured to do his duty. To those brethren who had not arrived at the Master's chair he would say that the position was somewhat trying to one's nerves. There was much work to do; a Master had to please members and visitors both in lodge and at the festive board more particularly on the night of installation. But he had no fear of failure, because he knew the kindly feelings of the brethren.

Bro. Curtis next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," who was certainly second to none of his predecessors. He hoped that at the end of his year of office he might have a record like Bro. Burton; if it was 50 per cent. less he should be satisfied. Bro. Burton was a kind, good Mason, and had proved himself a thoroughly good Master of the Westbourne Lodge. The lodge was fortunate in having had such a Master. It was customary at the expiration of a Master's year of office to attach a jewel to his breast to show wherever he went that his services to the lodge had been appreciated. Holding in his hand a very handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge, he now affixed it to Bro. Burton's breast, knowing he would receive it with pleasure, well aware that he had thoroughly earned it. All the brethren knew he was well deserving of it, and many years might he live to wear it.

Bro. Burton, in acknowledging the gift, said that like the W.M. it had been his ambition ever since he was initiated to become W.M. of the lodge, and he asked the junior members to have the same object in view, as it would lead to their progress in Masonry and the success of the lodge. He flattered himself that the brethren believed he had contributed to the success. He would still try to give every gratification possible to the brethren. He had no reason to doubt that the lodge would remain a great success. For the gift of the Past Master's jewel he returned his hearty thanks. True, he had worked for it, though in a very humble way. He hoped he would live long to wear it with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge.

Bros. Rooke, Dillon, and numerous other brethren responded the toast of "The Visitors," and the other toasts followed.

Some pleasant singing was performed by Bros. W. Deer, P.M.; G. Goddard, and R. J. Rogers, and Miss Virginia Cheron, and Miss Hannah Jones.

Doric Lodge (No. 933).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. John Grey, the outgoing W.M., installed Bro. William Smith as his successor in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed in a unostentatious and workman-like manner, and the newly-installed Master was duly saluted, first by the Installed Masters present at the Board and then by the brethren in the Three Degrees of the Order. Bro. Smith then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. R. Walker, S.W.; T. G. Scott, J.W.; William Wainwright, P.M., Treas.; A. Calver, P.M., Sec.; A. Moss, S.D.; E. E. Pearson, J.D.; J. T. Johnson, I.G.; G. W. Austen, Director of Ceremonies; F. W. Cates, Stwd.; G. T. H. Seddons, P.M., Organist; and Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Grey, I.P.M., then delivered the customary addresses to the officers and brethren, and concluded with the address upon the nature of the Institution. The next business before the lodge was the ceremony of passing Bro. Bates to the Second Degree, which, at the request of Bro. Grey, the W.M. deputed him to perform, subsequently resuming the chair, transacting further business, and closing the lodge.

The brethren are certainly to be congratulated on their choice of a Master who, as soon as ever he was placed in the chair, realised his position, and assumed the authority and responsibilities of his office. It was refreshing to see the firmness, yet perfect courtesy, with which he vetoed an inadmissible discussion which was attempted on a notice of motion. There can be little doubt that under such a genial and at the same time business-like Master the work of the lodge will run very smoothly during the ensuing year.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren and their guests adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was provided, which appeared to be thoroughly appreciated. If Bro. Smith deserves praise as a Master in the lodge, he is equally meritorious as a host.

The after-dinner entertainment provided was of the most delightful kind, as may be inferred from the names of the following artistes, who performed under the direction of Bro. Seddon, the Organist of the lodge: Bros. Walter Perrin, W. H. Webb, Hodsoll, T. Tayler, H. Thom, and Cates; and there was besides a glee party, comprising Bros. George May, Henry Parkin, James Kift, and Stanley Smith. With such an array of talent our readers may be sure that the music of the evening was an exceptional treat.

The first three toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers"—were proposed with commendable brevity, though each was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Grey, I.P.M., rose to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. William Smith." Their W.M., Bro. Smith, had that evening attained the summit of his ambition. He had not risen from the ranks in an imperceptible and peaceful manner in the ordinary way. His presence had not only been seen, but felt, not only on account of the slight opposition on his asserting his rights, but also on account of the manner in which he had come forward in the cause of Charity. They knew of his good deeds done in the lodge, while out of it he had acted as Steward for various Masonic Charities, and to one of which he (Bro. Grey) believed he was now Vice-President and one of the governing body. Such testimony of good works, he believed, had not hitherto been known in the history of the Doric Lodge in a brother below the chair, and by now being elected to the chair and installed he had only attained his fitting reward. The work done by the W.M. that evening in the lodge was work of minor importance, but the brethren could see, from the way in which Bro. Smith invested his officers, that he meant to be no mere figure-head in the position he had been destined to fill. The musical accompaniments to the ritual in the lodge had been initiated by their present W.M., and if the other improvements went on he had no doubt that by the time Bro. Smith's term of office had expired they would find their lodge released from the weeds and barnacles which had hitherto been clogging their progress, and entering on a fresh lease of life and honour. He had, therefore, great pleasure in asking the brethren to join in drinking to the health of their newly-installed W.M.

In reply, Bro. Smith rose and said: I.P.M., P.M.'s, and Brethren,—I have to thank you most cordially for the manner in which my health has been proposed, and for the enthusiastic manner in which it was responded to. In taking up this position as W.M. there now devolves upon me a certain amount—a very grave amount—of responsibility. I was under the impression that I had only to strive for the chair, and that it was one of the easiest matters to fulfil the duties of the position of W.M. of the lodge; but I find already that the duties are very great; I find already that the responsibilities of the W.M. of the lodge must to a very large extent rest very much upon the shoulders of the brother who occupies that position. But, brethren, in taking up this position depend upon it I shall try to do my duty faithfully for this lodge. I have been a member of this lodge for something like nine years, and I might say I have passed through various offices in connection with this lodge. I trust during the ensuing year I shall have the assistance of the brethren. It is impossible to raise this lodge, in the eyes of the Masonic world, higher in the future than it has been in the past. There is no doubt that to a certain extent the Doric Lodge (if I may make use of the expression) has latterly been "skidded," and with the assistance of the brethren I intend to take the skid off; and it depends upon the brethren in the lodge whether they are to make a success of it or not. The lodge itself has always been a success as regards its working, but we want to make something more of it than that. We want to make it a lodge of enjoyment for the brethren. We have inaugurated this night a musical ceremony; it is for the brethren to say whether it is to continue or not. I think they will answer in the affirmative. By raising the lodge a little higher in the ritual of Freemasonry, it is not my intention to depart from the ritual, but what I wanted to do is to make the ritual of Freemasonry more enjoyable to the brethren, and I want the brethren to support the Master on the seven meeting nights throughout his year, and not only on the night of installation. Now it entirely depends on the brethren of the lodge, and I throw myself entirely on the brethren of the Doric Lodge to give to my officers and myself plenty of work to do this session. We are prepared to do any quantity of work, and the more you give us the better we shall like it. I hope, brethren, that this time next year you will be able to say that during my year of office the reputation of the lodge has lost none of its lustre, but (as the Installing Master said of the warrant

when he handed it to me) that it will pass pure and unsullied into the keeping of my successor. You may depend upon your W.M. doing the very best he can for the interests of the lodge, and the benefit of Freemasonry in general.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Digby, 2062; Cummings, 2168; Bury, P.P.G. Sec.; and Arthur Chamberlain, 2255.

In responding, Bro. Digby said it was with more than ordinary pleasure that he responded to the W.M.'s invitation to be present that evening to witness his installation into that high and honourable position which he now occupied. It had been his privilege to introduce Bro. Smith into that lodge, and through the courtesy and kindness of Bro. Pain, P.M., it was also his privilege to raise Bro. Smith to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and he well remembered the intelligent interest and the sympathetic feeling evinced throughout the ceremony, and from the anxious enquiries Bro. Smith had made of him after being raised, as to how and where he was to get the Masonic knowledge, he even then felt convinced that he would one day become a bright and shining light in Freemasonry. He was glad to see that night that his prognostications had been fulfilled, and more than fulfilled, and he would take that opportunity of congratulating Bro. Smith upon having attained the highest position that that or any other lodge could confer upon him. He had also to congratulate the lodge on having elected so zealous and earnest a Mason to preside over them, feeling sure that Bro. Smith would carry out the duties of his office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. Smith had kindly said that he was pleased to see him there once again among the brethren of the Doric Lodge. He could only say that he very heartily reciprocated that feeling. It was 22 years ago that night since he was initiated at that lodge, and it was now 12 years since he occupied the proud position of W.M. of the lodge. Some seven years ago he resigned, and he had often regretted the necessity which caused him to do so. Since then he had gone in for Masonry again, and had become a founder and was now the second Master of the Richmond Lodge. He had been an earnest worker in the lodge, which he was so proud to say was in every sense a prosperous lodge. After remarking on the loss of two deceased Past Masters, Bro. Kelly concluded by thanking the brethren for the hearty welcome the visitors had received.

Bros. Cummings and Chamberlain also responded. "The Health of the Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were also duly honoured and acknowledged, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The following visitors were present: Bros. S. Fromm, H. Lindus, H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; J. Smith, 1816; H. Winkley, P.M. 1445; John Jones, 59; J. T. Camp, 1695; Chas. Reeve, P.M. 1816; A. R. Trew, P.M. 959; G. S. Ayre, P.M. 95; J. E. Cussans, P.M. 1366, 403, W.M. 1385, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Alfred W. Humphreys, 1839; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; H. T. Inman Hallows, P.M. 1662; J. W. Tubby, Stwd. 1507; A. R. Chamberlain, Treas. 2255; Saml. Rayson, 1491; A. Brock, 857; James Wayland, 95; S. E. Taylor, 212; E. W. Francis Brown, 1089; Robt. S. Cummings, P.M. 2168; Robt. F. Tyler, I.G. 134; J. A. Motion, 453; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; J. D. Bowles, 1299; J. Roll, 481; Tom Taylor, 45; Chas. J. Digby, P.M. 2032; H. G. Thorn, 1839; G. Ward Verry, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; George G. Reed, J.W. 1910; W. H. A. Mundell, 1323; and W. T. Perrins, 1839.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 13th instant, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M. and Installing Master, in the chair. Present: Bros. E. Fry, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; Rev. Sturdee, Chap.; Cowley, Treas.; T. Grammat, Sec.; Borrett, S.D.; Dr. W. H. P. Makeham, J.D.; Hiram Henton, P.M., D.C.; Li Calsi, Org.; C. Rouard, I.G.; C. Grassi, P.M., Stwd.; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; J. D. Graham, I.P.M.; F. W. Cash, P.M.; C. F. Mounter, Guffanti, Cogliati, Maund, Bargbaghi, J. H. Meyer, W.M. elect; Menninger, Bonci, Pratti, Abba, Gérard, Target, Firminger, Meffan, Howard, Woodham, and Waters. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; J. G. Milburn, P.M. 13; Dr. T. E. Webb, W.M. 1320; W. Jeffery, W.M. 1622; R. Mackway, 1957; A. S. Wilson, 2191; F. W. Tolson, 1351; J. Simpson, 77; J. Rowe, 2191; C. O. Burgess, 1614 and 2191; E. Van Patten, S.D. 1601; and D. F. di Giambattista, 1668.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee adopted and approved, and Mr. Alphonse Hugo Joseph Gérard initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. having delivered the appropriate charge, rose at the closing hour of his year of office to read the following letter, which he had sent to his Holiness, in pursuance of an intimated intention he had expressed in the lodge some time previously: "May it please your Holiness, I send per Book Post for submission to your notice and acceptance, a work written for Freemasons, which I feel sure will receive your careful consideration, and which I believe, aided by the light which is from above, will enable you to form a more favourable opinion of our Order than you have hitherto done. As the head of one of the most influential Anglo-Italian lodges in England, I have been prompted by the spirit that is in me to take this step because I know the pain that many of your church and country feel at your condemnation of the noble Order of which we are members; and although but an humble centurion in the ranks of our mighty army, which is ranged under the banner of the great God whom we all adore, I ask you, the venerated head of a glorious army working in the same cause, to extend to us, your fellow workers, that Charity "which thinketh no evil but rejoiceth in the truth," and which we regard as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.

"Should you wish for more light I would be willing (if our M.W. the Grand Master will grant me a dispensation) to come to Rome and make you a member of our Order, the which I submit stands prominent in its support of all lawful authorities, and in strengthening and developing all that is good and great in our frail human nature.

"Trusting that your Holiness will receive this communication as being tendered with the respect and esteem due to your holy office,—I remain, yours fraternally,

(Sd.) "C. N. MCINTYRE NORTH,"
"W.M. New Cross Lodge, 1559, England."
"A. Sua Santita, Papa Leone XIII., Roma."

He (the W.M.) had not received an answer, but he was sure from the goodness of heart and justness for which his Holiness was noted that silence might be taken as acceptance and acknowledgment of the justness of his contention. The lodge was then called from labour, and after an interval, on returning to labour, Bro. Hiram Henton, P.M., D.C., having completed his arrangements, Bro. Cowley presented Bro. J. H. Meyer, W.M. elect, to the Installing Master, and a Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. John Herman Meyer was then duly installed in the chair of K.S. The investiture of officers then followed, but owing to the W.M. being a Past Warden, no change was made in the principal officers. The I.P.M. having been invested, Bro. E. Fry was re-appointed S.W., and Bro. Faulkner, J.W. The W.M. having addressed the Wardens, Bros. W. Cowley, P.M., was invested as Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. Li Calsi, P.M., Org.; Barrett, S.D.; H. W. P. Makeham, J.D.; G. F. Mounter, I.G.; H. Henton, P.M., D.C.; G. Guffanti, A.D.C.; Carlo Grassi, P.M., and A. Cogliati, Stwds.; and C. W. Rowe, Tyler. The W.M. delivered the final address, several propositions were carried, and the W.M. closed the lodge.

After the banquet, which was served up in Bro. Boncey's excellent style,

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," said he had not that complete mastery of the English language which he should wish to have to do honour to the toast, but would, in brief military fashion, propose the toast, coupled with that of the Craft.

The W.M. then proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referring to their services in eulogistic terms.

The I.P.M., Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was much in the position of Cheap Jack when offering his last umbrella—the ones that the lodge had bought, in the persons of the late I.P.M. and himself, were not so perfect as they might be—the article he had to offer was the genuine article, perfection in every way, well covered in serviceable wearing silk, warranted not to crack; a paragon frame, beautiful stick, with silver mounted ivory handle, warranted to wear for twice 12 months, and in every respect superior to the articles the brethren had already put up with. Seriously speaking, those who knew the W.M. were well aware of his merits, the manifold way in which he had struggled upwards, in spite of the manifold obstacles which his peculiar business had planted in his Masonic career. They sympathised with him in his disappointment last year, when his African journey to all appearances debarred him from taking the chair in his mother lodge, and they now rejoiced with him when fickle fortune had placed the prize within his grasp.

The Worshipful Master, after returning thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren had received the toast, proposed "The Health of the Initiate," referring in kindly terms to the able manner in which he had passed through his ordeal, and trusting that he would become a distinguished and worthy brother of the New Cross Lodge.

The Initiate briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had done him.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," presented him with a Past Master's jewel, as being not only well earned by his management of the lodge, and the manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master, but also by his work and for his sturdy self-respect in speaking out in defence of Freemasonry. In placing the jewel on his breast he could not adequately express all he felt, but hoped he, the I.P.M., would be spared for many years to the New Cross Lodge.

The I.P.M., in returning thanks, said the time had arrived for him to give an account of his Stewardship. During his term of office there had been six initiations, eight passings, and eight raisings. He had delivered the lectures and charges of the several Degrees, and had attended all the meetings of the Board of Benevolence and Grand Lodge except one. The cost of repairing the furniture and fitting the box for the banners he had defrayed, which he begged the brethren to accept as a donation, together with the detail drawing of the New Cross jewel, which he then presented to the W.M. With regard to the Masonic work referred to by the W.M., by a remarkable coincidence he had the pleasure in 1881 of announcing from that chair, when chief of the Club of True Highlanders, that her Most Gracious Majesty had been graciously pleased to thank him for his great work on "Highland and Celtic Antiquities," and in 1891, from the same chair, he had announced that not only her son, H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but also her grandson, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, had been pleased to thank him for the work on King Solomon's Temple and Lectures on Freemasonry which he had published while he was Master of the New Cross Lodge. The handsome jewel he accepted as a testimony from the brethren that he had not fallen short of or exceeded the level line of his duty, had not swerved to the right or left from the perpendicular line of rectitude, and that the squares representing his Masonic duties, and the manner, skill, and ability with which he had carried those duties out, had been tested by and harmonised with the unerring standard laid down for his guidance. Passing from the personal, he would just notice a few remarks the W.M. had made with reference to dissensions in the lodge in its early years, these dissensions were things of the past when he (the I.P.M.) joined. It was natural in a new lodge that there should be widely diverging opinions, but they must remember that the members of that lodge were of different races and climes, and although many of them belonged to that nation (Bella Italia) whose progress from its new birth had been watched with sympathetic pleasure in this country, they were all like precious stones in the rough, brought together to be shaken in a bag, with all the rough angularities of insular and continental prejudice and faddism prominently developed; the attrition had gradually rounded off and smoothed down the asperities, and as precious stones before polishing were bedded in cement, so the cement of Freemasonry had held them fast against the polishing-wheel of experience, until the crust of prejudice had been removed, and then innate qualities stood revealed as gems worthy of their Masonic settings, and for the future, in the words of that illustrious Freemason, Robbie Burns—

"Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,
Or withering envy ne'er enter;
May secrecy round be our mystical bound,
With brotherly love for its centre."

Bro. Jeffery, W.M. 1622; Dr. Webb, W.M. 1329; J. G. Milburn, P.M. 13; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; and Burgess, 1614, ably and eloquently responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

Bro. Cowley, in responding for "The Past Masters," had great pleasure in announcing a very healthy state of finance, and Bro. Grummant was jubilant on being restored to his bed of roses. He had no doubt it was made of roses on account of the thorns not being all removed, but as the motto on the W.M.'s banner said, labour and peace conquer everything. He hoped to remove the thorns one by one, and the approbation of the brethren would be as grateful to him as the perfume of the rose.

During the evening a charming innovation for the New Cross Lodge in every sense of the word was the presence of two lady pupils of Bro. Li Calsi, P.M. and Organist of the lodge, who delighted the brethren with their vocal abilities, and Signor Dabiero on the mandoline. Bros. Thackway, Giambattista, Bertini, Grassi, Van Patten, the W.M., and others, materially added by their talent to the *éclat* of the brilliant installation festival, which was carried out without a hitch under the able direction of the D.C., Bro. Hiram Henton.

Tredegar Lodge (No. 1625).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bro. J. R. Moloney, W.M., presiding, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The W.M. opened the lodge, after which Bro. W. H. Hubbert, P.M., Hon. Sec., occupied the chair, and raised Bro. G. Bugler and passed Bro. Captain Dullung. After being called off, the lodge re-assembled, and the W.M. installed the W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Cary, into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner, and elicited warm expressions of admiration from all the brethren and visitors. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. R. Moloney, I.P.M.; G. K. Pugh, S.W.; W. H. Moore, J.W.; E. J. Anning, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hubbert, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. H. Elliot, S.D.; J. S. Hindervell, J.D.; L. F. Lowry, I.G.; F. F. Osborne, D.C.; A. S. Wire, Stwd.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. A dispensation having been granted by the M.W.G.M., the following gentlemen were initiated into the arts and mysteries of the Craft: Bros. James Haines Salter, F. G. Oliver, William Robert Millar, James Lofthouse, and Samuel William Percy. Another gentleman was to have been initiated, but was prevented by illness from attending.

A handsome jewel, together with a Past Master's collar and collar jewel, were presented to the outgoing Master for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during a year of exceptional activity, and for the genial courtesy and urbanity extended to the brethren. A presentation jewel was also attached to the breast of Bro. W. H. Hubbert, P.M., Hon. Sec., by the new W.M. (Bro. Hubbert's) first initiate, for his general tact and courtesy in the performance of his secretarial duties for many years past. The Secretary having expressed his intention to go up as a Steward for the R.M.B.I. for the year 1892, the sum of 10 guineas for each fund (Male and Female) was granted by the lodge, to be placed on Bro. Hubbert's list.

The banquet was served in its best style by the management of the London Tavern, with which great satisfaction was expressed, and to which ample justice was done by about 80 members and visitors, among whom were the following: Bros. B. da Costa, 349; B. Stewart, 1278; T. Bugler, 1638; H. Marks, 1349; W. Brookes, 1349; H. Smith, 1818; A. R. Trew, 959; L. Honig, 1319; W. Wainwright, 933; J. Brewer, 1602; E. E. Wise, 2077; John Martindale, 1685; J. Groat, 1716; H. G. Thorn, 1839; W. Hawes, 554; W. Devey, 99; W. Massey, 160; W. Tucker, 933; H. Smith, 1818; C. Allan, P.M.; G. Ward Verry, P.M.; H. W. Clarke, P.M.; R. S. Clarke, P.M.; and C. Rendall, P.M.

The Worshipful Master proposed "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," all of which toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Moloney, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said the brethren had all seen how ably he had conducted himself that night, and he had no doubt he would acquit himself well during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he should do his utmost to make his year of office a success.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Installing Master," to which Bro. Moloney took that opportunity of thanking the brethren for having given him such a splendid token of their regard as a handsome jewel which the W.M. had presented him with that evening. He also thanked them for having helped him to leave the chair with such a splendid record. He concluded by expressing the hope that the present W.M. would have such a year of office.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast, and Bro. Sly, P.M., responded, and dwelt upon the pleasure it gave the Past Masters to support the W.M. He also referred to the ceremony of installation, and said that Bro. Moloney had performed it very gracefully, effectively, and with much pathos.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Initiates," and all five responded.

The toasts of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Brooks and Stuart responded, "The Officers of the Lodge," fittingly responded to by Bros. Anning, Treas., and Hubbert, Sec., "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. A. Raper, W.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Pepper, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., Grand Chaplain, P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; G. Smith, as S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; J. Belchamber, as I.G.; Fielding, Org.; Newman, Tyler; R. T. Davison, M.D., I.P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Till, Martin, Walder, Skinner, Honisett, Hodson, St. John, Towner, and others.

After the usual preliminaries had been carried out, Bro. Towner was presented as a candidate for the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Raper, W.M., who carried out his portion of the work in an admirable manner. He was also ably assisted by Bro. Jordan, who gave the latter portion of the traditional history in faultless style, and by Bro. Foster, S.W., who gave the charge in an excellent and promising manner. Subsequently a circular from the Provisional Committee of the Boys' School was read, and a notice of motion to contribute the expected quota was given for the next meeting. A favourable ballot was then taken for a proposed candidate, and after several minor matters had been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

CONGRESBURY.

Lodge of Agriculture (No. 1199).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Castle on Monday, the 16th inst., when Bro. S. P. G. Cox was installed into the chair of K.S. as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.M. and P.G. Treas. After the installation the W.M. invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. H. Cox, I.P.M.; A. Barber, P.M., S.W.; H. W. Collins, J.W.; Rev. R. H. Eyre, Chap.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; T. A. Smith, Sec.; G. W. Knowles, S.D.; R. M. Statham, J.D.; H. S. Smith, I.G.; and E. Thatcher, Org. Several visiting brethren were present, and after the business an enjoyable oyster supper was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CREWKERNE.

Parrett and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—Bro. O. W. Catford was installed W.M. of this lodge, at the Town Hall, Market-place, last week, by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else. Visiting brethren came from Bruton, Chard, Wincanton, and Yeovil. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Parry, I.P.M.; H. J. Lye, S.W.; C. E. Alford, J.W.; P. M. Tompsett, Treas.; Stringfellow, P.M., Sec.; Pile, P.M., S.D.; Read, J.D.; Lawrence, P.M., D.C.; Webber, I.G.; Templeman, Org.; Hart, P.M., and Wiseman, Stewards; and Lacey, Tyler.

The banquet afterwards took place at the George Hotel, Bro. T. H. Harrison supplying a dinner of the most *recherché* character.

DOVER.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Christopher Sims was installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The attendance of brethren was quite unprecedented in the local annals of Freemasonry, brethren from considerable distances attending, including representatives of several London lodges, and the whole numbering between 80 and 90, the muster at the banquet subsequently being considerably increased.

The lodge was opened, Bro. W. Burkett occupying the chair, and Bro. Adamson, P.M., and Bro. Dr. Fenn, P.M., taking the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively. The arduous installing ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. Burkett, and the newly-installed W.M. invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. Baker, S.W.; F. W. Mayes, J.W.; J. J. Wright, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. Cresswell, S.D.; E. W. Barclay, J.D.; W. O. Kennett, P.M., D.C.; G. R. Igglesden, P.M., Org.; and G. W. P. Burkett, J.G. At the close of the ceremony the Immediate Past Master was presented with a jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge.

In the evening a banquet in honour of the event took place in the Apollinarian Hall (lent by Bro. Fairlie), owing to the accommodation at the Freemasons' Hall being insufficient to meet the requirements of the occasion. The room was very prettily decorated with plants and ferns, and the tables were laden with a fine selection of dessert fruits, and otherwise decorated with lamps, candelabra, &c.

Bro. Sims, W.M., was supported by the Mayor (Bro. W. J. Adcock, P.M. 199); Bros. E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; Col. E. W. Knocker (Town Clerk), 199; G. Adamson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Fenn, P.M.; H. C. Fuhr, P.M.; J. Holmes, P.M.; W. O. Kennett, P.M.; R. W. Philpott, P.M.; T. J. Perkins, P.M.; H. M. Baker, P.M.; Martin Moulle, E. J. P. Brown, C. Bettle, H. Warren, J. Hyde, G. Spicer, E. W. Barclay, R. E. Mayes, G. H. Gifford, T. Butler, H. T. Page, W. C. R. Jackson, E. W. Macdonald, R. C. Howard, and B. C. Howard, besides the officers of the lodge above mentioned; Bros. J. Falconer, W.M., T. A. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W. Cessford, P.M., P.P.G.P., J. W. Bussey, P.M., G. J. Bussey, P.M., Geo. Church, P.M., W. J. Smith, P.M., E. C. Fielding, S.W., J. B. Cass, J. Durden, W. Walker, J.W., J. Parsons, C. A. Fairlie, J. Wood, O. Nayer, A. T. Wilson, F. A. Clark, Org., G. N. Chidwick, G. A. Bussey, C. M. Overton, J. Hopper, H. F. Licence, and H. W. Culpeck, of 199; Lieut. Simpson, W.M., W. A. Barron, P.M., Major Thring, S.W., General Cuming, I.P.M., and Capt. B. Baker, of 2105; H. Ward, 31, P.P.G.W.; H. Mayes, 172; E. M. Stevens, 1110; R. Morley, P.M. 429; T. H. Fodd, 426; E. Allen, 784; G. Everett, P.M. 177, G. Treasurer nominate; J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; T. Bent, P.M. 784; H. G. Frost, W.M. 1096; C. W. Young, W.M. 125; R. Blake, P.M. 972; E. Dainton, 874; H. Salter, 861; J. Large, 771; R. J. Sanders, 861; E. Mills, W.M. 972; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; H. Whitney, 861; and others.

The banquet was very excellently served by Bro. Dartnall. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," having been proposed, Bro. Colonel Knocker, in a few very appropriate remarks, proposed the toast of "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The toast of "Earl Amherst, the P.G.M.," was proposed by Bro. Sims, the I.P.M. proposing "The Deputy, Bro. Eastes, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The latter toast was responded to by Bro. Ward, who, speaking from an experience of 25 years as a Prov. Grand Officer, said the Deputy Prov. Grand Master devoted himself with great diligence to the many duties which he had to perform.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Burkett, and enthusiastically received. Bro Burkett said they had with them that night brethren from

many parts of the country, and some from a long distance, to congratulate Bro. Sims upon the mark of distinction which had been bestowed upon him that day. Bro. Sims had before him the prospect of a very promising year of office, for they had that afternoon heard rumoured the names of three initiates and three joining members. He had always shown a generous spirit, and he was sure they would all give him a hearty welcome.

Bro. Sims, in responding, said he felt very proud of the position they had placed him in that evening, and assured them that he would do all in his power during his year of office to merit their confidence by carrying out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability. Bro. Sims also mentioned that he had received a large number of congratulatory telegrams and letters from brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed from the chair, and coupled with the names of Bros. George Everett and Walls.

Bro. G. Everett, the Grand Treasurer elect, after complimenting the lodge upon the working of the ceremonies and the I.P.M. upon the way in which he performed the installation, said he had to congratulate the Corinthian Lodge upon having secured such an excellent Master as Bro. Sims, who had endeared himself to all who had been brought in contact with him. Those who, like himself, had come a long distance could testify to the high esteem in which he was held. Masonry was the greatest and most striking of brotherhoods the world had ever known. A Mason might be found in every part of the globe speaking all languages, and in every Mason might be found a brother, and in every brother a friend.

Bro. Walls said although there was a wide gulf between the position—the Grand Treasurer nominate and a Past G. Warden of Middlesex—he came there with the same object as Bro. Everett, namely, to support the W.M. of Lodge No. 1208, whom he had known and esteemed for some years. They were told "to live and learn," and he had certainly learnt a great deal from the way in which the ceremonies were worked in the Corinthian Lodge. He could repeat all that had been said of the Installing Officer, and the way in which the Director of Ceremonies conducted his duties was an augury that that brother had a very brilliant career before him in Masonry. He trusted Bro. Sims would have a prosperous year of office.

Bro. E. Lukey, who proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Burkett," said he could safely say that never in the annals of local Freemasonry had such a magnificent installation meeting been held, and went on to compliment in very high terms the manner in which Bro. Burkett had performed the office of Installing Master; never, he said, had a Past Master's jewel been so richly deserved as by Bro. Burkett.

Bro. Burkett briefly acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Smith proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge" in some eloquent remarks. Out of the 25 Masters who had occupied the chair of the lodge, he said he had been present at the installation of 24 of them. Therefore he ought to know something of the difficulties and pleasures appertaining to the office. They had had in the chair brethren whose ability had dignified the position they occupied, brethren whose generosity had afforded them memories which would live long, and brethren who had raised the tone and standard of the lodge to a position which would not suffer by comparison with any other he knew of. It was the Past Masters whose health he asked them to drink.

The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Adamson, the founder and first Master of the lodge, who briefly replied.

Bro. C. Adams proposed "The Sister Lodges, Nos. 199 and 2195," Bros. Falconer, W.M. 199, and Simpson, W.M. 2195, replying on behalf of their respective lodges.

Bro. General Simpson proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, replied, referring to the different Masonic Institutions, and making an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boys' Institution, which he said was much in need of help.

ECCLES.

Victoria Lodge (No. 1345).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the Cross Keys Hotel. The brethren assembled early, as there was an initiation previous. Bro. Joseph Lees, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Dr. Smith, and, being favourable, he was initiated, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, who also explained the working tools. Bro. Thos. McClelland, P.M., gave the charge, which was a great treat to all who had the advantage of being present. Bro. Hugh Rowlands, P.M., being the Installing Master, took the chair, and appointed Bros. Thomas McClelland, P.M., S.W.; Jos. Lees, W.M.; and Dr. Stewart, P.M., I.G. Bro. James Bent, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Ben Taylor, P.P.G. Treas., and, after a Board of Installed Masters had been formed, Bro. Bent was duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the working tools being explained by the Installing Master. The addresses were delivered respectively by Bros. Dr. Stewart, P.M., H. Heath, P.M., and Thomas McClelland, P.M.

The installation being ended, the lodge was closed by the newly-installed W.M., and subsequently the brethren partook of a banquet provided by the Misses Knight.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Lees, P.M., for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

The following brethren were present on the occasion:—Bros. Joseph Lees, W.M.; Hugh Rowlands, I.P.M.; Jas. Bent, J.W.; W. Corner, P.G.S., Sec.; E. W. Brown, S.D.; W. Broughton, J.D.; N. F. Clegg, I.G.; E. O. Stuart, P.M.; Ben Taylor, P.M.; F. Heath, P.M.; J. C. Mather, P.M.; J. Brookes, Tyler; T. H. Street, John Ambler, Thos. McClelland, P.M.; Thos. Wood, W. M. Hamilton, W. Pearson, W. Gardner, W. M. Kays, and J. Maxwell. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; G. H. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; E. A. Crompton, 2308; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; C. Driver, 1134; H. Rooke, 2295; J. H. Greenwood, 1609; W. Calvert, 1213; F. Rutter, P.M. 1052; S. Locke, P.M.; Frank Hollins, P.M.; T. Bad, F. Hilton, A. Hibden, A. Lewtas, P.M.; T. C. Olney, T. Hassall, P.M.; W. Rothwell, 992; R. Dottie, P.M. 993; T. Wilson, P.M. 1814; and G. Macfarlain, P.M.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., W.M.; W. W. Lee, S.W.; H. Hooper, P.M., acting J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, Prov. G.D., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., S.D.; G. W. Castle, J.D.; S. Richardson, P.M., I.G.; C. Fruen, P.M., Stwd.; C. R. Cutler, J. J. Newland, S. H. Latham, J. G. Galbraith, jun., W. T. H. Mayer, B. Forster, and A. W. Fawks. Visitors: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M. 1658; E. J. Turnbull, J.D. 1524; J. Hicks, J.D. 1949; J. W. Stevens, 2234; J. J. Harrington, 1693; T. R. Porter, J.W. 1360; Stuart Lane, 1614; and W. J. Skinner, 227.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, W.M. 1693, was unanimously elected a joining member. Mr. A. W. Fawks was initiated into Freemasonry, and the ancient charge delivered, and Bro. J. G. Galbraith, jun., was passed to the Second Degree, and the lecture on the tracing board given. The ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. in an earnest and impressive manner that was enjoyed by all present. The by-laws, as proposed by the founders, were received and unanimously adopted. Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec., was elected to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of 1892, and asked the members to make his list worthy of the lodge. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bro. H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., and from Bro. A. Blenkarn, J.W., who was unfortunately absent through indisposition.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently spent a pleasant evening under the presidency of the W.M., the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent music. Bro. Stuart Lane officiated in a brilliant manner at the pianoforte.

HORSHAM.

Mid-Sussex Lodge (No. 1141).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Head Hotel, on Monday, the 16th inst. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. G. B. Simpson, W.M.; C. J. King, I.P.M.; E. D. Sapey, S.W.; J. G. Buttefant, J.W.; Rev. R. A. C. Bevan, Chap.; W. Lintott, Treas.; R. Henwood, Sec.; R. Gallier, S.D.; E. Smith, J.D.; W. H. B. Lintott, D.C.; J. Williams, Org.; W. S. Fieldsend, Steward; and W. Randall, Tyler. The members present were Bros. A. Aldridge, P.M.; L. B. Henderson, P.M.; H. Woodhams, P.P.G.S.B.; Pocock, P.M. 414; A. C. Wright, H. Wallis, G. Myers, F. W. Butler, W. Agate, T. Kersopp, W. Redman, J. F. A. Cotching, and H. Grist. The following were among the visitors: Bros. R. Clowes, P.S.G.W., P.P.S.G.W. Essex; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. L. D. Dowdall, Prov. Grand Chaplain; W. Doman, W.M. 381; W. Wright, W.M. 311, P.G. Steward; W. H. Brown, W.M. 619; R. Fitzmaurice, W.M. 1465; J. Wilson, W.M. 1303; J. B. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 1466; J. C. Buckwell, W.M. 2187; Leleu, W.M. 1821; W. Sawle, W.M. 851; Paynter and J. Terry, W.M., of 315; and Thomas Cash, 1719.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read, and a ballot was taken for a joining member and an initiate, both of whom were elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. D. Sapey, was presented to the W.M. for installation, and having gone through the ceremonies, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Sapey placed in the chair, the ceremony of installation being performed in an eminently creditable manner by Bro. C. J. King, P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. G. B. Simpson, I.P.M.; J. G. Buttefant, S.W.; R. Gallier, J.W.; Rev. R. A. C. Bevan, Chap.; W. Lintott, Treas.; R. Henwood, Sec.; E. Smith, S.D.; W. H. B. Lintott, J.D.; T. Kersopp, D.C.; F. W. Butler, I.G.; J. Williams, Org.; W. S. Fieldsend, Steward; and W. Randall, Tyler. Several letters of congratulation were received from W.M.'s in the province. Jewels were presented to Bro. Simpson on his vacating the W.M.'s chair, and to Bro. Pocock for the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the time he officiated as Secretary.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Room, where the banquet was served, and the following toasts were proposed and responded to: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England;" "The Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The Right Worshipful the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., Prov. G.M. of Sussex;" "The Wor. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir William T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate General, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Worshipful Master;" "The Visiting Brethren;" "The Installing Master;" "The Immediate and other Past Masters;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The speeches were of the usually cordial and valedictory nature.

During the evening a capital programme of music was performed by Miss Maud Bond and Mr. C. T. West.

OXFORD.

Apollo University Lodge (No. 357).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Frewen-court, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there was a large attendance. Among the members present were Bros. Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.M., P.G.C., Grand Superintendent; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.M., P.G.C.; F. P. Morrell, P.M., P.G.D.; F. H. Penny, P.M.; D. L. Morgan, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; R. E. Baynes, P.M.; H. O. Wakeman, P.M.; H. Sayers, P.M.; M. P. Pigott, J.W.; C. E. Wright, J.D.; W. M. Hope, W.M. 1720; C. Douglas Pennant, A. C. H. Kennard, R. C. Master, Lord Amphill, M. C. Eliot, R. D. R. Sweeting, and about 50 other brethren of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Lord Valencia, P.M. 478, P.G.W.; E. M. Money, W.M. 23, G. Stwd.; R. P. Edyvean, P.M. 330, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall; E. M. Weigall, P.M. 2078, P.P.G. Chap. Lincolnshire; John Foster, 974; John Tomkins, P.M. 945, P.P.S.G.W. Berks; S. J. Ship, W.M. 340; W. Jessop, W.M. 1895; J. Tanner, W.M. 1763; D. M. Symes, W.M. 1515; Walter H. Francis, W.M. 859; C. T. Hawkins, P.M. 345; R. C. Lever, P.M. 478; Cyril Tubbs, P.M.; J. M. Dormor, P.M. 340; H. G. Drinkwater, P.M. 340; W. G. Emberlin, P.M. 340, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Ryan Hall, P.M. 340;

R. M. Meyer, 10; H. Staveley Hill, 1591; Mark Weyland, 478; F. M. Davies, 478; J. Sharpe, 263; H. A. Whitelocke, 478; G. Seys, 2186; R. Holbeche, 547; G. F. Rogers, S.W. 859; A. Hill, S.D. 859; and G. Harris, P.M. 1515.

The lodge having been opened, the outgoing W.M., Bro. A. C. Clarke, initiated Messrs. Burby, Kay, Schiller, and de Castro, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and then proceeded to install Bro. P. Colville Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., S.W., in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed in an able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. C. Clark, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; G. J. Wilson, S.W.; Lord Doneraile, J.W.; R. Bird, P.M., D.P.G.M., Treas.; F. H. Penny, P.M., Chap.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.M., P.G. Chap., Sec.; E. H. Cartwright, Asst. Sec.; C. Bathurst, S.D.; A. Paget, J.D.; S. Davies, D.C.; E. Murray, Org.; C. Schuster, I.G.; H. C. Stewart, R. Long Innes and H. Cave, Stwds.; and G. R. Norwood, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which took place under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

PENDLETON.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Town Hall, Bro. E. Holland, W.M., presiding. There were present Bros. F. Townson, I.P.M.; J. L. Smith, S.W.; Thos. Threlfall, J.W.; R. H. Berry, Treas.; Thos. T. Sefton, Sec.; W. T. Barrett, S.D.; J. Clarkson, Org.; J. Clough, I.G.; Thos. M. Brown and Wm. Lambert, Stwds.; J. Harrop, P.M.; Wm. Thos. Blease, Thos. Kay, P.M.; Samuel Statham, P.M.; Richard Duxbury, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Bransby, F. Martin, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Bro. J. J. Meakin, 992, P.P.J.G.W., was a visitor.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M., as W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; B. Fearnside, Org.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; C. H. Bowmaker and R. J. Smith, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; G. Berry, P.M.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; G. Reed, L. Warren, G. F. Vandervord, F. Cantor, J. Pritchard, J. V. A. Mason, and H. O. Grenfell. Visitor: Bro. H. Harper, P.M. and Sec. 160, P.P.G.S.B.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. V. A. Mason having been raised, Bro. H. O. Grenfell was passed. A candidate for initiation and a joining member were then elected, and a petition to the Board of Benevolence from a former member of the lodge was signed by those present. Another candidate for initiation and a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

TODMORDEN.

Harmony Lodge (No. 288).—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the brethren held the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Market-place, when there was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. After the usual preliminary business, the installation of Bro. A. E. Shackleton, W.M. elect, was proceeded with by his brother, Bro. J. W. Shackleton, the retiring W.M. When the brethren below the rank of an Installed Master retired, the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. Wm. Shackleton, P.M., the father of the W.M. elect, who continued the ceremony of installation in his usual effective and impressive manner.

After the business of the lodge the brethren dined together, presided over by the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

Bro. John Marshall, P.M. 1283, P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Shackleton, P.M.," remarking that 30 years ago Bro. Shackleton was initiated into Freemasonry, that he was installed W.M. in February, 1865, and just 25 years after he installed his eldest son, John William, in the same chair, and now, 12 months after, he installed his second son as W.M. in the same lodge. That spoke well for the untiring efforts of Bro. Shackleton for the welfare of the Order—and the sons had evidently caught some of the enthusiasm of the father. But he (Bro. Marshall) did not wonder at that, for on reading over an old minute book he found recorded many liberal and generous acts of Bro. Shackleton, illustrating some of the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason.

After a very pleasant meeting the brethren separated.

TORQUAY.

St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the W.M., Bro. R. D. Fenwick, presided over a good attendance of brethren. Various Degrees, including two raisings and one passing, were well worked by Bros. E. Richards, P.M., and J. Grant, P.M., after which the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Beckett, S.W., was presented by Bro. W. Wakeham, P.M., P.P.G. Stw. Br., and ably installed by Bro. J. Grant, P.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. W. Wakeham, E. Richards, W. Taylor, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies; J. Salter, John Chapman, P.P.G.D.; W. A. Goss, R. D. Renwick, and D. J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C., all of 328; T. W. Morgan, P.G.O.; T. H. Wills, I.P.M.; and J. Taylor, W.M., all of 1402; and H. P. Jarman, W.M. 1358. The Board of Installed Master having been closed, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers: Bros. R. D. Renwick, I.P.M.; A. W. Searley, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; D. J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C., Chap.; J. Salter, Treas.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; H. R. Beer, S.D.; T. A. Blackler, J.D.; J. Grant, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; C. Couch, Asst. Org.; A. J. Gorwyn, I.G.; C. Clark and A. Westley, Stwds.; and G. Burt, Tyler. Bro. Goss was invested with the collar of the oldest P.M. of the lodge amidst much applause. Bro. Richards delivered the installation charge, and Bro. Allams, in presenting

Bro. Renwick, the retiring Master, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, alluded to the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the year. Bro. Grant was elected a representative on the Committee of Petitions, and a vote of thanks was accorded Bro. W. Taylor on his retiring from that post for his many years' services. The brethren present at the proceedings, in addition to the above, were Brs. S. Wills, J.W.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; J. W. McKellar, T. J. Crossman, and W. H. Rowland, of 1402; H. May, J.W., and J. M. Davis, J.D. 248; C. Emmett, J.W. 1358; W. Thomas, 180; J. Conam, 1138; H. G. Browne, 1035; W. C. Bubb, 1935; and John Nutt, 11.

The banquet took place at Bro. Griffin's Royal Hotel in the evening.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 10th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Amongst others were Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; F. S. Hex, P.M., Chap.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; T. H. Wills, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Hersey, S.D.; W. Winget, J.D.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; Geo. West, I.G.; J. Risdon and J. D. Beer, Stwds.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. W. Morgan, P.M., Prov. G.O.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jno. Salter, P.M., Treas. 328; T. J. Crossman, J. W. McKellar, R. Pickard, C. Hill, Conroy, Couch, 328; W. Thomas, F. J. Crocker, W. T. Gale, W. J. Nosworthy, R. D. Scholes, J. G. Turle, and C. P. Waite.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, successful ballots were taken for two joining members, and two candidates for initiation. Bro. F. J. Crocker was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also initiated the two candidates. The usual lodge business was then transacted, and the lodge closed.

Royal Arch.

Emblematic Chapter (No. 1321).—On Thursday, the 12th inst., this new chapter, which was consecrated by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., in December last, held its first meeting for work at the Criterion, Piccadilly, where a handsome and commodious room, which Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, have furnished as a chapter room, was set apart for the companions. There were present on the occasion Comps. J. H. Price, M.E.Z.; W. B. Fenwick, H.; H. Esling, J.; G. Cooper, S.E.; F. J. Potter, S.N.; Joseph Greenway, P.S.; E. L. Berry, 1st A.S.; W. G. Kent, 2nd A.S.; F. T. Egerton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.O. Berks and Bucks; and J. H. Evans, Steward. Visitors: Comps. W. Cleghorn, P.Z.; D. Haslett, Robert Kirk; T. P. Deakin; S. Lloyd, 1139; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.S.N. 1275; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; F. Kedge, J. 1348 and 1614; W. Holden; and W. J. Thrussell.

The work before the companions was remarkable and probably unique, for no less than 19 brethren were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and highly creditable to all the officers of the chapter was the style in which it was executed. It was also a great strain upon them, as the performance lasted for six hours. The exaltees were Bros. Wm. Jos. Harris, 1321; Jas. Horatio Moggridge, 1321; William Oakley Welsford, 1321; Francis Timothy Ridpath, 1790; William Greav-r Goode, 1604; Charles Skipp, 211; John Parker, 1853; Henry Luff, 1624; John Dennis Hunt, 15; George Heath Cattle, 1533; Jesse Wheatcroft, 1321; E. Angel, 1728; Chas. William Evans, 2021; German Fehrenbach, 382; Frederick Wm. Buxton, 1891; James Howell, 1321; G. Browning, 957; James John Churchill, 1507; and Allcorn, 27. Comps. Charles Offord Burgess, 1326, and William Dodson, 1305, were elected joining members.

After the banquet, which followed the working of the chapter, the usual Royal Arch toasts were honoured, and Comp. Edginton complimented the M.E.Z. on the efficiency he had exhibited as principle worker in the chapter, and Comp. Price, in acknowledging the toast, which met with a most hearty reception, confessed to a certain amount of nervousness that agitated him during the ceremony, which he had that afternoon performed for the first time in a regular chapter. The fact that there were 19 exaltees was sufficient to make a beginner anxious. Considering the large number of exaltees, the work had gone very smoothly, though he knew there had been shortcomings on his part which he hoped there would not be at the next meeting.

The toast of "The H. and J." drew compliments from the M.E.Z. as to the way in which those officers had performed the work devolving upon them. Although those companions held higher offices in the Royal Arch than he at the time the chapter was projected, they magnanimously stood aside in order that he might be the first M.E.Z. of the new chapter. For that he thanked them very much. They looked upon Comp. Fendick as Lord High Everybody, and when they wanted advice they always went to him. Comp. Esling bade fair to go on to the Z.'s chair. Both companions were very good companions indeed, who would do all they could to promote the interests of the chapter. To a great extent the happiness of the chapter depended on the Principals, and he foresaw that for some few years to come the destinies of the chapter would be in the hands of companions who were well worthy to rule and govern.

Comp. Fendick said he was proud to belong to the Emblematic Lodge as well as to the Emblematic Chapter. The lodge he had been connected with for many years, so many that several members called him the father of the lodge. That was a negative compliment, for he did not want to be the father. His pride at his connection with the chapter was engendered by the fact that he saw around him not only original members who would be a credit to the chapter, but a large number of exaltees who were equally worthy members of the Order. He was very glad that, as far as was known, the record had been broken that night in the number of brethren exalted, and he should be proud all his life that he was present on the occasion. He was sure the members would be as happy in the chapter as they had been and were in the lodge.

Comp. Esling also replied, and referred with pleasure to the circumstance that the record of brethren exalted in one night had been broken in that new chapter.

All the exaltees who remained to the banquet were called upon to respond to the toast of "The Exaltees."

Comps. Hilton, Grummant, Stone, Cleghorn, Kirk, Kedge, and others companions replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by those companions, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

LANCASTER.

Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, when there were present Comps. Longman, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; C. J. W. Stork, H.; A. T. Relph, J.; Richard Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; J. R. Nuttall, S.N.; F. Willan, P.S.; W. Capstick, Asst. Soj.; W. W. Wilde, P.Z.; and J. Ellershaw, P.Z.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Heald, P.M. 281, and Richard Nicholson, P.M. 281, and having proved unanimous in their favour they were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. Stork, Z.; Relph, H.; Nuttall, J.; Richard Stanton, S.E.; Stanley, S.N.; Longman, Treas.; Willan, P.S.; Capstick, Asst. Soj.; and Allinson, Janitor. The chapter was then closed.

LEEDS.

Alfred Chapter (No. 306).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Friday, the 13th inst., at which the Principals were installed and the officers invested as follows: Comps. Tudor Trevor, Z.; T. B. Wilson, H.; Alfred Wilson, J.; W. H. Jarvis, Scribe E.; C. A. Phillips, Scribe N.; A. Butterworth, P.S.; B. S. Bailey, 1st A.S.; J. B. Jowett, 2nd A.S.; S. Barrand, Janitor; and C. L. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas., who performed the installation ceremony with his well-known ability. The other three Leeds chapters, Fidelity, Philanthropic, and Excelsior, were duly represented by several of their Principals and companions, who were afterwards entertained by the newly-installed Principals of No. 306. Apologies for absence were regretfully received, on account of indisposition, from Comp. T. W. Tew, Grand Superintendent, and Comps. Henry Smith, P.G.S.E.; W. F. Smithson, T. B. Whythead, J. W. Fourness, J. Cowbrough, and several others.

Mark Masonry.

JERSEY.

Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, and may be looked upon for many reasons as one of the red-letter days of Mark Masonry in Jersey. The attendance was remarkable for the number present, as well as from the fact that the lodge was honoured with the presence of two Past Grand Lodge Officers, Bros. Dr. Balfour Cockburn and Kenyon.

The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, W.M., assisted by his principal officers. The ballot was next taken for Bros. Hind, Le Sauvage, Masters, Drake, and Ford, and proved unanimous. Bros. Le Sauvage and Broadhurst (previously accepted), being the only candidates present, were then most impressively advanced to this honourable Degree by Bro. Dr. Cockburn in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Indeed, it would be impossible to over-praise his faultless rendering of the ritual. The next business was the presentation of a beautifully executed banner in commemoration of the W.M.'s year of office. In the centre were the arms of the Island of Jersey and those of the W.M. (the famous de Carterets of St. Ouen's Manor), with their family motto "Loyal Devoir" beneath. Bro. Dr. Cockburn had kindly consented to make the presentation, and in doing so addressed the W.M. as follows: There are times and occasions in the discharge of the various duties, which we as Masons are called upon to perform, when even our most able and experienced speakers find it difficult to express in words the full value and force of the feelings and sentiments they are called upon to convey. You must therefore not be surprised on so important and so auspicious an occasion as this, I feel well nigh completely overwhelmed with the magnitude of the task confided to my care, and my utter incapacity to discharge this duty creditably to myself and with satisfaction to the members of this lodge who have done me the honour—a very unwise act, I fear—to select me as their mouth-piece. You are now on the point of retiring from the chair, having completed your year of office as Master, a year which must ever be numbered as a most eventful one in the annals of the lodge, holding and so ably holding as you do so exalted a position in Freemasonry, it was a condescension to take the chair of this lodge, but it was a condescension worthy of your well-known and long tried devotion to the best interests of the Craft, and it was a brilliant exemplification that the great lessons taught in the Second Degree and symbolic significations of the working tools of a F.C. were indelibly imprinted on your heart. I feel in making this presentation I cannot address you simply as the W.M., the trustee and representative of this lodge; the very nature of the presentation necessitates my entering a wider and perhaps more personal circle. The history of this lodge, like the history of all human institutions, reveals to us times of happiness, and when the roseate hue of prosperity tinged all its proceedings, and then followed a period of despondency, and when the dull depressing clouds of adversity threw heavy shadows on its existence; but even at its darkest hour the light of our Order was never completely obscured; the flame might be very low—so low indeed as to be scarcely visible to the outside world—but there was ever present energetic and devoted brethren to keep it alive. You accepted the Mastership of this lodge at a most opportune moment; with bold and steady hand you seized the flickering flame. Your valuable patronage, your fostering care, your excellent example soon fanned it into a bright and steady light, a light so strong and brilliant that it illuminates the whole lodge, and throws even on this day's proceedings a dazzling refulgence. You have truly, well, and faithfully carried out those duties impressed upon you at your installation. You have indeed reflected on this lodge, collectively and individually, that radiance of honour, virtue, and high principle which has been poured upon you

in such ample streams during the course of your Masonic career. That your conduct has been appreciated, and highly so, it is needless for me to tell you, and it has been the ardent wish of this lodge to mark in some fit and becoming way their respect and gratitude towards you. It has been necessarily a work of difficulty and anxious consideration to select that which would be not merely appropriate, but which would be also at once a tangible expression of their esteem and respect, and worthy of your exalted Masonic position, a memento which would commemorate in a fitting and appropriate manner the esteem of this lodge, and which would distinctly and prominently intertwine your name with this lodge and remain a public, visible, and lasting record of the eventful year of your Mastership. I must, indeed, congratulate you, Worshipful Master, on presiding over a lodge of such skilful Craftsmen—the skill and ability displayed in the selection of the work I am now about to submit to you, will meet with your approval and receive your encouragement. It is indeed aptly chosen and clearly defined; it represents the union of secular and Masonic attributes in a manner singularly graceful and appropriate. The hidden meaning and full significations of the emblazons on this banner must be evident to every Masonic expert. Permit me, for the benefit of more recently advanced brethren, to give the same in detail. In the first place, we have here prominently placed before us the greatest landmark of our Order—the Trinity—the ever-recurring Triad of our ritual; here we have what I may be permitted to call the lesser lights, the arms of the Island of Jersey, the escutcheon of your illustrious house and the motto of your family; these typify three greater and more important lights, inasmuch as one combination of these heraldic bearings symbolise, firstly, the unwavering devotion and loyalty of the Jersey people, so amply exemplified in the interesting annals of the island; secondly, the gallant deeds and wise counsels of your illustrious ancestors whose achievements in tented field and in council chamber lead us down the vale of history till we are well nigh lost in the mazes of antiquity, and, lastly, see we not here the devotion and the loyalty never doubted, never assailed, forming part and parcel of I might say of our very existence, the loyalty and the devotion of the M.M. of this Cæsarean Lodge. Deign, therefore, W.M., to receive this banner, so heavily freighted with the good wishes, the esteem, and respect of the brethren of this lodge. It is a presentation worthy of the donors, and worthy of acceptance by one socially so eminent and Masonically so exalted as the W.M. of this lodge, the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey (Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, Lord of the Manor of St. Ouen). Long may this banner wave on high within these vales, and may we hope that in years to come the history of this day's proceedings may be told by some worthy descendant of your name, occupying the chair you now occupy, who, proudly pointing to this banner, relates a story of "Loyal Devoir" on the part of his country, his house, and this lodge.

The W.M. in acknowledging the presentation, said that words failed him to express to Bro. Dr. Cockburn the thanks that he felt were due to him for the beautiful speech that he had made, and for the many expressions of kindness he had used concerning him and his ancestors, but felt sure that he would overlook his shortcomings in not being able to reply as ably as he would have liked, and assured him that that evening would long be remembered, and looked back on with feelings of pride not only by himself, but by all the brethren present. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kenyon, who, with his well-known ability as an Installed Master, proceeded to install Bro. Bois, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed his officers, who were invested by Bro. Dr. Cockburn as follows: Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, I.P.M.; F. J. Godfray, S.W.; C. Malet, J.W.; P. G. Hamilton, M.O.; J. Goldsmith, S.O.; E. Oldridge, J.O.; T. Pugsley, Treas.; J. W. Hamling, Sec.; Capt. H. Stevenson, Reg.; Capt. J. C. Bartle, S.D.; H. M. Godfray, J.D.; C. Wilson, Org.; S. Gilley, I.G.; H. Becker, D.C.; F. Vincent and H. Elliott, Stewards; and G. Rogers, Tyler. Bro. T. Stone, P.M., deserves great praise for the admirable way in which he delivered the several addresses to the officers and brethren. The W.M. then proposed, seconded by Bro. Vincent, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bros. Cockburn and Kenyon for the valuable services they had rendered the lodge in coming such a distance to assist at that meeting. The vote having been unanimously accorded, was suitably answered by Bros. Cockburn and Kenyon, who assured the W.M. that they were always willing when able to do anything to assist in the good of the lodge.

Bro. Colonel Malet de Carteret next proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stone for the able manner in which he had assisted in the installation ceremony, which was unanimously accorded and acknowledged.

After a few other matters of ordinary business had been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then assembled in the banquet room for supper, which had been provided under the superintendence of Bro. Rogers. The visiting brethren were loud in their praise on the appearance of the table, which had been tastefully decorated by Bro. Elliott.

The usual loyal and Mark toasts then followed, Bros. Kenyon and Cockburn responding on behalf of "The Grand Lodge," "The W.M.," "Past Masters," and "Visitors" (responded to by Bro. Cockburn), and "Officers" followed, when Bro. Godfray, S.W., asked if he might be allowed to propose a toast, to which the W.M. readily assented.

Bro. Godfray then said he had a most important toast to propose, and one which he felt would be well received. It was that of "The Saviour of the Cæsarean Lodge," the brother who had worked so unceasingly on its behalf. Of course they all knew that he referred to their worthy Secretary, Bro. Hamling. He would therefore ask them to be upstanding, and drink to his jolly good health, which was done with enthusiasm.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a meeting that will long be remembered by Jersey Mark Masons.

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

It has become quite customary for lodges to hold a ball for some benevolent purpose, and the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, was one of the earliest of the Liverpool lodges to institute this practice. Their 16th annual gathering—the proceeds of which will benefit the local Masonic Charities—was held on

Thursday evening, the 19th inst., when about 100 of the members and their friends were present. The popular W.M., Bro. W. Rawsthorne, was supported by Bros. J. Edwards, I.P.M.; John Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Barclay, P.M., D.C.; G. B. Kirkland, P.M.; W. F. Ferguson, J.W.; R. Tunnicliffe, Sec.; D. Lothian, S.D.; A. H. Nicholas and Dr. G. Johnston, Stwds.; and others.

Bro. A. Barclay, P.M., acted with his usual skill as Master of Ceremonies, and a most efficient body of Stewards were captained by Bro. J. T. Savage. Great credit is due to Bro. A. H. Nicholas for the admirable way in which he fulfilled his duties as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Ball Committee. The splendid band was supplied by Mr. T. Quillan, and the catering under the supervision of Mr. T. Mercanton, gave the highest satisfaction.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. H. DEHANE, P.Z. 890.

Comp. JOHN DAVIES, the Treasurer of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890, on behalf of the members, in presenting Comp. H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E. of the chapter of improvement, with a very handsome marble and bronze clock, said that he was deputed to hand it to him, which he did with the greatest of pleasure, and in doing so could not refrain from telling him of the very high esteem and affection the companions had for him, and also that it was mainly through his universal courtesy, zeal, and punctuality at his meetings the chapter of improvement had gained the position it now held, being firmly established, well attended, and the ritual acknowledged by distinguished, able, and old Royal Arch Masons to be correct in every particular, and further remarking that Comp. Dehane was always prepared and ready to render instruction in that kind and truly Masonic spirit which had distinguished him since he had known him. He therefore had much pleasure in handing to him a clock, and trusted he might live long to take his time by it.

Comp. DEHANE, who was received with considerable applause, in acknowledging the handsome present so little expected by him, expressed his gratitude and thanks, and said it would be valued by him as long as he lived, and be transmitted as an heirloom in his family. That was not the first occasion he had received a mark of esteem from brethren with whom he had been connected, but he assured them it was received with no less pride and gratification. He would, as long as they chose to elect him S.E., do his best to merit a continuance of their esteem, and hoped to spend many evenings with them of mutual pleasure and instruction. It had always been his ambition from the foundation of the chapter of improvement to make it a success, which he was bound and proud to say it was at the present moment, and hoped and trusted it would continue so. Comp. Dehane concluded by thanking Comp. Davies for the kind words he had used towards him, and the companions for their very handsome testimonial.

The following inscription was engraved on a plate of gold: "Presented to M.E. Companion H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890, by the members of the Hornsey Chapter of Instruction, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary since its foundation. 20th Feb., 1891."

MASONIC RELICS.—INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The South Saxon (Lewes) Lodge, one of the oldest in the province (its charter dating from 1796), was formerly in possession of many valuable and historic relics, but by the apathy and neglect of its members in earlier times, many of them were removed from the lodge and eventually lost sight of, and it was not till a few years since that, by a course of fortuitous circumstances, one of its members (Bro. George Holman) succeeded in recovering and restoring to the lodge many interesting and highly prized documents, and various other articles relating to its history in the past century. Since then Bro. Holman has been successful in obtaining many more curiosities formerly belonging to the lodge, and other additions have been made by the brethren from time to time. In the possession of so much that was connected with the earlier history of the lodge, especially of the period when it was appointed Provincial Grand Lodge, it became a matter of importance to the members that a suitable receptacle should be procured to preserve these memorials of the past, and the initial steps were taken to secure that end.

At this juncture, in a very handsome manner, Bro. J. H. Bull, of Newhaven (an officer of the lodge), generously undertook to provide a case for their reception. It is needless to say that the kind offer was accepted, with the hearty thanks of all the members. The case has now been fitted in the reception-room at the Freemasons' Hall, and is a handsome addition to the furniture of the room. It is of wainscot oak, and consists of two tiers, the lower one having a glazed front, and the upper one, receding a little from the base, having double doors, with diamond-shaped panes. A carved cornice is carried along the whole length of the top, being raised, gable fashion, in the centre, with space between for carved Masonic emblem. This splendid gift reflects the utmost credit on the generosity of Bro. Bull, and also on the capabilities of Bro. G. E. Chapman, who had been entrusted with the work. The South Saxon Lodge can now boast of as handsome a case and col-

lection of Masonic curiosities as any other lodge in the county. Amongst these latter may be mentioned a curious and sweet-toned old organ, of the time of Queen Anne, of which an almost exact counterpart is, we believe, now in the possession of Sir Arthur Sullivan, by whom it is highly valued.—*Surrey Standard*.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN INDIA.

The old custom of a special service for the Freemasons on this day was kept up at Mhow, C.I., where the two lodges, Malwa (E.C.) and St. Paul (S.C.) united, and marched together into the church, which had been decorated with Masonic banners, &c., for the occasion. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Etty, D.G. Chaplain of Bombay, and W.M. elect of Malwa, conducted the service, and preached a sermon on the "Age of Masonry and the Benefits of Masonic Experience," which has been reproduced in pamphlet form at the request of the brethren.

On the evening of the same day the two W.M.'s of the above lodges were installed, Bro. Etty in the E. chair of the English, and Bro. Khoy, K.B., in that of the Scotch Lodges.

The united lodges banqueted together, and much speechifying and singing afforded a most enjoyable meeting.

In the chapter attached to Lodge St. Paul here, the newly-elected officers were duly installed in November last by Comp. Etty, the outgoing P.Z. They are Comps. Capt. Syngé, Z.; Besonjee, K.B., H.; and Dr. F. Willis, J.

This chapter, spite of the many changes common in India, is very flourishing, as we are glad to say Masonry generally is in this station.



It is a matter of surprise that Mr. Godfrey's ingenious comedy, "The Parvenu," has not been revived by some enterprising manager at an earlier date than now, seeing it is just 10 years ago since it was played with so much success at the Globe, with the late Mr. John Clayton, Mr. G. W. Anson, Miss Marion Terry, and Miss Lottie Venne in the cast. The taste for the neat, little English comedy of the Robertsonian school is, we think, not yet extinct, and we are grateful to Mr. Norman Forbes for preventing its decay. Since 1881 we have gone by leaps and bounds, but there are still many left, we are thankful to know, who do not bow the knee to the worship of plays dealing with the subject of hereditary disease, but are content with good English sentiment such as is contained in Mr. Godfrey's "The Parvenu." Mr. Harry Paulton, who now appears in the title rôle, is very droll. He makes the audience roar when, having felt insulted at being termed a parvenu, he at last asks, "What is a parvenu?" and is told "A nobody who becomes somebody." He replies "Then I am a parvenu and I glory in it." Miss Lucy Buckstone and Miss Laura Linden are the two young ladies, and if they do not greatly shine, they at any rate look captivating, and the former we hail back after such a long absence from the stage. Mr. Arthur Sugden and Mr. Wm. Herbert contribute in a great measure to the success of the piece. Mr. Norman Forbes, the young lessee, contents himself by playing only in the first piece—"Gringoire." We again mention it, for it deserves knowing, that Mr. Forbes has abolished fees of every kind whatsoever. Other managers please copy!

Mr. Willie Edouin if he wished to go in for revivals could not do better than turn to "Turned Up" which gained much popularity at the Royalty a few years ago. To see the lessee in the character of Carraway Bones, the undertaker, and to hear his wheeze "M'yes," is alone worth going to the Strand Theatre for. Ably supported by Mr. Alfred Maltby, Miss May Whitty, Mr. Charles Fawcett, and Miss Goward, who does not disdain to appear as the black servant. Mr. Edouin may reasonably expect a fortunate revival of Mr. Mark Melford's very funny farcical comedy, "Turned Up."

To-morrow (Saturday) Mrs. Langtry is to produce Mr. Coghlan's "Lady Barter" at the Princess's. Next Saturday Mr. Hare will produce Bro. Piner's "Lady Bountiful" at the Garrick, and Mr. Grundy has dramatised the novel, "Lady Delmar," which will be seen somewhere soon, so that it may be said to rain ladies.—On the 14th prox. Mrs. John Wood will produce Mr. Lumley's new play, "The Volcano," at the Court, and Bro. E. Terry is expected next week (probably Thursday) to produce the long-promised "Culprits," by Mr. Arthur Law, at his own theatre.—The Avenue also changes its programme—as we prophesied it would have to do—and goes back for a month to burlesque. Messrs. Sapté, jun., and Glover's "Mdlle Cleopatra," a travestie on "Antony and Cleopatra"—rather late in the day—will be the piece *en evidence*, in which a new American actress will make her *début*.—Bro. Charles Wyndham has revived, for three weeks only, "Trying it On," and "Sowing and Reaping," in both of which plays he appears. They were received with much cordiality at the Criterion last year, and we doubt not will be welcomed by Criterion audiences. After that "The School for Scandal," with Mrs. Bernard Beere in it, will be the play at Bro. Wyndham's theatre.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, March 7, 1891.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, at 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

154, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
154, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.
1705, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Cniswick, Windsor Castle Hot., 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, Tupp's 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 CHAPTER.

1105, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

MARK LODGE.

205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.

MONDAY, MARCH 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel.
144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1025, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

oborn, 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 or Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 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.
Selwyn, 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, Fioe-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, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1050, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-squa e.
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel.
2108, Empire, Crite ion.

MARK LODGE.

139, Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

RED CROSS.

Premier, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
148, Invicta, King William the Fourth, Greenwich.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

Colonial Board at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
15, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

- 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
- 275, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.
- 765, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
- 1159, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1257, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, E.
- 1259, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
- 1261, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
- 1381, Anerley, Crystal Palace.
- 1397, Anerley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
- 1472, Henley, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
- 1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
- 2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 2150, Tivoli, Tivoli Restaurant, Strand.
- 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

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 Middle-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
- Domestic, 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.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
- Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94 White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., 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 Edgcombe, 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 Tunes.
- Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.
- 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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.
- Pannure, 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.
- Andrew Chapter, Wild-or Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.
- Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
- 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
- 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
- 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- 824, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
- 1354, St. Clement Dunes, 225, Strand.
- 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, W.
- 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
- 1072, Mornington, Holb. r'n Viaduct Hotel.
- 1701, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
- 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
- 1993, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2191, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratf. rd.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Creaton, Wheatheat 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.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highbury, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., 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.
- Montenore, 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 7, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
- 174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
- 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- 2070, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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.
- 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.
- Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- 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.
- 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.

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

MARK LODGE.

- 410, Eclectic, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
- 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2122, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, March 7, 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, MARCH 2.

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| CRAFT LODGES. | Wimborne ... 622 | Lowestoft ... 1452 |
| Bolton ... 37 | Basingstoke ... 694 | Swansea ... 1873 |
| Bath ... 53 | Ashbourne ... 850 | Wadebridge ... 1054 |
| Lynn ... 107 | Petersfield ... 928 | Southall ... 2103 |
| Preston ... 113 | Ipswich ... 959 | Kington ... 2240 |
| Whitchaven ... 119 | Foley ... 977 | Fairfield ... 2290 |
| Briggwater ... 135 | Altrincham ... 1045 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Wakefield ... 154 | Rochester ... 1050 | Bristol ... 68 |
| Plymouth ... 150 | Lancaster ... 1051 | Exmouth ... 106 |
| Dover ... 199 | Saltash ... 1071 | Whitby ... 312 |
| Barstaple ... 251 | Blackley ... 1077 | Bury St. |
| Torquay ... 325 | Oswestry ... 1124 | Edmunds ... 1008 |
| Truro ... 331 | Birmingham ... 1180 | MARK LODGES. |
| Ross ... 338 | Leeds ... 1211 | Portsmouth ... 2 |
| Leamington ... 395 | Silloth ... 1220 | Hull ... 12 |
| Gainsboro' ... 422 | Sheffield ... 1439 | E. Stonehouse ... 35 |
| Northwich ... 428 | Exeter ... 1254 | Tenby ... 250 |
| North Shields ... 431 | Liverpool ... 1204 | Middlesboro' ... 276 |
| Cambridge ... 441 | Hull ... 1301 | Gatehead ... 293 |
| Oxford ... 478 | Bocking ... 1312 | Derby ... 302 |
| Handsworth ... 482 | Seaforth ... 1380 | Blackburn ... 403 |
| Worcester ... 529 | Nottingham ... 1431 | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Birmingham ... 74 | Workington ... 962 | Bromley ... 109. |
| Chatham ... 104 | Manchester ... 993 | Landport ... 1776 |
| Norwich ... 213 | Saltash ... 1071 | Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799 |
| Bradford ... 302 | Ramsgate ... 1209 | East Retford ... 1802 |
| Brighton ... 315 | Mossley ... 1218 | Snaresbrook ... 1804 |
| Pembroke Dock ... 378 | Carlton Hill ... 1221 | Hull ... 2134 |
| Reading ... 414 | Sutton ... 1347 | Walthamstow ... 2256 |
| Huddersfield ... 521 | Canterbury ... 1449 | |
| Ventnor ... 551 | Alford ... 1000 | |

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

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| CRAFT LODGES. | Littleboro' ... 226 | Folkestone ... 558 |
| Nottingham ... 47 | Dudley ... 252 | Malton ... 600 |
| Norwich ... 52 | Keighley ... 205 | Stroud ... 702 |
| Plymouth ... 70 | Brighton ... 315 | Bridlington ... 734 |
| Bristol ... 103 | Oxford ... 340 | Sutton Coldfield ... 794 |
| Hereford ... 120 | Neath ... 304 | Havant ... 804 |
| Durham ... 124 | Sterwick ... 393 | Gloucester ... 839 |
| Margate ... 127 | South Molton ... 441 | Honiton ... 847 |
| Shercross ... 153 | Monmouth ... 457 | Cambridge ... 859 |
| Windsor ... 209 | Gloucester ... 493 | Linslade ... 948 |

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| Penryn ... 967 | Amlwch ... 1488 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Bradford ... 974 | East Grinstead ... 1619 | Lincoln ... 207 |
| Ulverston ... 995 | Walthamstow ... 1662 | Hayle ... 450 |
| Cockermouth ... 1002 | Southampton ... 1780 | Birkenhead ... 477 |
| Aberystwith ... 1072 | Padstow ... 1785 | Bradford ... 600 |
| Salford ... 1134 | Builth ... 1807 | Gosport ... 903 |
| Manchester ... 1161 | South Shields ... 1970 | Birmingham ... 1031 |
| Ilminster ... 1197 | Manchester ... 1993 | MARK LODGES. |
| Weston-super-Mare ... 1222 | Stratford-on-Avon ... 2133 | Hanley ... 45 |
| Redcar ... 1244 | Bishop's Cleeve ... 2136 | Old Brompton ... 69 |
| Brigg ... 1282 | Stortford ... 2136 | Truro ... 78 |
| Wrexham ... 1336 | Newcastle ... 2260 | Leeds ... 111 |
| Woolwich ... 1472 | Southport ... 2295 | Amlwch ... 360 |
| | | Ringwood ... 381 |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Darlington ... 111 | Halifax ... 448 | Wotton-under-Edge ... 855 |
| Whitehaven ... 119 | St. Austell ... 496 | Stockton ... 940 |
| Margate ... 127 | Aylesbury ... 591 | Jarrow ... 1119 |
| Weymouth ... 170 | Cleckheaton ... 603 | Edmonton ... 1237 |
| Batley ... 204 | Woolwich ... 700 | Huddersfield ... 1783 |
| Lewes ... 311 | Lee ... 704 | Dartford ... 1837 |
| Maryport ... 371 | Crewkerne ... 814 | Beckenham ... 2266 |
| Broadstairs ... 429 | | |

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

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| Birmingham ... 74 | Douglas ... 1004 | Liverpool ... 2042 |
| Sunderland ... 94 | Hull ... 1010 | Long Eaton ... 2224 |
| Poole ... 137 | Liverpool ... 1013 | Bicester ... 2334 |
| E. Stonehouse ... 159 | Derby ... 1085 | Alderley Edge ... 2368 |
| Sidmouth ... 164 | Alnwick ... 1167 | Hay ... 2382 |
| Guernsey ... 168 | Sandwich ... 1206 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Leicester ... 270 | Chester-le-Street ... 1274 | Exeter ... 112 |
| Tavistock ... 282 | Swansea ... 1323 | Scarborough ... 205 |
| Stockport ... 287 | Atherstone ... 1333 | Barnstaple ... 251 |
| Rochdale ... 298 | Warwick ... 1335 | Leeds ... 305 |
| Bristol ... 326 | Leigh ... 1354 | Clitheroe ... 369 |
| Wigton ... 327 | Solihull ... 1431 | Plymouth ... 1255 |
| Newcastle ... 406 | Warwick ... 1431 | Sowerby Bridge ... 1283 |
| Dorchester ... 417 | Woolston ... 1461 | MARK LODGES. |
| Ramsgate ... 429 | Warminster ... 1478 | Devonport ... 91 |
| Newport, Mon. ... 471 | Portmadoc ... 1509 | Ivybridge ... 100 |
| Ludlow ... 611 | Carlisle ... 1532 | Workington ... 282 |
| Filey ... 643 | Tue Brook, Liverpool ... 1620 | Wotton-under-Edge ... 239 |
| Manchester ... 645 | Frizington ... 1660 | Burton-on-Trent ... 339 |
| Kearsley ... 678 | Halifax ... 1736 | Seaton ... 372 |
| Boston ... 838 | West Hartlepool ... 1862 | Lewes ... 391 |
| Bungay ... 929 | | ROSE CROIX. |
| East Looe ... 970 | | Manchester ... 7 |
| Lower Broughton ... 992 | | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Chatham ... 20 | Newbury ... 574 | Chorlton-on-Medlock ... 1459 |
| Shrewsbury ... 117 | Liverpool ... 594 | Bromley ... 1805 |
| Jover ... 199 | Worthing ... 851 | Herne Bay ... 2099 |
| Hingley ... 439 | Sowerby Bridge ... 1283 | Hendon ... 2266 |
| Haverfordwest ... 404 | | |

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

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| Canterbury ... 31 | Accrington ... 462 | Rhyl ... 1674 |
| Chichester ... 38 | Stockton ... 509 | Faringdon ... 1770 |
| Bath ... 41 | Hartlepool ... 531 | Brighton ... 1829 |
| Hull ... 57 | Walsall ... 539 | St. Leonards ... 1842 |
| Merthyr Tydvil ... 110 | Stoke-upon-Trent ... 637 | Kidderminster ... 1874 |
| Ipswich ... 114 | Blackpool ... 703 | Sandhurst ... 1899 |
| Richmond, Yorks ... 123 | Grimby ... 792 | Northampton ... 1911 |
| Bournemouth ... 195 | Lostwithiel ... 856 | New Southgate ... 1950 |
| Devonport ... 230 | Plumstead ... 913 | Reading ... 2043 |
| Liverpool ... 249 | Bruton ... 976 | Stratford ... 2291 |
| Coventry ... 254 | Bury ... 1012 | Bisley ... 2317 |
| Heywood ... 260 | Elland ... 1231 | Hindley ... 2350 |
| Blackburn ... 269 | Topsham ... 1284 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Leeds ... 289 | Horncastle ... 1304 | Southampton ... 130 |
| Beverley ... 294 | Ripley ... 1324 | Ramsgate ... 429 |
| Macclesfield ... 295 | Darlington ... 1379 | Newport, Salop ... 083 |
| Ashton-under-Lyne ... 300 | Bootle ... 1473 | Wakefield ... 1019 |
| Beccles ... 305 | Cambridge ... 1492 | MARK LODGES. |
| Fareham ... 309 | Norwich ... 1500 | Barrow-in-Furness ... 36 |
| Manchester ... 317 | Padiham ... 1504 | Sheffield ... 53 |
| Northampton ... 360 | Barnsley ... 1513 | Falmouth ... 94 |
| Grantham ... 362 | Lymm ... 1505 | ROSE CROIX. |
| Wolverhampton ... 419 | Stony Stratford ... 1639 | York ... 23 |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Jravesend ... 77 | Sudbury ... 1224 | Sandown ... 1869 |
| Deptford ... 147 | Wimbledon ... 1360 | Shanklin ... 1854 |
| Matley ... 204 | Thirsk ... 1416 | Wallingford ... 1857 |
| Leeds ... 289 | Romford ... 1437 | New Brompton ... 1967 |
| Uxbridge ... 382 | Hatfield ... 1500 | Dover ... 2195 |
| Bideford ... 489 | Leyton ... 1685 | Bradford ... 2341 |
| Rochester ... 1050 | Stratford ... 1810 | |

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

CRAFT LODGES.



The Past Master's jewel which was presented to Bro. Joseph Lees, P.M., by the members of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, Eccles, was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

New Jersey has a family of Masons which has five generations in the Craft. The head is the great-great-grandfather.

It is said that Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will shortly set out for Mashonaland, where he will make an extended tour, lasting four or five months.

Caracas, the capital of the Republic of Venezuela, has a Masonic Temple built and furnished by the State. The President is "Protector" of the Grand Lodge.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale has concluded his visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, at Tranby Croft, and returned to his quarters with the 10th Hussars at York.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., will be present at a meeting to be held at the County Hall, Spring Gardens, to-day (Friday), of members of local London bodies, for the purpose of considering the Metropolis Water Supply Bill.

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.

The Marquis of Lorne laid the foundation-stone of St. Clement's Institute for Working Men at Lancaster-road, North Kensington, on Saturday afternoon last, the Bishop of Marlborough being also present, and taking part in the proceedings.

At the annual meeting of the John O'Gaunt Lodge of Mark Masons, held at the Gainsborough Masonic Hall on Monday, the 20th inst., Bro. Wm. Mason, P.S.G.W., was elected W.M., Bro. F. Baines, Treasurer, and Bro. G. Scott, Tyler.

It was announced at a meeting on Saturday last of the Council of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, that about £10,000, or one half of the sum required, had been received in respect of the Serpent Fund. Further subscriptions are earnestly requested.

The Carnarvon Memorial Church at Carlton-le-Willows, by Nottingham, which was commenced by the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and completed by his widow and the Hubert family at a cost of £10,000, has just been consecrated by the Bishop of Southwell.

At the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, on Tuesday, 17th inst., after an ably conducted ceremony of the Third Degree, performed by the W.M., Bro. Brenden Parsons was presented with a chaste P.M.'s jewel, suitably engraved, as a mark of appreciation, by the brethren during his term of office.

In Pennsylvania they have an excellent plan of preparing officers in line of promotion for the duties of Master. The Master confers the Third Degree, the Senior Warden the Second, and the Junior Warden the First. This plan gives the lodge three active working officers, each capable of presiding.

Prince Henry of Battenberg presided at the 73rd anniversary dinner of the German Society of Benevolence, held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to about £2,000. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., had charge of the musical arrangements.

The 12th annual show of the Shire Horse Society was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday. The attendance was large, among those present being Mr. Henry Chandos Pole-Gell, President of the Society, Bro. Lord Hothfield, President elect, and Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton.

The Princess of Wales intends introducing a pretty novelty in the shape of a tea-service adorned with photographs taken by her Royal Highness whilst in Scotland. It is being manufactured under the Princess's own superintendence, after an old Wedgwood plate, the border of which is etched in graduated lines of orange. The service will consist of 63 pieces, on each one of which a different photograph will be printed from her Royal Highness's own negatives.

The conversion of an old private banking business into a joint-stock limited company is an interesting event in the City. The change in the constitution of Messrs. Martin's Bank is one of these events. Few people outside of banking circles, probably, are aware of the long period over which this banking firm can look back. According to Mr. Hilton Price's "Handbook of London Bankers," Martin's Bank is supposed to have been established by Sir Thomas Gresham in Queen Elizabeth's time, and is claimed by the firm to be the oldest in the City of London.

Bro. Lord Onslow has issued a circular to the lodges which have refrained from joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, pointing out that it is perfectly legitimate for lodges to establish an independent Grand Lodge, and begging them to consider the matter with a view to unity. He states, though, that it cannot be considered in lodge. In this he is wrong, because a lodge, as a lodge, can do nothing except by resolution in due form. Bro. Lord Onslow has not showed the wisdom of Lords Carnarvon and Carrington in a like case. There can be no agreement without freedom of speech.—*South Australian Freemason.*

The Earl of Albemarle, one of the few surviving officers who were present at the Battle of Waterloo, died on Saturday morning last, at his residence in Portman-square. The deceased was born the 13th June, 1799, and was thus in the 92nd year of his age. He was present at the great battle as an ensign in the 14th Foot, to which he had been gazetted only a short time previously. His lordship leaves an only son—Bro. Viscount Bury, born 1832—who for some years has sat in the House of Lords as Baron Ashford and who now becomes Earl of Albemarle. There is also a younger brother of the late earl still living in the person of Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, who is in his 82nd year.

At the installation meeting of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, Eccles, held on Thursday, the 19th inst., a resolution was proposed by Bro. J. Lees, W.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Corner, P.M., P.G.S., Charity Representative, that the sum of 25 guineas be contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and later in the evening, on account of the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Corner, the further sum of £25 was added by the brethren.

By a majority of 2257 to 1070, the ratepayers of the extensive parish of Willesden—which includes Kilburn and Harlesden—declared themselves, on Tuesday, in favour of adopting the Public Libraries Act.

The Chemical Society celebrated the jubilee of its constitution in the theatre of the London University, Burlington House, on Tuesday afternoon, and in the evening a conversation was held at the Goldsmiths' Hall.

Bro. E. M. Milford has presented the Freemasons of Redruth, Druid Lodge of Love and Liberality, with whom he has been associated for many years, with an organ from the stock of Bro. T. A. Kistler, of Redruth.

It has been determined, in consequence of the many promises of support which have been received, to present a public requisition to Bro. F. J. Horniman, of Surrey Mount, Dulwich, to stand as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London at the next election.

The Holborn Choral Society gave the inaugural concert of their seventh season at the Holborn Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the principal item in the programme being Mr. F. J. Barnett's cantata of "The ancient mariner."

The Colibris Midgets, the six smallest people in the world, who created such a sensation in the French capital, and were the greatest attraction of the Paris season, have been secured by the management of the Empire Theatre, and will make their first appearance on Monday next, the 2nd prox., in their artistic performances.

Bro. Wellsman was installed as W.M. of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, at Anderson's Hotel on Wednesday. Bro. Wellsman was Master of the lodge in 1877. After the installation he initiated his son, Mr. Walter Henry Wellsman. We shall give a full report in our next.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have consented to open the sale of work on March 10th, at the Kensington Town Hall, in aid of the Mission to the French in London and Great Britain, in connection with the French Reformed Evangelical Church in Bayswater, under the Pastorate of the Rev. J. M. H. Du Pontet de la Harpe, B.D.

The Covent Garden Fancy-Dress Ball of the 17th was such a success financially and otherwise that Bro. Augustus Harris has announced a third and final one for Wednesday next, the 4th prox. On this occasion prizes to the amount of about £400 will be given for the most tasteful and original costumes. The company will be the jurors, and the form will be the plebscite of the ballot. The first prize is a diamond ornament of £120. We can promise many competitors.

The Egyptian troops commanded by Colonel H. Smith, and led by British officers, inflicted a severe defeat on the dervishes led by Osman Digna, at Tokar, on the 19th inst. The loss of the enemy is estimated at about 1000 killed, all the principal emirs, while the casualties among the Egyptians were 68 killed and wounded, among them being one British officer killed and one wounded. Tokar was occupied and subsequently Alafile, while Osman Digna has fled with about 30 horsemen in attendance. Since the battle many of the Arab leaders have made their submission to the authorities.

On the withdrawal of "Monte Cristo," and prior to his production of "The Henrietta," Mr. Henry Lee will produce at the Avenue Theatre, the new burlesque, "Md'le Cleopatra," by W. Sapte, jun., music by James M. Glover, for a series of performances commencing Monday next, the 2nd prox. The cast of "Md'le Cleopatra" will include Mr. J. J. Dallas, Mr. W. F. Hawtrej, Mr. Willie Drew, Mr. B. Traill, Mr. Frank Lindo, Miss Laura Hansen, Miss Edith Kenward, Miss Edith Charteris, Miss Julia Seaman, Miss Stella Scott, Miss N. Palmer, Miss L. Greville, Miss Eva Eden, and Miss Floy Vita.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levee at St. James's Palace on Tuesday. His Royal Highness was escorted from Marlborough House to the Palace by a detachment of Life Guards, and was received by the Lord Chamberlain—Bro. the Earl of Lathom—and other high officers of State. The Duke of Connaught, Prince Christian, and Prince Henry of Battenberg were present, and also his Highness the Sultan of Johore, and the new Portuguese and Danish Ministers, who were severally introduced to the Prince by the Home and Foreign Secretaries. In the evening his Royal Highness dined with the hon. corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms at their mess in St. James's Palace.

On Monday, the 16th inst., the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man paid a visit to the Ellan Vannin Lodge, which met in the Masonic Rooms, Loch Parade, Douglas, under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Quayle, W.M. The P.G.M., Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, was unfortunately absent in London, and the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, took his place. There was a good muster of members of the lodge and of Provincial Officers. The D.P.G.M. having taken the chair, explained that Major Taubman was unavoidably absent; had he been on the Island he would certainly have been with the members of the Ellan Vannin Lodge that evening. These visits were desirable in every way, as they enabled the Provincial Officers to see the manner in which various lodges conducted their ceremonies, and promoted the feelings of brotherly love and harmony, which should pervade the whole Craft.—*Manx Sun.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when anyone is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

The Archbishop elect of York is the only Freemason on the Episcopal Bench.

The experiments with the telephone from Paris to London are to commence about the 15th of next month.

By command of the Queen the British Nurses' Association will in future be known as the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Bro. Lord Carrington has leased one of the principal suites on the south block of Whitehall Court, as his town residence.

The Calais-Douvres has been ordered specially to convey the Empress Frederick from Calais to Dover to-day (Friday), leaving Calais about 4 p.m.

The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen have arranged to hold a concert at 27, Grosvenor-square, on Friday, March 20, at 3.30, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The Italian Ambassador will open a bazaar in St. Stephen's Hall, Westminster, on the 9th prox., in aid of the Italian Benevolent Fund.

The Hardwicke Lodge, which we erroneously stated in our last issue to have been consecrated last week, will not be consecrated until the 18th prox.

During the present year the number of vessels on active service in the German Navy will be increased by the addition of 37 ironclads, gunboats, and torpedo boats. The Navy on service will then consist of 96 vessels.

We are asked to state that the William Preston, the Great Northern, and the St. Marylebone Lodges of Instruction have united with the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, and meet on Fridays at 8 p.m., at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

A large meeting of the Governors of the Derbyshire Infirmary was held on Monday afternoon, when it was decided to pull down the existing premises and erect new ones at a cost of £74,000. A county meeting will shortly be held to raise the necessary funds.

The Spectacle Makers' Company have placed themselves in the ranks of those City Guilds which are desirous of convincing the world that they are not so dead as they are popularly believed to be. They will accordingly hold an exhibition of optical instruments.

The Queen having instructed Lord Knutsford to convey an expression of sympathy with the injured, and the relatives of those who lost their lives at the explosion in the Springhill Colliery, Nova Scotia, Lord Stanley of Preston replies that the gracious message has been forwarded to the Mayor. It is feared that at least 120 lives were lost.

Bro. the Archbishop of York arrived at Windsor Castle on Monday, and being introduced to her Majesty by the Marquis of Salisbury did homage on appointment. His Grace was afterwards present at a meeting of the Privy Council held by the Queen, and was sworn a Privy Councillor. Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, and the Earl of Limerick, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, were present.

The annual general meeting of the Governors of the Cancer Hospital was held at Brompton, on Wednesday. From the annual report of the Committee, it appeared that during the past year 1989 new patients were received, 630 being in, and 1159 out-patients, whilst the total number of attendances of out-patients was 6639, this number being in excess of any previous year. The reliable income is about £3000 a year less than the ordinary expenditure.

The short season of comic opera at the Lyric Opera House, Hammersmith, will be followed on Monday next and during the week by Boucicault's popular drama, "The Shaughraun." In the cast will be found Mr. J. Hudspeth, Father Dolan; Mr. Barrington, Captain Molineaux; Mr. Edmund Grace, Corry Kinchela; Mr. G. B. Prior, Harvey Duff; Mr. J. G. Johnson, Conn; Miss Marie Hudson, Claire Ffolliott; and Miss Kate Lennox, Moya. On the following Monday "The Village Priest" will be given for one week.

Bro. Edward Terry, writing to the *Telegraph* on the theatres and music halls question, says: "It cannot be too strongly urged upon the public that ours is no selfish or factious opposition to any scheme for the general good. This fact was sufficiently proved by our offer, made to the Home Secretary, to place ourselves entirely in the hands of a Minister appointed by Government, and to defray the whole cost of such department. We suffered so severely under the Board of Works that we object to additional oppression from a similar movable body like the London County Council, in whose regulations for theatrical managers there neither is, nor ever can be, any finality."

A special meeting of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on Friday, the 20th inst., in the Club-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, to consider and determine what measures should be adopted with a view of nominating for election a competent and acceptable brother to represent the province on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W., Chairman of the Committee, presided, and there was a gathering of 50 representatives of lodges. Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., explained that under the new by-laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the Board of Management was composed of 15 qualified brethren elected from the London lodges and a like number representing provincial lodges. The provincial representation was so distributed that East Lancashire, with its 103 lodges, and West Lancashire, with its 105 lodges, were each entitled to send a member to the Board. Colonel Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master, in a letter referring to the object of the present meeting, said the question of the elected brother paying his own expenses on his visits to London was not of vital importance so long as they obtained the services of an able brother who could afford the time to attend the meetings of the Board of Management, and whose social and Masonic position and personal competency would make his weight felt when he attended. Some conversation followed, in which an opinion was generally expressed that the appointed representative ought to be paid his out-of-pocket expense, and eventually, on the motion of Bro. F. W. Lean, it was unanimously resolved to nominate Bro. Harwood for the appointment.