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## THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the School elections, which will be held next month in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, were issued last week, and we are in a position to form a general idea of the nature of the contests which will take place and the chances of success—apart from the private influence which may be brought to bear on their behalf—of the several candidates. That the voting will be as high and the struggle for places among the "Successful" as keen as it was at the autumn elections of last year, may be regarded as a foregone conclusion. In October, 1890, there were 31 candidates for 16 vacancies in the Girls' School, and the highest successful girl polled no less than 4212 votes, while the lowest obtained 3563. Next month there will be 19 vacancies competed for by 25 candidates. As regards the Boys' School, there were in October last 19 vacancies filled up from a list of 53 candidates, and the highest successful polled 3397 votes, and the lowest 2368. In April there will be elected 28 boys from an approved list of 45 candidates. With respect to the votes issued by both Institutions for the approaching, as for the last, election, we may reasonably assume that the numbers will not materially differ, so that, as in both cases there will be fewer candidates among whom to distribute them, we may expect to find some very heavy figures both among those who succeed and the highest of those who fail. We notice also with considerable satisfaction that since each School has appointed a Petitions Committee the lists of candidates have become less formidable in numbers, so that, as we remarked last week in reference to the Girls' School, if the same downward tendency in this respect continues to be exhibited for any length of time, there will be something like an approach to equality between the number of vacancies to be filled and the number of candidates to fill them.

Taking the voting papers separately, we note that the election of candidates into the

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will take place at the Quarterly General Court, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 9th April, the poll opening, as usual, at 1 p.m., or as soon as the general business of the Court has been transacted, and closing at 3 p.m. precisely. The number of candidates, as we have already stated, is 25, and the number of vacancies to be filled 19. London furnishes 10 of the former, and the remaining 15 hail from the Provinces and Districts abroad. The 10 London candidates are Nos. 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, and 25, and of these No. 2, who has had her name on the list for three years, starts with 300 votes in hand. No. 5, who has been two years on the roll, has already 3062 votes to her credit, so that if

her friends and supporters exercise only a reasonable amount of judgment, there should be no question as to her securing a place among the elect. No. 7, like No. 5, has been on the list for two years, and will make an even better start with 3406 votes to her credit, so that in this case also the friends will be exceedingly bad managers if they fail in securing her election. No. 10 made her *début* as a candidate in October last, when she obtained 183 votes, but as this is her last chance of success it will be necessary that her friends should bestir themselves, or the votes obtained and those promised will be thrown away. No. 14 obtained 335 votes in October last, while the other London girls are new cases, and as all of them will be eligible to compete at one or more future contests, we need not exhibit any special anxiety on their behalf, the London section of voters being strong enough to ensure the success of all, if their voting strength is judiciously used.

Of the 15 Provincial and other candidates, we notice that Devonshire and the Eastern Division of Lancashire, send each of them two, Nos. 4 and 6 being from the former, and Nos. 22 and 24 from the latter province. No. 4 is a last case, has been a

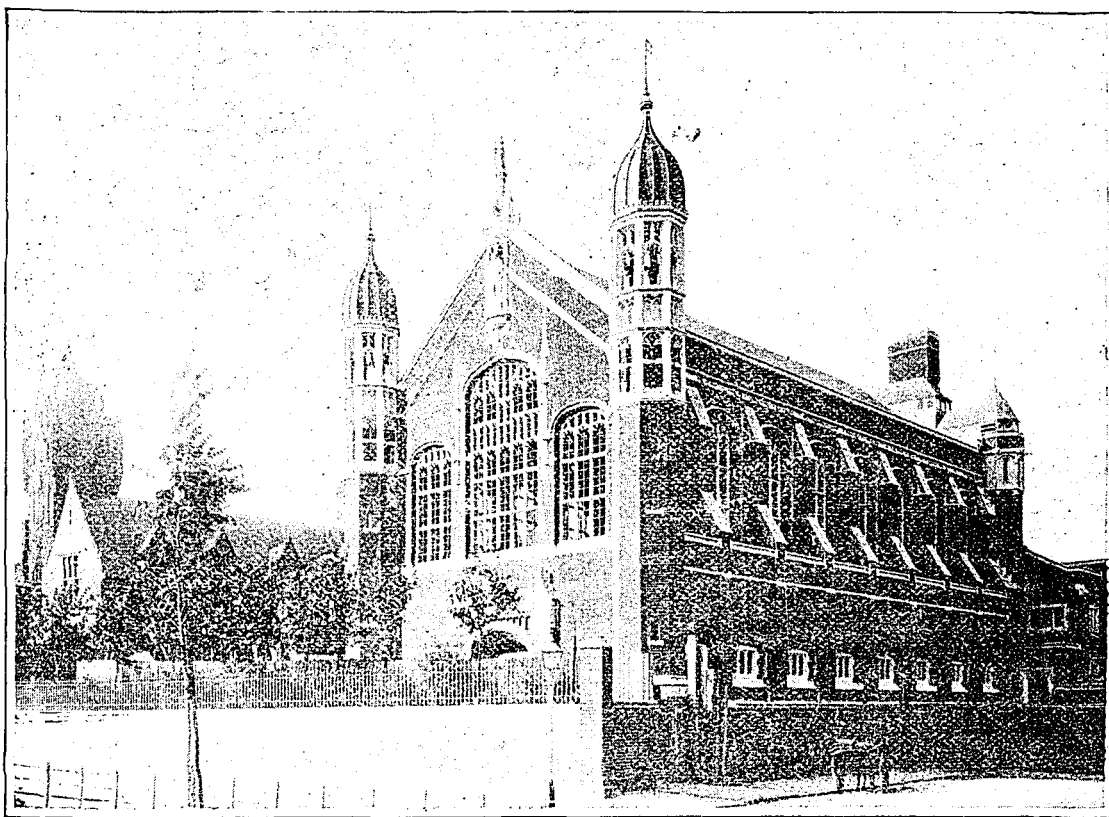
candidate for two and a half years, and starts, unfortunately with only 93 votes, while No. 6 brings forward 88 votes from three previous elections, but her friends have this consolation, that if they fail on this occasion, the girl will be eligible for the next October election. The East Lancashire candidates are both of them new cases, but No. 22 has only this chance of success, as she will be 11 years old in September. Taking the remaining 11 cases, we find that No. 1, whose name has been before the Governors and Subscribers for three years, and who hails from Malta, has

2339 votes in hand. No. 3 (West Yorkshire), starts with 42 votes; No. 8, a last case from Dorsetshire, has eight votes; No. 9, a candidate of 18 months' standing, from Cornwall, 953 votes; No. 11, a last case, who has claims on the two Provinces of Cumberland and Westmorland and West Yorkshire, has only 20 votes to start with; No. 13, a last case, from the Orange Free State, 716 votes; and No. 15 (Buckinghamshire), 33 votes for this her solitary chance of success. Nos. 17 (Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire), 19 (London and Oxfordshire), and 23 (Gloucestershire), will be candidates for the first time on this occasion. One girl (No. 3) has both parents living, and Nos. 10 and 17 have lost both, the rest of the 25 having lost their fathers. In some few instances the fathers rendered services to one or more of the Masonic Institutions, and in some they were subscribing members for 15 or 20 years and upwards.

The election of 28 boys into the

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will take place at the Quarterly General Court, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 10th April, the poll



THE ALEXANDRA HALL, ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,  
OPENED BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ON THE 12TH MARCH, 1891.

opening at 1 p.m., or when the general business of the Court has been concluded, and closing at 3 p.m. precisely. The number of candidates is 45, of whom eight—Nos. 7, 12, 23, 25, 26, 34, 41, and 45—hail from London, and three—Nos. 14, 36, and 40—are partly London and partly Provincial, the remaining 34 being of Provincial origin or from Districts abroad. No. 7 has been a candidate for three years, and has 1999 votes to his credit; No. 12, a two years' candidate, brings forward 864 votes; and Nos. 23, 25, and 26, who made their first essay in October last, have 1250 votes, 171 votes, and 307 votes in hand respectively. Nos. 34, 41, and 45 are new cases, while as to the cases of mixed origin, No. 14 (Kent and London) starts with 897 votes, and Nos. 36 (London and Leicestershire and Rutland), and No. 40 (London and Surrey) make their first appearance at this election. Fortunately for the above 11 boys, they will all have at least one more chance allowed them of being admitted into the School.

As regards the 34 non-Metropolitan cases, Staffordshire furnishes three, namely, No. 8 with 28 votes as the result of four previous trials; No. 22, who brings forward 39 votes from last October; and No. 43, a new case. Nos. 3 and 13, both hailing from Cumberland and Westmorland, have each of them a few votes in hand; Nos. 4 and 19, both hailing from Durham and both last cases, have the former 200 votes and the latter 16 votes in hand, so that in both cases the friends must make strenuous efforts, or the names will be removed from the list. There are two candidates from Warwickshire, Nos. 9 and 39; two from Madras, Nos. 10 and 32; two from Hants and the Isle of Wight, of whom No. 11 starts with 100 votes, and No. 21 with 333 votes; two from Sussex, Nos. 15 and 20; two from Derbyshire, of whom No. 16 has 277 votes to his credit, and No. 18, 901 votes; two from Kent, No. 17 having 1154 votes already to the good, while No. 38 is a new case; and two from Buckinghamshire, No. 24 having 1448 votes to start with, and No. 42 being a *débutant*. Of the others No. 1 (Somerset and Devon) has been a candidate for four years, and will bring forward 304 votes; No. 2, a last case from Jersey, Cheshire, and Staffordshire, has only 18 votes to the good; No. 5 (Nottinghamshire), 1374 votes; No. 6 (Salop), 3 votes; No. 27 (Dorsetshire), 76 votes; No. 28 (Suffolk), 1872 votes, which as this will be his last chance, we trust will be increased sufficiently to place him among the "Successful;" No. 29 (Somersetshire), 1203 votes; No. 30 (South America), 1602 votes; and Nos. 31 (Herefordshire), 33 (Kent, Middlesex, and Suffolk), 35 (Cheshire), 37 (Essex), and 44 (Hertfordshire), all of which are first cases, and as regards No. 33, a last case likewise. We may add that 37 of the children are fatherless, while five have both parents living, and three have lost them both. In sundry of the cases the father was a supporter of one or more of the Institutions, and had won distinction in lodge, chapter, or Province, and some had been subscribing members for 15 years and upwards.

We can only add the hope that in the case of those children—be they girls or boys—who have left them only this one chance of success, that those who have not already pledged their support to other candidates will come forward and lend their help and influence in saving them from the very serious loss and disappointment which failure will certainly entail.

### SOME AMERICAN IDEAS ABOUT FREEMASONRY.

The other day when turning over the pages of that excellent Masonic periodical, the *Voice of Masonry*, we came across the following remark by a "distinguished brother," whose name, however, is not mentioned: "I want to bring Masonry up to the present. To be talking always in the mist of the past is tiresome; I want to sing a new song, and strike a new chord in harmony with this age of electricity." Fortunately for the anonymous "distinguished brother" referred to, the paragraphist went on to explain that by this, he (the brother, not the paragraphist) meant nothing more serious than that he favoured "not only individual Charity, but also organised benevolence and beneficence." Now it strikes us that this brother, if he be really as distinguished as he is represented to be, must have spent the time he has been connected with Masonry very unprofitably if he is only just now becoming alive to the fact that the very quintessence of our Masonic system is loyalty to constituted authority and Charity towards all men; and that he must have a very poor idea of American Freemasonry, or that section of it with which he is most familiar, and in which he has won such great distinction, if he considers it is entirely without the second of the virtues we have mentioned as being its essential constituents. For ourselves, though we cannot speak with that knowledge which the best and most prominent American Masons themselves possess, we are well aware that the virtue of Charity is very largely cultivated in a great majority of the American jurisdic-

tions. Therefore, while we entirely sympathise with our unknown "distinguished" brother's desire for greater "individual Charity and better organised benevolence and beneficence," we are at a loss to determine to which of the many jurisdictions in the United States we must assign him. Is he "distinguished" in that in which they confer the Third Degree in costume; or in one of those in which the public installation of officers finds favour; or, yet again, in one of those in which the Grand Lodge receipts are almost, if not entirely absorbed, in the payment of mileage allowances to the representatives of the subordinate lodges when they attend the annual Communications of their Grand Lodge? In either of these cases we can appreciate his desire for a change. He is right in his belief that where there is masquerading, undue publicity, or a wholesale waste of Grand Lodge funds, these in place of one or all of them should be "not only individual Charity, but also organised benevolence and beneficence." Where large sums are spent in parades and public displays, or in the purchase of gorgeous robes and tiaras, and such like fancy costumes, there is small chance of there being any appreciable amount available for Charity. Dispense with the former, and there will be ample money to dispense in the cause of the latter. This, we repeat, is a known and recognised truth in most of the Grand Lodges in the United States of which we have any knowledge, and therefore the only conclusion we are able to arrive at is that the jurisdiction with which this "distinguished brother" is connected is so obscure as to be comparatively, if not absolutely, unknown.

### CONSECRATION OF THE BENEVENTA LODGE, No. 2380.

For some years past it has been the wish of several of the brethren belonging to lodges in the Province of Norths and Hunts, living in and around Daventry, to have a lodge of their own, in order to obviate the necessity of proceeding to Northampton or Towcester to attend their lodges. To meet the wishes of those brethren the Beneventa Lodge has been formed at Daventry, and the consecration ceremony took place under very auspicious circumstances on Friday, the 27th ult. It had been arranged that the consecration should take place on the 15th January last, but owing to the illness of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.L., it was postponed. His lordship, who is now very much improved in health, arrived in Daventry about 11 o'clock in order that he might consult with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler-Wilkins, and make the necessary arrangements for the important and imposing ceremony of the day, which it is gratifying to state went off without the slightest hitch or mishap of any kind. A new lodge room had been formed at Bro. C. Ward's, Wheat Sheaf Hotel, and when arranged ready for lodge it certainly presented an excellent and attractive appearance.

The brethren (many of whom came from different and extreme parts of the province), to the number of between 70 and 80, assembled at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, and shortly afterwards the impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Consecrating Officers being Bros. the Right Hon. Earl of Euston, P.G.M.; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M.; and the Very Rev. Worshipful Canon S. J. W. Sanders, LL.D., P.G. Chap. England, the latter of whom delivered a most eloquent and earnest oration, which was listened to with rapt attention by the brethren.

Among those present, in addition to the officers mentioned, were Bros. F. Billingham, W.M.; F. Willoughby, S.W.; F. B. Whitford, J.W.; W. T. Knight, Sec. 445, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Hart, P.M. 360, D.C.; J. Birch, J.D. (founders of the new lodge); E. Harrison, S.W.; J. B. Hands, F. Cox, J. M. Stuart-Edwards, H. Edyvean-Walker, T. Duke, J. Haswell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. U. Clarke, J. C. Price, P.G.S.B.; and G. V. Hefford.

The appointments of the officers of the new lodge were as follows: Bros. F. Billingham, W.M.; F. Willoughby, S.W.; F. B. Whitford, J.W.; J. J. Hart, acting I.P.M.; W. T. Knight, Sec.; G. Lewis, S.D.; J. Birch, J.D.; C. Ward, I.G.; and G. Robinson, Tyler.

The musical portion of the ceremony, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Birch, was performed by Bro. Clarabut, St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough. During the proceedings Bro. F. Willoughby, on behalf of the officers of the Beneventa Lodge, presented Bro. F. Billingham with a founder's jewel in recognition of the interest he had taken in the formation of the lodge.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet, which was supplied by Bro. C. Ward in the large room of the hotel. The tables were well and prettily set out, and the catering of the host and hostess gave the greatest satisfaction. Bro. F. Billingham, W.M., presided, and was supported on his right by Bros. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M., and Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; and on his left by Bros. J. J. Hart, P.G.M., D.C., and G. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. F. Willoughby, S.W.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally honoured.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," was also given by the CHAIRMAN, and heartily received.

This toast was followed by that of "The D.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," given by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS replied.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L." He felt sure the brethren were greatly gratified at seeing his lordship amongst them once more, and that he had so far recovered from his serious illness as to be able to be present to take part in the proceedings of that day.

The toast was most heartily drunk.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, in reply, said he was highly pleased to see such an assembly present to start what he might term a new child of the province. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, in his oration that afternoon, had told them many home truths about what they ought to do in the future to make the lodge the success it ought to be. They should be careful as to who they admitted, and to be sure that they were good and true men, and those who would do active service for the lodge and the Craft in general. He himself would be always ready to help them in their duties, their pleasures, and their successes, and there were many outside who would help them in every possible way they could.

Bro. F. B. WHITFORD was entrusted with the proposal of the following toast: "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, Past G. Std. Br., and the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past." All who had wit-

nessed the impressive ceremony of that afternoon could not fail to be pleased at the way Bro. Wilkins and his officers had performed the duties of that day.

The toast met with a grand reception.

Bro. BUTLER-WILKINS thanked the brethren, and said the pleasing ceremony of that day, and the fact that a new lodge had been started, had well repaid them for any time or trouble they expended.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next submitted "The W.M. and Officers of the Beneventa Lodge, No. 2380." In the course of his remarks, his lordship said he proposed prosperity, success, happiness, unanimity, and concord to the lodge. They had appointed an excellent Worshipful Master in Bro. Billingham, as he had had great experience and was well up to his work, and knew how to manage and govern a lodge. He hoped the members would support him in every way.

The toast was well received.

Bro. BILLINGHAM thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast, and for their presence on that occasion, which was an auspicious one, not only for the brethren, but also for the town of Daventry. He spoke of the efforts he had made to bring about a lodge in Daventry, and said he thought every town should possess a lodge of Freemasons. He was glad to have been the medium of bringing about the consecration of the Beneventa lodge, with Bro. Whitford and others, and was exceedingly pleased that the lodge was now an accomplished fact. Bro. Billingham alluded to the manner in which the name of the lodge was arrived at, and said Beneventa was the name of an old Roman station on Borough Hill, and one which had some authority behind it, which was different from the case of the name of Daventry, about the origin of which there was some dispute. He concluded by remarking now that the lodge was formed he had every confidence in its success.

Bro. F. WILLOUGHBY also replied to the toast. He said it was with the greatest pleasure he did what he could to bring about the formation of the lodge, and he hoped they as officers would fully carry out the principles which had been so thoroughly instilled into them that afternoon.

Bro. Dr. W. T. KNIGHT gave "The Masonic Charities." He spoke of the grand principles of the Order, and of the great benefit received from their Charities, which he was glad to say were so well supported in that province. He also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the lodge started, and expressed the hope that it had a most successful future before it.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER replied to the toast. He had, he said, done all he could to support the Charities. They were admirably managed and upheld, and he had taken personal interest in seeing them carried out, and was exceedingly pleased at what he had seen. He alluded to the manner in which the Boys' and Girls' Schools were managed, and said the children received an excellent education. There were 300 girls in their School, and they were receiving an excellent education, a fact which must be very gratifying to the brethren at large.

Bro. BILLINGHAM next gave "The W.M.'s and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province," and Bro. F. WILLOUGHBY submitted "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bro. PRETTY replied.

The concluding toast was that of the Tyler's, which was given by Bro. ROBINSON, "To all poor and distressed Masons."

The sum of £2 3s. 6d. was collected for the Charities.

During the evening several excellent songs were sung, Bro. J. Birch presiding at the piano.

## CONSECRATION OF THE GODSON LODGE, No. 2385, AT OLDBURY.

A new Craft lodge was consecrated at Oldbury on the 11th instant. The new lodge is called the Godson Lodge, out of compliment to the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire (Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.). Its meetings will be held in a well-appointed room at the Talbot Hotel, in the centre of the town of Oldbury, and present appearances indicate that in the immediate future the Godson Lodge will develop into one of the most successful and expert lodges, even in the Province of Worcestershire, where the workings of the Craft have so long held a degree of excellence which is seldom attained. The inception of the movement for the founding of a Masonic lodge in Oldbury dates back about two years, when a number of brethren resident in Oldbury, but belonging to several neighbouring lodges, met, and the question of the advisability of founding a lodge in the town was discussed. For various reasons the movement seemed to hang fire for a short time, but about 12 months ago the matter was again brought up, and from then to now the lead in the matter has been taken by Bro. Alfred Thompson, who was installed the first Master of the Godson Lodge. In his efforts Bro. Thompson has been ably seconded by Bro. G. F. Old, a young and enthusiastic brother, who was appointed first Secretary of the lodge. The names of others, such as Bros. William Waldron, Abraham Green, and Enoch Wood, who have rendered splendid service to the promoters, and whose names are found amongst the list of founders of the lodge, might be mentioned in this article, but special mention where so many excellencies, both of character and ability, have to be dealt with would be invidious. Formal application for permission to apply to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for the proposed lodge was made to Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere at his Provincial Grand Lodge held at Worcester in October last. The permission was readily forthcoming, and the necessary formalities having been complied with, the ceremony of consecration was fixed for the 11th instant.

The day's proceedings commenced at half an hour past noon, when a Craft lodge was opened in the Public Schools, Talbot-street. The lodge was opened under the banner of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, the mother lodge of the province, the officers of which occupied the respective chairs, viz.: Bros. Thos. Chambers, W.M.; E. J. Chambers, S.W.; W. Hanson, J.W.; James Jones, S.D.; and Duncan J. Shedden, acting J.D. After the lodge had been opened, so that the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, both Present and Past, could be received and honoured according to their rank, these officers entered the lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in the customary form, the Provincial Grand Master inquired of the W.M. designate, and the designate-members of the Godson Lodge, who were seated before him, in what particular he could serve them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER DESIGNATE replied that it was the respectful prayer of himself and those who supported him that the Provincial Grand Master would, in accordance with the warrant granted by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, proceed to consecrate and institute a regular lodge, under the title of the Godson Lodge, in that town of Oldbury, whereupon the PROV. GRAND MASTER called upon the PROV. Grand Secretary to read the warrant. Having inquired if the remaining brethren approved of the brethren nominated in the warrant as the office-holders of the lodge, and having received an affirmative reply, the consecration ceremony was commenced.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. WILLIAM JOHN DOWN, offered up prayer, and this was followed by the intonation of the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord."

The consecration oration followed, and was delivered in eloquent and striking terms by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN. In the course of his oration the Rev.

brother said that it was well upon such an occasion to call the attention of the assembled brethren to one or two of the features of their ancient Order. It had been well said that "Freemasonry had been of old," and that was without doubt true, for they found its antiquity co-existent with the early ages of man. Masonry had been found almost wherever man was found, and whilst Masonry on the one hand had done much to mould and build up the characters of men and of nations, yet he believed it was a fact that the passing events of the world's history had had little or no influence upon the leading tenets and principles of the Order. As they reviewed its history through the ages that are passed—through the empirics of the ancients, with their mystic societies which have risen and fallen, through all their dynasties come and gone; their men of renown who wielded the sceptre and reigned for awhile and afterwards passed away from the arena of life, whilst Masonry still remained, lived, flourished, and spread; and that they were proud of its vast history, grand and sublime, marked with many a noble deed of philanthropy. Freemasonry then, he said, studied in the light of its historic past, seemed to be the cradle in which many of the world's chosen ones in physical, intellectual, and moral science and progress had been nurtured.

At the conclusion of the Chaplain's oration, the consecration anthem was sung, and the Provincial Grand Master, supported by the Provincial Grand Chaplain and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, performed the usual ceremony of consecration, and after an ode had been chanted, the ceremony of installing the W.M. designate, and subsequently the subordinate officers of the lodge, was proceeded with. The Provincial Grand Master deputed this ceremony to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who performed it with all the impressiveness the ceremony lends itself to.

The W.M. having been duly installed, the following were appointed as officers of the lodge: Bros. W. Waldron, P.M., S.W.; Enoch Wood, J.W.; H. Manley, S.D.; J. B. Buttery, J.D.; and Abraham Green, D.C. The remaining officers being elective, their election was deferred until the next regular lodge meeting.

The proceedings concluded with a grand banquet held in the Public Hall, over which the Worshipful Master presided. He was supported by several of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with a choice selection of music. The whole of the lodge collars and jewels were presented to the lodge by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held (under the banner of the Euclid Chapter) at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 4th instant. Present: Comps. Lieut.-Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent; E. H. Jennings, Prov. G.H.; E. Armitage, Prov. G.J.; Andrew H. Moyes, P. Prov. G.H.; J. Bell, T. King, O. Papworth, J. Fuller, W. Purchas, C. Geldard, T. Nichols, W. H. Jarrold, G. Cole, G. W. Whitehead, Drover, J. R. Green, F. O. Carr, J. Sheldrick, Foster, F. Piggott, J. V. Pryor, J. E. L. Whitehead, W. H. Francis, W. P. Spalding, J. F. Symonds, James Catling, W. B. Vaus, and others.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts, presented by Comp. T. Nichols, were shown to be in a satisfactory state.

The annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association was presented, and it was resolved to give £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to go through the local Association.

Upon the election of Treasurer, there was a conversation as to the possibility of one companion holding two offices in the chapter; but the Grand Superintendent was not called upon to give a ruling, owing to there being only one candidate duly nominated, viz., Comp. G. MacCallum, who was elected.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

Comp. C. Geldard, 859	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. Nichols, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" G. Cole, 441	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. MacCallum, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. W. Whitehead, 809	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. R. Green, 859	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" J. V. Pryor, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Sheldrick, 441	...	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. E. L. Whitehead, 441	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Frank Piggott, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Symonds, 441	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. O. Carr, 859	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Ellis, 88	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor

A number of new jewels had been presented to the Prov. Grand Chapter by the Grand Superintendent to make the set complete, and he was heartily thanked for his liberal present.

A suitable acknowledgment was made from the first chair to the Principals and companions of Euclid Chapter for the loan of their furniture and appointments for that occasion.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently sat down to banquet.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT complimented the several chapters upon the excellence of their work.

## THE CRYPTIC RITE.

A meeting of the Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of M. Ill. Comp. the Earl of Euston, Grand Master. There were also present Comps. Frank Richardson, Dep. G.M.; Col. A. B. Cook; R. Berridge, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder; Augustus Harris, G.D. of C.; Dr. E. M. Lott, G.C. of Gd.; H. E. Cousins and E. M. Money, G. Stwds.; W. Vincent, P.G.D.C.; H. Saunders; A. F. Godson, M.P., P.D.G.M.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap.; R. Voisey, P.G. Stwd.; Viscount Dungarvan; G. Marsden, P.G.D.C.; Belgrave Ninnis; Gordon Miller; F. Mead; J. E. Dawson; R. J. Emmerson, P.G.C.; H. C. Heard, and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Council having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed.

The GRAND RECORDER then read a report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite, showing that 25 certificates had been issued, making a total of 521 companions registered. Thanks were declared to be especially due to Comp. Frank Richardson for his invaluable services during his term of office as Deputy Grand Master. The report, together with the Grand Treasurer's account, showing a balance in hand of £53 18s. 2d., was received and adopted.

On the motion of Comp. A. WILLIAMS, seconded by Comp. Col. COOK, Comp. R. BERRIDGE was re-elected as Grand Treasurer, and suitably returned thanks.

Comp. Col. A. B. Cook was obligated and invested as Deputy Grand Master, after which the following appointments were made by the Grand Master, those present being invested with their collars of office :

Comp. Col. A. B. Cook	...	...	...	Deputy G.M.
" Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart.	...	...	...	G.P.C. of W.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	...	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith	...	...	...	
" R. Berridge	...	...	...	G. Treas.
" C. F. Matier	...	...	...	G. Recorder.
" B. R. Bryant	...	...	...	G. Lecturer.
" Augustus Harris	...	...	...	G.D.C.
" H. E. Cousins	...	...	...	A.G.D.C.
" A. Tupman	...	...	...	G.C. of G.
" Dr. E. M. Lott	...	...	...	G. Org.
" F. Mead	...	...	...	} G. Marshals.
" R. J. Voisey	...	...	...	
" Major Clifford Probyn	...	...	...	} G. Stwds.
" H. C. Heard	...	...	...	
" E. Histed	...	...	...	} G. Sentinel.
" E. J. Mills	...	...	...	

It was resolved, on the proposition of the GRAND RECORDER, that the proceedings should be printed and circulated amongst the companions.

The Degree of Royal Master was then exemplified in a very able and impressive manner by Comp. W. Vincent, assisted by Comps. Voisey and Matier.

The Grand Council was closed in due form, and the companions subsequently dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, the Most Ill. Grand Master presiding, and the customary toasts were subsequently given.

In proposing "The Most Ill. Grand Sovereign," Comp. Col. COOK, Dep. G.M., said they all knew the interest taken by the Earl of Euston, not only in this Degree, but in every Degree to which he belonged. In fact, during the past 20 years he had had no experience of anyone in the position now occupied by the Earl of Euston who had taken so much interest in every Degree, commencing as that illustrious companion did with the Craft. They had Provincial Grand Masters appointed as rulers in the Craft and in every Degree, but they seldom found one who took the trouble and entered into the minor details of his province as they found in their M. Ill. Grand Master that evening. Their Grand Master was only too anxious to do all he could for the Craft, Royal Arch, and all other Degrees and they hoped he would be long spared to continue his good work.

The Earl of EUSTON, M. Ill. G.M., having returned thanks, said his Deputy had gone into the history of his Masonic career, which was perfectly correct, although some of the details were left out. He could sincerely thank the Dep. G.M. for 20 years true and trusty friendship. He thanked the companions for the way they had received him, and only wished their numbers might be increased. If any idea struck the companions present or any member of the Council which would tend to augment and increase the Order in general and the attendance at the one meeting in the year—he hoped they would not hesitate to write their suggestions to the Grand Recorder, and they would be given every attention possible. He could hardly say much, for nearly all present were Present or Past Grand Officers, but if they would go back to their respective councils and try to urge the matter on, he should be glad. The work they had heard done that night, and the other parts which had not been rendered, were most impressive, and were quite the sort of Degree to impress any man interested in Masonry, and who had Masonry in his heart. They belonged to the Craft as a start, and then in about four months joined the Mark, and after a year entered the Royal Arch, and he thought that rule of one year had done the Royal Arch a great deal of harm, for many men found they could join the Mark immediately after they had completed the Third Degree in the Craft. With respect to those who were only half-hearted when they found they had to wait 12 months before they could join the Royal Arch, they cooled down and did not join a chapter. It was a pity they did not, for all must be Royal Arch Masons as well as Mark Masons who wished to belong to the Degree in connection with which they had met that evening. He hoped the chapters would pull round, for he knew from personal experience that a Mark lodge started in a town could do a large amount of harm to a chapter in that way. In this Cryptic Rite they were a small number at present—he meant working Masons. There were two or three Councils going on really well, but he thought that in Liverpool, Manchester, and other large towns, they might have one Council well looked after if the companions would keep it up, and if any companion would send up a petition for a Council to be started, he would attend and consecrate it in whatever part of England it might be situated.

Comp. C. F. MATIER, P.D.G.M., G. Recorder, said he was honoured by the commands of the M.I.G.M. to propose the next toast, and he knew that toast was committed to his care as he was by seniority the oldest D.G.M. present. The toast he had to propose was the very latest addition to the ranks of D.G.M.'s—Colonel Cook—and in welcoming him to their ranks they welcomed no unworthy representative of the great cause of Masonry in whatever Degree they chose to speak of. As a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, a Past Master of many and most distinguished lodges, Past Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter, and of the Grand Mark Lodge, Sublime and Valiant Prince of the 32°, as a member and Past Master of every Order in England, he thought they would say Col. Cook was a fit and proper person to receive honours from the hands of the M.I.G.M. He could in the name of the companions pledge their allegiance to their new D.G.M., and say to him, as well as to their illustrious chief, that their best services would ever be given cheerfully and willingly.

Comp. Colonel A. B. COOK, D.G.M., in response, said that if he could be of use to the Cryptic Rite in the position which by the favour of the Grand Master he occupied, he should only be too happy to give his services. He had been a Mason for many years, and had taken an interest in all Degrees. It was very wise and right that before a brother could belong to this Degree he must be a Royal Arch and a Mark Mason. It was an inducement for them to prosecute their Masonic career. The Grand Master had been kind enough to appoint him as Deputy Grand Master, which was a proud distinction for anyone to fulfil, and if he could in any way act up to those who had gone before, and if at the end of the year he had done any good to the Degree, he should be perfectly satisfied.

Comp. R. BERRIDGE, P.D.G.M., Grand Treasurer, replying for "The Past Deputy Grand Masters," returned thanks for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast, and said it had given all those included in the toast great pleasure to do anything for the advancement of the Order. Their services were always at the disposal of the companions, and they were only too pleased to assist in any part in Masonry.

Comp. F. MEAD, G. Marshal, responded for "The Grand Officers," and said their tongues would always be sounding the praises of the Grand Master, for no one throughout the whole of Masonry had more endeared himself to the hearts of Masons. The Grand Master had asked them to offer suggestions by which the numbers could be increased. They would endeavour not only to use their tongues, but they would also cudgel their brains to find some means by which the Degree might be increased. They felt they had an illustrious Grand Master, and that was sufficient in itself to cause the number of 500 before long to increase to 5000.

Comp. Major PROBYN also replied, after which the health of the two companions—Comps. Vincent and Voisey—who exemplified the work in the Council was given, and duly replied to by the latter companion.

The proceedings then terminated.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of this Supreme Body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Comp. James Crichton, acting Grand Z., assisted by Comps. J. Foulds, acting Grand H.; D. Murray Lyon, acting Grand J.; R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.; Dr. George Dickson, Grand Scribe N.; C. C. Nisbet, acting 1st Grand Soj.; J. M'Naught Campbell, acting 2nd Grand Soj.; and J. Carruthers, acting 3rd Grand Soj. The other members of Supreme Grand Chapter present included Comps. W. Officer, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Major F. W. Allan, and E. Macbean.

The following recommendations by Supreme Committee were cordially agreed to:—1. That a letter of condolence be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, U.S.A., on the death of their M.E. Grand High Priest, Comp. A. Doty.—2. Confirmation of by-laws of Chapter John Saunders, No. 225, Johannesburg, S.A.R., and alterations on those of Chapters Peace and Harmony, No. 173, Beaconsfield, South Africa, and Faith and Charity, No. 72, Kurrachee, India.—3. That a charter be granted to a chapter at Mount Morgan, Queensland, Australia, to be named Mount Morgan. After some discussion it was resolved that the alterations in laws proposed by Committee on Supreme Chapter Laws be printed and circulated among members of Supreme Grand Chapter and discussed at the next Quarterly Communication. The reports of proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Indian Territory, Maryland, Maine, District of Columbia, and Illinois, U.S.A., were received with thanks. With a slight alteration, the office-bearers as nominated by Supreme Grand Committee were elected, the following being the office-bearers elect for the new session:—

Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	...	...	Grand Z.
" William Officer	...	...	Depute Grand Z.
" James Crichton	...	...	Grand H.
" James Dalrymple Duncan	...	...	Grand J.
" R. S. Brown	...	...	Grand S.E.
" Charles Baxter	...	...	Grand S.N.
" Dr. George Dickson, Z.	...	...	Grand Treasurer.
" James Melville	...	...	Grand Recorder.
" Major F. W. Allan	...	...	Grand Chancellor.
" Colonel P. Stirling	...	...	1st Grand Soj.
" Edward Macbean	...	...	2nd Grand Soj.
" J. M'Naught Campbell	...	...	3rd Grand Soj.
" C. C. Nisbet	...	...	Grand Swd. Br.
" John Carruthers	...	...	Grand Supt. of W.
" Allan Mackenzie	...	...	1st Grand Std. Br.
" James Simpson	...	...	2nd Grand Std. Br.
" John Taylor	...	...	Grand Janitor.

There were five vacancies in Supreme Committee, for which there were nine candidates, but Comps. Officer and Crichton having been elected to offices which make them *ex officio* members of Committee, the contest lay with seven. The following were chosen (the numbers following the names being the votes recorded for the respective candidates): Comps. Dr. George Dickson, 68; Major F. W. Allan, 61; George Christie, 52; W. I. Macadam, 51; and Edward Macbean, 45.

The arrangements for the annual festival were remitted to a Committee of three—namely, Comps. Crichton, Officer, and Brown.

On the motion of Comp. J. M'NAUGHT CAMPBELL, seconded by Comp. J. D. DUNCAN, it was resolved to alter in Sec. 23, cap. 16, the words "Edinburgh and Glasgow" to read—"Edinburgh and Leith, and the Province of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire."

Comp. STEPHENSON'S motion regarding "spare clothing," was remitted to Supreme Committee with powers.

A notice of motion to alter Law Sec. 3, chap. 1, concluded the business.

The companions afterwards adjourned, and spent a pleasant hour in harmony.

## MASONIC TOLERATION.

One of the most important Masonic lessons which we, as dwelling in a country ruled under concurrent jurisdiction, is that of toleration towards those who belong to a different Constitution to ourselves, and unfortunately it is, from the nature of the country, one of the most difficult to learn. Communities are scattered. Travelling is still expensive and arduous; consequently Masonic visiting is limited and localised, and we gain not that perfect knowledge of one another which is the surest corrective to animosities or suspicions. It has been truly said of religious sects that if they only mixed with one another a little more freely half their points of difference would melt in the sunshine of mutual understanding. We dwell under three Constitutions holding jurisdiction over the country, and how very, very few Masons of one Constitution really take the trouble to look into the principles and practice of the sister Grand Lodges, and still less to take to heart any lessons from them. And even in two or three large centres, the only places where the three Constitutions come fully in contact with one another, one cannot shut one's eyes to the fact that beneath the surface of official amity there flows an under-current of distrust between the respective members. And in other places, where a Mason's knowledge of another Constitution is generally only based upon hearsay, too often some casual story uttered by Dame Rumour is made the groundwork of a general condemnation of a whole section of the Craft. This would not be so if, instead of dwelling upon the weak points of our sister Grand Lodges, we might cut the excellencies of each and endeavour to apply them so far as allowable to our own practice. In each Constitution working in this country their peculiar points of excellence which might with advantage be copied in the others, to pave the way for a perfect whole, and a knowledge of this truth is real Masonic toleration.—*South African Freemason.*

TALMUD—which seems to come from the Hebrew word "Thalmod," doctrine or teaching—is a Hebrew collection of early biblical discussions, with the comments of generations of Rabbinical teachers who devoted their lives to the study of the Scriptures. It records the thought, so to say, of 1000 years at the least of the Jewish people, and preserves their oral traditions, which seem to be divided into two main channels of thought and direction—the one called "Halachah," a rule; the other "Hagadah," a legend. The Talmud is made up of two parts—Mischna and Gemarah. They are the commentaries of successive Rabbis or learned men; but most of the authorities of the Mischna were dead before the Gemarah was composed. Rabbi Hillel, of Babel, famous in his generation as a teacher, is said to have commenced the Mischna in 3728 A.M., and Rabbi Judah Hanassee, the chief, is said to have finished the Mischna in six sections, called Sederim, in 3978 A.M., or about the end of the fourth century of the Christian era. In 3979 A.M. the commentaries on the Mischna, now called the Gemarah, were begun; and the Gemarah was finished in 4253 A.M., A.D. 493. There are two Talmuds. The Jerusalem Talmud dates from 4028 A.M., or about A.D. 268. The Babylonian Talmud is later. The great difference between the two Talmuds is in the Gemarah. Some writers profess to find Masonic traditions also recorded in the Talmud; but, to say the truth, up to the present time we know of no satisfactory evidence on this head.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry.*

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. D. D. Mercer, G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Garrod, S. Vallentine, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, L. C. Haslip, William P. Brown, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Read, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Geo. R. Langley, Walter Hopekirk, Thos. J. Ralling, E. Shedd, John Talbot, Thos. H. Wallman, John E. Fox, Alfred Dealer, W. G. Sayer, M. Spiegel, H. G. B. Frampton, F. W. Hancock, A. C. A. Higerty, Joseph Donn, J. C. Hay, H. Massey, Claud Scott, Edwin J. Davey, Henry W. Down, William Smith, W.M. 933; Louis E. Wilson, W. P. M. Penrose, George Mickleby, W. Langdale, J. W. Curtis, Walter Martin, W. F. B. McQueen, E. W. Nightingale, Charles J. Perceval, R. C. Davis, W. Jeffery, G. Bolton, M. A. C. Laidlaw, A. A. Drew, A. J. Henochsberg, C. Woolmer Williams, H. J. Wicks, J. H. Kew, S. G. Van Os, John J. White, C. Williams, W.M. 276; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the last meeting in February to the amount of £345, and then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were 44 on the list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Calcutta, Southend, Liverpool, Holyhead, Roorkee, Colchester, Jersey, Brisbane, Walsall, Cirencester, Lincoln, Dursley, Linslade, Berkeley, Wimborne, Cairo, Malta, Clayton-le-Moors, Ipswich, Secunderabad, Madras, Bombay, Leicester, and Canterbury. The acting President stated that several letters had been received from candidates who were relieved at the former meeting thanking the brethren for the assistance extended to them. The new cases were dealt with as follows: There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £75, and two for £50 each; four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30 each; 14 grants of £20 each, one of £15, nine of £10 each, and two of £5 each. One petition was dismissed, one was withdrawn, and three were deferred. The total sum voted was £980.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The following brethren were nominated for the new Board of Management at the meeting of the Council held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 7th inst., namely:—

FOR THE 15 LONDON BRETHREN.—Bros. S. J. Attenborough\*, A. Escott\*, Geo. Everett\*, G. Treas. elect; Richard Eve\*, J. Glass\*, Augustus Harris, W. Masters\*, Robert Martin, P.Z. 142; E. M. Money, P.M. 23, G. Stwd.; H. F. Nash\*, W. A. Scurrell, P.M. 1744; W. Shurmer, J.W. 2192; Edward Terry\*, J. Willing, jun., P.M. 177; A. C. Spaul\*, Richard Clowes\*, Henry Pritchard, P.M. 293; W. Smith, W.M. 293.

FOR THE 15 PROVINCIAL BRETHREN.—Bros. O. Papworth, Cambridge; C. K. Benson\*, Cheshire and North Wales; G. J. McKay, Cumberland and Westmorland; H. E. Diamond, Derbyshire; T. Bradley, Durham; G. Corble\*, Essex; R. V. Vassar-Smith\*, Gloucestershire; J. E. Le Feuvre\*, Hants and Isle of Wight; C. E. Keyser, Herts; J. S. Eastes\*, Kent; Alderman Harwood\*, Lancashire (E.D.); R. W. Bourne\*, Lancashire (W.D.); G. Ellard, Norths and Hunts; R. C. Wills, Notts; W. H. Spaul\*, Salop; J. Bodenham\*, Staffordshire; R. Clowes\*, Sussex; H. Bevir\*, Wiltshire; and W. F. Smithson\*, West and North and East Yorkshire.

N.B.—Those marked with \* are members of the Provisional Management Committee.  
† Bro. Clowes is nominated for both divisions.

**CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE-CLASS EXAMINATIONS.**

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

We have much pleasure in announcing that of the 21 girls who entered for the examination last December, no less than 20 were successful; the following being a full return, showing the classes assigned to the several candidates:—

SENIORS—PASSED: (R) Maud Hill, Ethel Fielding, Edith Matthews, and Caroline Weare.

JUNIORS—HONOURS—FIRST CLASS: (R) Lucy Smith and Amy Cutbush.

HONOURS—SECOND CLASS: (R) Ettie Chapinan and (R) Bertha Dean.

HONOURS—THIRD CLASS: (R) Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, and Olive Hurst.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS: Minnie Woodward, Charlotte Webb, Kate Allatt, Emily Carruthers, Lucy Harrison Beatrice High, Louisa Pincombe, Fanny White, and Mary Nicholson.

(R)—Distinction in Religious Knowledge.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The whole of the 23 boys who were entered for this examination secured Certificates from the Examiners, and were classified as follows:—

HONOURS—SECOND CLASS: France, Haines (distinction for English).

THIRD CLASS: Churchill, Foord, Manning, and Saville.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS: Angier, Brister, d'Oyly, Figgess, Fearon, Gay, Harvey, Higginson, Huggett, Kent, Lewis, Leaman, Matthews, Moorcroft, Robey, Shorrock, and Williams.

Thus the number of Certificates this year is 23, while last year it was 12.

**RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The following sums have been received since last week, namely: LONDON.

		£	s.	d.
Unattached—Bro. W. Pierpoint	new list	10	10	0
Lodge "Edward Terry	"	6	6	0
14 Bro. Walter E. Sampson	"	10	10	0
46 " Sir G. Taubman Goldie	"	10	10	0
72 " E. W. Lewcock	additional	5	4	0
554 " W. Hawes	"	0	10	0
813 " J. R. Cordell	new list	33	1	6
1227 " G. H. Clark	additional	10	10	0
1397 " J. J. Macfadyen	"	6	6	0
1816 " G. W. Clements	"	0	15	0
PROVINCES.				
HERTFORDSHIRE.				
2278 " J. G. Cobb	additional	2	2	0
2323 " J. J. Birch	"	2	12	6
MIDDLESEX.				
1326 " W. H. Davey	new list	5	5	0
OXFORDSHIRE.				
357 " J. L. Peareth	additional	0	10	0
SUFFOLK.				
555 " Rev. R. Peek	"	5	5	0
SURREY.				
1638 " W. Lane	new list	10	10	0
WARWICKSHIRE.				
74 " Thos. Sarman	"	10	10	0
Total of fresh additions		130	17	0
Grand total amount last week		15,659	6	0
PRESENT TOTAL		15,790	3	0

**MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.**

A numerous and thoroughly representative meeting of the Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire (of which Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M. of England, is the Prov. Grand Master), was held on the 13th inst., at the Park Hotel, Preston, for the purpose of transacting business of considerable importance. The attendance included prominent brethren from nearly every part of the province—the largest in England—thus showing the active personal interest taken in the scheme of Charity. Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D., was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. W. Johnston, P.G.D., was elected Vice-Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held in Liverpool in September, having been read by the P.G. Sec. (Bro. Goodacre), the brethren elected Bros. Wylie, Goodacre, and Johnston as a deputation to attend the coming metropolitan elections in connection with the Charities. Petitions from distressed brethren and widows for grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence were next discussed, and out of the ten applications nine were granted, the sum voted amounting to £125. The Committee unanimously resolved to recommend a widow for election on the Alpass Fund, and the Chairman made the important announcement that in future all applications for election on the West Lancashire Masonic Charities must be sent in 14 days prior to the meeting of the Benevolence and Charity Committee. A short discussion took place with regard to the West Lancashire candidates for the four metropolitan Charities—the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Old Men and Old Women's Benevolent Institutions—in the course of which Bro. Goodacre very strongly emphasised the great importance of every lodge in the province sending in to him yearly all the votes which they possessed, even if there was no candidate from this division.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

**THE 26TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1044.**

The 26th annual festival of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Town Hall, Wandsworth, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, by dispensation from the M.W.G.M., when there were present Bros. A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044 and 1714, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, W.M.; H. Baker, J.D. 1360, Treasurer, S.W.; J. M. Parsons, J.W. 1564, Sec., J.W.; A. Grundy, I.G. 1585, Sec.; J. W. Foddy, S.D. 1044, S.D.; G. Peterkin, I.G. 1044, J.D.; J. Cowley, P.M. 1044, I.G.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. and Sec. 1326, P.P.G.D. Middx., as I.P.M. and D.C., and about 60 visitors and brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Geo. Clay Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; and a large number of Past Masters and brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the Grand Officers were announced, and a deputation of Past Masters, composed of Bros. Carter, 1044; Ellis, 1044; and Cleaver, 73, received the distinguished brethren in the ante-room, and a procession was formed, led by the D.C. and Deacons, to conduct the Grand Officers to their seats. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second. The Second Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. Foddy, 1044; 2nd, Bro. Baker, 1560; 3rd, Bro. Parsons, 1564; 4th, Bro. Mortimer, 1044; and 5th, Bro. Grundy, 1585. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree and closed down to the First. Twelve brethren were elected members of the lodge of instruction,

among them being Bros. Sudlow, Sadler, and Mason, of the R.M.B.I.

Bro. SUDLOW moved a vote of thanks to the working officers, remarking that seldom outside the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had he seen the lecture worked so admirably, and he felt sure it was both with pleasure and pride that the Preceptors and lodge generally looked upon such excellent workers, and asked that the vote be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. SADLER, in seconding the vote, heartily endorsed all that had been said by the proposer, and added that it was only by regular attendance at lodges of instruction and by painstaking and assiduous attention to the Preceptors that any brother could ever hope to attain to the proud position of a working Mason.

The motion was put, and carried with acclamation.

The W.M., Bro. HIGERTY, as one of the Preceptors, replied for the working officers, expressing his sense of the high honour conferred on the lodge, and by the presence of two such distinguished Masons as the proposer and seconder of the vote, and the gratification it must carry to his and the working officers' minds when they were spoken of in such eulogistic terms by two Grand Officers, who were themselves among the best workers in the Craft.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several brethren, including Bros. Sir Whittaker Ellis and E. Monteuuis, P.G.S.B.

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

At the banquet (at which, despite the inclemency of the weather, some 70 brethren sat down), Bro. Sudlow presided. After the good things provided had been properly attended to, and grace sung,

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The M.W.G.M.," remarking that what would perhaps make that toast more interesting than usual was the fact of it being the anniversary of his Royal Highness's wedding.

With the next toast—"The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"—the CHAIRMAN begged to couple the name of the Grand Tyler, Bro. Sadler, saying he should very much like to praise the Grand Officers, and especially the one present, but in his modesty he feared it would look like blowing his own trumpet. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. SADLER responded.

Bro. HIGERTY, P.M., next proposed "The Chairman," again expressing the honour the brethren felt at such a worthy and genial Mason visiting and presiding over them.

Bro. SUDLOW replied, expressing his great pleasure in being present, and hoped to see more of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, of which he now had the honour to be a member, and which now made up a total of over 100 lodges of instruction he was a member of. He next begged to propose what he considered the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction." From what he had seen he thought it second to none in or out of London, and while the lodge had such excellent Preceptors, and such assiduous workers, they might always hold up their heads with pride and have no reason to be ashamed of their work. Bros. HIGERTY and CARTER, Preceptors, suitably responded.

As the evening was then getting late, and Bros. Sudlow and Sadler had a considerable journey before them, and considering the terrible snowstorm then raging, they begged to be allowed to depart, which permission was, of course, readily given, but regret generally expressed that they could not stay longer. They then left with musical honours.

Bro. HIGERTY having taken the chair, proposed "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," saying he and many others had long considered it as the fountain head of instruction, and that they had the satisfaction of knowing that its working had the sanction and approbation of Grand Lodge. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. C. Mortimer. Bro. MORTIMER responded.

The next toast "The Section Workers," the CHAIRMAN begged to couple with the name of Bro. Baker, adding that he thought the Grand Officers had said enough in their favour to excuse him making much further comment.

Bro. BAKER replied.

The next toast, "The Masonic Charities," was proposed by Bro. GRUNDY, who, by some figures with which he was provided, showed that the total of the three great Charities and Board of Benevolence combined, had amounted in the past seven years to nearly £500,000, and that the Wandsworth Lodge had in the past two years provided about £150 through Bro. Higerty's Stewardships. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. Mason, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. MASON, in reply, urged upon the brethren the importance of the Charities, and that, without in any way neglecting the Boys and Girls, he hoped they would bear the Wandsworth brethren again at no distant date, and might, perhaps, have more to say to them on the subject. At present he had but to thank them for associating him with the toast of the Masonic Charities.

Various songs, recitations, &c., were given during the evening, much enhancing the enjoyment of the brethren, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1891.

### Masonic Notes.

Our readers cannot fail to be gratified at the returns we publish elsewhere of the Cambridge University Middle Class Examinations held in the month of December last. As regards the senior Institution, 21 girls were entered, and of these 20 obtained certificates, namely: Seniors—four Passes; Juniors—two Honours 1st Class; two Honours 2nd Class; three Honours 3rd Class; and nine Satisfied the Examiners. In addition, one Senior and four Juniors are returned as having achieved distinction in Religious Knowledge. Such a result, following, as it does, upon the success obtained at the College of Preceptors' Examination, at which 36 out of 37 girls were awarded certificates, speak volumes in favour of the admirable system of education pursued by Miss Davis and her staff, and we take this early opportunity of congratulating these ladies, and the authorities of the Institution likewise, on returns which are so favourable.

Similar good fortune has attended the pupils of our Boys' School at the same Cambridge Examinations, the classification showing that two boys were placed in the Second Class Honours, of whom one was awarded distinction in English; and four in Third Class Honours, while 17 others satisfied the Examiners. All these were Juniors and there were no failures. A comparison with the result obtained at the Examinations in December, 1889, shows that while in the latter case 12 certificates were granted, the number on the returns just received is 23. Here again we must congratulate the new Head Master, Bro. the Rev. Harry Hebb, and his assistant masters on the success which has attended their efforts during the brief period they have held office. They must undoubtedly have raised the standard of proficiency among the upper classes of the School, or a return so satisfactory would not have been possible.

A second lodge at Chesterfield—the Hardwick, No. 2373—was consecrated on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. Derbyshire, who was attended by the Prov. Grand Officers, while the attendance of visitors was very considerable. Everything passed off satisfactorily.

We regret to say that by an oversight last week we stated in our report of the opening of the Alexandra Hall, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, that the silver-mounted ivory baton with which Mrs. Rowath, the music mistress, led the children, had been presented to that lady by the Earl of Lathom, whereas it was the gift of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, who was present in the hall with the string band of his regiment.

The Report of the Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute for the year ended the 31st December, 1890, has just been issued, and we rejoice to say the tale it unfolds is one of unabated prosperity. The receipts, when compared with those of 1889, do not show any very considerable increase in the total, while the donations and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, and brethren—the source of income on which all Charities of this kind are chiefly dependent—amount to less by upwards of £100. But the year 1889 was exceptionally fortunate, the contributions under this particular head of receipt being swelled by a windfall in the shape of a handsome legacy of £320. Therefore, though the donations and subscriptions in 1890 were only £1382 12s. 7d., as against £1495 5s. 8d. in the year preceding, they in reality show, if the legacy of £320 is deducted from the latter sum, an increased liberality on the part of the lodges and individual brethren. The annual ball yielded the very large sum by way of profit of £355, while the interest on invested moneys produced £724 18s. 2d.

Turning to the other side of the account, which tells us how the amount thus raised was expended, we find that the number of children who were educated, or clothed,

educated, and maintained during the year was 214. Of these 187 were educated at an expenditure of £1322 9s. 5d., while 17 were on the combined fund, which clothes, educates, and maintains them, at a cost—including a proportion of the presentations already purchased—of £535; a further sum of £30 being expended on the advancement of six children who had ceased to be under the charge of the institute; he total thus disbursed for the benefit of the children of West Lancashire brethren being £1887 9s. 5d. During the present year the number of children on the establishment of this prosperous provincial Charity will be 222, the whole of the 26 candidates having been elected, while the number of those who have left the institute is 18. Well done, West Lancashire!

The Educational Fund of the Province of North and East Yorkshire has been established only two years, but the progress it has made during that brief period is very considerable, and reflects the greatest credit on the lodges and brethren. The amount raised at the second annual festival held at Hull on the 28th May, 1890, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas. of England, was, as originally announced, £496 10s., but subsequent receipts increased it finally to £522 6s. 6d. This, though only about one-half of the sum obtained at the first anniversary in 1889 under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., is nevertheless a result on which we have already congratulated our North and East Yorkshire brethren. It shows that the fund has succeeded in establishing a firm hold on the members of the province, so that whatever support may be required to maintain and even extend its usefulness we may in reason assume will be always forthcoming. At all events, its funds are ample for its present needs. Its investments fall but little short of £1400, while the five children, to whom grants were made in 1889 towards their education, have been already increased to ten in 1890, the sum expended for the smaller number being £33, and for the larger £64. The expenses for postages and printing are very small, so that the whole of the income is disbursed in educational grants or invested profitably. The next Festival will be held at Scarborough in May, and we doubt not the response then made by the lodges and members will be of a similarly gratifying character.

The North London Masonic Benevolent Ball, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 29th January, turns out to have been a very great success, the Committee, after having defrayed the whole of the expenses, having been enabled to contribute 15 Life Subscriptions of £5 5s. to the Masonic Charities, making a total of £78 15s. thus raised, while the balance carried forward to next year is £4 18s. 6d. This is the sixth year in which this Masonic Benevolent Ball has been held, and the result shows that the Committee, of which Bro. Herbert Sprake was President, the Stewards, and the Hon. Treasurer, and Secretary—Bros. A. E. Sarti and Captain N. Lurcott respectively—must have worked most zealously.

Last year we were honoured by the visits of three of the most distinguished Freemasons in North America. Bro. Vrooman, M.W.G. Master of New York, visited this country in the early summer, and some two or three months later there came among us Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, M.W.G. Master of Pennsylvania, and Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M.W.G. Master of Canada. Now we are on the eve of receiving another distinguished brother, but in this instance the visitor hails from the Antipodes, where he has filled—and, indeed, still fills—an office of the very highest rank in the senior of the four Australasian Grand Lodges. Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, who is now on his way to England, is, in all probability, not personally known to many members of the Craft here, but his name is familiar enough to those who have any acquaintance with the events which have occurred during the last few years in Australasian Freemasonry. He it was who, when the lodges in South Australia determined on constituting themselves into a separate and independent Grand Lodge, had the honour of being unanimously elected to preside over them as its first Most Worshipful Grand Master, and at the present time he is the Pro Grand Master—the *alter ego* of the M.W.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Governor of the colony. That a Mason of such exalted rank and so accomplished will receive the most cordial of welcomes is only a matter of course, and we trust he will have many opportunities of visiting our Grand Lodge and private lodges, and seeing with his own eyes what Freemasonry is in its original home.

## Correspondence.

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

## VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have often read with delight through your columns valuable and important opinions given on several Masonic points by the learned and distinguished Masonic author, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, and my purpose for asking space in your columns is to invite his opinion on the circumstance I shall now state.

A gentleman, on visiting England hurriedly, on the eve of his departure gets initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and leaves the next day without having received a certificate from the lodge. On his arriving in the West Indies he is examined by two Past Masters, who, being satisfied that he has received the First Degree, invite him to lodge, and after the minutes are confirmed, the W.M. is informed by these brethren that the visiting brother is without the door, and they accordingly vouch that he is an E.A., and pray that he be admitted. The W.M. rules that he cannot be admitted by their vouching for him, but that examiners appointed by the lodge should then examine him, and that no visitor can enter lodge unless this were done. Is that so? Are his views correct? and was it necessary for a second examination? What is understood by the word vouch? It is said that you can only vouch for a brother when you have worked in lodge together.

The W.M. gives as his opinion—"That even if the brother were examined by those delegated by the lodge, he would not be entitled to be admitted, as he could not produce his certificate." In this case it was impossible for him to do so. Is he right on this point?

What is the meaning and full interpretation of Rule 150 in the Book of Constitutions when viewed alongside the Ancient Charges?

Hoping that our respected good brother, as also yourself, will throw light on the subject, and thus kindly oblige yours fraternally,

A STUDENT.

Antigua, West Indies,  
February 25th.

## LODGE RECORDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Two errata are noticeable in my letter which you were good enough to insert last week. The concluding sentence of the third paragraph should read—"Two or three blank pages might be left for the addition of names by those who would like to keep their copies up to date;" while the final sentence in the fourth paragraph should read—"A warrant, being on thick vellum," &c. I now venture to advance one or two more small hints, having for their purpose the maintenance of the history of a lodge and for ensuring precision. For a young lodge I would suggest a guard book, in which to keep a complete file of summonses issued, and I would also advocate the filing of all letters received, together with pressed copies of all letters issued. Many letters may at the time of receipt appear to be of no consequence, which may be found useful as reference in after years.

Instances not unfrequently occur in the case of initiates or of newly joining members of some items of information being wanting which involves, as a result, correspondence which might be avoided. I have found the following form useful, and possibly some lodge Secretaries might like to adopt it. It should be handed to the Secretary by the proposer of a candidate, whether for initiation or for joining, immediately after making his proposition, and a stock of printed forms kept by the Secretary for general convenience:—

Lodge,  
No. —, E.C.

Name ..... Age.....  
Profession .....  
Address .....  
Proposed by .....  
Seconded by .....  
Date.....

Additional information required in the case of a joining member, who must produce a clearance certificate from his last lodge under Art. 213 of the Constitutions.

Name of Former Lodge.....  
Number of " " .....  
Constitution of " " .....

Referring to clearance certificates, I would remark that a lodge Secretary should not wait to be asked for it. Rule 213 seems to me very clear on this point, the words being "Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign," &c., "or whenever, at a subsequent time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge," and then the law goes on most clearly to recite that a ballot for a brother applying to a lodge for admission as a joining member must not be taken until such a certificate has been produced, while the pre-

ceding Article (No. 212) imposes a penalty on the infraction of the law by making "any lodge failing to make due enquiry, liable to pay the arrears, if any, owing by such brother to the lodge from which he has been excluded." That cases of difficulty, owing to a non-observance of this just and wholesome provision, frequently occur can scarcely be denied, a brother desirous, say, of joining a London lodge and hailing from a lodge in India or distant colonies, when unarmed with this necessary document, being either admitted on trust or compelled to wait for two or three months before his ballot can be taken. I would therefore suggest that the fact of issue of such a certificate (of which printed forms might be kept in stock) should always be noted in the lodge minutes.

H. D. S.

March 16th.

## Reviews.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1891.

Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., &c., is again the editor of this handsomely got up and capably arranged Masonic guide for one of the most active provinces in England. In order to do more justice to local matters, the editor has wisely eliminated particulars concerning adjoining provinces, the additional information being of considerable interest and utility. The portrait for this year is of the late Col. William Millican, J.P., P.M. 523, Leicester, whose labours on behalf of his beloved Fraternity well deserve such an acknowledgment. There are 12 lodges, as before, having 649 members (54 to each), exhibiting an advance of 41 from the last return. The five Royal Arch chapters have 185 members (being an advance of 11), and there are 11 Mark lodges in the province, which, however, includes Northamptonshire and Derbyshire. Of these there are four in Leicestershire with 146 members. Other excellent features of the Calendar we have previously mentioned, but we may say again that the editing is most carefully done, the result being one of the best directories for any province, either as respects variety of information or arrangement of the numerous details. It is singular that the grand total of votes for the Central Masonic Charities remains exactly as last year, though they vary individually. The total is given at 1583. The Secretary of the Charity Committee is the respected editor of the Calendar, in succession to Bro. Miles J. Walker, who has left the province.

## HOW TO SELECT A LIFE OFFICE.

This remarkable and most useful work is in a second edition, and certainly deserves a large circulation, as the author, Mr. G. M. Dent, F.S.S., is thoroughly master of his subject. The main portion of the pamphlet remains unaltered, though here and there we can detect a few alterations, which are manifest improvements. The tables, which are the chief attraction to us, are brought down to the year 1891, and are both suggestive and valuable. We wonder Mr. Dent does not give to the world a sketch of all the insurance societies doing business in this country, with their names, dates of origin, financial position, &c., for we are persuaded in his hands the work would be a great success. Twelve stamps to the author, Southport, will secure a copy of this able treatise.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**The Abbey Lodge (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Mainwaring Dunstan, W.M.; Charles Christmas Piper, S.W.; F. J. Smith, J.W.; R. E. H. Goffin, I.P.M.; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563 (founder), Secretary; T. Bull, P.M. 145, as S.D.; W. Hambling, J.D.; J. Bartlett, Org.; J. Hayler, I.G.; W. Walkley, Tyler; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap., Chaplain; and about 30 other members. Visitors: Bro. Doggett, W.M. elect 2272, and several others.

The inclement and snowy blizzard kept many away. The First, Second, and Third ceremonies were performed, there being candidates for each Degree. Bro. Piper, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Gibson, P.M., Treas., was re-elected Treasurer, in his absence through an accident; Bro. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. Lodge was closed until Monday, May 11, when the installation meeting takes place.

About 70 brethren then dined in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, the dinner being served by Messrs. Ring and Brymer. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, the brethren separating after an enjoyable meeting.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—The installation meeting was held on the 9th inst. at Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W. Present: Bros. J. F. Savory, W.M.; G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treasurer; Gordon Smith, Secretary; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; Eugène Monteuis, P.M., D.C.; P. S. Smith, I.G.; C. W. Mapleton,

Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; H. J. Hill, J. A. Drake Smith, Lieut.-Col. H. B. Adcock, A. Thorn, C. Val Hunter, G. Baker, W. Theobald, H. M. Watt, W. Coward, Percy A. N. Thorn, and Alfred Williams, P.M. 14, P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Ebbetts, W.M. 14, G. Steward; W. Rogers, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; W. E. Sampson, S.W., C. W. Stephens, J.W., E. St. Clair, P.M. 2060, S.D., and E. Richardson, J.D., all of 14; J. Houghton, P.M. 2032; A. M. Hutchinson, J. Gracie, W. R. Garrett, J. Budd, J. Turle Lee, F. Beavan, and E. Dalzell.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the lodge of emergency on the 9th ult. were read and confirmed. Bros. J. F. Stillwell, L.R.C., 187, and John Whaley, Vesta and L.R.C., P.M. 172, having been elected joining members, the Treasurer's accounts and the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial condition, were read and adopted. Bro. Gordon Smith, W.M. elect, having been presented for installation, was duly installed as W.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Frank Richardson, Treas.; J. F. Savory, Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. S. Smith, I.G.; E. Monteuis, D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Steward; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. F. Savory, I.P.M., who returned thanks in appropriate terms. The W.M. having volunteered his services, was elected as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.I.G. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; and others.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. W. J. Ebbetts, G. Steward, returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. W. Rogers, P.M. 91, P.G.S., for "The Visitors."

Music was performed under the direction of Bro. Coward, assisted by Bros. Coward, J. Turle Lee, F. Beavan, and E. Dalzell, and the brethren, after a very pleasant evening, separated at a late hour.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—

The 121st regular meeting of the members of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst. at the White Hart Hotel, on which occasion the attendance, which was small, included Bros. H. Maunder, W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; R. R. Samson, S.W.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.J.G.D., Org., acting J.W.; O. M. Beament, Sec.; J. Andrews, P.M., P.J.G.W., Treas., acting S.D.; W. Oxley, J.D.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., D.C., acting I.G.; and J. Keech, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from the family of the late Bro. Evans, in acknowledgment of the vote of condolence passed at the last lodge, was read.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, after which the customary adjournment took place.

## BISLEY.

**Bisley Lodge (No. 2317).**—

The first regular meeting of this lodge since the installation was held in the National Schools on Thursday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Gale-Crowdy, presided, and was supported by Bros. Rev. J. Cater, P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., S.W.; Major G. Collins, J.W.; J. Hoey, P.M., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Passmore, S.D.; J. Webb, J.D.; and W. Carpenter, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and some brethren changed places in consequence of the retirement, through removal to a distance, of Bro. T. Ritken. Two propositions for initiation were received, and after some discussion on matters of detail in the internal working of the lodge, it was closed.

The brethren partook of supper, supplied in Bro. Loder's customary tasty and liberal style.

## CROYDON.

**George Price Lodge (No. 2096).**—

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. The offices were filled by the following brethren: Bros. W. G. Goode, W.M.; Haywood, acting S.W.; Redpath, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., acting J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; J. H. Price, acting S.D.; F. C. Leaver, J.D.; and Wayte, I.G.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. A ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, Mr. Satis Chandra Mookerjee, and for two brethren as joining members, Bros. A. J. Fuller and J. T. Fielder, and the ballot proved unanimously in favour of the election of these. Bro. Ballard was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Mr. S. A. Mookerjee was initiated into Freemasonry. The Secretary announced that the revised by-laws had been approved by the M.W.G.M. and by Bro. F. West, the D.P.G.M. in charge.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner.

The usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and the evening was enlivened by the singing of Bros. Redpath, F. C. Leaver, J. S. Fraser, and others. Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., presided at the piano.

## DIDSbury.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Sharples and Wm. Laurisch, both of which proved favourable. They were subsequently initiated by the W.M. Bro. Morgan was raised, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Arthur Jefferis, P.P.G.D. of C. There was a large gathering of brethren and visitors, including the following: Bros. Geo. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; Clare Edgar Towell, S.W.; Arthur H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D. East Lancs., Treas.; Edwd. Lewis Littler, Treas. 1730, P.P.G.P., Sec.; E. A. Myers, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; Fredk. Stretch, D.C.; J. M. Veal, I.G.; Wilmot Holt, Org.; John Walker, Stwd.; Hy. W. Jack, R. Fitton, James Sharples

A. W. Moore, Percy W. Langley, Frederick Morgan, J. Ward, F. Thomas, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Ingham, W.M. 2144, P.P.S.G.D.; R. W. Martin, 1134; T. R. B. Vermont, 1633; Wm. C. Royle, S.D. 992, 1170; Jas. Willcox, S.D. 1140; A. J. Jones, J.D. 43; G. Langley, 163; F. D. Ballard, 1052; N. F. Clegg, J.D. 1345; W. Garner, 1345; J. H. Marsh, J.W. 1730; T. Woodward, S.W. 1325; G. Kinloch, 1147; J. Booth, P.M. 37; G. H. Holding, 1730; Wm. Cole, P.M. 1588; H. B. Dresser, 1633; T. Sykes, 323; and J. Waring, P.M. 1134.

## EGREMONT.

**Kenlis Lodge** (No. 1267).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Odd Fellows' Hall, when Bro. James Stout, W.M., P.G. Std. Br., presided, supported by his officers, Bros. Wm. Armstrong, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. Wakelield as S.W.; J. Kitchin, J.W.; Wm. Irving, Sec.; J. A. Parker, S.D.; Thos. Miller, J.D.; W. Bosward, I.G.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; Dr. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Nelson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. L. Towerson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. C. Hellon, H. Rowe, Wm. Burnyeat, W. J. Blythe, Wm. Garnett, Thos. McLeod, Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P. Asst. G. Sec.; Jas. Bewick, 1660; Dr. G. L. L. Lawson, 418 (N.Z.); Jos. Armstrong, 1660; E. K. Bouch, 1025; Sergeant W. J. Bramagan, 1936; L. Rumney, 1989; J. Shepherd, 1989; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted, and two raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Wm. Armstrong and Dr. Braithwaite, P.M., and with the division of labour the work was well done. A circular was presented for consideration of the brethren from the R.M.I.B. anent a Stewardship, and on the motion of Bro. Nelson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, P.M., it was resolved to support Bro. Dalrymple's list for the next Festival. With other general business, and "Hearty good wishes" from half-a-dozen lodges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a few good songs from Bros. Rowe and Miller.

## HEATON MOOR.

**Ashton Lodge** (No. 1140).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Reform Club. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Moffatt, W.M.; A. Lawley, P.A.G.S., I.P.M.; Thos. Rostron, S.W.; H. G. Small, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, Treas.; Geo. Rostron, Sec.; Jas. Wilcock, S.D.; John R. Jeffery, J.D.; Geo. Finalow, M. Aspden, John Rostron, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. V. Critchley, J. A. Gee, John Newton, W. L. Cairn, M. Elliott, George Brown, S. Parsonage, Geo. L. Mills, H. Everett, P.M.; W. E. Harwood, P.M.; Jas. Aldred, P.M.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Thos. E. Rigby, P.M. 287 and 1055; R. Schilling, 1538; W. H. Mortimer, 1588; and W. Pearson, 1345.

## FERSEY.

**Yarborough Lodge** (No. 244).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The W.M., Bro. T. Adderson, presided, and was supported by Bros. C. Baker, I.P.M.; Major J. T. du Jardin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Balleine, S.W.; Walter Pentum, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; L. P. Hesperadoux, P.M., P.P.A. G.D. of C., Sec.; James Caton, S.D.; John E. Hamon, P.J.W., acting J.D.; Alfred Onslow, I.G.; C. H. Wilson, Org.; Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler; John Durell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John F. Le Gresley, C. H. Wilson, C. H. Woods, C. Spargo, J. W. Linney, J. Lesbirel, P. F. Le Bontillier, W. Stall, J. Marett, and G. Parkinson. Visitors: Bros. M. Gallichan, P.M. 877; W. Newman, J.W. 1003; G. Mourant, 245; W. J. Pugsley, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Long, P.M. 245; H. Becker, W.M. 590; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Major J. Thos. du Jardin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was then informed that he had been elected a honorary member of the lodge at the previous meeting, and a resolution had been passed to that effect, in recognition of Bro. du Jardin's most valuable and life-long services rendered to the Masonic fraternity of this province in general, and his great activity, unflagging zeal and energy exerted for the well-being and the success of this lodge in particular, displayed on very many occasions whilst in the chair of W.M. for several years, and in the ardent fulfilment of his duties as Secretary for nearly 10 years of that the senior lodge of the province. Bro. J. T. du Jardin, who will complete his 50th year of Masonic life in September, is the oldest Mason in the province. Several candidates, whose passings and raisings were due, not being in attendance, and all other business of the lodge having been disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were offered by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the spacious banquet room, where the usual refreshments, served under the careful and able supervision of Bro. George Rogers, guardian of the Temple, were awaiting them.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, each of which received due recognition, that of "The Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W. All other toasts followed in due rotation, but there was one which was received with a loud outburst of cordiality and great warmth—the congratulatory toast to Bro. George Rogers on the completion of the 25th year of his Tylership to the Yarborough Lodge that evening—proposed by the W.M. in well-merited, laudatory, and eulogistic words.

The toast being drunk, as said above, Bro. Rogers replied in a very appropriate speech.

The evening, which was a very pleasant one to all present, was brought to an end by the Tyler's toast.

## MANCHESTER.

**Derby Lodge** (No. 1055).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, the following were present: Bros. Chas. Smith, W.M.; Josh. Challender, S.W.; John W. Hallam, J.W.; J. Hilton, Treas.; J. B. Peace, Sec.; J. Heywood, S.D.; Chas. R. Hardman, J.D.; Robt. Williamson, P.M.;

Fredk. R. Cooper, P.M.; T. E. Rigby, P.M.; C. Bagot, I.P.M.; Geo. Kenyon, P.M.; F. Hilton, M. Grierson, F. Knowles, N. Treagheim, W. A. Brown, H. Grimshaw, T. Nesbitt, H. F. Newman, J. Woodhouse, E. G. Hughes, R. Kitching, J. Chapman, Thos. Smith, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Sumner, 163; N. T. Holyoak, J.W. 1993; and H. Mills, 2294.

On the proposition of Bro. Challender, seconded by Bro. W. A. Brown, and supported by Bro. Nesbitt, that the sum of £20 be contributed to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, it was carried unanimously.

## ROTHERHAM.

**Phoenix Lodge** (No. 904).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., and was attended by about 50 brethren, including visitors from Lodges Nos. 61, 242, 296, 1239, 1462, 2069, 2263. Amongst those present were Bros. James Needham, P.M.; T. W. Roome, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. J. Evans, P.M.; Fredk. Cleaves, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; James Jenkins, P.M.; Wm. Dickie, P.M.; and P. B. Coward, P.M.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Richard James Buttenshaw, was duly installed in the chair by his immediate predecessor in office, Bro. John Gibbs, in a most impressive and highly appreciated manner. The working tools in the three Degrees were presented by Bros. T. W. Roome, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Dickie, P.M., respectively. The officers appointed to serve under the Worshipful Master for the year, and duly invested by him were Bros. John Gibbs, I.P.M.; Joseph France, S.W.; Marriott Le Tall, J.W.; J. E. Wordsworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; G. A. Illston, Sec.; T. W. Gillett, Asst. Sec.; Alfred Robinson, S.D.; D. Pagett, J.D.; H. J. Bingham, D.C.; E. I. Hubbard, I.G.; J. C. Haller and George Foster, Stewards; Alfred Colley, Org.; and Thomas Chester (the 29th time), Tyler. Bro. James Jenkins, P.M., was elected to serve on the Charity Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge in place of Bro. F. Cleaves, P.M., P.J.G.D., resigned, whose services have always been greatly valued by the lodge. Bro. F. Mason, P.S.W., was elected Almoner.

After the installation, the brethren proceeded to a *recherché* banquet at the Ship Hotel, which was ably presided over by the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were accepted with great heartiness, that of "The Charities" meeting with special favour.

## SHEERNESS.

**Adam's Lodge** (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Local Board of Health Room, Trinity-road, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. After the transaction of the ordinary lodge business, Bro. J. B. Elstone was installed as W.M. by the retiring Master, Bro. A. Seymour-Baskett, who was warmly congratulated by the members and visitors for the excellent and effective manner in which he worked the ceremony. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. D. W. Griffiths, S.W.; C. Hallett, J.W.; E. Stutely, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Cole, S.D.; G. Nutty, J.D.; J. Lloyd, D.C.; J. Auty, P.M., and W. Sams, Stwds.; J. H. McLachlan, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. A. Seymour-Baskett, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge. Votes of thanks were given to the late Treasurer, Bro. J. Bagshaw, P.M., the Installing Master, and the members of the Local Board of Health for kindly granting the use of the room, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the lodge room at the Britannia Hotel in Bro. G. T. Green's best style, and to the satisfaction of everyone present. The tables were prettily laid out with a splendid selection of flowers, ferns, and choice dessert fruits, interspersed with fairy lamps and handsome centre pieces.

The W.M. was supported by the following brethren and visitors: Bros. T. S. Warne, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Spears, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Blakey, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; W. Pannell, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Brett, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. T. Green, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Black, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Derry, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G.P.; T. Firminger, P.M.; A. Seymour-Baskett, I.P.M.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; E. Stutely, P.M.; R. J. E. Brown, P.M.; J. H. Lee, P.M.; W. Hitchens, W.M. 77; J. H. Highwood, W.M. 1089; L. Seager, W.M. 1273; T. Gaisford, P.M. 781; W. Norrington, P.M. 1089; V. H. Stallon, W. G. Cole, T. Auty, 77; G. Nutty, J. Lloyd, W. Sams, F. Bower, J. F. Cork, J. Kelly, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The hearty reception given to the toast of "The W.M." testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Elstone is held amongst the brethren, both as a good worker and for the interest he has always taken in the advancement of the lodge.

Bro. R. Derry, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," alluded to the generous manner in which the Kent lodges had rallied round their deservedly popular Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst, on his presiding at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Derry thanked the brethren for sending him up as a Steward on that occasion, and also for the handsome sum contributed to his list. The names of Bros. Gaisford, P.M. 781, and McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, were coupled with the toast.

Bro. Gaisford, in reply, complimented the brethren upon the good work done by them for the Charities through their Masonic Association, and he trusted that having made so good a commencement in sending a Steward, they would continue to do so by sending one every year, with an ever-increasing list, for the benefit of their excellent Institutions.

Bro. J. McLeod made an eloquent and stirring appeal on behalf of the Boys', and he pointed out the disadvantages that this Institution laboured under, particularly with respect to the small amount of its funded property as compared with the other Charities, thereby rendering it more dependent upon the proceeds of its annual Festival, and he hoped that next year they would send up a Steward with as good a list, if not better, for the "Boys" than they had recently done for the "Old People."

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. C. M. Glaysher.

## TORQUAY.

**Jordan Lodge** (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas., as S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; W. Hersey, S.D.; W. Winget, J.D.; Geo. West, I.G.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; J. D. Beer, Stwd.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; J. H. Wills, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. G. Turle, W. J. Nosworthy, W. G. Gale, J. W. McKellar, W. Thomas, C. P. Waite, and R. Pickard.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. In consequence of the pressure of work at the previous meeting, the charge to the candidates was deferred to the present meeting, when it was correctly and impressively given by Bro. S. Wills, J.W., after which Bro. Glanfield was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Geo. West, I.G., delivered the lecture upon the tracing board with his usual eloquence. The W.M. then, on behalf of the members of the lodge, and of the lodge of instruction (the latter including many members of the sister Lodge of St. John, No. 328), presented to Bro. Dodge a handsome gold Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel. In doing so he expressed in the highest terms the esteem in which that brother was held by all the brethren, and to his having filled the office of Treasurer of the lodge for some 15 years, and that of Preceptor of the lodge of instruction upwards of 12 years. In appreciation of those long services, he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in placing the handsome jewel upon his breast, and trusted the G.A.O.T.U. might long spare him to wear it. Upon rising to reply, Bro. Dodge was so taken by surprise that it was some time before he could proceed; but, recovering from the shock, he reviewed his Masonic career from initiation into Masonry (he being the first initiate in the lodge) and his connection with the lodge of instruction. Respecting the latter, he expressed himself proud of its success, strongly urging the junior members to avail themselves of its privilege in order to obtain that correct instruction and information by which means alone they can make themselves efficient in the working of our beautiful ritual, and so become qualified for the higher honours as rulers in the Craft. He, therefore, thanked the brethren for the expression of their regard, and assured them his services were ever at their disposal. The following inscription was engraved on the jewel: "Presented to W. Bro. Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., by the members of the Jordan Lodge and Lodge of Instruction, No. 1402, in token of their high esteem for his services as Treasurer and Preceptor. March 10th, 1891." The usual business was then disposed of, and the lodge was closed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

## WAVERTREE.

**Wavertree Lodge** (No. 2294).—At the meeting of this flourishing lodge held on the 11th inst. at the Coffee House, Church-road, Bro. J. Marner Smythe was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, those present including Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Ralph Betley, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. Platt, P.G.S.; T. Clarke, P.P.G.R.; H. Isaac, W.M. 2114; J. W. Wortley, W.M. 1505; W. McCauley, W.M. 1570; Ralph R. Ellis, W.M. 2335; W. Pye, I.P.M. 1094; P. R. Barrow, I.P.M. 1570; and T. Vernon, I.P.M. 2290. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. E. Brooks, I.P.M., and subsequently the new Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. Brooks, I.P.M.; John Scott, S.W.; W. H. Bricknell, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G.C., Chap.; John G. Hallwood, P.M., Treas.; G. Holme, jun., Sec.; T. G. Parkes, S.D.; W. H. Harvey, J.D.; R. Foote, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; C. F. W. Connor, I.G.; and W. O. Callow, H. Lumby, G. Turner, and Dr. Murdoch, Stewards.

## WOOLWICH.

**Union Waterloo Lodge** (No. 13).—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on the evening of the 11th inst., a good muster of the brethren and invitees of the above lodge assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, on that occasion to greet the esteemed W.M., Bro. Joseph F. Bell, and to assist him in carrying out the important duties of his office.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Bailey and Bunn were passed, and then the lodge was closed.

The social board was well looked after by Bros. A. Cleal, P.M., and A. McQueen, Stewards, and though an attenuated blizzard chilled the circulation outside, within the noble hall comfort and harmony prevailed. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," and the other Grand Lodge toasts being received with fervour and drunk in bumpers.

The W.M.'s health was proposed and honoured, and his reply was brief, but to the purpose.

The Past Masters had nothing to complain of in the manner in which the toast of their health was received.

Bro. Cureton, W.M. 2032, in responding for "The Visitors," spoke highly of the working of the W.M., and congratulated him upon the efficiency of his officers, especially the Deacons, and expressed his desire to visit the lodge again if invited.

Bro. Cureton contributed greatly to the harmony by his excellent rendering of some good songs well sung.

The other brethren present were Bros. J. Matthey, S.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; H. Syer, P.M., Sec.; W. Barnes, I.G.; C. Cleal, P.M., and A. McQueen, Stwds.; H. Grice, I.P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; G. W. Reed, P.M.; N. Brown, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); T. Card, R. Tucker, C. Brown, A. Parker, W. Hill, T. Davis, W. Clarke, A. Vincent, W. Sharpe, A. Reynolds, J. Davidson, A. Wright, T. Sandford, J. Horn, F. Thomas, G. Carter, J. Tomlinson, J. Keevil, C. Pilcher, E. A. Oates, J. Hall, C. Foss, and A. Staniford, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. J. H. Cureton, W.M. 2032; T. Punter, 700; T. Reeve, 1472; and J. H. Clarke, 1536.

The Globe Theatre is closed for rehearsals of "The Bookmaker," by J. W. Pigott, which will be produced a few days before Easter Monday.

## Royal Arch.

### Rose of Denmark Chapter (No. 975).

A convocation of this successful chapter was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present: Comps. B. E. Blasby, Z.; B. Haynes, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J.; W. Dodd, S.E.; H. Sapsworth, S.N.; C. J. Coombs, P.S.; J. Terry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; T. T. Willcox, Alfred Skinner, T. W. Biggs, C. W. Bennett, John Ambrose, T. H. P. Hartley, and E. Fox. Visitors: Comps. C. H. Webb, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Henry Frye, P.S. 185; J. Pearson, P.S. 11; Wm. W. Lee, A.S. 1524; and H. Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

The chapter having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A very satisfactory audit report, showing a substantial balance in the Treasurer's hands, was received and unanimously adopted. Bro. Edward Fox was impressively exalted into the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., who was ably supported by Comp. Biggs, acting P.S. Comp. James Terry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., then installed the following companions into their respective chairs with his characteristic ability: Comps. E. Bentley Haynes, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H.; and H. Sapsworth, J. The other officers' collars were distributed as follows: Comps. W. Dodd, P.Z., S.E.; Forster Reynolds, S.N.; Brooks, Treas.; Coombs, P.S.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, 1st A.S.; A. Skinner, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A letter was read from Comp. George Everett, P.Z., expressing his regret that ill-health prevented his attendance. The sum of three guineas was unanimously voted to the George Everett Presentation Fund, and other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Comp. James Terry, P.G. Std. Br., replying for "The Grand Officers," thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind introduction of the toast, and assured him that the toast was always received in the same hearty manner. It was true that it was not possible for everyone to attain the distinguished position of a Grand Officer, but all hoped to do so, and when it did come to one's turn to catch the eye of the speaker, it was none the less acceptable. He appreciated the compliment paid him as one of the Jubilee Grand Officers. The M.E.Z. had been good enough to say it was 26 years ago since he (Comp. Terry) became a member of that chapter, which then met at the White Hart, Barnes, and was kept by the father of one of the companions present that evening—Comp. Willcox.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Past Principals," remarking that those companions had gone through the work, and received the honours they so well deserved. During the past year they had had a First Principal who had done the work and filled the chair to his own credit and to the credit of the chapter, leaving the funds nearly £30 better off than when he assumed the position. Comp. Blasby had done more than that, having given them the sunshine of his countenance, and they had spent a most pleasant year of office. He had pleasure in presenting Comp. Blasby, I.P.Z., with a P.Z.'s jewel, which he hoped he would wear as long as he lived, and hand it down to his descendants as a memento of the admirable manner in which he had filled the chair.

Comp. B. E. Blasby, I.P.Z., said he really did not know how to answer for the P.Z.'s, as he had only been one of their number for about three hours, and there were several old Past Principals present. He thanked the companions sincerely for the handsome testimonial presented to him as a reward for labour after many years. It was now 13 years since he was exalted in the chapter, and it was a great pride to him to know he had filled the chair and joined a distinguished number of Royal Arch Masons. The past 13 years of his existence in that chapter had been years of great joy in many respects, for he had met such dear friends and companions. He had seen many pass away—he hoped to the Grand Chapter above—but there were four who were present at his exaltation. He trusted to live many years to wear the jewel, and to still find the same happy faces present.

"The Exalte" having been duly honoured, the I.P.Z. gave "The M.E.Z.," remarking that Comp. Bentley Haynes was a well tried companion, who had passed through all the offices of that chapter, with the exception of Scribe E., and had carried them out to the satisfaction of the chapter. Comp. Haynes had also passed the chair in two other chapters, for he was an ambitious and energetic Mason, who carried out all his work in an exemplary manner.

Comp. Bentley Hayes, M.E.Z., said he had been with them about 12 years, and had elsewhere tried to learn the ritual, for he had never but once missed a Tuesday night at the chapter of improvement connected with the Rose of Denmark Chapter. He did his best to learn all he could, and he promised them that whatever work he had to do, if it was not well done there would be some reason for it. He had worked hard to make himself qualified for any position in R.A. Masonry, and he could tell them that Comp. Webb and others met every Tuesday and took any office in a way creditable to all. He hoped to have the ceremony performed every time, and thanked the I.P.Z. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him.

Comps. C. H. Webb, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., and Pearson, P.S. 11, replied for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" was followed by the Janitor's toast.

Comp. Hy. Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the pianoforte and rendered some excellent music, which was enjoyed by all present.

## FERSEY.

**Harmony Chapter (No. 244).**—The quarterly convocation of this successful chapter met for the dispatch of business on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, and despite the extremely inclement weather, there was a good muster of the companions, the attraction of the night being the installation of the Principals and officers for the ensuing year. There were present, among others, Comps. P. G. Hamilton, M.E.Z.; J. T. Baker, H.; F. J. Godfray, J.; P. Bois, P.Z., Treas.; J. W. Hamling, S.E.; H. Elliott, S.N.; J. A. Balleine, P.S.; F. Vincent, P.Z.; Thos. Leat, P.Z.; Dr. E. A. Briggs, P.Z.; L. Polick Hespirdoux, P.S.; J. C. Barrette, P.S. 590; J. O. Le Sœur, P.Z. 491; J. H. Elliott, P.J.; Isaac Ford, E. Oldridge, E. H. Drake, W. T. Pugsley, P.Z., and S. Gilley, P.Z., of 491; W. L. Le Feuvre, J. T. Baal, P.H.; and George Rogers, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Several candidates, whose exaltations were due, were unable to attend. After the usual routine business had been gone through, and a very satisfactory balance-sheet had been presented, showing the finances of the chapter to be in a very healthy condition, Bro. J. Vetier, 1003, was proposed for exaltation at the next convocation. The installation of Principals and investiture of officers then took place. Comp. J. O. Le Sœur, P.Z. 491, P.P.G.J., had been requested to perform the ceremony of installation, and very kindly undertook to do so, going through the elaborate ceremonies in his usual masterly manner. The Conclave of Installed Principals consisted of Comps. S. Gilley, 491; P. G. Hamilton, I.P.Z.; P. Bois, F. Vincent, Thos. Leat, W. T. Pugsley, and Dr. E. A. Briggs. Comp. J. O. Le Sœur then installed Comps. J. T. Baker as M.E.Z.; F. J. Godfray, H.; and J. W. Hamling, J., in their respective chairs. The Conclave of Installed Principals having been closed, the M.E.Z. appointed and invested the following as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. P. G. Hamilton, I.P.Z.; P. Bois, P.Z., Treas.; J. H. Elliott, S.E.; J. A. Balleine, S.N.; E. Oldridge, P.S.; W. L. Le Feuvre, 1st A.S.; E. Dodman, 2nd A.S.; and George Rogers, Janitor. A unanimous vote of thanks was returned to Comp. J. O. Le Sœur for the ready compliance to the request of the chapter in rendering the installation ceremonies, and in recognition of the conspicuous ability and impressiveness with which he had performed them. The M.E.Z. then called upon him to present the I.P.Z. with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, unanimously voted him at the previous convocation, as a small token of the appreciation of the members of the ability displayed by Comp. P. G. Hamilton during his term of office as Z. of the chapter. Comp. J. O. Le Sœur having presented the jewel in most eloquent words, the recipient (Comp. Hamilton, I.P.Z.) briefly returned thanks for the handsome gift, and for the kindly remarks of Comp. Le Sœur, which he was certain expressed the exact sentiments of the companions of the chapter.

After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed, and the companions and their visitors adjourned to the spacious banqueting room, and sat down to a most enjoyable repast, ably catered for by Comp. Geo. Rogers, the guardian of the Temple, after which the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed with commendable brevity by the M.E.Z., and were duly honoured.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, which the Janitor's toast brought to an end.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

**La Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).**—The quarterly convocation of this prosperous chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. Phil. Le Feuvre, M.E.Z.; Rev. Chas. Picot, H.; P. W. Binet, P.Z., S.E.; J. C. Barrette, P.S.; J. T. du Jardin, P.P.S.N.; Chas. Marett, P.Z.; H. M. Godfray, A.S.; J. O. Le Sœur, P.Z. (Hon. Member); Thos. Leat, P.Z.; and Geo. Rogers, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Thos. Stone, H. 491; J. W. Hamling, J. 244; Oliver Dodge, J. 491; L. Polick Hespirdoux, P.S. 244; W. T. Pugsley, P.Z. 491; S. Gilley, P.Z. 491; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. Becker, W.M. 590, who had been duly balloted for and unanimously elected, was then exalted into the high Degree of R.A.M. The work of P.S. was ably performed by Comp. J. C. Barrette, assisted by Comps. J. W. Hamling, J. 244, and S. Gilley, P.Z. 491, as A. Soj. The lectures from the Principals' chairs were subsequently given in a most impressive manner by Comps. Chas. Marett, as Z.; Rev. C. Picot, as H.; and Thos. Leat, as J. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was next on the agenda, and took place with the following result: Comps. E. Bree, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Rev. Chas. Picot, H. (re-elected); J. C. Barrette, J.; J. Renauf, Treas.; P. W. Binet, S.E.; H. M. Godfray, S.N.; H. Becker, P.S.; and Geo. Rogers, Janitor.

After the usual routine business the chapter was closed, and the customary repast, an excellent cold collation, under the supervision of Comp. G. Rogers, was partaken of, under the presidency of Comp. Phil. Le Feuvre, Z.

## TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).**—The regular convocation of this promising young chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel on the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. C. Stevens, P.P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; R. R. Collick, P.P.G.D.C., H.; H. Sapsworth, J.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S., I.P.Z.; F. C. Austin, P.P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; A. J. R. Simmonds, S.N.; J. M. Marjason, P.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer; W. J. Porter, P.G.O.; F. Mitchell, Janitor; J. P. Hoddinott, and W. R. Plaford. Visitor: Comp. B. E. Blasby, I.P.Z. Rose of Denmark Chapter, and others.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes and balance-sheet approved, a ballot was taken for Bros. Walter Smith, R. Goff, and T. G. Plaford, all of 1793, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly and impressively exalted, after which the M.E.Z. installed Comp. Collick into the chair of Z., Comp. Sapsworth into that of H., and Comp. Simmonds, J. The other officers elected were Comps. Hopwood, Treasurer; Austin, S.E.; Marjason, S.N.; Covell, P.S.; Warner, 1st A.S.; Porter, 2nd A.S.; Sage, D.C.; and Hoddinott, Organist.

The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet, which it is almost needless to say was faultlessly served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Comp. Porter responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Comp. Blasby for "The Visitors."

In giving the toast of "The I.P.Z.," the M.E.Z. briefly referred to the great interest taken by Comp. Stevens not only in this chapter, but in Masonry in general, and in presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel wished he might long live to see (as one of the founders) the chapter equally as successful as the lodge.

Comp. Stevens thanked the companions for their very gracious recognition of his services. He should ever remember his year as M.E.Z., and hoped to have many opportunities of coming into the chapter again. Although this was only the second year of its existence, the balance-sheet showed a good sum in hand, the chapter was out of debt, and there was every prospect of its becoming equally as successful as the lodge. He was informed there were other candidates ready for presentation, and from the vigilant care exercised over their affairs by the S.E., the

Treasurer, and other companions, he felt sure there need be no fear as to their future successful working.

Comps. Stevens, Porter, Collick, and Hoddinott contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

## TWICKENHAM.

**Era Chapter (No. 1423).**—This prosperous provincial chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 14th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E., M.E.Z.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., P.A.G.S., H.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P. G.P.S., S.E.; W. Fisher, S.N.; Peat, 1st A.S.; Moss, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. Faulkner, P.Z., P.G.S.B., was elected a non-dining member. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.P.G.J.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; W. H. Matthews, I.P.Z.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, the speeches of the M.E.Z. being pertinent, but commendably brief.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. King, W.M.; Lyell, S.W.; Lavington, J.W.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Hennell, S.D.; Janau, J.D.; Balcombe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Stanley, Russell, Reeves, Scott, West, Luckhurst, Peet, Livett, Gilbert, Laker, Morris, and Rashleigh. Bro. A. Purvis, 1799, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Rashleigh having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Rashleigh duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Russell having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The W.M. vacated the chair to enable Bro. Peet to rehearse the ceremony of investing the officers. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. A. Purvis, 1799, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Lyell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. Neville, W.M.; Cox, S.W.; Tucker, J.W. and Sec.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; J. Randall, I.G.; and Ambler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Randall being the candidate, after which the charge was given by the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was unanimously resolved to work the Fifteen Sections on Good Friday next. The lodge was then closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. D. G. Imlay, W.M.; G. A. Nock, S.W.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; T. C. Jeffery, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; B. Norman, I.G.; H. Sadler, H. Tatton Sykes, H. G. Cubitt, and P. J. Sykes.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th inst. were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, for which purpose Bro. Cubitt kindly acted as candidate. The charge was delivered by Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Nock, S.W., then worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, and Bro. Kirby, Preceptor, the 5th Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Nock was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, the work to be the ceremony of passing, the tracing board, and the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, and the lodge was closed.

**KINTORE (MARK) LODGE (No. 333).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Marshall, W.M.; White, S.W.; McDonald, J.W.; R. J. Voisey, Preceptor; R. C. Davis, Sec.; Hill, M.O.; Cureton, S.O.; C. W. Davis, S.D.; and Braik, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of advancement was then rehearsed in an impressive manner, Bro. Braik acting as candidate. Bro. Hill was elected to the chair for the 17th inst., when it was agreed to work the Ark Mariners' Degree. The lodge was then closed.

The meetings of this lodge are now regularly held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8 p.m., on the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. G. H. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Corpe, Z., H.; T. Grumant, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Axford, P.S.; J. Addington, C. Meierhoff, and V. T. Murché.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jas. Addington, P.Z., personating the candidate. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Corpe for performing the duties of H., it being the first time in this chapter. Comp. C. Corpe, Z., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked.

**EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when

there were present Bros. G. H. Carter, W.M.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., S.W.; C. D. Burgess, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; T. Whitford, S.D.; J. Wheatcroft, J.D.; F. S. Jarvis, I.G.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. O. Welsford, Sec.; J. Conquest, T. West, J. S. Cater, P.M.; E. T. Edwards, W. M. Head, T. P. Newton, S. D. Phillips, J. Thom, P.M.; S. W. Buxton, W.M.; J. Hemming, P.M.; J. A. Bergholz, A. Cogliati, L. Azario, C. Guffanti, C. Frumagalli, and T. Weeks, Tyler.

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. Greenway, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren in rotation. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Conquest being the candidate. The 4th Section of the same Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, assisted by some of the brethren. The following brethren were elected joining members of the lodge: Bros. T. P. Newton, 2332; J. D. Phillips, 186; C. Guffanti, 1559; L. Azario, 1559; and Le Frumagalli, 1602. Bro. Fendick, P.M., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Greenway proposed, and Bro. Fendick seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes to Bro. Carter for the able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time, and with credit to the mother lodge, where he had been initiated only 13 months ago. The Secretary announced that the ceremony of installation would be worked on the fifth Tuesday of this month, and Bro. Buxton, W.M. 1891, at the invitation of the lodge, undertook to work the same. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The ceremonies are worked at each meeting with musical accompaniment. The annual supper of the lodge will take place on Wednesday, the 8th April.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; J. Duncan, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; J. M. Scarlett, P.J.G.W. Essex, I.G.; and Manning.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Manning being the candidate. Bro. Manning answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Scarlett. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Loomes being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Manning was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Duncan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst., when most of the officers of the mother lodge occupied their ordinary positions. The following were present: Bros. Dormer, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec., J.W.; Duheld, P.M., Preceptor; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Johns, S.D.; Langford, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Stafford, Lord, Meadows, Copper, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Lord answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Ives, Stafford, and Meadows having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Ives, Stafford, and Meadows were raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Lord, of the mother lodge, became a joining member, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Morgan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, having returned thanks, appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the approaching working of the Fifteen Sections having been announced, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the above lodge at the City Arms Restaurant on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 7 p.m., and brethren are cordially invited.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. There were present Bros. A. J. Taylor, W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; C. Hagen, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; Larter, S.D.; Elkin, J.D.; Richardson, I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; Cante, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; H. Oliver, Kingdon, Cox, Gane, Jennings, Woodard, and Cotton.

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. Gane being the candidate, who afterwards answered the questions leading to the Second Degree in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jennings acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The usual risings were gone through, and Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; R. H. Wimpey, S.W.; F. W. Walden, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; H. Bright, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; W. S. Whiteley, J.D.; W. C. Dickey, I.G.; F. A. Barth, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; G. McCrowe, G. W. T. Kirkham, W. Hillier, F. Craggs, W. F. Harbord, G. Coote, and G. W. Marple.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree. Bro. McCrowe answered the questions before passing. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. McCrowe acting as candidate. Bro. Kirkham answered the questions before raising. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. Bro. Coote having been elected a joining member, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Piper, W.M.; Barber, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Hayler, J.D.; Morgan, I.G.; Morgan, and Chabot.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Budd being candidate. Bro. Morgan, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Barber 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 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. C. H. Bestow, W.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; Nathaniel Fortescue, J.W.; H. F. Bromhead, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); C. Horst, S.D.; W. P. Allen, J.D.; W. W. Cook, I.G.; H. F. Inman-Hallows, P.M.; H. J. Brasted, W. F. White, H. A. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, R. Eustace, J. C. Francis, Urban Smith, J. King, G. R. Brown, James Pinder, P.M., E. James, G. Lloyd, J. Ives, P.M., E. Spurgeon, J. Bird, R. Jeremy, T. Maynard, A. H. Wilson, G. W. Fry, H. Grout, W. Goulding, E. Gray, jun., and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Maynard offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was called off for refreshment, and having been duly called on, Bro. James Pinder, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. G. J. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bros. H. A. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, R. Eustace, and J. C. Francis, all of 2374, were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. having risen the usual number of times, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. John Davies, H. elect 733, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, J.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 2nd A.S. 862, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; and J. H. Wood, M.E.Z. 1642.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wood being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Hillier as M.E.Z. A communication from Comp. G. March was read regretting his inability to be present. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

TORQUAY. — JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402). — The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when a large number of brethren attended, amongst those present being Bros. S. Wills, W.M.; G. West, S.W.; J. G. Turle, J.W.; John Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Sec.; W. Winget, S.D.; Dr. Cook, J.D.; J. Lane, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Hersey, T. H. Wills, E. J. Pratt, T. Gale, J. D. Beer, Conroy Couch, and W. J. Nosworthy.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The audited balance-sheet for the past year was presented by the Secretary, showing a balance in hand, which was considered highly satisfactory. Bro. Jno. Dodge was re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, which office he has filled for many years. Bro. Jno. Lane was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Jno. Taylor re-elected Secretary. Bro. J. E. Newton was also re-elected Tyler, and received a most cordial vote of thanks for his past services, and for handing over to the funds of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund his fees as Tyler during the past year. The ceremony of the Second Degree was then ably worked by the W.M., Bro. S. Wills. The work for next meeting having been appointed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, and partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, a pleasant evening being spent, and songs rendered by Bros. Dodge, T. H. Wills, S. Wills, and E. J. Pratt.

## Knights Templar.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—This now prosperous preceptory held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Sir Knight G. Carter occupied the chair. The usual preliminary business having been transacted, Sir Knight Hunter, the E.P. elect, was presented to Sir Knight Hill Drury, P.E.P., who in his usual effective manner installed him as E.P. for the ensuing year. The officers were then appointed and invested as follows: Sir Knights G. Carter, P.E.P., Prelate; H. Macdonnell, Constable; E. Hudson, Marshal; J. Sinclair, Sub-Marshal; H. Baumann, Almoner; W. A. Smith, 1st Std. Br.; W. B. Foxton, 2nd Std. Br.; C. E. Smith, Capt. of Guard; H. Lamb, Swd. Br.; and F. H. Bennett, Reg. The Treasurer's report, showing a good balance, was received and adopted. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Sir Knight H. Maddison, Sub-Prior of the province, was then passed, on the proposal of Sir Knight Hill Drury, who spoke in feeling terms of the loss the province had sustained in the death of its energetic Sub-Prior. Apologies for absence were received from several fratres, including one from the E. Prior of the province.

The preceptory was then closed, and the fratres adjourned to a banquet given by the E. Preceptor.

The usual loyal and Knightly toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the E. Preceptor," was given by Sir Knight Macdonnell.

The E.P., Sir Knight Hunter, replied, expressing gratitude for the honour done him.

"The Health of Sir Knight Hill Drury" was ably proposed and enthusiastically received.

Sir Knight Hill Drury thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they always received him, and for the appreciation they had manifested of his services. He was always pleased to assist in the work of the preceptory. He had had the honour of installing more fratres into the Order than any other preceptor in the province, and he hoped he might still install many more.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

Alfred Meadows Conclave (No. 1).—This conclave met at the Holborn Restaurant on the 10th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., &c.; Collins, S.R.; Bastone, P.G.O.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, as 1st V.D.; Capt. Walls, G.S., V.D. W. G. Lemon, G.T., Treas.; A. S. Brown, V.D.; G. H. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, Gammon, Dr. Gross, Sec.; and others. Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.G.G., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Grand Council to allow the conclave to be named in future the Premier Conclave. It was also resolved that permission might be given to allow the present members to retain the initials A.M. on their jewels, and that new members should be allowed to have a bar on their jewels engraved Premier Conclave. Bro. W. Glynes was unanimously elected S.R., and Bro. W. G. Lemon, Treas. The election of Tyler was postponed. Apologies for non-attendance, in consequence of the inclement weather, were received from many members, notably Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R., &c.; Dr. Kempster, Spratling, G.R.; Sir Bruce Seton, Bart., Major G. Lambert, and others.

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

The customary toasts followed. Some excellent speeches were made, those of Bros. Dr. Zacharie, W. G. Lemon, and J. J. Pakes being particularly interesting and good.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## Craft Abroad.

KIRKEE.

Level Lodge (No. 702, S.C.).—This young but flourishing lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, December 6th, 1890. The hall presented a bright and cheerful appearance on the occasion, there being a good array of lamps on the outside of the building and on the roads leading thereto. A large number of the Craft assembled on the occasion to honour the popular R.W.M. elect, Bro. R. Dickie, P.M. 415 (E.C.), P.D.G.D. Bo. (E.C.), P.Z. No. 68 (S.C.), and P. Prov. G.H., P.G. Chap. of W.I. (S.C.), P.M. Mark Lodge, No. 134 (E.C.) and P.D.S.G.M. Warden Bombay. The lodge is to be congratulated on its choice of a Master for the ensuing year, as Bro. Dickie is a well-known and tried Mason. The members and visitors present included Bros. Col. R. Westmacott, R.W.M.; R. Dickie, P.M. 415 (E.C.); A. Morgan, S.M.; Capt. G. E. Even, S.W.; J. Opie, J.W.; W. Beckett, Sec.; Adarjee Cowasjee, Treas.; E. Johnson, S.D.; F. Clarke, J.D.; W. G. Pewtner, I.G.; W. Stanley, Tyler; Capt. C. D. Wise, P.M. 343 (S.C.) and 415 (S.C.), P.S.G.W. and G. Sec., A.S.F.I., P.D.G.S.D. Bo. (E.C.); H. G. Meakin, Gd. Stwd.; W. A. Morrow, G. Mitchell, E. Males, S. Anderson, J. H. G. Bell, and W. Dunn. Visitors: Bros. Col. T. H. Lloyd, W.M. 415 (E.C.), P.D. S.G.W.; Capt. H. M. Prior, S.W. 415 (E.C.); Dr. W. Fearn, A.S.F.I., 343 (S.C.), S.G.W.; R. Livingstone, P.M. 343 (S.C.), 415 (E.C.), P.G. Stwd.; H. C. Macnee, P.M. 343 (S.C.), P.G. Bard; F. J. Laville, A.S.F.I., P.M. 1122 (E.C.) A.G.C.; J. May, P.M. 1994 (E.C.); Quinn and Develin, of 415 (E.C.); Price, P.M. 322 (I.C.); Sale, Farriner, Mann, Cain, Whitby, Holden, Harris, Norman, Connolly, Scott, and Neale, 322 (I.C.); and Dudley, 343 (S.C.).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted, Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise assumed the chair, and installed the R.W.M. elect. The following office bearers were then obligated and invested: Bros. Capt. Even, D.M.; J. Opie, S.M.; E. Males, S.W.; J. W. Mawhood, J.W.; A. Cowasjee, Treas.; W. Beckett, Sec.; F. Clarke, S.D.; G. Mitchell, J.D.; G. Armstrong, I.G.; W. A. Morrow and W. G. Pewtner, Stwds.; and W. Stanley, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. Capt. Wise, after which the R.W.M. returned thanks in appropriate terms. "Hearty good wishes" were offered by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet. About 40 sat down, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, while several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings with songs.

In giving the toast of "The Newly-installed Master," Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise said it had afforded him much pleasure to install Bro. Dickie, who had taken so much interest in establishing the lodge at Kirkee. He congratulated the R.W.M. and brethren on the progress the lodge had made since it had been transferred from Satara, less than a year ago, at which time it consisted of only three or four members, and had it not been transferred would probably have been placed in abeyance. Since, however, it commenced working at Kirkee no less than 28 members have joined the lodge. There had been two initiations, two passings, and one raising, and there were more candidates coming forward, a result which he thought was highly gratifying, establishing as it did, beyond question, the need for a lodge at Kirkee. In concluding, Bro. Wise said that he considered the state of Lodge Level reflected the greatest credit on all concerned, and he hoped before long to see it at the head of the lodges on that side of India, a position he felt sure the R.W.M. and brethren would strive to attain for it.

Bro. Dickie, in responding to the toast, said that for 15 years he and other well-known brethren had tried again and again to establish a lodge at Kirkee, and now they had succeeded, nothing gave him greater pleasure than being elected Master of the lodge, and no effort would

be wanting on his part to make everything connected with it a complete success.

In responding to the toast of "The Past Masters of Lodge Level," the I.P.M., Bro. Col. Westmacott, said that it was entirely owing to Bro. Dickie's own exertions they owed the existence of a lodge in Kirkee, and that he agreed with Bro. Wise that the fact of so many members having joined since the lodge opened proved its necessity.

In responding (on behalf of Lodge Orion in the West) to the toast of "The Sister Lodges," Bro. Col. Lloyd, W.M. 415 (E.C.), congratulated Lodge Level on its success. He said that when the question of opening a lodge at Kirkee was mooted, he feared that doing so would harm the lodges working at Poona, but from the experience of the past few months he thought his fears were groundless, and he wished Lodge Level every success.

Bro. Fearn, R.W.M. 343 (S.C.), and other Masters and Past Masters responded in suitable terms.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren separated after giving the Tyler's toast.

#### POONA.

**Lodge St. Andrew in the East** (No. 343, S.C.).—On Tuesday, the 13th January, the Freemasons' Hall was the scene of a very interesting function when Bro. Khan Bahadur Dinshah D. Khambatta, the W.M. elect, was installed, with all befitting ceremony, in the chair of K.S. The interior of the spacious banqueting hall had been most tastefully decorated and hung with banners, the latter showing in bright relief the photographs of all the Past Masters of Orion Lodge and St. Andrew's Lodge who have graced the Eastern chair.

The impressive ceremony inside the lodge lasted an hour and a half, and was conducted by the retiring Master, Bro. Fearn, in a masterly and able manner, Bro. Khambatta being declared the ruler of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. This is the second chair during the course of the year in which the Khan Bahadur has been placed, for it was only the other day when we congratulated him on his having been installed Master of the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, under the banner of the English Constitution. It is certainly a rare honour for a brother of the mystic tie to hold the sway of two lodges of two Constitutions and of two different Orders, and it speaks volumes for the perfect harmony that reigns among the members of the Fraternity.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, where covers were laid for 40. The number would have been much larger, but on account of the Camp of Exercise many brethren were precluded from attending. After dinner the usual toasts of obligation were given by the Worshipful Master, among these being "Her Majesty Queen-Empress of India and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English Freemasonry and Patron of Scotland, and the rest of the Royal Family," "Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry," and "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Deputy Grand Master of Bombay."

With the toast of the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. Sir Henry Morland, the name of Bro. Capt. Wise was coupled as one of the Grand Officers. In a few choice words Bro. Wise was accorded a most cordial welcome to the lodge, of which the W.M. said he was such an esteemed member and an ornament.

This toast, like the others, was drunk with all Masonic honours.

The next toast was the toast of the evening, and was given by Bro. Wise in an impressive speech, which want of space forbids our publishing *in extenso*. In it he eulogised the good qualities of the new Master, Bro. Khambatta, and assured the brethren that a better selection could not have been made, as from the tact and ability displayed by Bro. Khambatta in his management of other Orders, especially the Royal Arch chapter, he (the speaker) was convinced that the government of the lodge was in safe hands, and the lodge was therefore to be congratulated.

To this the W.M., amid great applause, made a befitting reply, adding that succeeding as he did to a brilliant array of Past Masters of the lodge, he was at a great disadvantage, that the two regimental lodges—Glittering Star and Sphinx (I.C.)—being added to the station would enhance his difficulty, but that he would do his best, and he asked the brethren to suspend judgment till he had rendered an account of his stewardship next year. In return he proposed "The Health of all the Past Masters," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Fearn, the retiring Master. The latter, he stated, had proved an able Master, had maintained the prestige of the institution, had added to the number of its members, had managed its funds in a manner worthy of a finance minister, and, regardless of the state of his health, had conducted its duties admirably. He summed up his speech by calling on the brethren to drink to the health of that (as he called him) worthy man and Mason. This was done with all Masonic honours.

"The Sister Lodges" and "The Visitors" were then toasted by the W.M., and "The Officers, Present and Past" by Bro. Wise, and responded to as cheerfully and enthusiastically.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. Wise added a toast not on the list to "The Health of the Brethren of the Royal Fusiliers." In touching language he alluded to their approaching departure for Quetta, and spoke of the willing help they had rendered during their stay, and how glad the Masons would be to welcome them back to Poona.

This toast was drunk amid prolonged cheers, and was responded to by their representatives.

The Tyler's toast brought this, one of the most successful gatherings, to an end, and was the signal for general dispersion, which took place about midnight.—*Deccan Herald*.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

##### BOMBAY.

**St. John's Chapter** (No. 3, S.C.)—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on Shrove Tuesday, the 10th ult. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and a satisfactory state of accounts presented. A successful ballot was then taken for Comp. W. B. Green, 18 (E.C.), as a joining member. The retiring M.W.S. then gave an account of the work of the chapter during the past year, which showed that there had been six exaltees, and one rejoining during the year, and that the chapter had been almost entirely refurbished. The election of office bearers was then confirmed, and they were duly invested and installed. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. A. W. Seabrook,

30°, M.W.S. (re-elected); R. V. Reid, 32°, Dep. M.W.S.; H. Kennard, 30°, High Prelate; J. A. Yates, S.W.; J. W. Hepworth, J.W.; F. Burdett, 30°, Treas. (re-elected); Capt. C. D. Wise, Sec. (re-elected); H. Johnston, D.C.; F. S. Lamb, Chancellor; J. Y. Smith, I.G.; G. W. Roughton and E. F. Underwood, Std. Brs.; and J. H. Burrett, Equerry. The chapter was then closed.

#### EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

##### LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, March 23rd, to Monday, March 30th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside; 22, Aldersgate-street; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green; Bolt-in-Tun, 65, Fleet-street; 116, Holborn; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn; 43, New Oxford-street; 3, James-street, Covent Garden; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus; Golden Cross, Charing Cross; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street; 231, Edgware-road; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road; 70, St. Martin's-lane; Lion, 108, New Bond-street; 496, Oxford-street; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate; Kensington, 33, High-street; 117, High-street, Borough; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway; 194, Westminster Bridge-road; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross; Albert and Victoria Docks Office, Canning Town Goods Station. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, March 26th, a special express will leave Willesden at 2.45 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford; a special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m., calling at Coventry and Rugby; and passengers for those places will not be conveyed by the 4.0 p.m. express from Birmingham; the 4.10 p.m. Euston to Kendal, will be extended to Windermere, and have a connection to Morecambe; a special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.25 and 6.55 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7.0 and 9.30 p.m.; the 12.0 mid-night train from Euston will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning. The 10.5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester, at the following times:—Leave Carlisle 1.15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Oxenholme 2.29, Carnforth 2.48, Lancaster 2.59, Preston 3.30, Wigan 3.58, Manchester 4.45, and Liverpool 4.45 p.m. This train will not run on Saturday morning, March 28th (Good Friday night from Scotland). On Good Friday, March 27th, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the North can join the newspaper train. The 4.30 p.m. train, Carlisle to Preston, will be extended to Wigan, Liverpool, St. Helens, Tyldesley, and Manchester. The 10.40 a.m., Crewe to Holyhead, and 11.40 a.m., Holyhead to Crewe, will not be run. An additional train will leave Warrington for Penrith at 9.5 a.m. in connection with the 8.45 a.m. train from Whitehaven. The return train will leave Penrith for Whitehaven at 5.55 p.m. The 10.5 p.m. train from Glasgow (leaving Carlisle at 1.15 a.m. on Saturday, March 28th) for Preston, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run. A train will leave Whitehaven for Cocker-mouth at 7.30 p.m., returning from Cocker-mouth at 8.40 p.m. (for intermediate times, see local announcements). A service of trains will also be run on the Cleator Joint Line between Whitehaven, Marron Junction, and Sellafield (for particulars, see local announcements). With the above exceptions, the trains of the Company on Good Friday will run as on Sundays. On Friday night and Saturday morning, March 27th and 28th, the 11.41 p.m. and 12.5 a.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual; the 12.10 a.m., Holyhead to Crewe, 4.30 a.m. Holyhead to Chester, and 2.25 a.m., Chester to Liverpool, will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of Good Friday. Passengers for Belfast (*via* Larne) and the North of Ireland on Good Friday will leave Euston by the 8.50 p.m. train, instead of the 8 p.m. from Euston. On Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, March 30th, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, March 30th, the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and other places.

##### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West-End offices, viz.: 103 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn

Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Cruched-friars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; and 269, Strand, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter for use on any day up till March 28th. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison-road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammersmith and City line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday before Easter. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from March 26th to April 1st, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. On Thursday, March 26th, an excursion, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Good Friday and Easter Monday cheap trains will run to Maidenhead, Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations; and on Monday excursions will also be made to Bath, Bristol, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. In addition to these excursions cheap trains will also be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion, as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances and the second those for less distant places, but both trains will stop at the usual places. On Good Friday the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

##### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Thursday, March 26th, cheap six days' excursion trains will be run to and from London (King's Cross) and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, Ramsey, &c. A cheap excursion will also be run on Thursday, March 26th, from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning March 30th. On Good Friday, March 27th, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle and Scotland. On Saturday, March 28th, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Liverpool, Warrington, Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, &c., to King's Cross. On Easter Monday, March 30th, cheap day excursions will run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, and Cambridge. A cheap day trip will also be run from Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Stegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions to London will also be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets dated in advance will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria L.C. and D., Ludgate Hill, Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; Star Office; 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road, W.; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 264, High Holborn; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Great Northern Company's Poplar Dock Station, Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (Great Northern Company's Offices); and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, Ltd., 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

The Queen held the second Drawing Room of the season at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 13th instant, the Royal circle being attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princess Maud of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Christian, the Princess Mary Duchess and the Duke of Teck and the Princess Victoria and Prince Francis of Teck. The diplomatic and general circles were numerous attended, and a large number of presentations were made. The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany and Princess Henry of Battenberg, returned to Windsor Castle the following day.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire has been fixed to take place at Bolton on Wednesday, May 6th.

By virtue of a donation of 30 guineas, Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., has become a Life-Governor of the National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor.

The Queen has forwarded, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, a donation of £20 to the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund, of which her Majesty is the Patron.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Prince Henry of Battenberg visited the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "The Lyons Mail."

To the fund being raised by the Sons of the Clergy Corporation for the benefit of the clergymen who have suffered through the depreciation of tithes, Bro. J. D. Allcroft has subscribed £100.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has consented to preside at the 73rd annual meeting of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, which, by the kind permission of the Company, will be held in Fishmongers' Hall on the 4th May.

The Court of Common Council will hold its first meeting after the Easter holidays on Thursday, the 9th April, when it is probable the question of inviting the Emperor of Germany to visit the City will be taken into consideration.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of his Council held at the offices of the Duchy of Cornwall, Buckingham-gate, on the 13th instant, among the members present being Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and Sir Charles Hall.

The King of the Belgians has arrived in London, and is staying at the Burlington Hotel. On Sunday the Prince of Wales visited his Majesty, who is supposed to have come over here in connection with the affairs of the Congo Free State.

The anniversary dinner of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole on Friday, the 13th instant, under the presidency of Sheriff Farmer, the subscriptions and donations announced in the course of the evening amounting to £2800.

The Queen and Court will leave Windsor Castle for London and Cherbourg, en route for the Riviera, on Monday next, and the Empress Frederick of Germany and her daughter, Princess Margaret, will at the same time leave for Buckingham Palace, where, after a stay of about a week, they will visit the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book." London: George Kenning. This very useful Calendar has been published for the current year. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Masonic Charity Fund, under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England. The book contains a complete list of the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters, with their places and times of meeting. It has for many years been a most acceptable companion to Freemasons, and the publication of the present year proves no exception to the rule.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held at 20, Hanover-square, on Monday, of the organising and other Committees of the Seventh International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, which will be opened in London in the month of August next, and of which his Royal Highness has graciously consented to be the President. Among those present were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Somers Vane, and Professor T. Hayter Lewis. The Prince announced, amid cheers, that the Queen had consented to act as Patron of the Congress.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cooper and Bro. Canon Cooper, F.R.G.S., gave interesting lectures on our colonies at the Apollonian Hall, Dover, on Friday, the 6th inst., entitled, "A Run Round the World under the British Flag," and the "Queen's Highway," from Ocean to Ocean. The lectures were illustrated by lantern views of the voyage to the East, and of Canadian scenery along the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Bro. Colonel Cooper will dispatch a party of settlers and emigrants for Canada on 16th April, and Bro. Canon Cooper will take one out himself in July next.

The annual installation in connection with the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, was held at Retford on Monday, the 9th inst., when there was a numerous gathering of members of the Craft, including the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bros. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, Past G. Chap. of England; Lieut.-Col. Newton, T. Bescoy (Mayor of Retford), F. Powell, Arnold Statham, Wordsworth, and a number of visitors from other lodges in the province. Bro. Stephen Pegler was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, M.A., L.L.D., and the W.M. afterwards invested his officers.

The installation of Principals in connection with the St. Helen's Chapter, No. 531, took place on the afternoon of the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Regent's-square, Hartlepool, when Comp. J. N. Taylor was installed as Z.; Comp. E. Nixey, H.; and Walter Shaw, J., the ceremony being performed by Comps. Hockaday, P.Z., and Taylor. The other officers chosen included Comps. T. J. Johnson, P.Z., Treas.; W. Belk, S.E.; H. Kirby, S.N.; A. Harly, P.S.; W. Humphries, A.S.; and J. Metcalfe, P.Z., D.C. At the close of the ceremony the companions partook of dinner at the King's Head Hotel.

The annual installation meeting of the brethren of the Alur Mark Lodge, No. 386, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Henfield, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. J. Belcher, P. Prov. G.D. of C., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Musson, S.W.; Lamette, J.W.; W. W. Welling, M.O.; Smith, S.O.; Martin, J.O.; Hillman, Sec.; Parsons, R. of M.; Milne, S.D.; Dyer, J.D.; Trill, D.C.; Rev. Mas-is, Chap.; Pocock, I.G.; and Holloway and Thorncroft, Stwds. A Past Master's gold jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. C. F. Lewis, in appreciation of his excellent work during the past year. A banquet followed.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress pur pose giving a Children's Fancy Dress Ball at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 22nd April.

The Goldsmiths' Company have contributed £1000 towards the sum of £20,000, which is required by the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway-road, for the completion of the buildings.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has promised, in response to an appeal made to him on Tuesday by a numerous and influential deputation, to nominate Bro. F. J. Horniman for the office of Sheriff for the ensuing year.

A meeting of the Marylebone Cricket Club will be held at the Pavilion, Lord's Cricket Ground, on Monday, the 6th April, when the scheme of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company for taking their line through Lord's will be laid before the members.

The Duke of Wellington's Riding School, Knightsbridge, which has an area of 16,900 square feet, and has frontages to Hyde Park, the Knightsbridge-road, and Park-lane, has been sold by Messrs. Debenham, Tewson, and Co., by his Grace's order, the sum realised being £60,000.

Mr. Henry Bailey will sing a new song, entitled, "The Helmsman," for the first time on Easter Monday, at the Albert Hall Annual Bank Holiday Festival, composed expressly for him by Mr. Isidore de Solla. Miss Josephine Simon, Madame Belle Cole, Mr. Iver McKay, and Signor Foli also take part in the concert.

At the enthronement of the Rev. Dr. Magee as Archbishop of Derry, the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Derry, and the Bishops of Wakefield and Newcastle took part in the service. The Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Lord Mayor and Corporation of York were present.

Bro. the Earl of Arran presided as Chairman at the anniversary festival, held at the First Avenue Hotel, on Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day), of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, which was established in London in 1784, and which educates, clothes, and partly supports 450 boys and girls. The subscriptions amounted to £782.

A second theatrical entertainment was given at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, the performances consisting of "A Pair of Spectacles" and "A Quiet Rubber," by Bro. John Hare and the Garrick Company. The Queen and members of the Royal Family were present, and among the guests invited were Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Sir John and Lady Cowell, Sir H. F. Ponsonby, Major-General Du Plat, and others.

The annual general meeting of the Institute of Journalists was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Saturday afternoon last, and in the evening the members dined together under the presidency of Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., who is President of the Institute. Among the principal guests being Bro. Lord Monkswell and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.

We learn from the Bishop of New Westminster, British Columbia, that the Masonic Hall, which was recently erected at a cost of £3600, together with the furniture and regalia, has been totally destroyed by fire. The building was partially covered by insurance to the amount of £2800, but the furniture and jewels were uninsured. Bro. George Kenning is supplying the new regalia, &c., to replace those destroyed.

Bro. Alderman Frank Green, who has been elected to the seat for the Vintry Ward in the Court of Aldermen rendered vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Gabriel, will be admitted and sworn into office at a Special Court which will be held at the Guildhall this day (Friday). In the evening Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress will have a dinner party in the Long Parlour, at which Bro. Alderman Green and Mrs. Green will be the principal guests.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., author of "The History of Freemasonry," will deliver a lecture, under the auspices of the Starkie Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Special importance will be given to the installation ceremony, its origin, and working, and admission will therefore only be accorded to Masters and Past Masters.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., a successful and enjoyable juvenile soiree was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, under the auspices of the Clemency and Unity Lodges. The children, having been arranged in order, marched into the room, where they were introduced to Bro. C. V. Haworth, W.M., and his officers. Part of the evening was devoted to dancing, which was indulged in heartily by the juveniles. Another part was occupied by Professor Le Maire with his ventriloquial, shadowgraphy, and the evergreen Punch and Judy exhibitions. Refreshments were supplied to the juveniles by a committee of ladies, whose untiring zeal contributed in a great measure towards the success of the soiree. About 11 p.m. the children retired to their respective homes, after attending one of the pleasantest soirees ever held in that town.

On Tuesday night, the 10th inst., the concert in Rochdale Town Hall in aid of the Masonic Charities realised £85 of gross receipts and a net profit of £55. The brethren who managed the benefit were Bros. C. Collingwood and Wright. Bro. Purcell, who for five years has accorded Masonic benefits at Rochdale, as well as Bury, kindly fitted up and lent the whole of the scenery, which formed a very charming drawing-room set. In reference to the forthcoming Masonic benefit, which takes place on the 14th prox. at the Bury Theatre Royal, we may observe that Mr. Charles Melville will perform the comedy "A Serious Family." Mr. J. W. Turner has also kindly consented to travel from the Standard Theatre, London, especially for the occasion, and to sing "Let me like a soldier fall" ("Maritana"), while Miss Sarah Berry has been also specially engaged, and will sing "The lost chord" and "The Gavotte" ("Mignon").

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A Committee of Benevolence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at the North-Western Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday next, at one o'clock. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, has signified his intention to attend.

The annual election of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation took place on Saturday, at the Holborn Town Hall, Mr. F. J. E. Young, Chairman of the Council, presiding. The official announcement will be made at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, to-morrow (Saturday) on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Corporation.

We are sorry to learn that the recent dreadful weather in the South-west of England, and the inability to travel to and from the several Masonic centres, has caused the postponement of numerous arrangements with Bro. James Stevens for the delivery of his lecture as had been intended. He is, however, to revisit the Province of Devon in the fall of the year, when engagements will be renewed.

For the vigorous assistance rendered by him in the rescue of some workmen who were buried by the fall of a house in Rome last January, it has been decided to confer the gold medal of what corresponds with our Royal Humane Society on King Humbert. Here, as on the occasion of the cholera outbreak, the King of Italy has shown that he does not know what fear is.

The Prince of Wales gave a dinner party at Marlborough House on Wednesday in honour of the King of the Belgians. In addition to the Foreign Ambassadors, the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Marquis of Hartington, Lord Randolph Churchill, Lord Herschell, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Goschen, and others were present.

The Empire Theatre provides a big programme for the Easter Holidays. Two grand ballets, "Dolly" and "Cécile," in which Mesdames Emma Palladino, A. leina Sozo, Malvina Cavallazzi, Bettina de Sortis, A. 11, and Signor Albertieri will appear. Varieties by Mdlle. Jessica, J. E. Cheevers, the Leopold Troupe, Sweeney and Ryland, Charles Coburn, Mdlle. Violette, G. H. Chirgwin, the Colibris Midgets, Lescaut, and Mdlle. Chelli.

On Wednesday next, the 25th inst., at 8.30, a three act comedy, entitled, "The Bookmaker," by J. W. Pigott, will be played at the Globe Theatre, with Harry Paulton in the title role. The rest of the cast comprise Messrs. William Farren, jun., Charles Cooper, A. E. Drinkwater, Frank Vancrossen, J. W. Pigott, and Mesdames Violet Raye, Mary Ansell, and Leslie Bell.

Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, consecrated on Tuesday last the Military Jubilee Chapter at Dover, being assisted on the occasion by the Provincial Grand Officers. The three Principals of the new chapter are Comps. Surgeon G. F. A. Smythe, Army Medical Staff; Major-General T. Cumings, late Royal Artillery; and Major G. F. Guyon, Royal Fusiliers.

The Columbia Lodge, which has been founded on similar lines to the Anglo-American Lodge, was consecrated yesterday (Thursday), at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the principal officers are Bros. Adolphus Clark, W.M.; Col. J. T. North, S.W.; and Alf. Cooke, J.W. There was a very large attendance. A full report will appear in our next.

On Monday last Mr. William Salmon, of Penllynecourt, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, attained his 101st birthday. I referred last year to Mr. Salmon as the only known centenarian Freemason living, and there can be little doubt that he is now the oldest member of the Craft. Mr. Salmon is also probably the oldest living M.R.C.S. He was born at Wickham Market, Suffolk, March 16, 1790, and is a J.P. for Glamorganshire.—*Truth*.

The annual assembly in connection with Lodge Edinburgh St. James, No. 97 (S.C.), took place on the 13th inst. in the Masonic Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, and was attended by between 60 and 70 couples. The music was supplied by Shepherd's band. Lodge North British Railway, No. 597, also held its annual social meeting on the 13th inst. in the Hall, Waverley Steps. Under the direction of the R.W.M., dancing was kept up by the company till an advanced hour in the morning.

The Stationers' Company having placed Stationers' Hall at the disposal of Messrs. Cassell and Company for the distribution of the prizes gained at the recent "Work" Exhibition, the awards—consisting of medals, money and book prizes, and certificates—will be presented to the successful competitors on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Nearly a hundred medals have been awarded, and about 170 exhibitors in all have gained prizes. With the first number of the new volume of "Work," which is issued this week, is presented a fine art supplement, consisting of a large design for a hanging music Canterbury in fretwork.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., delivered his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry" in the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, Barnstaple, Devon, on Monday last. A report of the meeting is unavoidably held over until our next issue. We have also received a notification of a second visit of Bro. Stevens to the Priory Lodge of Instruction, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Friday, the 3rd proximo, for a like purpose.

Bro. Cohen, P.M. 1650 (Mr. Harcourt West) announces his eighth annual grand concert, to be held at the Horns Assembly Rooms (Grand Hall), Kennington, on Wednesday next. A really first-class company has been got together, and a very enjoyable evening is assured. Bro. Cohen has always used his best efforts to make the numerous Masonic gatherings with which he has been associated go off pleasantly, and we trust his brethren will, now that his own night comes round, give him the support he so well deserves.

The Queen held an investiture of the Bath and other honours at Windsor Castle on Wednesday afternoon. The following left Paddington Station shortly after one o'clock to attend the ceremony:—Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-of-Arms; Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, Controller; Lord Lathom, Lord Chamberlain; Earl Howe, Gold Stick; Sir Edward Brand, Colonel Sir Alexander Moncrieff, Mr. White, Naval Constructor, C.B.; Mr. E. Standen, C.B.; Sir James Youle, Sir Frederick Abel, Mr. Horsfall, Mr. Marsh, Dr. Burton Brown, C.E.; Mr. Ffoliot, Sir West Ridgeway, Sir Thomas Sutherland, General Edwards, Colonel Hannen Lee, and others.

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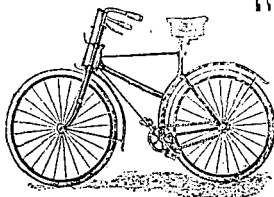
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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, March 28, 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, MARCH 21.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern. 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel. 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. 2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, 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 CHAPTERS.

- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant. 2102, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern. 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel. 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall. 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1838, Shepherd's Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addele-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8. St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. 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. Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10. West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. 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. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall. 16, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 93, Moira, Albion Tavern. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall. 167, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall. 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms. 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel. 1348, Ebury, Cafe Royal. 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall. 2108, Empire, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8. Copper, 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-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Domatic, 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 Tues. 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern. MARK LODGE. 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hot., Greenwich.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall. 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall. 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham. 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal. 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern. 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel. 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel. 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall. 1818, Clapham, Criterion. 2332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel, Greenwich.

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. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel. 1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1471, Islington, Railway Hotel, Highbury. 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 13, Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond.

RED CROSS.

- 15, St. Andrew's, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

- General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern. 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern. 66, Gre adiers, Freemasons' Hall. 99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern. 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel. 761, Wil iam Preston, Cannon-st cet Hotel. 861, Finsbury, St. dotoiph's Chambers. 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. 1224, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 1744, St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester-road. 2192, Highbury, Crck Tavern. 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

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, Wheat-sheat 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 Lime-house Church, E.), at 7. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Horsey, 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. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7. Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, star and G.rter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolesey, 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.

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall. 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall. 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall. 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road. 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.