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THE BOYS' SCHOOL PROVISIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ITS CENSORS.

Very unfair treatment is being meted out to the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. When nearly two years ago this body was appointed to reorganise the administration of the School, and place it on a footing which should be satisfactory to the Governors and Subscribers, it was recognised on all hands that the task with which it was entrusted was both an onerous and a responsible one, and that it would require clever handling in order to carry it out successfully. It was known, however, that the Committee was for the most part composed of men of large and varied experience, of sound common sense, and good business habits, and a feeling of confidence existed among the brethren interested in the welfare of the School that the duty it had undertaken would be performed thoroughly and well. That confidence has not been belied. The Committee has laboured hard, and with a zeal, an ability, and a singleness of purpose which reflects the highest credit on its members, both individually and collectively. The Head Master and his Assistants are declared to have already greatly improved the tone of the School, while the report we published last week of the result of the Cambridge Local Examinations, in December, 1890, shows that the standard of educational proficiency has been more than well maintained. The offices of the Institution, now under the control of the new Secretary, are in good working order, while the Regulations have undergone a thorough revision, and in this new and revised form have been sanctioned and approved by the Governors and Subscribers in Quarterly General Court assembled. Nor in the meantime has the Finance Sub-Committee been idle. A new system of account-keeping has been adopted, and is carried out under the supervision of a professional accountant, and the audited statement of account and balance-sheet, with the signature appended of that accountant, and verified by the Finance Sub-Committee, make it clear, as we stated in the article we penned on these documents a little while ago, not only that the funds at the disposal of the governing body have been wisely administered, but also that a distinct advance in the direction of a greater economy has been made. In short, the Provisional Management Committee, which is on the eve of retiring in order to make way for the newly-sanctioned Governing Bodies, is able to show that the duties which nearly two years ago it undertook to perform have been performed both generally and particularly with a considerable amount of success, and we doubt not that when its task is completed it will receive, as it richly deserves to receive, the sincere thanks of the whole body, or at all events of an overwhelming majority, of the Governors and Subscribers.

Under the circumstances which we have been careful to describe with accuracy, and without any approach to exaggeration, it might in reason have been expected that a Committee, which had done, and was doing, its work so well, would have received encouragement and support from all quarters, or at all events that, in the face of the recognised difficulties by which the path of the Provisional Committee was beset, the spirit of partisanship would have had the decency to remain quiescent, at least until the said Committee was in a position to render a final and complete account of its stewardship. In the interests of that fair play on which Englishmen pride themselves, we had a right to expect such forbearance, but the expectation has not been realised. When the Provisional Management Committee issued its first account and balance-sheet—for the half-year ended 31st December, 1889—and claimed that it had reduced the expenditure to somewhere about £39 per boy, the spirit of partisanship appeared on the scene, and declared with unblushing effrontery that the claim was a preposterous one; that the milk bill, or some such item, was ridiculously

small; and that the much-vaunted new system of accounts, as it was utterly unlike what it had been accustomed to in the good old days of its account-keeping, was about as ridiculous as the milk bill. The Provisional Committee wisely took no notice of this attack, but went quietly about its task, as men of business are wont to do, and last month it published its account and balance-sheet for the year 1890. In the former of these documents the Provisional Committee said nothing whatever about the average cost per boy, but for our own satisfaction and the edification of our readers, we divided the "Total General Expenditure for 1890" by the number of boys chargeable to the Institution (264) and deduced from this the simple fact that the average cost per boy in 1890 was in round figures—£41. In making this calculation we took no notice of (1), the "Suspense Account" opened by the Committee and consisting of Under-estimate of Liabilities in 1889, £200; (2), Pensions, £106; (3), Repairs to Organ and Special Sanitary Arrangements, &c., £2184; the total being thereby raised from £10,822 to £13,312, and the average cost per boy from £41 to £50 8s. Thereupon this malevolent spirit again intrudes itself upon the scene and declares our reckoning—not that of the Committee—to be utterly monstrous. One of the heaviest charges made against the old *régime*, it tells us, was that it reckoned the average cost per boy on the "Ordinary Expenditure," taking no account whatever of the "Special Expenditure," and here, it says, is the Provisional Committee—or a critic writing in its praise—doing precisely the same thing. To this we reply that these evil critics are utterly and mischievously wrong, and that a comparison of the accounts just issued under the Provisional *régime* for 1890 with those of any year under the old *régime* would have shown that their statement was as unjust as in the interests of the Institution itself it is calculated to be mischievous. The "Total General Expenditure for 1890," amounting to £10,822, is what it professes to be, and includes everything, but the items already spoken of as constituting the extraordinary outlay; the bulk of these latter being of a special character—for sanitary arrangements, bath accommodation, fire appliances, &c.—such as will not occur in other yearly accounts. In the accounts for the year 1887—which were published, as usual, some weeks prior to the Festival of 1888—the Ordinary Expenditure is stated as £11,288, the average cost per boy for 258 being deduced therefrom as £43 15s., which is diminished, by deducting the cost per boy for Rates, to £41 13s. 10d. There is also a Special Expenditure not included in the Ordinary, consisting of Secretary's Travelling Expenses and annual emolument in lieu of Commission, Outfits, Gratuities, and Holiday Entertainments, Matron's Pension, Cambridge Local Examinations, Prizes, Votes of Thanks to Stewards, Stewards' Visit, &c., &c., and Music, amounting, with an item for "Building Account," to £1538 5s. 4d. On making a comparison between the accounts for 1887 (old system) and 1890 (new system) we find that all that is described in the former as "Special"—or rather all similar items—with the exception of the Matron's Pension, are *included* in the General Total of the latter, while the expenditure for sanitary arrangements, fire appliances, &c., is rightly excluded, because, like the cost of a new hall or a new wing, it does not annually recur. We invite our readers to judge of this matter for themselves. Let them compare the Provisional Committee's Account for 1890 with the Account for 1887—which we have taken, because it happened to be available at the moment of writing—or with that for any other year, and they will find the new system shows everything, with the "Special" exception we have stated, while the old system set down as special what was annually recurring and of a general character.

So much for these censors and the spirit of partisanship by which they have been prompted to offer their various criticisms. In this, their latest attempt, they have succeeded, by inexcusable blundering, in covering themselves with ridicule.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARDWICK LODGE, No. 2373, AT CHESTERFIELD.

There was a large gathering of Freemasons at Chesterfield on Wednesday, the 18th instant, when the ceremony of consecration of a new lodge was performed. The proceedings took place in the Scarsdale Lodge room, which was crowded with representatives of nearly all the neighbouring lodges. There was a numerous attendance of brethren.

The brethren having taken their places, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W. England, D.P.G.M., entered and took the chair.

The usual formalities having been duly recognised, the Prov. Grand Master announced the object of the gathering, and Bro. E. Morris, M.A., S.W. 2129, P.P.G. Chap., invoked a blessing on the proceedings, after which Bro. W. Naylor, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., informed the Prov. Grand Master that the petitioners had obtained a warrant from Grand Lodge, and were desirous that the lodge, which will henceforth be known as the Hardwick Lodge, No. 2373, should be constituted and consecrated. The imposing portion of the ceremony was now reached. The petitioners for the new lodge arranged themselves round one side of the room, and were questioned by the Prov. Grand Master as to whether they approved of the brethren nominated in the warrant to preside over them.

These were: Bros. W. Wynne Jeudwine, P.P.S.G.W., W.M.; L. F. Shaw, P.M., S.W.; C. F. Margerson, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; J. B. Jenkinson, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, J.D.; W. H. Crofts, I.G.; A. Boden and W. T. Buckland, Stwds.; I. W. Flather, Sec.; and William Grayson, Tyler. Approval was signified in Masonic form, and the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to constitute the brethren into a regular lodge.

An oration having been delivered, an anthem, "Hail the Universal Lord," was rendered, at the conclusion of which the first portion of the consecration prayer was offered. "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," having been sung, the Prov. Grand Master gave the invocation, which was followed by all chanting "So mote it be." The lodge board was after this unveiled by the P.G.D. of C. and the lodge perfumed by the Prov. G. Chaplain with the censer. The Chaplain also read Exodus, chapter xxx., verses vii. and viii.

The Prov. Grand Master then rose, and, accompanied by three Past Masters bearing the elements of consecration, made the circuit of the lodge board, and on reaching the east strewed corn, the emblem of plenty. The lodge having been dedicated, wine was poured out as a signification of joy and happiness, and oil as the emblem of unity. The latter portion of the consecration prayer was read, and the lodge was seasoned with salt by the Prov. Grand Master, who also pronounced the final dedication and consecration. The ceremony concluded with the installation of Bro. W. Wynne Jeudwine, P.M., W.M. designate, as first W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., the other officers as mentioned having been appointed and invested by the W.M.

Subsequently a banquet took place in the Market Hall, which was largely attended. This proved a brilliant and successful conclusion to the day's work.

CONSECRATION OF THE COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2397.

The consecration of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397—which is intended to supplement the good work being done by the Anglo-American Lodge in entertaining American brethren visiting England—took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 19th inst., in the presence of a large and representative gathering of Masons. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as S.W.; W. G. Lemon, A.G.D. of C., as J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, LL.D., P.G.C., as Chap.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., as D. of C.; and Col. W. Bristow, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The founders and officers designate of the new lodge—a large majority of whom were present—are Bros. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; A. Clark, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Col. John T. North, S.W.; Alf. Cooke, J.P. (Mayor of Leeds), J.W.; John B. Cumming, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Wm. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex, Sec.; Henry S. Wellcome, S.D.; F. S. Hobson, P.M., J.D.; Elias Jessurun, I.G.; B. Crumplen, D.C.; John Morgan Richards, A.D.C.; W. Henry, P.M., Org.; Frederick C. Van Duzer, Charles Hubbard, P.M., and Major Francis W. Frigout, P.M., Stewards; Brackstone Baker, P.Z., P.G.D.; W. M. Bywater, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; Thomas J. Barratt, P.M.; E. Caffin, P.M., P.G.S.; General J. C. New, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., P.M.; Maurice Jewell, P.M.; Harry Meiggs, Arthur W. Chapman, P.M.; Victor Le Huray, Walter Thornton Linton, and Robert S. Murray.

In addition to the Consecrating Officers and founders, the following visitors were present:

Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; S. Vallentine, A.G.P.; D. D. Mercer, G.P.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; T. H. Hilton, D.D.G.M. New York City; W. F. Smithson, J.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, S.G.D.; George Hayes, P.G.S., P.D.D.G.M. 8th D.S., N.Y.S.; Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer; I. Zacharie, M.D.; Sir J. K. Somers Vine, S.G.D.; R. Clay Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; W. H. Tomson, J. W. Courtenay, P.M.; Richard Pye, P.M.; S. Wootton, Gamble Hobson, C. J. Phipps, W. E. Hayman, John Green, H. Hartley, E. J. Whiteway, R. Hewetson, G. J. Kearton, D. W. Dickson, A. Stribling, J. Asman, A. Ball, Rev. H. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; H. Lindfield, K. J. Murray, A. Lewis, R. J. Ward, A. T. Hill, J. Keller, Robert Main, Sarti, J. Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; J. B. Joseph, Thos. Bradley, Orton Cooper, S.W. 211; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; T. Archer, M. Davis, G. Cowell, P.M.; George Cook, M. Post, Alf. de Breanski, Jno. Chandler, E. L. Tomkins, A. Cuningham, J. H. Hames, P.M.; Jno. Paige, P.M.; W. J. Fisher, Jacob Gates, W. Pond, H. Meiggs, T. J. Barratt, P.M., and Augustus Frigout.

The Grand Officers having entered in procession, the Consecrating Officer took the chair, behind which were hung the Union Jack and American flags, and appointed his officers *pro tem*.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and a hymn was sung, after which Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., addressing the brethren, said they had assembled in that room on a very important Masonic occasion, and one which must always prove of great interest to Masons who have the prosperity of the Order at heart. They had assembled to give effect to the warrant issued by his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and to usher into existence a new lodge on the magnificent roll of Grand Lodge, a lodge which they could safely predict would have a happy and prosperous career. It was just four years ago since he had the honour of consecrating a lodge close to that building called the Anglo-American Lodge, and most of those present were probably aware of the peculiar reasons which called that lodge into existence. It was that they in London might have a place in which to welcome their good American brethren from the other side of

the water. During the past four years its mission had been amply and successfully carried out, for the Anglo-American Lodge had, as he was aware, held out the right hand of friendship and hospitality to many of their excellent and esteemed brethren from America. It was now sought by some members to extend the principle and idea by having another lodge founded on similar lines, so that they might have extended means of carrying out the opportunity of welcoming American brethren. The petition had been properly drawn out, and his Royal Highness, after due deliberation, having considered the reasons set forth as satisfactory, had been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge to be called the Columbia Lodge, a name which brought to their minds their brethren on the other side, and in which the same excellent principles would be carried out which had made the Anglo-American Lodge so distinguished. They had met that day to give effect to that warrant, and in accordance with the Grand Master's commands to dedicate it to Masonry. He need scarcely say to the founders that they had an important trust committed to their charge, and that they must be careful of the work carried out, and especially careful as to those whom they received into the lodge. He always felt it his duty to say a word of warning as to what he feared was too often the case in the present day of indiscriminate admission, for the Order had been so much in evidence that he was sure many sought admission who were scarcely proper persons to be admitted, and it was necessary for every member, especially of a new lodge, to search out the antecedents of candidates. By carrying out that rule they would gain their reward, for they would have a lodge of which they would be proud. He would proceed with the consecration ceremony by calling upon the Chaplain to give them the benefit of prayer.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, an oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.

The ceremony, which included the anthems—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," "O, how amiable are Thy dwellings," and "I have surely built Thee an house"—was then proceeded with, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted in due form.

The Grand Secretary then installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Adolphus Clark, P.M., who invested the following officers: Bros. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; Alf. Cooke, J.P. (Mayor of Leeds), J.W.; John B. Cumming, P.M., Treas.; William J. Spratling, P.M., Sec.; Henry S. Wellcome, S.D.; F. Stratham Hobson, P.M., J.D.; Elias Jessurun, I.G.; Benj. Crumplen, D.C.; J. Morgan Richards, A.D.C.; W. Henry, P.M., Org.; Frederick C. Van Duzer, Charles Hubbard, P.M., and Major Francis W. Frigout, P.M., Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Colonel John T. North, the S.W. designate, was unavoidably absent owing to a previous engagement.

A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, and seven brethren were proposed as joining members, and one gentleman proposed for initiation.

On the proposition of Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., the Consecrating Officers were heartily thanked for their attendance, and were asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned thanks, expressing the pleasure it had afforded them to be present, and their hopes of future visits to witness the prosperity of the lodge.

A cordial vote of thanks having been accorded the founders who had made various gifts to the lodge, the lodge was formally closed.

A sumptuous banquet followed, and was succeeded by the customary toasts, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being briefly given from the chair and cordially received.

Bro. Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," proposed by Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, acting S.W., said it was a very happy thing that he was associated to respond with such a distinguished Freemason as Bro. Sir Somers Vine. They were always anxious to throw upon another man's shoulders whatever their own duty might be, and he was happy to do so upon the present occasion on principle, because he had already occupied more of their attention than probably he should have had during the day, and, therefore, he should simply content himself with saying how sensible he was of the high honour and great pleasure it had been to assist the Consecrating Officers in launching that remarkable and historical lodge. He duly appreciated the honour conferred upon himself and the other Consecrating Officers in making them honorary members, and trusted, on some few occasions at any rate, to do himself the honour and pleasure of answering to that kindness on their behalf.

Bro. Sir SOMERS VINE, S.G.D., said that if he needed any excuse for being brief, it would be the happy circumstance that he had to follow so distinguished a Freemason as Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, who had for many years worn the purple, whilst circumstances had prevented him (Bro. Sir S. Vine) from taking his fair share of work during the period in which he had occupied office. He was not, therefore, able to speak with that assurance of the work of the Grand Officers, but he believed, and knew from his experience in various parts of the world, that the Grand Lodge was held in reverence and esteem.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., next proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and the Dominion of Canada," which, he said, was a toast always given in the Anglo-American Lodge, from which many of them hailed, almost since its establishment. They had heard of somebody who discovered America, but it was due to the Anglo-American Lodge to say they discovered Anglo-American Freemasonry in England. No sooner was the lodge open for the reception of American brethren than they crowded in and they had as many as they could desire, including the Grand Masters of nearly all the States. The existence of the Columbia Lodge did not require any apology. If it did, the few graceful words their respected Grand Secretary had said would have sufficed to explain its origin. They were not in any way competitors with the Anglo-American Lodge, but were going side by side, for it was only natural that expansion should take place. The Americans were so industrious and enterprising that America was never finished and there was always something going on and being extended. In 1845 there were but 26 States, now there were 48. It was in 1637 that the first District Grand Master—Daniel Cox—was appointed. Now there were 48 Grand Masters, and he had the honour of representing 23 American Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of England. Such was the state of Freemasonry that the declaration of independence was signed by 56 gentlemen, 52 of whom were Masons. A happy thought struck many to have a lodge in England for Americans, and one touch of Masonry made the whole world kin. The heart and centre of America was Washington in Columbia, and they, therefore, called their lodge the Columbia. It was only natural, looking at the expansion of Masonry in the United States, that they should wish to provide a home for American Masons in this country.

Bro. G. HAYES, P.D.D.G.M. 8th Dist., N.Y.S., on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, thanked them most cordially for the great kindness with which the toast had been drunk. He felt justified, too, in adding thanks for Canada, for he was personally acquainted with Bro. Robinson. There were American-English and English-American. He was a native of this country, which he need not have told them, and in America they had found it out for themselves. The Anglo-American Lodge was a beautiful idea, but he wished to take exception to Bro. Baker's remark that that idea originated here. They had Anglo-American lodges in New York City, and also Scotch-American lodges, and it was a grand idea for an American to feel on coming here that he was in one of his own lodges. They all knew that Masonry was a grand and noble institution, but it afforded excellent scope for the devil, and they had Masonic hypocrites. Let them look for quality, and not for quantity. He wished to tell them what had been

done in America. A few years ago they had no provision for the aged, the widow, and the infirm. One of his missions in England was to rob them of the noble services they were receiving at the hands of Bro. Colonel Clerke, and take him to New York with a guarantee to bring him back safe and sound. He left New York to invite Bro. Colonel Clerke, and felt he was on a noble mission. He had not succeeded in that mission, but had written home to ask if it was not possible to postpone the laying of the corner-stone of the new buildings about to be erected from May until the fall, in order to secure Bro. Clerke's acceptance. He was, however, afraid it was too late. As he had said, a few years ago they had made no provision for the aged and infirm, but, stimulated by the noble example set in England, they would have a building costing over one million dollars, and an income of from 60,000 to 70,000 dollars. They had bequests for maintaining the home for the aged and the widow, the corner-stone of which building he had invited Bro. Clerke to see laid. They were the second largest jurisdiction to England, and were not going to play more than second fiddle to anybody. He said to the English brethren, "Do not lose that first fiddle: we are after it." There was another little matter, and that was they claimed that Masonry was a grand and good thing. But did they not hide their candle under a bushel? Was there anything in Masonry they were ashamed of? In America they held public installations, and had a public way of opening a lodge, which showed others that Masonry was something they were not ashamed of, and that it was associated with Charity. The public installation was followed by an evening's music, and no one went away but felt there was something in Masonry. There was one great thing—it let the wives know what their husbands did in Masonry.

Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., said a very important toast had been committed to him, but he questioned very much his ability to display it in proper colours. The toast was that of "The Worshipful Master in the chair, and Success to the Columbia Lodge." He wrote the W.M. a letter to say he coveted his position, but could hold a dual office, being Master of another lodge, and would, therefore, see him placed in the chair with pleasure. They brought with them no tyro, but a man well skilled in the arts and sciences, and perfectly capable of performing the duties. There were few brethren so able and capable of carrying through the work of a Masonic chair as their good friend, Bro. Adolphus Clark. They were sure from the able manner in which he filled the chair in the Anglo-American Lodge, that by asking him to accept the position of Master of the Columbia Lodge they were doing what was right and straight. It was a difficult thing to fill the chair of the Anglo-American Lodge, but Bro. Clark undertook the duties, and would no doubt support the Columbia Lodge with all the ability he displayed in that lodge. There was ample room for the one lodge and the other. They did not wish to clash with the Anglo-American, but to support them to the best of their ability. Long might Bro. Clark live to sit as a Past Master, and assist in ruling and governing the lodge. The second part of the toast was "Success to the Lodge," and he was sure they all wished it success. There was ample room for a second lodge, and they were delighted to feel they were supported. It was but right and proper that any brother Freemason coming into this country desiring knowledge should find some place of rest for the sole of his foot. There were certain rules in connection with the American lodges that tied the members to their own lodges, and they could not join others, but that was no reason why they should not be welcomed here. He agreed with Bro. Hayes that they should look for quality, and not for quantity. He was an old Freemason, and had often said in another lodge what he should like to say here—never invite any man to join your lodge that you cannot take to your own homes. He wished to see the lodge a success, and should assist the W.M. that the lodge might prosper.

Bro. ADOLPHUS CLARK, W.M., thanked the brethren very sincerely for the reception given the toast. He was sure that Bro. Lambert had gone a little out of his way in recommending him to their notice, but that brother knew his heart was on the right side, and that he did all he could for Masonry in whatever position he was placed. He could tell them that that lodge had been formed somewhat on the lines of the Anglo-American Lodge, but he thought it right to say it had not been formed in opposition. He saw the W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge (Bro. Tilton), whom he hoped would understand there was no competition with that lodge. They thought there was room for another lodge of that kind, and believed they could assist the Anglo-American Lodge in carrying out the principal views on which they had been founded, and assist in the reception of American brethren visiting this country. It was the determination of the members to make the Columbia a first-class lodge, second to none in London, and that it should be a credit to the Order to which they belonged. He must say a few words with respect to those brethren of the lodge who had worked so diligently during the past week in making the necessary arrangements for that consecration. There had been a vast amount of labour, and he ought to mention the names of the Treasurer and Secretary, who worked early and late for the benefit of the lodge. He had to thank the founders very sincerely for placing him in that honourable position, and in return he promised to do all he could to merit their entire approval during his year of office.

Bro. H. S. WELLCOME, S.D., in giving "The Consecrating Officers," said they had all been impressed with the great beauty and feeling of the service they had listened to with so much interest, and which had meant so much to them. They had been peculiarly honoured by very distinguished Masons attending to lay the corner-stone. The founding of that lodge was the welding of a new tie to the English-speaking people of the two hemispheres, and anyone who did anything to promote that tie of brotherhood between the English-speaking people did good. If Masonry could, and, certainly, Masonry has and does strengthen that tie, in the founding of that lodge a great blessing had been conferred, and an additional tie made. The distinguished brother, Bro. Colonel Clerke, who had conducted that ceremony, was a gentleman who was well-known in the two hemispheres for his constant services to Masonry, and it was a peculiar kindness for him to lend himself to extending the number of lodges. The Grand Secretary had been assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, whose beautiful oration impressed them so much, and they were especially honoured by the presence of that great Mason who did so much for the ritual in England, and whose example was followed in other countries—he referred to Bro. Fenn, the head of that great lodge of instruction which was the criterion in Masonry. The other Consecrating Officers were well known, but he was sure he could leave it to the brethren in their hearts to make the building of which the corner-stone had been laid a structure in all that was beautiful in Masonry.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, said he felt much flattered at the remarks made. It had been a great and sincere pleasure to take the part he had that day. In the few remarks he made at the beginning of the ceremony he explained the peculiar reasons which caused the founding of that lodge, and they would readily understand that having had the honour of consecrating the original mother lodge—if he could call it so—he had great and peculiar pleasure in being permitted to take a similar part in the ceremonies of that day. Bro. Lambert in his eloquent and charming speech said a great deal he should have liked to say, but he would simply add that he believed the Grand Lodge of England looked very warmly, and were only too delighted to keep up their acquaintance with the excellent brethren on the other side of the water, and he knew personally English brethren were always received on the other side with the greatest hospitality and invited continuously. He was therefore pleased to take any part in furthering the movement which had a tendency to advance the connection between the two countries. He could not sit down without expressing with Bro. Wellcome his appreciation of the services rendered by his excellent brethren who had assisted him and thanking

them for those services. With their valuable assistance he had been able to carry out the work and he thanked them for the way he had been assisted. They had heard his voice a great deal, but he could assure them, as far as he was concerned—and he spoke the sentiments of his colleagues—they were greatly pleased to take part in the ceremonies and hoped the work would in the future bear good fruit.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. ALF. COOKE, J.W., and was followed by "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements throughout the ceremonies and at the banquet table were carried out under the direction of Bro. S. A. Hill, assisted by Bro. J. H. Asman, Alfred Lester, Alfred Stribling, and Frank Ward, all of whom kindly volunteered.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE MILITARY JUBILEE CHAPTER, No. 2195, AT DOVER.

Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, consecrated the Military Jubilee Chapter at Dover, being assisted on the occasion by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Comps. J. S. Eastes, Prov. G.H., as H.; T. S. Warne, Prov. G.S.E., as J.; J. D. Terson, Prov. G.S.N., as S.E.; E. Lukey, Prov. G.S., as S.N.; H. Ward, P.P.G.J., as D.C.; W. J. Lane, Prov. G.D.C., as A.D.C.; and other Provincial Grand Officers.

The proceedings were commenced at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, and there was a large gathering of companions, amongst whom were, in addition to the above, Comps. Capt. A. H. Bradshaw, R.N.; Capt. G. C. Herbert, Lieut. C. F. Heyworth, Col. A. P. Westropp, Capt. E. L. R. Thackwell, Dr. W. J. Best, G. R. Igglesden, W. Cessford, Best, G. J. Bussey, C. Sims, J. J. Wright, A. Crane, W. Francis, Rev. J. B. Harrison, H. Mason, W. Plant, and others.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed by Earl Amherst, the following were installed by Comp. T. S. Warne as the three Principals of the new chapter: Comps. Surgeon G. F. A. Smythe, Z.; Major-General T. Cuming, H.; and Major G. F. Guyon, J. The other officers appointed were Comps. Capt. W. Beresford Baker, S.E.; Lieut. W. Bissett, S.N.; Surgeon C. C. Walter, P.Z., Treas.; Col. A. P. Westropp, P.S.; Capt. W. L. Forbes, 1st A.S.; Sergeant-Major S. White, 2nd A.S.; W. Pearse, P.Z., D.C.; and Lieut. H. J. Newenham, A.D.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire was held last week, in the Town Hall, Bury. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, presided over a gathering numbering nearly 100 members of the Degree. All the 38 chapters were represented with two exceptions.

Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, Prov. G. Scribe N., read the annual report, of the Prov. G. Principals, which congratulated the G. Superintendent upon the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry within the province. The number of subscribing members returned for the past year was 978, against 922 in the previous year, and the finances of the province bore an equally favourable comparison. During their periodical visits to the various chapters, they had observed in many instances that the attendance was good and the working highly creditable. There were some few chapters where there was room for improvement in regularity in holding their meetings and in their working generally, but promises made and assurances given led to the belief that more energy and diligence would be displayed, and that a better result might be anticipated.

The accounts were passed by the meeting, and a sum of £20 was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic and Benevolent Institution.

Comp. Colonel Starkie afterwards invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, 645	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
A. H. Jefferis, 645	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
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W. J. Cunliffe, 317	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
W. S. Weeks, 369	...	...	...	Prov. G.R.
A. Hopkinson, 42	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.
J. Loftus, 128	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
T. Mellor, 128	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
S. Warburton, 645	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Joseph Harling, 283	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
C. E. Collingwood, 298	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Thomas Preston, 269	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
H. Miller, 204	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
James Newton, 37	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
Thomas Higson, 348	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The chapter was succeeded by a dinner at the Derby Hotel, Comp. Colonel Starkie in the chair.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.—A well-known antiquary, born at Lichfield in 1617, and died in London 1692. He came to London in 1638, as a Chancery solicitor; but also it appears, went to Brasenose College, Oxford. He served in the King's army during the civil wars, and after the final victory of the Parliamentarians returned to London, and devoted himself apparently to the study of archaeology, alchemy, and astrology. He wrote the history of the Order of the Garter, and gave his cabinet of curiosities, his books, and some of his MSS. to the University of Oxford, which were the foundation of the Museum Ashmoleanum. He is so far the first Speculative English Freemason of whom we have distinct evidence, having been received at Warrington, October 16, 1746. In 1682, on March 10, he states that he was summoned to a lodge at Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, and attended next day, March 11, when several were admitted into the "Fellowship of Freemasons." Recent researches have proved that Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company, though almost all the persons he names were. It, then, is clear that the "Fellowship of Freemasons" was a lodge of separate Freemasons, more or less speculative. This entry is said to prove that the Master's Degree was not known, but it by no means proves it. The Master's Degree was until a later period even only given, at least at York, in the annual meeting, or at a Master's lodge; and the custom of Masters' lodges separate from the monthly lodge meeting was maintained for some time in the 18th century. Ashmole is said to have put together some MSS. on Freemasonry which so far have eluded all research.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1891.

To Correspondents.

"ENQUIRER W.M."—A Tyler being a serving brother
is not a member of the lodge in which he fills that position,
and cannot therefore be included in the returns to Grand
Lodge.

"YELLOWWOOD."—We have so many times replied to
a similar enquiry in the pages of the *Freemason* that we
can only refer you to our previous issues, in which the story
of the initiation of Mrs. Aldworth has been fully told.

Masonic Notes.

At the moment of going to press we have received
the gratifying intelligence that R.W. Bro. Lord Car-
rington has kindly consented to preside at the next
Festival of the Girls' School. This will be excellent
news for the supporters and well-wishers of the Insti-
tution, for certainly no better or more popular selection
could have been made, and the announcement will be as
gratifying to his lordship's late District and the Grand
Lodge of New South Wales as to his future Province
of Bucks. No date has yet been fixed for the Festival,
but it will probably be held in May or June, so as not
to clash with that of the Boys' School.

We understand also that very little progress has
been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards,
which, when we referred to the subject last, was not
quite 200, and is now only slightly in advance of that
figure. We trust the Committees—for Bro. Hedges,
we regret to say, is away under medical advice—will
bestir themselves to obtain the services of additional
brethren while there is still time for those services to
be productive of benefit to the Festival.

The annual Festival of the Grand Mark Master's
Lodge of Instruction—which occupies in the Mark
Degree the place and authority which belong to the
Emulation Lodge of Improvement in Craft Masonry—
will celebrate its annual Festival at Mark Masons' Hall
on Tuesday, the 14th prox. The *entente cordiale* exist-
ing between the Constitutional and the Mark systems
will stand out very prominently on this occasion, Bro.
Thomas Fenn, President of the Craft Board of General
Purposes, and the leading Emulation authority, having
kindly undertaken to preside as Chairman in his
capacity of a Past Grand Mark Warden. Prior to the
Festival the ceremony of advancement will be rehearsed
with full musical accompaniments, including the chants
and hymns authorised by the General Board. With
such a preparative, and under the auspices of so able
and genial a President as Bro. Fenn, we are satisfied
this Festival will pass off, as it has done in past years,
with great *éclat*.

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With reference to a statement which appeared in our
columns on the 28th ult. to the effect that the Arch-
bishop of York is the only Mason on the Episcopal
Bench, Bro. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, Past G. Chaplain,
very kindly points out that this must not be taken to
apply to the colonies, as there are several Foreign
Missionary Bishops of the Anglican Church—Bro. the
Rev. Dr. Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, British
Columbia, being a case in point—who are members of
the Craft. He even goes further and expresses his
belief that Lord Alwyne Compton, Bishop of Ely, is
a Mason, and when Dean of Worcester, was present
in his cathedral when divine service was held there in
connection with the Masonic Exhibition, and the sermon
was preached by Bro. the Dean of York. Perhaps
some of our readers may be in a position to say if our
reverend brother is right in his belief. We may add
that the present Archbishop of Dublin—Bro. Lord
Plunket—has been for very many years one of the
Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

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We are pleased to see that our brethren north of the
Tweed can now boast of a Masonic periodical. The
Scottish Masonic Record, though only a reprint of
"Mallet's" Masonic contributions, in the shape of news
and comments, to the *Glasgow Evening News*, contains
a considerable amount of information, and as it is pub-
lished monthly, the Scottish Craft will in time have a
permanent record of their doings. We wish our new
contemporary every success.

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"Sincerity" has favoured us with a letter, in which
he expresses his opinion that the Board of Benevolence
is not as considerate as it should be towards those who
are unfortunately obliged to apply to it for relief. We
are sorry we cannot oblige our correspondent by in-
serting his letter. We do not consider it would become
us to find space for such a communication, as the reasons
which influence the Board of Benevolence in their
grants, or refusals of grants, are essentially private.

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The members of the Savage Club Lodge are en-
deavouring to found a Royal Arch chapter to be
attached to the lodge. Out of nearly 150 members it
should be an easy matter to establish a very strong
chapter, and we have no doubt it will be successful.

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Bro. Lord Leigh, though he has presided over War-
wickshire as its Provincial Grand Master for close on
40 years, is still, we rejoice to say, as ready as ever to
assist, Masonically, in any work which is likely to be of
service to the good people of Warwickshire. Last
week, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master, he
laid the foundation-stone of the new wing which is
being added to the Leamington Hospital, and the
lodges and brethren of his province supported him, as
usual, both loyally and in very considerable numbers.
Such an institution as the Leamington Hospital deserves
every encouragement from the Craft, and we are glad it
has received it thus prominently.

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Bro. the Earl of Jersey, since his arrival in New
South Wales, has been the recipient of a vast number
of addresses of welcome, the Masons, both Craft, Arch,
and Mark, being, as usual, conspicuous amongst those
who have approached his Excellency and expressed to
him their hearty good wishes on his assumption of the
important post of Governor of the colony. We have
no doubt his lordship will be as successful as his prede-
cessor, Bro. Lord Carrington, in winning golden
opinions from the colonists generally, and the brethren
in particular.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR GLASGOW.

This handy little guide is printed and published by Bro. George Kenning, and has by far the largest circulation of any of the kind in England and Scotland. It is utilised by the different lodges, chapters, &c., in Glasgow by one page being changed, as required for the various bodies who subscribe largely for copies, and is thus most useful for their members. Small as it is, there is a calendar, lists of officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Glasgow, and much other matter, and a well-arranged table of the days, places of meeting, &c., of all the lodges and chapters for each month of the year, which must have necessitated considerable labour in its compilation. The names and addresses of the Masters and Principals are also given, as well as the Secretaries, and Scribe E's, &c. We note that our esteemed contributor, Bro. Edw. Macbean, is the Z. of the senior Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, and the Preceptor of St. Mungo's Knights Templar. We wish also his inclination led him to be the W.M. of one of the lodges in the city, so that officially he might do his part in relation to the instruction of the Scottish Craftsmen, who would much enjoy his services.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

938] VISITATION OF LODGES.

I am always very pleased to reply to any queries of my brethren, especially when forwarded from abroad, and when the way is clear. Under present circumstances my Brother "Student" will not expect me to speak positively on the subject of visitation, *in relation to the particular case*, but only as offering my own opinion on the two questions submitted. It is better for the W.M., when so far removed from headquarters, to write the Grand Secretary for his official ruling on any disputed point which may occur in his lodge. 1. My belief is that the W.M. was quite correct in declining to accept the recommendation from the two P.M.'s of the Apprentice, *with whom they had not sat in open lodge, neither did they know any brother who had*. Surely to "vouch" for a visitor means that you have knowledge of him *Masonically* by having met him in a lodge? 2. As W.M. of a lodge, or in the chair *pro tem.*, I should not object to receive as a visitor one who had not brought his certificate for satisfactory reasons given, but who produced "other vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge," as Law No. 150 requires; but in the case mentioned the would-be visitor *had no certificate to bring*, which is quite a different matter, and it strikes me he had better by far have written to England for one, which the Grand Lodge would have sent through his lodge in this country, and issued the Master Mason's certificate, when duly required, without any extra charge.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

London Lodge (No. 108).—This ancient lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. J. Baker, W.M.; Horace Quare, S.W.; H. H. Walton, J.W.; E. B. Holloway, P.M., Treasurer; H. W. Green, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Grettton, S.D.; D. D. West, J.D.; H. W. Noakes, I.G.; W. B. Tritton, I.P.M.; J. A. Collings, acting Organist; D. Rolls, P.M.; W. Giles, P.M.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.; J. W. Smart; R. Nevill, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. E. Bond, P.M. 860; J. H. Clayton, J.D. 87; W. Rogers, 1339; J. P. White, 20; D. W. Watney, 91; F. A. Phillips, 704; and J. A. Collings, 1693.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Gosling was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bros. F. J. Horniman, T. J. Vincent, and G. Landsberger were passed. The W.M. then in appropriate terms presented and adorned the breast of the I.P.M., Bro. Tritton, with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, who afterwards returned thanks to the brethren for their kindness.

The usual banquet connected with this lodge was served in a very excellent manner under Bro. Ashby's supervision.

During the evening Bro. Collings presided at the piano in his capacity of musical director, and Bros. Rogers, Bond, Vincent, and others assisted in the harmony with some capital songs, which served to make a most enjoyable evening.

Sincerity Lodge (No. 174).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., Bro. Henry Jay, W.M., presiding. The officers present were Bros. T. A. Starnes, S.W.; Walter Phillips, J.W.; C. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Butcher, S.D.; W. G. Norman, J.D.; W. Harvey, I.G.; Joseph Bayley, D.C.; and H. E. Sambrook, Steward. There were also present Bros. Henry Magee, I.P.M.; J. Bulmer, P.M.; John Newton, P.M.; James Fraser, P.M.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M.; and many other brethren. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. C. H. Halford, W.M. 1607; De Vigne, Barker, Abnett, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bros. J. A. Cruickshank and H. O. Middleton were passed to the Degree of F.C.; and, after several communications had been dealt with, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, served in the well-known capital manner of this familiar resort of Masons.

The usual loyal toasts and those of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were warmly proposed, and as heartily accepted.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. alluded to the position he occupied at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, as the Steward representing the lodge, he took up a list amounting to £174, being the same amount in pounds as the number of the lodge, and said he was pleased that although he did not attain the proud position of Bro. Magee, the I.P.M., on his left, who last year was at the head of all the London lists, still, he was thankful to say that he was not so very far behind this year, as he found he was the sixth highest, and he sincerely thanked the brethren who, by their generous contributions, had contributed to that very satisfactory result. After commending the whole of the Masonic Charities to the active benevolence of the brethren, he concluded by asking them to cordially support Bro. John Newton, P.M., who has consented to act as Steward for the lodge at next year's festival.

Bro. Newton, whose name was coupled with the toast, in reply, eloquently dealt with the claims of each of the three Masonic Institutions, and said he felt it a duty as a member of the House Committee of the Aged Institution to go up as a Steward in its Jubilee year, and he made a stirring appeal to all present to help him on that occasion, and announced, amidst many cheers, that he had already nearly 30 guineas promised on his list.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," &c., were also fittingly proposed and responded to.

During the intervals Bros. Halford, Phillips, Fraser, and Keable contributed several well-known songs and recitations.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—A regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E. Bro. S. W. Timson, W.M., presided, the following officers being present: Bros. Robinson, P.M., acting S.W.; R. C. Pasfield, J.W.; W. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. R. H. Gooch, S.D.; G. A. Anderson, I.G.; and A. W. Ellingford, P.M., Tyler. The following Past Masters assisted the W.M.: Bros. A. Scheerboom, J. H. Pringle, G. Palmer, A. H. Shepherd, and J. Grout, Org. Among the members present were Bros. T. S. C. Cooper, T. Evans, W. Thompson, S. W. Bell, T. Huett, jun., G. H. Seage, J. Spurgeon, G. W. Bebrouth, J. Lancett, H. Truscott, E. E. Morrison, W. H. Vickers, T. Marston, and T. Huett, sen. Among the visitors were Bros. J. T. Munro, 1259; M. B. Bleick, 2374; J. P. Clarke, 898; G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; H. Busbridge, 1259; E. McPhee, 1259; H. Partridge, 1259; J. B. Richards, 813; A. C. Smith; J. Mills, 1765; and others. The brethren present numbered between 50 and 60.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Bell, Thompson, and Evans were then raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Dulley, Joysey, and McPhee, of 1259, were then passed to the F.C. Degree. Messrs. J. P. Perrie, W. H. Lane, and B. Currell having been initiated, Bro. A. F. Todd was elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was then presented, and received the assent of the brethren. The brethren then elected the W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice falling unanimously on Bro. Pasfield. The Treasurer, Bro. Daniell, was then re-elected, and Bro. Ellingford again appointed Tyler. The various ceremonies were worked by Bro. Timson with his usual precision and impressiveness.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was much enjoyed.

The loyal toasts, and those of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly proposed and honoured, the remaining toasts were briefly given and equally briefly replied to.

Bro. A. H. Shepherd proposed "The W.M." congratulating him on his unbroken series of successful business, and addition of active and promising members to the lodge.

For "The Officers," Bro. Seager expressed his will to do all that he could to assist the lodge and help the brethren.

Bro. Burgess also replied.

For "The Visitors," Bros. McPhee, Munro, Bleick, and Parrett added a "few words."

During the intervals various musical composers were honoured by such exponents as Bros. Parrett, Burges, Palmer, and others.

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

City of London Lodge (No. 901).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 16th instant, when a large number of members and visitors attended. Bro. J. P. Hoddinott, W.M., was supported by Bros. G. J. C. Rubardt, J.W.; E. Venner, S.D.; G. M. Gross, J.D.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. Gillard, I.G.; F. Eade, D.C.; A. Ginger, P.M., Stwd.; W. Venner, Daniel Hughes, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; R. Pittam Stevens, P.M.; H. McClelland, P.M.; H. Harbord, P.M.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; C. A. Doggett, P.M. 1704; J. Bartlett, Org. 2030; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; W. Dean, P.M. 1563; W. Burton, I.P.M. 733; G. J. Grace, P.M. 73; J. B. Evans, S.W. Woods, S.W. 865; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; S. A. 172; W. Thomas, P.M. 2045; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; H. Holmes, P.P.G.D. Herts; F. G. Spencer, P.M. 73; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793; C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. Ward, 1257; J. B. Cory, 865; 1922; A. Ellender, 1623; H. J. Dalton, 1701; J. Fleming, 1987; H. Harrison, 917; G. Wallis, 172; J. F. Shepherd, 172; J. Richards, 860; J. Hooper; G. Dyke, 1275; C. S. W. Shannaw, 857; T. Jefferies, Stwd. 1744; W. J. Jones, 2318; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bros.

Dobing and Bayly passed to the Second Degree. The retiring Master, Bro. Hoddinott, then impressively installed Bro. G. J. C. Rubardt as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being supplemented by an anthem—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," and other music, rendered under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. Venner, S.W.; G. M. Gross, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. Gillard, S.D.; F. Eade, J.D.; W. Venner, I.G.; A. Ginger, P.M., Stwd.; H. Barwell, D.C.; P. C. Rogers, T. W. Venner, G. A. Linstead, and J. Hatton, Stwds.; and Turbefeild, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. gave good proof of his proficiency by initiating Messrs. C. H. Burgess and A. E. Stevenson into Freemasonry in an able manner.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, Bro. J. P. Hoddinott, I.P.M., said the gavel had been placed in his hands in order that he should propose the one toast which it was the privilege of an I.P.M. to give—"The Health of the Worshipful Master." It was with peculiar pleasure that he submitted that toast, for 11 years ago the father of the present Worshipful Master initiated him (the I.P.M.) into Freemasonry, and it was therefore with great pleasure that he had that evening installed Bro. Rubardt into the chair. The W.M. had commanded that short speeches should be made, but he should like to say that they had to thank the W.M. for his work, and also for his support in the past years to the Charities. He trusted the members would not only show their appreciation of the W.M. by heartily drinking his health, but also in a more substantial and practical manner by contributing to his list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. G. J. C. Rubardt, W.M., in reply, said it was very kind of the brethren to receive in such a hearty manner all that his friend the I.P.M. had said. Although he did not wish to say much, yet he should like to be able to express his thanks for the kind feelings expressed in reference to that toast. It afforded him sincere pleasure to fill the chair, for it was the greatest ambition of his life to attain what he considered the highest honour a Mason could gain—the chair of Worshipful Master in his mother lodge. He regarded it as a greater honour as it was the chair his father filled, and who initiated, passed, and raised him. He thanked them heartily for the way they had received the toast, and trusted that he should always experience the same kindly feeling and fulfil what the I.P.M. had said in respect to the carrying out of his duties. The City of London Lodge prided itself on supporting the Charities with good lists, and he hoped that this year the brethren would largely increase the sum of 20 guineas which they had generously voted from the lodge funds. He was under a disadvantage, as their installation meetings had formerly been held in January, which gave more time to collect subscriptions, but he trusted the brethren would take that into consideration, and do their utmost to support him. He hoped to take up a list—perhaps not higher than in former years—but yet large enough to sustain the credit of the lodge.

The W.M. then said the next toast which fell to his lot was a very important one indeed. It was "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master." The admirable way in which Bro. Hoddinott discharged his duties during his year of office, and finished it by his impressive rendering of the installation ceremony, would place him closer to their hearts if possible. He could only ask the brethren to drink to the I.P.M.'s good health, trusting he would be long with them, although he had retired from actual office, and that he would cordially assist him (the W.M.) during the coming year. Before, however, they drank the toast there was one great pleasure and duty to perform, which was to pin the Past Master's jewel upon Bro. Hoddinott's breast, and no jewel had been awarded which had been more thoroughly deserved. It was their unanimous wish to see Bro. Hoddinott wear that jewel in his mother lodge for many years to come. There was yet another pleasure, which was to invest their I.P.M. with a Past Master's collar which his brother officers had kindly presented.

Bro. J. P. Hoddinott, I.P.M., returned thanks for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. He felt he did not deserve quite all that had been said of him respecting his year of office, which he regarded in some respects as not so successful as that of many of the Past Masters, but he trusted that under his charge the working had not been allowed to go back. The ritual was perhaps slightly different, and the text was perhaps not quite followed in the same way, but still the principles of Masonry had never been departed from, and they had always been to his faults a little blind, and to his memory very kind. He had to thank them for enabling him to take up 100 guineas to the Charities, the whole of which was subscribed by members of the lodge and brethren present at his installation. He thanked them sincerely that the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart had been present during the past year. He had also to thank them for the handsome jewel presented to him, and which would be kept by him as one of his most cherished possessions.

Other toasts were given, and received in a hearty manner, the speeches being necessarily brief owing to the lateness of the hour.

Under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, an excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. John Bartlett, A. South, Wm. Devey, H. J. Dutton, and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Bro. C. T. Smith, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. L. B. Mozley, S.W.; D. T. Keene, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; W. F. G. Cook, I.P.M., Sec.; G. W. Robson, S.D.; J. K. Gwyn, J.D.; R. Brookman, I.G.; H. Dottridge, D.C.; G. J. Jenkins, Org.; F. Bailey and G. Mackenzie Fraser, Stwds.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; R. Fendick, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; H. J. Bertram, W. F. Bertram, G. W. Hatcher, J. T. Jolliffe, F. Richards, and J. H. Baldwin. Visitors: Bros. Church, F. Jacob, and Hanham.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. L. B. Mozley, S.W. Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas., was unanimously re-elected to that office, and Bro. R. Potter, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. Bros. F.

Bailey, G. M. Fraser, and F. Ricards were elected Auditors, and Bros. J. K. Gwyn, F. Bailey, and J. T. Jolliffe, Almoners. On the motion of Bro. J. K. Gwyn, J.D., seconded by Bro. L. B. Mozley, S.W., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office.

Lodge was then closed, and this being the evening appointed as a ladies' night, the brethren joined the ladies and other visitors in the reception room, and after a short interval a programme of music was most brilliantly executed by the Thames Valley Orchestral Society (Bro. J. K. Gwyn, President) under the able conductorship of H. M. Higgs, Esq. The songs contributed by Miss Marion Fenna and Messrs. Cleaver and Lund were greatly applauded, as were also the pianoforte solo by Miss M. G. Gwyn, and the violin solo by Mr. W. H. Bolt. At the conclusion of the concert dancing commenced in the Pillar Hall, the Orchestral Society again kindly rendering the whole of the music, and at eight o'clock supper was announced. The toasts of "The Queen," "The W.M.," "The Ladies," and "The Musical Visitors" were eloquently given and enthusiastically received. Dancing was then resumed with great spirit till nearly midnight, when the company separated.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The regular meeting of this progressive lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. George H. Reynolds, W.M.; G. Hewett, I.P.M.; G. Foan, S.W.; W. Unwin, J.W.; Geo. Coleman, P.M., acting Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Reynolds through severe illness); A. L. Bullen, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, J.D.; H. S. Walker, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; John Nathan, J. Cox, H. J. Keen, R. M. Carter, J. Wise, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Cox, W. M. Carter, and H. J. Keen were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. J. Wise raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. rendering the ceremonies of the two Degrees in a most admirable manner. The lodge was then closed.

On account of the inclement and snowy weather, many brethren were prevented from attending, and letters and telegrams were received to that effect.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, the 14th instant. Present: Bros. C. H. Cox, W.M.; J. Bladon, S.W.; J. Culver, J.W.; Cooper, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; Foot, S.D.; Lowry, J.D.; Mussared, I.G.; Brooke, P.M., Vienna; Dr. Bott, L.C.C., P.M.; Jakins, P.M.; Cattermole, P.M.; and a large gathering of brethren.

After the Worshipful Master had, in a most satisfactory and careful manner, performed the ceremony of raising two Fellow Crafts and initiating one gentleman, the brethren proceeded to the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Joseph Bladon, the S.W. of the lodge, obtained the unanimous suffrages of the brethren, and thanked them for the great honour conferred upon him. The Treasurer, Bro. Cope, P.M., being again elected to that office.

Routine work having been gone through, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, where the W.M. presided over one of the most numerous and successful gatherings ever held in connection with the lodge, which included 14 or 15 visitors.

The W.M., in the course of his remarks, observed that the season now closing had been one of the brightest they had had. No less than 10 initiates and a number of joining members having, notwithstanding the unusually high fees, become members of the lodge. The sum of 30 guineas had been placed to the lodge Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas on his list as Steward for the Boys' School. He thanked them one and all for their cordial assistance to him during his year of office.

During the banquet a fine selection of music was rendered by Madame Vaudrey and Bros. Perrins, Thom, and Frank Swinford.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; Geo. Everett, G. Treas. elect, I.P.M.; W. W. Westley, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Charlie Woods, Sec.; Andrews, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Langdon, D.C.; Beaven, I.G.; Lyell, Stvd.; Winny, Hon. Org.; Patrick, P.M., Tyler; Stovell, Baldwin, Broomfield, Wyer, P.M.; Lynn, P.M.; Robertson, Gilbert, Merrett, Rashleigh, Hadley, Lawrence, Balcombe, and Roberts. Visitors: Bros. Allen, P.M.; Burtt, and Reed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Broomfield was impressively raised. Bros. Stovell and Baldwin were passed. Bro. Westley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Steele was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Patrick re-elected Tyler. Other business being ended, the lodge was closed.

After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and they were enthusiastically received.

Bro. G. Everett, in proposing "The W.M.," said that although it was the last time he proposed that toast, he trusted it would be received with even more enthusiasm than usual. Bro. Cochrane had ably filled the chair, and fully deserved the jewel that had been enthusiastically given to him. He was very pleased to hear him say that he should prefer that not a large sum should be paid for the jewel, but that the money should rather be given to the Charities. Those were just his ideas. An equally good Mason would follow Bro. Cochrane in the chair, so that the lodge was very fortunate.

Bro. Cochrane, in response, said that as he had said in the past so in the future, he would try to do his very best for the lodge. He had received great kindness from the brethren. He trusted the same good fellowship would always continue in the lodge that had been found in the past year.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the pleasure they had in meeting them. While such good feeling prevailed among Masons the Order must flourish. Bro. Allen was one of his oldest and best friends in and out of Masonry.

In reply, Bro. Allen said that he had spent a most enjoyable evening. He knew Bro. Cochrane's good work, which he had seen in other lodges, and he valued his friendship very much.

Bro. Burtt expressed his pleasure at being present.

Bro. Reed said he had many visits during the past two months. He should be very glad to come to the Duke of Fife Lodge on any occasion. He enjoyed the hospitality equally with the good working.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The W.M. elect, Bro. W. W. Westley—the Masonic Schoolmaster of Clapham." They all loved Bro. Westley, not only for his good work as a Mason, but also for his kind, good, jovial manner. He trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would not only spare him to rule over the lodge in the coming year, but also for many years to enjoy their love and respect.

In response, Bro. Westley thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said it was a great honour. He would have the welfare of the lodge near to his heart. The members were well up in the ritual, and he trusted they would do well for the Charities. He wished to take a large sum for the "Old People" next year when he went up as Steward for the lodge.

Bro. Cochrane proposed "The Officers," and Bros. Folkard, J.W.; Woods, Sec.; and Andrews, S.D., responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening, which had been cheered by the efforts of Bros. Everett, Langdon, Andrews, Roberts, Reed, Harvey, and Winny.

Cricklewood Lodge (No. 2361).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, when there were present Bros. Willing, W.M.; Stacey, S.W.; Potter, J.W.; Stephens, Sec.; Spooner, Hare, Burgess, Paul, Ray (2), Ginger, Brinsden, Whiddington, Wright, Glaspe, Wellsman, Holloway, Hillyard, Hedges, Gullick, Peal, and others. Visitor: Bro. Henderson, 2319.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Shaw was advanced, and Bros. Ray and Wright were raised to a higher Degree respectively. The by-laws having been read, the W.M., Bro. J. Willing, was re-elected for the ensuing year as W.M. The Audit Committee and the Tyler were elected. The brethren decided to have a summer festival, and a Committee was elected to arrange details. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his valued and energetic services. The lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNSTAPLE.

Loyal Lodge (No. 251).—A special meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 16th inst., to welcome Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., the well-known Masonic lecturer. Bro. F. J. Codd, W.M., presided, and besides the members of the lodge, there were present several visiting brethren from Ilfracombe and Torington. Bro. Stevens delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on "The Ritual of Symbolic Freemasonry," to which the brethren listened with the greatest attention, and until the near departure of the railway trains necessarily compelled separation. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was proposed by Bro. C. G. Davie, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, and being seconded by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Russell, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Warden, was unanimously carried. There was a very strong feeling amongst those who had had the advantage of hearing Bro. Stevens' admirable lecture, that the information given was as valuable as the delivery and oratory of the lecturer were fluent and impressive. There can be no doubt that the Craft will gain considerably by his experience and instruction in Masonic working.

BIRKENHEAD.

Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—Bro. A. Moore was, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. At the opening of the lodge Bro. Chas. Roberts, the retiring W.M., presided, and among the members of the lodge and visiting brethren present were Bros. P. Duff, I.P.M.; J. Gamlin, P.M., P.P.G.S.; A. Moore, S.W.; J. M'Nerney, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Sillitoe, P.M.; Thomas Shaw, P.M.; J. R. Simm, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; E. Evans, P.M. 477; Wm. Bennett, P.M. 1670; T. G. Tomlinson, P.M. 1013; S. Jones, P.M. 477, P.P.J.G.D.; L. Ellis, P.M. 1289, P.P.S.; D. R. Jones, P.M. 1276; J. J. Elliott, 1547; J. Lee, W.M. 1269, P.P.G.S.; R. Bown, P.G.D.C.; R. H. Durie, 86; W. Marsden, 477; W. C. Kemp, J.W. 477; D. Cumming, 1609; A. Moorhouse, S.W. 477; Rev. W. S. Spelding, 2375; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas. 292; and others.

The installation ceremony was very efficiently performed by Bro. Roberts, and after his installation Bro. Moore installed his officers for the year with singular efficiency as follows: Bros. Charles Roberts, I.P.M.; J. Watt, S.W.; J. Frazer, J.W.; J. R. Simm, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Treas.; C. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Sec.; Jas. Clark, P.M., D.C.; J. Woodcock, S.D.; R. W. Thompson, J.D.; J. H. Jackson, I.G.; W. H. Reinhardt, W. H. Jones, and A. Birkett, Stewards; and F. W. Holloway, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Music Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. D. Baker, followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. Moore," being drunk with the greatest cordiality by the brethren present.

The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the musical efforts of Bros. S. Kirkham, W. Baker, Charles Roberts, I.P.M.; S. Parry, G. Proudman, J. B. Galt, and J. H. Jackson, the services of the latter in presiding at the organ at the installation ceremony being specially appreciated.

During the evening a handsomely ornamented sword was presented to the lodge by Bro. W. H. Jones, Steward, the sword having previously been the property of the late Bro. Capt. Tebbs, D.G.M. of Canada.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst. at the Royal Forest Hotel, when a large number of brethren attended. Bro. Wm. Shurmur, Prov. Grand Treasurer, W.M., presided. Five gentlemen were initiated into the honourable fraternity, 12 brethren were promoted to the Degree of F.C., and 12 raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Notwithstanding the extensive business on the agenda, the ancient charge, the lecture on the tracing-board, and the

traditional history were each rendered. The whole of the proceedings were conducted in a most perfect manner. The W.M. was ably assisted in his arduous duties by Bros. D. P. Holness, P.M. 1471, S.W.; H. French Bromhead, W.M. 2318, J.W.; G. J. Westfield, P.M. 2184, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hall Brown, P.M.; W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; and J. R. Cordell, W.M. 812.

EAST MOLESEY.

Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Mason, the Installing Officer, supported by the following: Bros. Hy. Holmes, I.P.M.; Chas. A. Itter, S.W., W.M. elect; Thos. Clark, J.W.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Bangs, S.D.; C. R. Wickens, J.D.; Hy. Gardener, I.G.; A. S. Lyons, D.C.; W. R. Hatton, Org.; Chas. Butt, W. J. Millington, W. S. Hatton, O. W. Battley, J. Powell, L. Westwood, W. H. Armfield, and John Lewis, Visitors: Bros. J. Itter, 217; J. Graind, 193; J. P. Pointer, 2202; H. Armfield, 1642; John Mayo, 1614; and Chas. A. Sheppard, Tyler.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimous in favour of Mr. John Lewis. Bro. Hy. Holmes, P.M., presented the W.M. elect to the W.M., Bro. W. J. Mason, who regularly installed Bro. Chas. A. Itter in the chair of K.S. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Clark, S.W.; H. F. Bangs, J.W.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Wickens, S.D.; Hy. Gardener, J.D.; W. P. Hatton, acting I.G.; A. S. Lyons and W. R. Hatton, Stwds.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer, D. of C.; W. J. Millington, Org.; O. W. Battley, Asst. Org.; and C. R. Sheppard, Tyler. The addresses were given by the I.P.M., Bro. Mason, in a very able manner. Mr. John Lewis was admitted and initiated. Bro. H. Holmes, P.M., proposed, and Bro. W. J. Mason, I.P.M., seconded, and the brethren unanimously supported, that a vote of sympathy and condolence be placed on the minutes recording the sad loss Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., had sustained in the sudden death of his wife last October, this being the first meeting of the lodge since the sad event.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a well-laid banquet by Bro. John Mayo, where ample justice having been done, Bro. Chas. A. Itter, W.M., presented to Bro. W. J. Mason, I.P.M. and Installing Officer, on behalf of the brethren, a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Mason responded and thanked the brethren.

The Tyler's toast terminated a happy evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The installation meeting of this old and robust lodge was held on Monday, the 23rd instant, when there was a splendid gathering of Masons from the surrounding neighbourhood. The I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, presided, and performed the duties of Installing Master in a masterly style. There were present Bros. M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; John Mouet, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. M. Pybus, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. Shewbrooks, P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; Wm. Richardson, S.W., W.M. elect; M. R. Wright, J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. J. Jobson, Sec.; G. Craighill, S.D.; W. Stafford, J.D.; A. Dodds, I.G.; Robt. Ferry, Org.; T. W. Bagnall and H. Jackson, Stwds.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; G. C. Potts, T. Tindale, J. K. Sinton, M. Turner, J. Ivison, W. Holtzapple, B. Grise, W. J. Campbell, J. H. Rowell, T. L. Hall, Wm. Douglass, and T. Chegwiddden. Among the numerous visiting brethren were Bros. T. Lambert, P.M. 111; J. Spearman, P.M. 481, P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; W. C. Barron, W.M. 111; W. E. Harker, W.M. 24; F. W. Pittuck, P.M. 1643; Tom Sedding, P.M. 1643; G. N. Patterson, I.P.M. 424; T. R. Short, W.M. 424; J. McKay, P.M. 481; R. Wilson, I.P.M. 1664; T. R. Jobson, W.M. 1664; J. A. Armstrong, S.W. 1664; J. H. Richardson, S.W. 24; R. C. Symonds, P.M. 1626; W. Harris Saunders, P.M. 889, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; R. Jackson, P.M. 1712; J. Smith, 645, Belfast; W. Salmon, 1643; G. Salmon, 1119; A. Bell, 1427; J. M. Elliott, 424; W. Young, 2260; and G. E. Doulsen, 406; and others.

After the opening business Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M., and E. Shewbrooks, P.M., filled the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., presented the W.M. elect—Bro. Wm. Richardson—to Bro. Wm. Brown, I.P.M., who afterwards duly installed the W.M. in an impressive manner. He also gave the ancient charges at the end of the ceremony. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Brown, I.P.M.; M. R. Wright, S.W.; W. J. Jobson, J.W.; M. Corbett, P.M., Treas.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; Geo. Craighill, Sec.; W. Stafford, S.D.; A. Dodds, J.D.; T. W. Bagnall, I.G.; Robert Ferry, Org.; H. Jackson and T. Chegwiddden, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

Three propositions for initiation were made, and after the W.M. had received the numerous congratulations of his visiting friends, the lodge was closed, when most of the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall for the annual banquet, at which the W.M. presided. Amongst those members who could not attend the lodge but were present at the dinner were Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. F. Cook, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; David Sinclair, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; and Col. J. A. Cowen.

The usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts were given, and were duly honoured by Bro. W. Mitford, P.M. 111, P.G.S.B. Durham, and Bro. J. H. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland.

Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., proposed the toast of the evening—"Bro. W. Richardson, W.M."—and, in the course of a very interesting address, referred to the ancient history of the lodge, its formation, progress, and present healthy position.

Bro. Richardson responded in very suitable and excellent language.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. Brown," who replied in his usual terse and pithy way.

Bro. Robt. Whitfield, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

In reply, Bro. W. Harris Saunders, P.M., an old Steward, gave the brethren some interesting information as to the working of the three Institutions.

"The Visitors" was the next toast on the list; and Bros. T. M. Barron, T. R. Jobson, and G. N. Patterson replied.

"The Past Masters of Industry Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and all the Past Masters present acknowledged the honour.

"The Present and Past Officers" and the Tyler's toast completed a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This highly prosperous provincial lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. F. A. Scholding, W.M.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C., acting S.W.; John Smith, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Eales, P.M.; E. Clark, I.P.M.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Harvey, P.M.; Edghill, Gardiner, and Temple.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Whicher was raised to the Third Degree in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., his performance of the ceremony leaving but little to be desired. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. E. Clark, I.P.M., with the collar and jewel of his office in a few well-chosen sentences. Bro. Clark having acknowledged the compliment, apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Kent, Steward; and several lay members of the lodge.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. W. Spearing responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." followed, and having been duly honoured, he replied. In the course of his remarks, the W.M. said that the proposer of the toast had spoken very eloquently, but far in excess of his (the speaker's) merits as a working Mason. He felt quite at home in a lodge of instruction, but when he had to face a critical audience in a regular lodge he somehow did not appear to be doing the work properly. However, they had received the toast of his health so well, that it would be bad taste for him to cavil at the flattering mode in which it had been proposed.

Bro. Clark, I.P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

In replying to "The Health of the Visitors," Bros. Harvey, P.M., and Edghill spoke in high terms of the working, harmony, and hospitality of the Hemming Lodge.

A few other toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated.

This was the last regular meeting of the season.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—A meeting was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The W.M., Bro. F. J. Hayward, opened the lodge, assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. M. Levy, S.W.; J. Edgell, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Fawcett, acting as J.D.; C. Gardiner, I.G.; Long, P.M.; Colbron, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; and Elsam, P.M., Secretary. Letters from Bros. J. Drewett, P.M., and W. Drewett, P.M., were read explaining their absence, and from Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., the J.D. Bros. Edgell, Westmacott, and Spencer proved themselves proficient Craftsmen, and were raised to the Sublime Degree in a most impressive manner. This was the first time the W.M. had worked that ceremony in lodge, and the brethren much appreciated it. The Wardens were also well up in their parts. One candidate was proposed, and then lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.

Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation ceremony in connection with this lodge took place at the Shell Park Hotel, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. T. S. Ramsay was installed Worshipful Master. There was a large gathering of members and visitors. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas F. Hill, 220, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Round, P.M. 1609; J. Shield, P.M. 2335, 1086, 2294; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; J. Bowyer, I.P.M. 667; W. Underwood, P.M. 238 (S.C.); W. McWilliam, Stwd. 1013; J. Bellingham, I.G. 594; E. Cousins, J.S. 1353; D. B. Rish, 241; J. Chipchase, 1570; M. Ward, 724; T. Coulthard, 238 (S.C.); C. Gidden, 2114; G. R. Glossop, 1393 and 2290; Eaton Batty, 1609; J. Griffiths, 1620; and G. W. Hawke, 823.

Bro. J. J. Ramsay, P.M., Past Provincial Grand Purveyor, worked the installation ceremony in a most effective and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master, Bro. T. S. Ramsay, afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Harrison, I.P.M.; W. Pearson, S.W.; J. Leach, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. R. Jones, Sec.; Isaac Jones, S.D.; Daniel Higgin, J.D.; S. Haden Jones, P.M., D.C.; H. Davies, Org.; W. Coulthard, I.G.; and Dr. Higgins, W. Baker, J. F. Cousins, and R. Parkinson, Stwds.

At the close of business an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Thomas Saxon, and during the evening Bro. A. Harrison, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and apron, and a valuable diamond ring, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren.

A most excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. Eaton Batty, S. H. Jones, M. Ward, W. Baker, H. Davis, and others.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. Hood, W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; B. Fearnside, Org.; C. H. Bowmaker and R. J. Smith, Stewards; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, Prov. G.S.B.; G. Berry, P.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Reed, J. C. Creswell, J. A. V. Mason, J. A. Hobday, L. Warren, G. F. Vandervord, J. Pritchard,

H. Cogill, G. E. Underwood, H. O. Grenfell, and A. Prevost. Visitor: Bro. W. Berridge, W.M. 1817.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. New gauntlets for the W.M. and Wardens were presented by the officers. Bro. H. O. Grenfell having been raised, Mr. W. Elam was balloted for and initiated. Some other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

WELLS.

Earl of Leicester Lodge (No. 2237).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the New Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Col. H. W. Fielden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Le Strange, added greatly to the success of the meeting. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Goddard, W.M. 1114, assisted by his officers, and among those present were Bros. Col. H. Feilden, S.W.; A. W. Ralling, J.W.; A. Whitlock, Treas.; H. E. Loynes, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Wm. Temple, J.D.; Geo. Andrews, Org.; A. H. Beasley and Thos. Platin, Stewards; J. E. Player, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; H. J. Sparks, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. Wimble, P.P.G.C.; O. Hudson, P.P.G.S.B.; G. V. Grummett, P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. B. Bircham, P.M. 19 and 1114; E. E. Ransom, P.P.G. Steward; Wm. Harvey, P.M. 1114; G. F. Smith, P.M. 1114; R. J. Marr, Wm. Bower, J. G. E. Davey, G. W. Bishop, J. R. Jackson, L. F. Franklin, H. A. Dewing, W. H. Simms Reeve, F. Palmer, Collis, Bishop, and others.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Col. Feilden, was presented and impressively installed by the outgoing W.M., assisted by Bro. G. V. Grummett, the former taking the installing portion and the latter the addresses and charges. Upon being placed in the chair the newly-installed Master appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Goddard, I.P.M.; H. Dewing, S.W.; A. Whitlock, J.W.; Pearce, Treas.; H. E. Loynes, Sec.; G. V. Grummett, D.C.; Wm. Temple, S.D.; Jas. Smith, J.D.; Beesley, I.G.; G. Andrews, Org.; T. Platin and H. Simms Reeve, Stwds.; and R. Edge, Tyler. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of the services he had rendered the lodge from its foundation, and at the conclusion of his well-chosen remarks, Bro. Goddard suitably thanked the brethren for their kind expression of esteem.

Other lodge business followed, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, held at the Globe Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Hamon Le Strange," being received with much enthusiasm.

During the evening Bros. Wimble, Bircham, Hudson, Goddard, and Jackson rendered some capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

WOOLWICH.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—Bro. S. E. Southgate, W.M. of the above excellent lodge, being unavoidably absent at its meeting on the 18th inst., Bro. W. Webber, I.P.M., presided, and did a rare night's work. The meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and the lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for five candidates—Messrs. R. W. P. Wilkins, J. Brown, G. L. Brown, C. Norman, and C. Sharman—and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated. Bros. Watts and Crouch were then passed, and the lodge was closed. Nothing could exceed the excellent working, except the generous and ready hospitality offered the visitors, for at the dinner which followed Bro. J. W. Miller, P.M., Stwd., assisted by Bros. G. H. Porter, D.C.; and Pamment and Grant, Stwds., were indefatigable in attending to the wants of all assembled.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Wilkins, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; H. King, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. McCollough, S.W.; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; W. Lawson, S.D.; H. Tufnell, J.D.; G. Nichols, I.G.; R. Gooding, P.M. 1536; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas. 13; G. Davis, P.M. 13; A. Knight, W.M. 1472; W. Hewett, W.M. Leigh Lodge; E. Morris, W.M. elect 1789; W. Sanders, J.W. 913; W. S. Edwards, J.W. 1536; J. Whiteheart, J.D. 1536; Rev. J. Horsley, 913; B. Hammond, 913; W. Freeman, 913; W. Barnes, D.C. 13; W. Turvey, D.C. 1472; J. Cocks, 1472; W. T. Legge, 898; E. W. Sennett, 1536; and G. H. Walker, 1441.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the acting I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and, in response,

Bro. Webber said their esteemed W.M., Bro. Southgate, was absent through domestic affairs, he having that day parted with his eldest son, who was then on his way to Australia, so that it was impossible for him to be present in time to carry out the duties of the lodge, but if he had been present the work would have been carried out to their satisfaction—more than he, Bro. Webber, had carried it out. However, he was pleased to occupy the chair once again; it seemed like old times to be in it, even if only for one night. He must thank the brethren, and especially the officers, for the hearty support they had accorded him that night. So far as the W.M. was concerned, he was sure they would find him in every respect worthy of the lodge, and at the end of his year of office acknowledge that he had done his work well. He was pleased to see such an array of brethren and visitors present, some 84 in all, and hoped for many years to see the good old "Nelson" as much respected, as well represented, and as prosperous as it was at the present time.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," for which all the Past Masters present severally responded; "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Syer, Horsley, Morris, Turvey, Sayle, and Hewett; "The Initiates," all of whom responded; "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent singing and reciting added to the pleasure of the evening.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Bro. T. S. Brogden, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers as follows: Bros. E. W. Purnell, S.W.; John Sampson, J.W.; Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. N. Stimpson, acting Sec.; A. Procter, S.D.;

M. Bryson, J.D.; A. Sample, Org.; C. Linley, I.G.; T. Archie and F. W. Laughton, Stewards; and J. Hall, Tyler. The following Past Masters were present: Bros. Mark Rooke; S. Border, Prov. Grand Registrar; T. G. Hodgson, P.P.G.D.; G. C. Lee; C. M. Forbes, I.P.M.; and Geo. Balmford. The members present included Bros. J. A. Askew, John Biscoomb, C. Anderson, D. Scoby, W. Bellerby, A. F. King, C. Wardle, and T. J. Russell. The visitors were Bros. W. Reynolds, 250, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Harper, 566; and J. Horner, 1611.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Todd, P.M., expressed regret, which he felt sure would be shared by the brethren, that the Secretary, Bro. H. Foster, P.M., had been seriously ill, and therefore not able to be in his usual place, but it was gratifying to learn that Bro. Foster was improving in health. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. R. Turner, and having been admitted, he was subsequently initiated by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W., Bro. E. W. Purnell, and the charge being delivered by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Todd, P.M. Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.G. Treasurer, as a visitor, and by permission of the W.M., made an interesting statement as to the Educational Fund of the province, stating that the next Festival will be held on 27th May at Scarborough, under the presidency of the Dean of York, and he urged the need of additional annual subscriptions in order to maintain its present flourishing position. He gave a *resumé* of the funds already devoted to this object, and trusted the movement would be well supported. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Reynolds for his information.

Some other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—A convocation of this successful chapter (the fifth since the consecration in July last) was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 19th inst., when there were present Comps. S. Hewett, M.E.Z.; J. Cox, acting as H.; F. Kedge, J.; W. Hancock, P.S.; J. Coltart, P.Z., as S.N.; C. O. Burgess, acting S.E. (in the absence of Comp. G. Reynolds); W. Clarke, 1st A.S.; S. Jacobs, 2nd A.S.; C. W. Frommholz, Stwd.; G. Stacey, P.Z., Org.; R. F. Potter, Janitor; R. Dawson, G. Foan, A. L. Bullen, W. Hoggins, J. D. Graham, J. Rowe, J. Woodward, J. T. Blyth, G. A. Bergholz, Stanley Spooner, A. Harris, W. J. Thrusell, and R. Kirk. Visitors: Comps. J. J. Woolley, H. 2191; F. Harrison, P.Z. 177; and G. H. Reynolds, 1321.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. S. Spooner, G. A. Bergholz, and A. Harris, of 2191, were impressively exalted into the Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by the Principals and officers. Letters regretting enforced absence from illness were read from Comps. G. Reynolds, S.E., and J. Skinner, S.N.

After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet ably served by Bro. G. P. Bertini.

The customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed in a cordial manner, and heartily responded to.

That of "The Visitors" including Comps. James J. Woolley, F. Harrison, and George H. Reynolds, who replied, expressing themselves in terms of great approval of the manner in which the chapter working had been rendered, and of the hospitality and good fellowship which permeated the Covent Garden Chapter.

After a very harmonious and pleasant evening, the proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast.

HULL.

Kingston Chapter (No. 1010).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present: Comps. Lieut.-Colonel H. Fawcett-Pudsey, M.E.Z.; John Bilson, H.; J. Frank Nicholson, M.D., J.; F. Fullerton, P.Z., S.E.; Major W. H. Wellsted, P.Z., S.N.; C. J. Todd, P.Z., P.S.; George Lambert, M.D., S.B.; J. Campbell Thompson, F. J. Lambert, and others.

The chapter having been opened, and minutes read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. stated that the candidate previously accepted being unable to be present for exaltation, Comp. M. C. Peck, P.Z., P.A.G.D. of C. England, had kindly promised to deliver an address upon Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Peck then, after a brief introduction, reviewed the probable origin of the Order, and its subsequent history, referring to the change from St. John's Gospel to Genesis, Dr. D'Assigny's work, York minutes, earliest known Hull companions, the nine worthies, and also described the old ceremonies of passing the chair and the veils, &c. He exhibited several ancient Royal Arch aprons, and other curious and interesting objects. The address was copiously illustrated by quotations from the works of Comp. Hughan and other Masonic authors, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the lecturer on the proposition of the M.E.Z.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 19th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. R. A. Eldershaw, Z.; E. Willis, H.; Wm. Aldred, Treas.; C. Swinn, S.E.; E. Towell, S.N.; W. B. Russell, P.S.; R. Hughes, A.S.; N. Dumville, P.Z.; J. F. Sasson, P.Z.; J. Cliffe, P.Z.; C. Nathan, P.Z.; J. Andrew, M. Miller, T. J. Naphtali, F. H. Molesworth, P.P.G.S.N.; Joseph Hill, H. Slatter, James Watson, Thos. W. Foxcroft, J. T. Sawyer, and J. Hargreaves. Visitors: Comps. W. Craig Royle, 935; Henry Thomas, P.Z. 277; and G. S. Smith, H. 645.

Derby Chapter (No. 1055).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Victoria Hotel. The following companions were present: Comps. A. E. Tysoc, Z.; T. E. Rigby, H.; E. P. Mead, J.; F. R. Cooper, P.Z.; John W. Thompson, P.Z.; A. Hoversall, P.Z.; J. B. Peace, P.S.; J. Heywood, S.E.; J. B. Kirk, Janitor; J. Chapman, W. A. Brown, John Wardle, John W. Hallam, T. Smith, and S. F. Simons. Visitors: Comps. J. Cookson, J. 993; C. Bagot, 1345; W. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G.O. East Lancashire; John West, P.Z.; Ernest Linck; and R. A. Eldershaw, Z. 204.

Mark Masonry.

CHIPPING SODBURY.

Lyegrove Lodge (No. 218).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 16th inst., when the company present included distinguished brethren of the Provinces of Gloucestershire, Somersetshire, and Bristol, as well as members of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Charles Roberts, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. W. Forth, P.P.D.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres; Bros. Felton, P.G.S., and W. C. Ferris, P.P.G.M.O., took part. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Gunning, I.P.M.; T. Milligan, S.W.; W. Merrick, J.W.; A. King, M.O.; J. Owner, S.O.; H. Rossiter, J.O.; J. S. King, M.O.; J. Newman, Sec.; F. Evans, S.D.; R. Naysmith, Treas.; J. Bennett, J.D.; W. C. Ferris, D.C.; E. Lea, I.G.; and I. les, Tyler.

After the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Grapes Hotel and partook of an excellent banquet, the tables being most artistically decorated with flowers and ferns by the W.M.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).

This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 18th inst. Among those present were Bros. A. Simmonds, W.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; C. W. Davis, J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. J. Porter, I.P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M.; G. Std. Br.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of three guineas was unanimously voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. W. J. Porter, I.P.M., as Steward to the forthcoming Festival of that excellent Institution. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; Woodruff, M.O.; W. Bailey, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice, the W.M.'s speeches being to the point, and commendably brief.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Capt. Walls for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

During the evening Bros. W. J. Porter, E. W. Davis, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Lyell, W.M.; Livett, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treasurer; Poole, acting as Sec.; Langdon, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; King, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Woods, Hennell, Scott, Morris, Gilbert, Cheese, Cope, Lavington, Hudson, Laker, and Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Williams having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Laker having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Laker duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Livett was elected W.M. for the 6th April. Bro. Livett returned thanks and appointed officers in rotation. 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 16th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; W. H. Tucker, S.W.; E. Wits, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; R. G. Moody, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; and H. J. Ollive, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Olliver, who had previously answered the usual questions, being the candidate. It was unanimously resolved to work the Fifteen Sections on Good Friday, Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, in the chair. The lodge was then closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. G. A. Nock, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; H. Neville, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; F. J. Sykes, S.D.; H. Norman, J.D.; H. Tatton Sykes, I.G.; J. W. Drysdale, and D. Hurt. Visitors: Bros. W. P. Fuller, S.; and H. G. Cubitt.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cubitt having kindly volunteered to act as candidate, he went through the usual examination and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. then rehearsed in a very perfect manner the ceremony of passing, and gave the explanation of the tracing board. Bros. G. A. Nock and W. H. Kirby then worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. After the W.M. had risen for the customary three times, the lodge was closed.

It was agreed no meeting should be held on the eve of Good Friday, and the work for the 2nd April will be the third ceremony, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 20th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; H. J. F. Williams, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.;

D. S. Long, Sec.; E. Fox, S.D.; H. Dyne, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; H. Blackman, and W. Hide.

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. Blackman acting as candidate. Bro. A. Williams, offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—The first meeting of this lodge (held under the sanction of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196), was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 21st inst. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Haycock, P.M. 901 and 1196, seconded by Bro. J. W. Tacon, P.M. 1196, Bro. Robert Manuel, I.P.M. 1196, was unanimously elected Preceptor.

Bro. Manuel then occupied the chair of K.S., and briefly explained that the Urban Lodge of Instruction was started with the sole desire by earnest study and persevering work to endeavour to perfect the brethren in the rendering of our beautiful Masonic ceremonies. No spirit of rivalry was entertained for one moment. The standard of working would be that known as "The Logic," which was Emulation working, reverently revised by the late Bro. John Maclean, P.M. 1319, and by Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196 and 1319, J.D. 173, aided by Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364 and 2168; R. Pittam Stevens, P.M. 901, S.D. 173; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677, Sec. 2168; Wm. Thomas, P.M. 2045, J.W. 2222, S.D. 2168; F. J. Potter, W.M. 1321; and Sam Johnson, I.G. 1319. It was hoped that music would be as much associated with the ritual as the Book of Constitutions permitted. Bro. Manuel then appointed officers as follows: Bros. R. S. Oakeshott, S.W.; J. W. Tacon, P.M., J.W.; W. E. Haycock, P.M., I.P.M.; Paul Alliston, S.D.; C. J. Dear, J.D.; J. S. Mountford, I.G.; J. F. Ballard (in the absence through indisposition of Bro. F. R. Farron, W.M. 1196), acting Sec.; and John W. Freeman, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Manuel rose the usual times. A Committee was appointed and instructed to prepare by-laws for submission for approval to the Grand Secretary. Letters of regret at inability to be present were read from Bros. James Terry, (founder and honorary member), Jonathan Pearson, P.M., R. H. Blatchford, P.M., Fred. Eckstein, P.M., J. F. Beck, P.M., J. Harcourt Lee, P.M., A. M. Webb, S.D., and James Very, Tyler, of 1196. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; E. G. Young, I.G.; A. Wolter, P.M.; T. E. Newman, H. J. Kimbell, R. Loomes, E. H. Bury, J. M. Scarlett, P.G.W. Essex, and Milton Smith.

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. Loomes being the candidate. Bro. Kimbell answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kimbell being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was then worked by Bro. Wolter, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—At the usual meeting of this lodge, held at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 19th inst., there was a numerous attendance to witness the working of the Sections by that able Bro. E. Talbot. The officers were as follows: Bros. E. Talbot, J.D. 65, W.M. and Section Master; J. G. Millbourn, P.M. 13, S.W.; Dormer, W.M. 1571, J.W.; Duffield, P.M. 1571, Preceptor; Colley, J.W. 1571, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, 228, Asst. Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Borrett, J.D.; and Ives, P.M., I.G. The following brethren were amongst those present: Bros. Smith, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Kemble, P.M.; Larter, Emden, Morgan, Watts, Marshall, Stafford, W. Wood, Johns, Francis, Carlton, Dray, Sarson, Lemon, Barrett, Brame, Gaywood, Copper, C. Clarke, Rev. T. W. Dunscombe, Wear, G. Clarke, Thatcher, Prior, Mitchell, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bros. Larter, Johns, Morgan, Duffield, Millbourn, and Borrett respectively. The lodge having been called off and on, was then opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Duffield, Gaywood, Millbourn, and Ives respectively. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. Faulkner and Prior. The lodge being resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rising for the first time, several new members were admitted, and the dues collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was announced that the officers for the ensuing week were duly appointed. Upon the W.M. rising for the third time, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him, which he acknowledged. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Preceptor, Honorary Secretary, and the brethren who had assisted in working the Lectures, all of which having been acknowledged, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Warwick, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; W. T. Winsor, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, acting Secretary (on account of severe illness of Bro. G. Reynolds); R. Kirk, acting Preceptor; A. Cogliati, S.D.; J. Foulaster, J.D.; C. Guffanti, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. J. Pedant, J. Wise, J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, W. Hoggins, G. Foan, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Wise having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R. Kirk worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second

time, Bro. J. R. Harnell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, a unanimous vote of thanks was voted to Bro. J. H. Warwick (the same to be entered on the minutes) for the very admirable and clear manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation in this lodge of instruction for the first time, and also for the careful manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. Proposed by Bro. R. Kirk, seconded by Bro. George H. Reynolds. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. G. Danby, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; R. W. Gatliff, I.G.; E. E. Geflowski, W. B. Neville, J. Wiggins, A. G. Talbot, E. J. Green, and J. H. Neville.

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. Wiggins acting as candidate. Bro. W. B. Neville offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard delivered the charge to the initiate. Bro. R. H. Williams acted as Preceptor during the ceremonies. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., J.W.; James Sims, P.M., I.P.M.; Joseph Cox, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Baxter, S.D.; G. E. Higginson, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; E. J. Green, Stvd.; B. H. Dames, J. W. Lightfoot, C. C. Barber, F. W. Woodard, E. E. Everett, W. G. Foster, H. Wake, R. Phillips, H. F. Williams, J. R. Hubbard, G. Swann, W.M. 865; W. Fayers, W. H. Tucker, R. W. Gatliff, and A. Carlstrom.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. E. J. Green, W. C. Williams, C. C. Barber, W. J. Coplestone, F. W. Woodard, G. E. Higginson, and James Sims. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Dresden, Jesse Collings, F. W. Woodard, G. E. Higginson, and F. Craggs. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Cox, Fayers, and Everett. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Carlstrom, Tucker, Gatliff, Phillips, Wake, and Hubbard were elected joining members. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Collings, Preceptor, and the brethren who had so ably worked the Sections. The Wardens were elected honorary members, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Hayler, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Bristow, J.W.; Hobbs, acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; K. White, S.D.; Chabot, J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Cleghorn, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Hewlitt, Badderley, Roberts, and Glover.

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. Coughlan being candidate. Bro. Hayler vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Hobbs. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering itself the lodge was closed.

WEST MALLING.—MALLING ABBEY LODGE (No. 1063).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Bear Hotel, when there were present Bros. D. T. J. Lyle, W.M.; S. Wagon, P.M., Preceptor; T. W. Neech, P.M.; C. R. Cockburne, P.M. 20; C. Graham, P.M., P.Z.; T. Clibbon, P.M. 20; W. D. Wiggins, 20; S. E. Morgan, P.J.D.; E. Weller, S.D. 503; Oliver, Wind, W. M. Pope, H. M. Apps, T. Hodges, Watford, G. Butler, T. Russell, and several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. W. M. Pope, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first four Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. C. Graham, T. W. Neech, S. Wagon, D. T. J. Lyle, and W. M. Pope, after which the lodge was closed in the usual manner, when the brethren retired to a dinner, which was served up in admirable style. The usual loyal toasts were given and honoured, a very pleasant evening being spent, well filled up with the musical talents of Bros. Wind, Russell, and Apps.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H. 1329, H.; McIntyre North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Murché, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Dale, A.S.; Benedetti, Z. 1275; G. Powell, P.Z.; Axford, P.Z.; Phillips, P.Z.; Scott Young, P.Z.; Wingham, J.; Jackson, H.; and T. Grumman, P.Z.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the ceremony of installation of First and Third Principals was rehearsed by Comp. Moore, who installed Comp. Grumman into the chair of Z. Comp. Wingham installed Comp. Axford into the chair of J. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Axford personating the candidate. Comp. J. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the 3rd prox., when the installations of the Second and Third chairs will be rehearsed.

The annual supper will take place on the 17th prox. at the above hotel. The chair will be taken by Comp. Benedetti, Z. 1275.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).— This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights T. Wood, E.C.; H. J. Lardner, Prelate, P.E.C.; L. Steele, 2nd Captain; Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.C.; G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.E.C.; P.G.C.G., Reg.; N. Prover, M.A., C. of L.; Maple, Std. Br.; H. Hills, D.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; and W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C. (Hon. Member).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. F. Egbert Roberts, M.E.Z. 1623, was duly inducted as a member of the Order by the E.C. It was unanimously resolved that the summer outing take place on the 24th June next, the banquet to be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; Dr. Lott, P.G.O.; J. B. Glenn, P.E.C.; J. H. Thomas, Capt. Hawkins, Major Richardson, C. Slater, Sir Love-Jones-Parry, Bart., and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts followed.

Sir Knight Major Stohwasser acknowledged in a happy speech the toast of "The Officers of Great Priory."

Other toasts followed, but the event of the evening was the presentation of a testimonial to Sir Knight William Paas. It consists of a pair of bronze vases and two articles of plate, chosen by himself. At the request of the E.C., the Registrar made the presentation. In the course of his speech he spoke of Sir Knight Paas' long connection with the encampment—27 years. He served the office of E.C. a quarter of a century ago, and shortly afterwards was elected Treasurer, a position that he had only just vacated through ill-health and a severe domestic affliction that had overtaken him by the death of his eldest son. Every member of the encampment looked upon him with affection, and he (the speaker) believed that in all stations of life Sir Knight Paas had discharged his duties as a good man, a zealous Mason, a kind husband and father, and last, but not least, a sincere friend.

Sir Knight Paas, who was quite overcome, made a very affecting speech in reply. He said that he should have been quite content with the honorary membership of the encampment, but the members had been so kind to press upon him something more tangible that he could not with good taste decline. His two youngest children had expressed a desire that they might have something to look upon to remind them of the estimation in which their father was held, and he had fallen in with their wishes. He hoped to live some few years longer, and he should endeavour to attend the Mount Calvary meetings as frequently as his health would permit. In conclusion, he thanked the members most sincerely for all their kindness, and particularly the Treasurer and Registrar, for the trouble that they had expended on his behalf.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

DARLINGTON.

St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).— The meeting of this preceptory, postponed on account of the death of the Provincial Sub-Prior, was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., Sir Knight F. Tovey, E.P., presiding.

The usual routine business being transacted, Sir Knight E. Cowper, E.P. elect, was presented to Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, the Installing Preceptor, who inducted him on to the throne of the preceptory with the usual ceremony. The following officers were then appointed: Sir Knights T. M. Barron, Prelate; W. Hodgson, Constable; R. Luck, Marshal; C. H. Backhouse, Sub-Marshal; Rev. R. Coulton, Chamberlain; H. Warwick, Herald; and C. H. Sharp, Capt. of Guards. The following motion was then adopted: "That this preceptory records on its minutes its deep regret at the loss it has sustained in the death, on February 4th, 1891, of Sir Knight Henry Maddison, Sub-Prior of the Province of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, who occupied the position of Eminent Preceptor of this preceptory in the year 1880, and who, by the practice of those virtues which adorn the Masonic profession, endeared himself to all its members, and it orders that the Registrar do convey to Mrs. Maddison and family its sympathy with them in their great bereavement."

Hearty congratulations were then given by the visiting fratres, and the preceptory was closed, the sir knights adjourning to the banqueting room to dinner, on the invitation of the E.P., Sir Knight Cowper.

Sir Knight Henry Maddison, whose death has been so often mentioned in our recent reports of North country meetings, was essentially a self-made man, who, by his energy and integrity, rose from small beginnings to a position of considerable affluence. The respect in which our deceased brother was held was manifested by the large gathering of friends and neighbours, and the number of representatives of the various bodies with which he had been connected, who attended his funeral at West Cemetery, Darlington, on Saturday, the 7th ult. He was an ardent Mason, and in his dealings with those with whom he came in contact, whether in business or in social or Masonic relationship, he displayed the true characteristics of the mystic art, for he was good natured and generous, and never forgot the great lesson in Masonry, to speak only well of his fellows, or if that could not consistently be done to observe a prudent silence. He was born at Stanhope, but passed the whole of his active business life in Darlington, in which town he took a fair share of public duties. He was for some time a churchwarden of the parish, and up to the day of his death a member of the Board of Guardians. Amongst the many brethren present at the funeral were Bros. J. Monks, representing the Grand Cross, Newcastle; Dr. Hill Drury, the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory; R. A. Tuck, St. Cuthbert's Rose Croix Chapter; S. F. Bousfield, St. Cuthbert's Priory of Malta; W. Lear, Darlington Mark Lodge; J. Bailey, Vigilance Chapter; W. C. Barron, Restoration Lodge; W. Hobson, North-Eastern Railway officials, and others. The coffin was covered with wreaths and mute offerings from his many friends, among which may be noted a large triple cross from the Grand Cross, Newcastle, and an appropriate emblem borne by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury from the fratres of St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, which consisted of a large

Preceptor's cross of scarlet geraniums, surrounded by an oval wreath of delicate white Roman hyacinths, bearing the words, "In hoc signo vinces," the whole resting on a large cross patent of purple violets. Bro. Maddison, 30°, was a P.M. No. 111, P. Prov. G. Reg. Durham, P.Z. Vigilance Chapter, P.M. Darlington Mark Lodge, Sub-Prior of the Province of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, &c.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A meeting of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 20th inst., Bro. E. G. Harwood, Chairman, presiding. The principal business was the adoption of candidates for the support of the province at the forthcoming election on the London Masonic charitable foundations, viz., one for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and three old men and one widow for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

Bro. Harwood was re-elected Chairman, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year, and these brethren, together with the Secretary, Bro. J. Chadwick, were appointed a deputation to attend the Masonic election in London.

It was decided to recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to make grants to the unsuccessful and accepted candidates for the Benevolent Institution.

Afterwards a meeting was held of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. It was reported that dramatic performances in aid of the funds had resulted at Rochdale in £54, and at Bolton in £53, being handed over to the Charity.

Bro. Kershaw was elected on the Finance Committee, in the room of Bro. Jeffery, the Treasurer, and Bro. Geo. Hunt's place on the Relief and Education Boards was filled by the appointment of Bro. Martin Thomas.

With these alterations the Boards and Committee named were re-constituted as before.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1622.

The above took place at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Jeffery, W.M. 1622; D. Rose, P.M., Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Stone, Asst. Sec.; Hilton, P.M.; Frank Williams, W.M. 101; H. Martin, Lankester, Dr. Keates, W. Briant, H. Wood, Whitehead, W. E. Jeffery, Dawson, Addington, P.M.; G. Thompson, Channon, P.M.; Vilven, F. Wint, Thos. Thompson, Shelvey, Bigg, J.D. 898; Dr. Webb, W.M. 1329; Wavell, J. Wint, Payten, Jonah Evans, Potter, Head, Chaveaux, Org.; Hayes, Dowsett, Loader, P.M.; Kirby, Cass, Filler, Brencley, George, P.M.; Earl, J. Smith, P.M.; Wrathall, Ruff, Wal, and Woodwell.

The minutes of the last weekly meeting were confirmed. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. Lankester, Dr. Keates, Bigg, J. Evans, Brencley, George, P.M.; Wal, Woodwell, and Vilven.

The lodge called off and adjourned to an excellent supper supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Woodwell, assisted most ably by his energetic manager, Bro. Ruff.

The supper over, the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily received.

"The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by Bro. Jeffery in a few well chosen remarks, and was well responded to.

The next toast, the PRESIDENT remarked, was the toast of the evening, which was "Success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction." Its working was well known in South London, and he might say almost over the world. It was second to none, and its reputation redounded upon the excellent Preceptor they had, who was the first Master and one of the founders of the parent lodge. He would couple with the toast their beloved and honoured Preceptor, Bro. D. Rose, P.M.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In reply Bro. ROSE stated for the manner the toast had been given and received, he thanked the brethren for the compliment. It had been his privilege and extreme pleasure to respond to that toast for the last 17 years. The lodge had passed through many vicissitudes, but now he could say the love and affection which existed among the brethren and the splendid gathering that evening encouraged him, and he was confident it would go on and prosper. Of the working he could not refrain from mentioning one of the brethren, Bro. Hilton, P.M., who was always ready and competent to perform what duties devolved upon him, and in his absence he knew everything was carried out in its entirety as though he were present. He had assisted him for the last 12 or 13 years, and he was much obliged to him for his able assistance. He might say the work had been complimented in high quarters, and a worthy brother on hearing the Fifteen Sections worked, some short time since, had replied he had never heard them more grammatically rehearsed. As regards the lodge being known over the world, he might say a short time since a communication reached him from Natal asking him particulars concerning the ritual. Also from one of the popular City lodges—Temple, No. 101; there were no less than 17 members present, thereby showing the deep interest taken. The excellent quarters the lodge met in afforded every comfort, and for the kindness received at the hands of all the brethren, he would promise so long as health and strength lasted he would be most happy to do all in his power to maintain the high position the lodge of instruction held.

The toast of "The President" was next given in a few well-chosen remarks by Bro. LOADER, P.M., stating that it was the custom on those occasions to ask the W.M. of the mother lodge to preside, to which he readily assented. They all knew how ably he did his work, and what support he gave to the lodge of instruction. He would ask the brethren to drink most heartily to his health.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, thanked all for the hearty manner in which the toast was received. He was proud to be the Master of Rose Lodge, and to have the honour of presiding over such an excellent gathering as the present. The credit entirely belonged to their worthy Preceptor for the able tuition given by him, and every Master of the Rose Lodge acknowledged the same.

The next was the toast of "The Visitors," who, the W.M. said, were most heartily welcome. He trusted they would swell the roll of members, and would couple the name of Bro. George, P.M., with the toast.

Bro. GEORGE replied, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend, and he thanked them for the honour of being called upon to respond. He was the guest of Bro. Frank Williams, the highly-esteemed Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge. Being a Past Master of 11 or 12 years, he was pleased to visit and keep up the spirit of emulation which should exist. The officers of the Temple Lodge, whose working had often been commented on, he found were members of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, and of the present gathering he found no less than 17 were members of the Temple Lodge. To attend such a lodge of instruction augured well for the future working of that lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary," remarking that no words of his were needed to recommend it. Of the Treasurer, no one could guard more jealously the funds and apply them more judiciously. Of the Secretary, it would be impossible to find a brother able to carry out the duties in such an admirable manner as he. In fact, they were greatly indebted to him, and he trusted he, with the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, would long be spared to serve the lodge of instruction so faithfully and well.

Bro. J. DUNN, P.M., Treasurer, replied that it was the first time he had had the honour of the proud position of Treasurer. He must state for the assistance he had received from that lodge, which had enabled him to pass the chair, he was deeply grateful. The funds were well cared for, and given in the cause of the needy and distressed.

Bro. T. GRUMMANT, P.M., Secretary, thanked the brethren very sincerely for responding so heartily to the toast. He had occupied the honoured position for 11 years, and it was the proudest moment of his life to serve such a lodge. In fact, it could not be otherwise on account of the unceasing kindnesses received at the hands of the brethren. He should like to give a few statistics: There had been during the year 47 meetings; number of attendances, 1242, giving an average of nearly 26. During the year there had been 51 new members, making a total of nearly 500 on the books. There was one remark specially he would like to make, and that was the Charitable Association attached to the lodge would in all probability during the 10 years send to the various Masonic Institutions nearly £1000, which he thought was worthy of the brethren. He trusted for health and strength, and so long as he was blessed with such his whole energies would be most heartily given in such a service.

The Asst. Sec., Bro. C. H. STONE, J.D. 507, replied in a few words. He said he was proud to be attached to such a lodge, and associated with such worthy officers and brethren. He would emulate them in all he possibly could, and would devote his humble services in the benefit of all concerned.

The W.M. expressed deep regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., the late Treasurer, who had been compelled to resign the position he had filled so worthily for some years through ill-health.

The toast of "The Host, Bro. Woodwell, with his able Manager, Bro. Ruff," was next given.

Bro. WOODWELL replied, thanking the brethren for so cordially drinking his health. He said he was delighted to have such a lodge conducted in his establishment, and he would endeavour to the best of his ability, as he had always done, to enhance the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. RUFF also briefly but heartily thanked the brethren, and said nothing gave him greater pleasure than catering and providing every comfort for the brethren.

The toast of "The Organist" was given by the W.M. The ORGANIST, in reply, stated the great pleasure it gave him to preside, and he thanked the brethren for receiving the toast so heartily.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Chaveaux, the able Organist of 1622, and most efficiently assisted by Bros. Plant, J. Wint, Harcourt West, S. Earl, J. Shelvey, G. Thompson, Potter, Frank Swinford, Wm. Price, Robt. Rae, and Jos. Hay.

AN ANCIENT CHARGE.

Bro. Aslatt, of Southampton, P.P.S.G.D. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and P.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, has in his possession an original printed copy of "a short CHARGE, delivered to Brother WILLIAM WINSTON, on his being invested and installed Right Worshipful Master of the PALLADIAN Lodge of Free and accepted Masons, in the City of HERTFORD, on the Festival of St. JOHN the Evangelist, A.L. 5767, A.D. 1767. By BRO. WELLINS CALCOTT, P.M."

It runs as follows:

Right Worshipful SIR,

By the unanimous voice of the members of this lodge, you are elected to the mastership thereof for the ensuing half-year; and I have the happiness of being deputed to invest you with this ensign of your office; be it ever in your thoughts, that the ancients particularly held this symbol to be a just, a striking emblem of the divinity. They said, the GODS, who are authors of every thing established in wisdom, strength, and beauty, were properly represented by this figure. May you, worthy brother, not only consider it as a mark of honour in this assembly, but also, let it ever remind you of your duty both to God and man. And as you profess the sacred volume to be your spiritual tressel board, may you make it your particular care to square your life and conversation according to the rules and designs laid down therein.

You have been of too long standing, and are too good a member of our community, to require now any information in the duty of your office. What you have

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At a meeting of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffield, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, Bro. T. Dixon was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Cheeryble Musical Society have sent in a petition for the formation of a lodge in connection with their society.

Bro. William Smith, one of the brethren we mentioned last week as having been nominated for the new Board of Management of the Boys' School, was wrongly described as W.M. of Lodge No. 293, whereas he is W.M. of No. 933.

The anniversary festival dinner of the Homes for Little Boys at Farningham and Swanley in Kent was held in the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 20th inst., when donations and subscriptions were announced to the amount of £1200.

Among those who attended the Liverpool Spring Meeting on Friday, the 20th inst., when Come Away won the Grand National, were the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Lord Randolph Churchill, and Bro. Viscount Combermere.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has nominated Bro. H. J. Foster—who has just been elected a joining member of the Aldersgate Lodge, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Alderman Renals—for the office of Sheriff of the City of London for the ensuing year at the recent Court of Aldermen.

A lecture on Swordsmanship was given by Capt. Egerton Castle on the stage of the Lyceum Theatre—kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. H. Irving—on the 20th inst., at which the Prince of Wales and Bros. the Earl of Wharcliffe and Lathom were among those present.

The Empress Frederick of Germany, and the Princess Margaret of Prussia, after taking leave of her Majesty, left Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace on Monday, and after a short stay in town will go on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

A special meeting of the Court of Aldermen was held at the Guildhall on Friday, the 20th inst., when Bro. Frank Green, the new Alderman for the Ward of Vintry, was introduced and sworn. Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress afterwards gave a dinner party at the Mansion House, at which Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Green were the principal guests.

The festival dinner of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum will take place at the Savoy Hotel on Wednesday, the 22nd April, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale has kindly consented to preside. Amongst the Stewards on this occasion we observe the names of Bros. John Aird, M.P., Sir Polydore De Keyser, Sir Reginald Hanson, Horace B. Marshall, and Sir John H. Pulestone, M.P.

The will of Bro. James Gunston Chillingworth, formerly of 44, Great Tower-street, wine and spirit merchant, and late of Torquay, who died on January 8th, was proved on the 16th inst. by Bro. James Giesman Chillingworth, the son, and Mr. Edward Wheatly, the surviving executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £10,000. Subject to the payment of a few legacies, the testator gives all his estate and effects, both real and personal, to his said son absolutely.

The Deputy Grand Master, with his sons, Lord Skelmersdale and the Hon. Richard Bootle Wilbraham, and Lady Skelmersdale, Sir Henry Tyler, M.P.; Lord Sandhurst; the Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and his father, Earl Fortescue; Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P.; Sir Spencer Ponsonby Fane, K.C.B.; Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, Col. Howard Vincent, C.B.; Sir Charles Mark Palmer, Bart., M.P.; Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, M.P.; Mr. Arnold Morley, M.P.; and Mrs. and Miss Benson were at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Sunday, when the Archbishop of Canterbury was the preacher.

Bro. Arthur Collins was last week presented with a gold chronometer, chain, and scarf pin by the principal members of the staff and actors at Drury Lane Theatre, as a token of their esteem for him in his capacity as stage manager, where, without showing fear or favour to any one, he has won the respect and affection of all brought in contact with him in their professional career. A more efficient stage manager we do not know, and we are sure a brilliant future is before this youthful and skilful manager. At the Covent Garden Ball he appeared as a Chinese giant, and so cleverly he made up that his intimate friends did not know him. It is not astonishing to know he gained a ten-guinea prize. His charming wife was also a prize winner.

The Editor of the *Madras Masonic Review* thus delivers himself: "Shut out in the cold as we are from all knowledge of what is going on in Madras, it is rather difficult to find matter for a Magazine. When in addition to the distance, it is remembered that the editor has to travel on an average 300 miles every month by bullock coach, it is plain that he cannot do justice to the paper. Unless, therefore, some energetic brother in Madras will undertake the task of editing the paper, we are afraid the *Madras Masonic Review* will have to cease. Now is an opportunity for a brother to step into the breach and carry on the work. No pay and plenty of work are the only perquisites, but he will save Madras Masons the disgrace of being found too apathetic to keep up a paper of their own."

On the 18th inst. the Lodge Paisley St. Mirrin, No. 129 (S.C.), held their annual soiree in the Minor Town Hall. Bro. Richard MacGregor, R.W. Master, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by a number of other gentlemen. The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, referred to the recent Masonic bazaar at Edinburgh, which would enable them to extend their assistance to those of their number who had been reduced to poverty and distress. Their Order in Scotland could boast of having a fund of something like £29,931, exclusive of the £15,000 raised by the above bazaar. They had not yet reached the zenith of their success, and it lay with all, by individual effort, to do their utmost to promote the interests of the Order. Other speeches were delivered, and an attractive programme of musical selections was ably rendered.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and Lady Gorst left London for Teneriffe on Tuesday, where they will spend some three weeks, so that Sir John may completely recover from his recent sharp attack of gout.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., who some time since was offered, but refused, the Chairmanship of the Royal Commission, has been again pressed to undertake the duty, and has at length agreed to accept it.

The Hybrid Committee of the House of Commons on the London Water Supply has been completed, among the members being Bros. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., T. H. Bolton, Sir Algernon Borthwick, and H. W. Laren.

The annual dinner of the "Devonians in London" was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Saturday last under the presidency of Lord Clinton, Lord-Lieutenant of the county, among the principal guests being Bros. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., and Pitt-Lewis, M.P.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, held at Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, on Saturday last, and in the course of his speech mentioned that during the 60 years of its existence it had been the means of saving the lives of some 35,000 persons.

A ladies' committee has been formed for the purpose of organising a fund to present the Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck) with a silver wedding gift on the 28th anniversary of her wedding on the 12th June. Among the members are the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, the Dowager Countess of Shrewsbury, and the Lady Egerton of Tatton.

The wedding trousseau of the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, second daughter of Prince and Princess Christian, is in course of preparation at Windsor. The Princess Christian, in order to encourage home industries, is having a number of rich silks specially manufactured by the Spitalfields weavers. All the costumes will be ready by June.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness Henry de Worms entertained the King of the Belgians at dinner on the 20th instant, among the guests invited to meet his Majesty being the Austrian Ambassador and the Countess Deyson, the Spanish Ambassador, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, and the Belgian Minister and the Baroness Solvay.

Our readers, both at home and abroad, will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of Bro. John Lane, of Torquay. He was taken suddenly ill on Saturday afternoon, and for some time his life was despaired of. Bro. Lane was somewhat better on Sunday, and has since remained in the same condition, which, although not hopeless, causes great anxiety to his many friends.

Our attention has been called to the fact that in the list we printed last week of brethren nominated for the new Board of Management of the Boys' School we did not fully describe their Masonic rank. We can only say that we copied the names from a document in general circulation, and were therefore not responsible for the omissions, but we feel quite sure the brethren in question, although shorn of some of their titles, are fully qualified for the position, and will not suffer in their candidature from omission of a few letters more or less at the end of their names.

Nowhere is the stream of Masonry found purer than in Dublin, Ireland, and this purity is due to the method of admitting candidates in that city. After a name has been submitted to a lodge within the Dublin jurisdiction, it is sent, accompanied by the report of the Examining Committee, to the Board of Masters. This Board meets once a month, and consists of the Master of every Dublin lodge. The candidate's name is here brought forward, and his antecedents fully discussed. The Master of the lodge in which it is proposed to initiate him is present. The good of Masonry is the object aimed at by all. There is no over-anxiety on the subject of initiation fees. In fact, the candidate is approved or rejected strictly on his merits.—Correspondent of the *Freemasons' Journal*, New York.

Cambridge carried all before them at the University Sports at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on the 20th, the Light Blues securing six out of the nine events set down on the programme and making a dead heat of the 100 yards, so that Oxford only scored two victories—in the quarter-mile and mile. The Cambridge wins were in the putting the stone, throwing the stone, the high and long jumps, and the hurdles and three miles. However, on Saturday, Dark Blues won the boat race, but by a short half-length and after one of the most gallant struggles over the whole course ever witnessed. The rival boats were never clear from beginning to finish, while during the progress of the race, the advantage was sometimes with one crew and sometimes with the other.

A very successful concert was given in the Town Hall, Rochdale, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in aid of the Masonic Charities. There was a very large attendance of brethren in full clothing, and an excellent programme was admirably carried out. Bro. Parker's choir greatly distinguished itself, and there were several numbers effectively rendered by Miss Berry, Misses C. and H. Ashworth, and Messrs. T. L. Roberts, and C. Parker, Miss Williamson and Bro. Wrigley in the first part, and in the second part Misses Williamson and Berry, the Misses Bartle and S. E. Clegg and Mr. Gibbons, Bro. C. Parker, Bro. A. Owen, and Miss S. Berry. Mr. J. H. Greenwood's humorous contributions were greeted with hearty laughter, and Mr. B. C. Crossley displayed his usual ability as accompanist. The gross proceeds of the concert was £35.

There seems to be a growing tendency in modern trading either to avoid altogether the intermediary profits of the middleman, or to reduce those profits to a minimum. In many cases the manufacturer is opening up direct communication with the consumer, much to the advantage of both. A somewhat novel system has been adopted by Mr. A. Colquhoun, of Eildon Mills, Galashiels, the well-known manufacturer of tweeds, who not only supplies consumers as well as the trade direct, but undertakes to manufacture wool sent to him by growers, not only into material for dresses, but into shawls, rugs, blankets, &c., at a most reasonable charge, while his general manufactures are obtainable at most moderate rates. We have before us the pattern book of the firm, which contains a large variety of attractive patterns, and which may be obtained for inspection by sending a post card to Eildon Mills, Galashiels.

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

The Queen has decided that the "ceremonial" at the wedding of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein and Prince Aribert of Anhalt-Dessau is to be the same, as nearly as possible, *Truth* says, as was observed on the occasion of the wedding of the late Duke of Albany.

The Board of Trade have awarded silver shipwreck medals to F. M. Villeneuve, F. Merlet, C. Lorec, F. Ravilly, and A. C. M. Toumelin, pilots of St. Nazaire, who rescued a portion of the crew of the British steamer Redbrook, which sank after collision with the French mail steamer *Amerique*, in St. Nazaire Roads, on the 22nd August, 1890.

For the first time in the history of Masonry in Missouri, the Grand Lodge will next year meet outside of the city of St. Louis. The Grand Lodge has just completed its 70th annual session, every one of which has been held in St. Louis, but upon the close of the recent session the vote stood in favour of holding the 71st annual session at Kansas City.

How seriously the West of England railways have been effected by the late snowstorm may be seen from their returns. Since the beginning of the year the South-Western had on an average earned £1000 a week more than in 1890, but during the single bad week there was a falling-off as compared with the previous year of £650 on goods and £3060 on passengers and parcels. The Great Western traffic returns for the week showed a decrease of £12,900.

The Alhambra announces for Easter Monday an entirely new version of "The Sleeping Beauty," comprising new music and new dances, and in this Mr. Charles Lauri will introduce some characteristic trick performances. Several changes will also be made in the variety entertainment, which will include an original pantomime, by the celebrated Lauri troupe, entitled "On the Roofs," and the *début* of the popular French duettists and eccentricques, Mdlle. Bianca and M. Derosches.

It is announced that another Electric Light Exhibition will be held at the Crystal Palace in the autumn. The last was in 1881-2, and was a great success. So much progress has been made in the last 10 years that the directors ought to be able to eclipse their former beautiful display; and it is understood that every endeavour will be made to give special distinction to the autumn exhibition. The continued popularity of electricity at exhibitions is clear from the success which has attended the one now open at St. Pancras Vestry Hall.

The Berlin *Reichsanzeiger* publishes the provincial results of the census taken throughout the German Empire on December 1 last, which give a total population of about 49½ millions, including Heligoland, being an increase of 2,665,138 souls, equivalent to 5·7 per cent., since 1885. Of this total the population of Prussia contributes about 30 millions, or nearly three-fifths, the next in order being Bavaria with 5,589,382, Saxony with 3½ millions, and Würtemberg with 2,035,443. Alsace-Lorraine has 1,603,987 inhabitants, and the Grand Duchy of Baden has about the same number.

At a meeting of the Accident Insurance Company, Limited, held on Wednesday, the directors reported that the income for the year ending 31st December, 1890, amounted to £51,887 13s. 1d. The claims paid amounted to £24,343 1s. 1d., and the bonus allowances to policyholders to £3,495 0s. 1d. A dividend of 5 per cent., free of income tax, was declared, making, with the interim interest already paid, 10 per cent. for the year, while a sum equivalent to £1157 was set aside by way of share bonus, leaving a Reserve Fund of over £24,483 10s., or more than 50 per cent. of the premium income.

On the afternoon of the 22nd instant a special musical service was held in St. Paul's Church, Heaton Moor, under the auspices of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2107. The brethren met at their lodge room, at the Heaton Moor Conservative Club, and, wearing their regalia, marched in procession to the church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. John Watson, rector of St. Jude's, Manchester. P.P. Grand Chaplain E. Lances., at the close of which a collection was taken in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the offertory amounting to £20. The musical services were under the direction of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, organist of All Saints' Church, Manchester. Many visiting brethren joined in the procession and service, including several Provincial Grand Officers, and the ordinary service of the Church was shared between Bros. W. H. Smartt, rector of St. Paul's, and John Henn, rector of St. Thomas's, Heaton Chapel, the Chaplains of the Prince Edward Lodge. The church was crowded to excess, many being unable to gain admission.

The Masonic world has an interest in German Freemasonry for several reasons. One reason is the theory entertained by many brethren that there is a direct line of correspondence between the ancient Steinmetzen of Germany and the Masonic Fraternity as it now exists. Another reason for special interest on the part of English speaking Masons is that Germans are numerous in countries other than their own—in the United States especially. It is pleasant, therefore, to note the growth and prosperity of the Brotherhood in the German Fatherland. A recent report gives the following figures: Whole number 44,506, under the following Grand Lodges: Three Globes, Berlin, 13,524; National Grand, Berlin, 10,704; Royal York, Berlin, 6507; Hamburg, 3022; Saxony, Dresden, 3078; Eclectic, Frankfurt, 2550; Concord, Darmstadt, 803; Sun, Bayreuth, 2300; and the five independent Lodges, 1418. The total number of lodges is 930, an average of 114 members to each lodge.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

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