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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The autumn Girls' School Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 8th October. As already announced, the number of vacancies to be filled is 18, and the number of approved candidates 26, and as there are only three of the latter remaining over from the election in April, the bulk of the candidates will start level. London furnishes seven, and has an interest jointly with three Provinces in an eighth, while the Provinces and a military lodge furnish the remaining 18 cases. The London girls are No. 1, who has been before the voters for three and a half years, and has 315 votes to her credit from her six previous attempts; No. 3, who made her first essay in April and has 383 votes in hand; and Nos. 7, 9, 18, 21, and 25. The part-London, part-Provincial candidate is No. 22, whose father's professional appointments as a surgeon appear to have taken him from Warwickshire into Lincolnshire, into Bedfordshire, and finally into the Metropolitan district. Of these eight children No. 1, who enjoys the advantage of having upwards of 300 votes in hand, is a last case and will have her name removed from the list if she fails to obtain a place on this occasion. Of the 17 Provincial candidates, Gloucestershire, Middlesex, and West Yorkshire furnish two each, the Gloucestershire cases being Nos. 10 and 16; the Middlesex, Nos. 6 and 11; and the West Yorkshire No. 2—with 70 votes to her credit from five previous attempts—and No. 15. The 11 Provinces of Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, Essex, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, Lincolnshire, Monmouthshire, Somersetshire, South Wales (East Division), Suffolk, and Warwickshire send each one candidate, and No. 24 hails from the lodge attached to the 2nd Battalion 1st Royals, four of the Provincial section being last cases, namely, No. 2 (West Yorkshire), No. 10 (Gloucestershire), No. 13 (Essex), and No. 19 (Warwickshire). As these four girls and No. 1, already referred to among the London candidates, will have their names removed from the list in the event of their failing to secure vacancies at this election, we trust their friends and supporters will exert themselves to the utmost, and that Governors and Subscribers who are not already pledged to the support of particular candidates will give them the benefit of their votes and influence.

The Boys' School Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court on Friday, the 9th October, in the same hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, the number of vacancies to be filled being 19, and the number of approved candidates 37. In this case the number of boys remaining over from the April election is considerable, and there are six whose names will be removed from the list if they fail at this attempt. We, therefore, as in the case of the girls who are similarly situated, most earnestly impress upon the friends and supporters of the children to use all possible exertions to secure their election, and we trust that those Governors and Subscribers whose votes are not already promised, will give one or more of these six the benefit of their support and influence, so that none who have been found worthy of admission into the Institution may be disappointed. As regards distribution, London furnishes 12 candidates and has a part interest in the success of two others, the 12, pure and simple, being No. 8, with 375 votes in hand, and No. 9, with 1375 votes from the elections in April and October last; No. 12, with 465 votes, and No. 15, with 219 votes from the April election; and Nos. 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, and 37, which are new cases. No. 14, with claims on London and Surrey, has 1508 to his credit, and No. 27 (new case) hails from Middlesex and London. The remaining 23 boys are from the Provinces and Districts abroad, Kent heading the list with three candidates, namely, No. 13, who brings forward 164 votes, and Nos. 19 and 25. Cumberland and Westmorland, Madras, North and East Yorkshire, Staffordshire, and Warwickshire send two candidates each. Nos. 2 and 5, with a few votes in hand, hailing from Cumberland and Westmorland; Nos. 4 and

11 from Madras; Nos. 18 and 29 from North and East Yorkshire; Nos. 7 and 16 from Staffordshire; and Nos. 3 and 22 from Warwickshire. The following contribute each a single candidate, namely: Demerara (No. 28), Devon and Cornwall (No. 34), East Lancashire and Derbyshire (No. 35), Essex (No. 33), Herefordshire (No. 10), Lincolnshire (No. 20), Somerset and Devon (No. 1, with 347 votes to his credit), South Wales, East Division (No. 36), Sussex (No. 6, with 428 votes brought forward), and Worcestershire (No. 30). The six *last* cases are No. 1 (Somerset and Devon), No. 4 (Madras), No. 5 (Cumberland and Westmorland), and Nos. 8, 17, and 32 (London), this being the *ninth* attempt of No. 1, the sixth of No. 4, and the fifth of No. 5.

It remains for us to add that in the case of both lists of candidates the majority of the children are fatherless, there being one girl and four boys who have both parents living, while two of the girls have lost both parents, and another is dependent on her stepmother. As regards eight of the 26 girls and 14 of the 37 boys, their fathers, when living, supported the Institutions either by contributions from their own pockets or by acting as Festival Stewards, the father of one of the girls, besides having qualified as Life Governor of two of them and Vice-Patron of the third, having served as many as 12 Stewardships, while the father of one of the boys possessed similar qualifications, and had served eight Stewardships. It should be stated likewise that at both Quarterly Courts the chair will be taken at 12 noon, and that at both the poll will be opened at 1 p.m., or immediately the regular business of the Court has been completed, and close at 3 p.m. punctually.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held at Tenbury on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, which is held in that town. The proceedings took place in the Corn Exchange, a stuffy and ill-adapted building, unfortunately, however, the only available one in the town. The attendance of brethren belonging to the 13 lodges which are comprised in the province was somewhat larger than usual, a circumstance brought about by the consecration of the Gordon Lodge, at Oldbury, since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. On the arrival of the brethren in Tenbury, they were conducted to the Pump Rooms, where they were entertained at luncheon by the brethren of St. Michael's Lodge.

Previous to the opening of the lodge, a meeting of the Committee of the Western Provinces Charities Organisation was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund Anthony Harley Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Bro. E. J. Chambers, Provincial Charity Secretary, and among others, Bros. Mason and McLeod, the Secretary and Collector of the Boys' School.

The CHARITY SECRETARY reported that over 400 guineas had been subscribed in the province during the year in aid of the various Charities. Several deserving cases of distress were brought before the Committee, and candidates adopted for the Charitable Institutions in proper order. It was resolved on the suggestion of the Provincial Charities Secretary to appoint an Assistant Secretary.

The Worshipful Master and officers of St. Michael's Lodge opened Craft lodge shortly after noon, the Provincial Grand Master and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, both Present and Past, assembling meanwhile and clothing at the Pump Rooms, from whence they marched in procession to the Corn Exchange at one o'clock. The Prov Grand Master and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge having been announced, were admitted, and in virtue of their rank took the various chairs of the lodge. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren saluted them with Grand honours according to their rank.

The muster roll of lodges was called over, when it was found that 158 brethren were present representing the lodges of the province, made up as follows: Harmonic, No. 252, Dudley, 30; Worcester, No. 280, Worcester, 7; Hope and Charity, No. 377, Kidderminster, 8; Royal Standard, No. 498, Dudley, 11; Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester; Vernon, No. 560,

Stourport, 9; Perseverance, No. 573, Halesowen, 18; St. Michael's, No. 1097, Tenbury, 16; Royds, No. 1204, Malvern, 9; Lechmere, No. 1874, Kidderminster, 8; Masefield, No. 2034, Moseley, 2; and Godson, No. 2385, Oldbury, 20.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER called upon the Worshipful Masters present to make a statement of the affairs of their respective lodges, and in each case the lodges were shown to be in a satisfactory condition.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's audited accounts having been presented, were adopted, and Bro. J. Joseland was, on the motion of the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. GEO. TAYLOR, P.G.S.B. of England, Prov. Grand Sec., read the annual report on the state of Masonry in the province, in which it was shown that, irrespective of the new lodge at Oldbury, there was an increase of 12 in the number of subscribing members in the province, which is now 474. During the year there had been 45 initiations and joinings, and 33 deaths, resignations, and erasures. The report concluded with the observation that the state of Masonry in the province was very satisfactory, and that the membership was reliable. The report was adopted.

Bro. E. J. CHAMBERS presented the report of the Charities Committee, in which it was stated that they received in October last year 396 girls' and 695 boys' votes, and in April this year 449 girls' and 651 boys' votes. At the October election they were successful in securing the election of one boy by an expenditure of 3080 votes. The Province of Cheshire, being interested in the success of the boy, the Committee made an arrangement with the representatives of that province to contribute 900 votes towards his election. At the April election this year the Committee were unable to carry a candidate owing to the small balance of votes which were standing to their credit. The balance of votes now standing to the credit of the Committee for the Schools were 1453, which was 11 more than last year, but that number, the Committee regretted, was very inadequate to the demands which were being made upon the province. There were 1045 votes for the Benevolent Institution standing to the credit of the province, all of which were wanted to secure the election of several widows of worthy and deceased brethren of the province. During the year the sum of £403 os. 6d. had been subscribed in the province for the three Charitable Institutions.

The adoption of the report was moved by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who, in doing so, expressed his high appreciation of the splendid work done in the province by Bro. Chambers, the Charities Secretary, and informed the Provincial Grand Lodge that the Committee had fallen in with a suggestion thrown out by Bro. Chambers that an Assistant Secretary should be appointed. The report was adopted, and Bro. Duncan Jones Shedden was unanimously appointed Assistant Charity Secretary.

The report of the Library and Museum Committee was presented by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY. The report stated that the new descriptive catalogue of the George Taylor collection of Masonic antiquities and curios was now ready. It was agreed to present handsomely-bound copies of the volume to the Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Secretary, the latter being the editor of the volume.

Various sums of money were voted from the Benevolent Fund of Provincial Grand Lodge for the maintenance of distressed widows and brethren pending their election as annuitants of the Benevolent Institution, and the sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a fund to commemorate the memory of the late Bro. Masefield, P.D.P.G.M., by placing a tablet in St. John's Church, Dudley, and by the investment of a sufficient sum for the presentation of a prize annually to the Masonic Girls' and Boys' Schools, to be called the "Masefield Prize."

The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. G. R. Godson, 1097	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Edwin Turner, 252	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. J. Down, 252	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. C. L. McLaughlin, 1097	...	...	...
" J. Joseland, 529	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Mossop, 1874	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Enoch Wood, 2385	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. McKay, 377	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Reginald Woodward, 377	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Fisher, 398	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Slade, 1097	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. Orme Fraser, 1204	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jos. Bellingham, 498	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. Parry, 573	...	...	...
" W. C. Box, 529	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Robinson, 564	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Jas. Warham	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to be held under the banner of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, at Dudley.

At this stage Provincial Grand Lodge was called off, and the brethren marched in procession to the parish church of St. Mary, where Divine service took place.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. J. DOWN, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who took for the text St. Paul's words—"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ"—from that apostle's epistle to the Galatians, chap. VI., v. 2. In opening his discourse, the reverend brother defined St. Paul as a practical Christian, in which respect his was a character upon which the lives of Christians of to-day might well be modelled, because men could not be ruled by two overmastering forces. The burdens that practical Christians had to bear, were not merely those of the fallen or the erring. St. Paul, certainly, must have had a wider field in view when he penned the words of the text. He must have been thinking of the burdens which sooner or later fall upon every shoulder; the burdens which come to them as men—those burdens which seemed to be a necessary part of man's present life of probation. Those, also, were the burdens which their own Brotherhood of Freemasonry took knowledge of, and sought in the measure of its capacity to remove. Proceeding, he quoted the words of a Masonic writer who said—"The love the true Mason was ever ready to bestow was by no means confined to his own Brotherhood. He delighted to whisper peace to the troubled time wherever he found it; to mourn with those who mourned as well as to rejoice with those who rejoiced was to him the highest of all possible enjoyments. Where affliction needed his aid, and the

oppressed his interference, then the best feelings of his life were called out." Those words, he said, were so true that they almost warranted them in taking them as the motto of their Craft. If it be said that no true Mason could either be an atheist or impure, surely it could with equal truth be said of the true Mason that benevolence was the guiding star he sought to follow, and his ruling desire to bear his brother's burden. There was a burden which was man's necessity, without which he could not become that which the Grand Architect of the Universe desired him to be. They had wondered at its presence as St. Paul had; they had prayed for its removal as he had done. It was a necessity to them, it was the very fire by which the silver in them was refined. He was certain, he said, that there were chords within those of the brethren he addressed which would vibrate to the touch of that truth. It must be their desire that Christ should make their body whilst on earth the lodge of His abode, that when its building was taken down they might enter triumphantly with another body into the Eternal Lodge of His own manifested presence, so that the common brotherhood of men might be built up by his Grace into the brotherhood of God.

On the resumption of Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. W. B. WILLIAMSON, P.P.S.G.W., reported that he had just returned from a visit to Canada and the United States. During his sojourn in the United States he was invited to visit the Quinsegamund Lodge in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he met with the kindest and most cordial of greetings, and where the brethren did him the honour to elect him an honorary member. He was charged on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcester, Massachusetts, to convey fraternal greetings to that assembly of Prov. Grand Lodge. He might inform that meeting that the brethren of the Quinsegamund Lodge had a special medal struck which they presented him with as a token of their fraternal good wishes and a reminder of their pleasant acquaintance. This was accompanied by a kindly worded letter signed by Bro. A. F. Earle, Prov. Grand Master, and other officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked Bro. Williamson, and asked him to convey his thanks and fraternal greetings to the Province of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where the customary banquet took place.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master; A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M.; W. B. Williamson, P.M. 529, P.P.G.S.B.; C. E. Bloomer, P.M. 573; G. W. Grosvenor, P.M. 377; A. Green, P.M. 498, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. J. Down, 252, P.G. Chap.; W. S. Davies, P.M. 1097; F. G. Russell, P.M. 1204, P.P.G.R.; E. Turner, P.M. 252; G. Taylor, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, Prov. G. Sec.; H. E. Preen, P.M. 577; G. F. Grove, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. H. Williamson, P.M. 252 and 280, P.P.G.D.; A. B. Rowe, P.M. 280, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Mossop, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; W. T. Page, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Slade, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Nole, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Waring, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; A. Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; G. R. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; L. G. Green, W.M. 1204; G. T. Owen, P.M. 252, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Hagues, 1204, P.P.G.O.; J. A. Daggis, 1297; E. C. L. McLaughlin, 1097; A. Davenport, 1097; G. W. Webster, 1097; T. Taylor, I.P.M. 1097; H. Humphreys, 573; G. Blenkarne, 573; E. Collins, J.W. 560; F. Connop, 573; R. Woodward, I.P.M. 377; G. F. Old, 2385; W. S. Shepley, J.W. 498; E. Gould, 252; W. Jones, 573; A. Morton, 252; C. Burford, 529; A. Marsh, W.M. 573; Trevor Webster, 1874; James Jones, 252; Wm. Buttlock, 1874; John C. Perren, 252; A. O. Fraser, P.M. 1204; W. F. Newton, J.W. 1204; J. H. L. Thompson, S.W. 1204; W. C. Box, 529; H. H. Hughes, 573; M. Smith, P.M. 252; Arthur R. Taylor, 252; Fred. S. Turner, 252; J. M. Cleinent, 252; W. Hanson, J.W. 252; James A. Fullwood, 252; Thomas Williams, 252; P. Spencer, 2385; John Jordan, 2385; J. A. Deeley, J.W. 564; Walter Somers, P.M. 573, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Dakin, 573; J. Sharmar Wood, W.M. 280; C. E. Cole, 252; Charles Hatfield, 498; G. J. Sadler, 2385; H. Richardson, 2385; H. F. Isaac, 2385; J. A. Partridge, 1097; John Hall, 252; Thomas S. Insall, 573; James Warham, P.M. 252; W. J. Davies, 2385; Thos. H. Forrest, 2385; Thos. Jones, 2385; Charles Tomlinson, 2385; George Wood, 2385; Edward Johnson, 2385; Charles Micklejohn, 2385; John Round, 2385; Thos. Clulee, W.M. 564; Robert Rhodes, 564; E. Rudland, 564; Timothy Cramer, 498; John Hollins, 252; H. Jennings, 2034; H. McKean, 2385; James Billingham, 573; A. J. King, 498; James B. Davies, 498; R. Underwood, 573; J. W. Roberts, P.M. 498; Thomas Robinson, 564; George Foster, 252; J. E. Jones, 252; H. Hardwick Langston, 1097; Robert Preece, 252; G. F. Thompson, P.M. 282 and W.M. 498; William Stansfield, 252; J. Dugard, 377 and 1874; W. Gwyem, 1204; Otho Scott, 564; Abraham Timmins, 498; John Smith, P.P.G.J.; Jas. Steward, W.M. 2034, P.P.S.G.W.; A. B. Rowe, P.M. 280, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Adkins, 377; Henry Wilcox, 564; G. Holland Smith, 377; R. S. Blundell, P.M. 560, P.P.G.S.B.; D. J. McLeod, P.M., P.P.G.W. of Derbyshire, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Mackay, P.M. 377; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. Dorsett, P.M. 560, P.P.G. Purst.; D. Dawes, W.M. 1874; J. Green, 1874; T. Chambers, W.M. 252; J. Hobson, 529; Chas. Mytton, P.M. 560, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lascelles Southwell, P.M. 1621, P.P.G.W. Salop; Samuel Spittle, 252; W. Myers, 573; W. S. Langford, W.M. 892; P. J. Salway, 611; Rev. H. Brown, P.M. 1097, P.P.G.C.; Henry Parry, P.M. 573; Alfred Link, 529; J. Hollins, 252; J. Wade, 560; Jos. Foster, 2385; H. E. Smith, 560; F. W. Knott, 280; Herbert A. Jones, 498; J. M. Harlow, 520; W. R. Higgs, 529; J. Bridger, 1926; Thomas Hodgetts, 573; R. G. Venables, P.G.D.C. England, P.P.G.M. Salop; E. J. Chambers, S.W. 252; R. Stevenson, P.M. 252, P.P.G. Std. Br.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.—The well-known American statesman, who was also, as our readers know, emphatically a self-made man, and as such deserves the commendation of all who value and believe the upward and onward movement of human self-elevation. He was born at Boston in 1706, and died in Philadelphia in 1790. We need not follow the course here of his social struggles or his political career, as they are beside and beyond our work. As a Freemason he was a zealous and devoted member of our great Order. When he was made a Mason is not quite clear; indeed, there seems some little confusion, at any rate uncertainty, as to the exact position of early American Freemasonry, especially in Pennsylvania. It does clearly appear that at the time when Price received his patent from England, about which questions have been raised by Bro. Jacob Norton, a Masonic lodge existed at Philadelphia. A lodge was working in Philadelphia in 1730. Franklin himself is said by some to have been made a Freemason in England, but we are not aware that any evidence of the fact has so far turned up. Whether Franklin set up the lodge in Philadelphia on the authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts organised by Price, or on the authority of some other existing body, is not to us quite clear, though it is said that he was appointed its first Master on a petition in June, 1734, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. But in November, 1734, Franklin calls himself Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and applies to Price for friendly recognition. Franklin was clearly, according to Bro. C. P. McCalla, Master or member of a lodge at Philadelphia before 1734. When in France, as Ambassador of the United States, he became affiliated to the famous "Loge des Neuf Sœurs," and during his stay at Paris he was present at the reception of Voltaire, February 7, 1778, and acted as warder in the Funeral Lodge of November 30, for the new brother only admitted in February, and who died in May that same year. The Lodge of the "Nine Sister Muses" also received Franklin in a Lodge of Adoption at Auteuil, in the house of Sister Helvetius, which was made the occasion, Besuchet tells us, of a brilliant fête. We are glad to think that Franklin belonged to our Order. He reprinted the English Constitution of 1723 in 1734.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

THE LORD MAYOR BRO. SIR JOSEPH SAVORY, BART., AT KENDAL.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, is connected by family ties with the town of Kendal, and opportunity was taken of his visit on the 10th instant for the purpose of distributing the prizes awarded at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which was opened a fortnight previously by her Royal Highness the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), to present his lordship with the freedom of the borough in an oaken casket, handsomely mounted in silver and emblazoned with his lordship's arms and those of Kendal as well as with a fine view of Kendal parish church.

To this end a special meeting of the Corporation was held at noon under the presidency of Bro. G. J. McKay, G. Std. Br., who is Mayor of the town, when on his worship's proposition the freedom was conferred on their distinguished visitor amid general acclamations.

Two hours later Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Sir W. and Lady Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., were the guests of Bro. the Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Kendal at luncheon in the Town Hall, there being a very numerous party of guests invited to meet his lordship, among whom were Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., the Countess of Bective, Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Paterson, Mayor of Preston, Mrs. G. F. Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, Mr. H. and Mrs. Swinglehurst, Mr. W. D. and Mrs. Crewdson, Mr. J. A. and Mrs. Farrar, Miss Cooper, Ven. Archdeacon Cooper, Lady Olivia Taylour, the High Sheriff of Westmorland, Miss Wakefield, Mr. and Miss Cropper, Captain and Mrs. Bagoi, Mr. C. J. and the Hon. Mrs. Cropper, Mayor of Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Brunskill, the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Hammond, Miss Agnes Wakefield, Mr. Frank and Mrs. Crewdson, Mr. F. W. and Mrs. Crewdson, Mr. Harold Braithwaite, Mrs. Page, Rev. S. W. and Mrs. Hollins, Mr. C. Ll. and Mrs. Braithwaite, jun., Capt. Thompson, Major and Mrs. Andrews, Capt. and Mrs. Nelson, Lieut. and Mrs. Illingworth, Mr. Shields, Mayor of Appleby, Capt. and Mrs. Banks, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. Alderman and Mrs. Baron, Mr. Alderman T. and Mrs. T. Wilson, Mr. Alderman Robinson, the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite, Mr. Alderman H. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Alderman and Mrs. Bindloss, and others.

At the close of the repast Bro. the Mayor of Kendal proposed the usual loyal toasts, and these having been successively honoured, he gave that of Bro. the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress in the following terms: I have now the honour of proposing to you the toast of the occasion, "The Health of the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Savory." We and our fellow townsmen are delighted and greatly honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London in coming here to-day, and I am sure you will accord them a most enthusiastic and hearty welcome. The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London has come here to receive the honorary freedom of this ancient borough, and has consented to distribute the prizes at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, as well as to address a festive gathering of over 600 employees and friends of the firm of which his lordship is a director, which is evidence he takes a lively interest in the welfare of Kendal. Sir, we are proud of your association with this town, where your relatives and ancestors have lived for many years. Your revered and respected uncle, the late George Foster Braithwaite, was Mayor of this borough no less than six times, and had he been living I can imagine the profound pleasure it would have given him to receive you and the Lady Mayoress on this occasion. But Providence has ordained it otherwise. His picture now adorns these walls, and although he is absent he still lives, and that picture, although it is a poor one, serves to remind us of the lively interest he took in the Corporation, and whatever concerned the welfare and prosperity of his native town, but especially that of the poor. My lord, ladies, and gentlemen,—may I now be permitted to allude to some of the public functions of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. It was your privilege, sir, to receive the Emperor and Empress of Germany at the Guildhall, whom you entertained to a sumptuous banquet. The Guildhall has been the scene of many brilliant gatherings, but that will rank with the most memorable of this generation. Then you entertained the Prince of Naples. You not only entertained Royalty, but took an active part in the amelioration of the sufferings of the human race, in connection with the agitation in favour of the Russian Jews. Then you gave splendid receptions to various societies, amongst which I may name the Society of French Masters, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography; and you also encouraged a movement for the advancement of University and technical education. In all these the sacred work of Charity had a conspicuous place in your heart, and it is noteworthy that the Hospital Sunday Fund was the largest that was ever raised. I am not revealing any secret in this assembly of your kinsmen and kinswomen, when I state that your lordship is of Huguenot and Quaker descent. You served the office of Sheriff of London in 1882-83, and became an Alderman in the latter year, and you were duly elected a member of the London School Board. Now, sir, I hope you will pardon me when I refer to the estimable lady who has shared in your good works. I am sure I only re-echo the feelings of every lady and gentleman present when I say we are delighted that you are accompanied by your wife, the Lady Mayoress. It must

have been a great comfort during your Mayoralty that the Lady Mayoress was always at your right hand to help and support you in your work. A short time ago it was my privilege to be present at the magnificent banquet which you gave to her Majesty's Ministers. In the great speech delivered on that occasion by the Prime Minister of England, there was no part gave me such satisfaction as the eulogium passed on the Lady Mayoress, and it is not too much to say that the graceful manner in which she has performed her part has won the golden opinions of all who have had the privilege of her friendship and your hospitality. My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, the Lady Mayoress is the daughter of a distinguished Colonel in her Majesty's service. She has no less than four brothers of high rank in the army, one of whom wears the Victoria Cross and another the distinguished Service Order. Let me assure you, sir, this toast is no mere empty formality. With all sincerity of heart do we wish you both long life to enjoy the honour which has been conferred upon you by your Sovereign, and may every blessing attend you in your private relationship, and in the lofty and responsible position you occupy. My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I am well aware this toast has often been proposed in a more able and eloquent manner, but never with greater sincerity, and I am sure you will receive it with unbounded satisfaction.

His lordship having signed the Burgess roll and received the freedom in an oaken casket, and Bro. McKay having made some further remarks, his LORDSHIP rose and responded for the honour which had been shown him, and the welcome which he and the Lady Mayoress had received. In the course of his speech, his lordship said: Mr. Mayor, you have been good enough to drink my health to-day, as for the moment the head of the ancient Corporation of London. The Lord Mayor greatly needs health for the discharge of his onerous duties; but you have not merely contented yourselves with your good wishes for my health to-day. You have conferred upon me the immense honour of the freedom of your ancient borough. May I accept this distinction not merely as a recognition of the good work of the Corporation, but as a personal honour for my endeavour to discharge my duties aright. If there be one thing that I greatly prize, if there be one thing that can spur me on to greater endeavours, it is the kind approbation of those who have watched my career from boyhood. Mr. Mayor, this casket and this parchment roll will be treasured not merely by myself, but by my descendants as a precious heirloom. The City of London owes a debt of gratitude to Westmorland for having given her more than one Chief Magistrate, and I can assure you that I shall ever remember with loving pride that I am a son of a Westmorland daughter; and Kendal interests and Kendal friends will ever have a warm place in my heart. His lordship having concluded his thanks, at once proposed, in very complimentary terms, the toast of "The Mayor and Corporation of Kendal," and Bro. G. J. McKay having suitably replied, and the remaining toasts having been honoured, the meeting came to an end.

On Monday, Bro. the Lord Mayor was entertained at a special banquet by the Union Lodge, No. 129, and received the compliment of honorary membership. About 60 brethren were present, under the chairmanship of Bro. A. W. Cozens-Hardy, W.M. Bro. McKay returned thanks for "The Grand Officers."

THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE DORIC LODGE, No. 2359, DIDSBURY.

The members of the above lodge, accompanied by ladies and other friends, held their first annual picnic on Saturday, the 5th instant. The party, numbering upwards of 40, proceeded by two stage-coaches beautifully turned out. Route, Albert-square, Manchester, Bowdon, Bucklow Hill, arriving at Didsbury at six o'clock. The weather was delightfully fine, and everything to be desired. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the indefatigable exertions of Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec. Bro. Clare Edgar Towell, the W.M., is to be congratulated upon the great success of the first picnic instituted by him. Upon the party arriving at Didsbury they partook of tea. The W.M. took the chair. On the removal of the cloth the Chairman gave the loyal toasts, after which a select programme of songs, recitations, &c., was gone through, and a most delightful evening was spent. Before separating a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Clare Edgar Towell for his dignified conduct in the chair, and the great energy he had displayed in introducing these enjoyable outings.

The Craft Abroad.

JOHANNESBURG.

Star of the Rand Lodge (D.C.).—On the 24th June (St. John's Day), the installation festival of this lodge was celebrated with great *éclat*. This lodge is the only one among Craft lodges in Johannesburg whose annual installation of officers takes place on that day, and brethren of local and sister lodges elsewhere always take the opportunity of assisting in the rites peculiar to the occasion. They did so in large numbers, and when they were all assembled the hall was packed to its fullest capacity, over 100 brethren being in attendance. On the dais, supporting the retiring Master, Bro. C. G. Serrurier, were Bros. J. E. Green, W.M. of Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, and T. Bain, R.W.M. of the Golden Thistle Lodge (S.C.), and the following Past Masters: Bros. Geo.

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Lodge having been opened, the local Craft lodges were admitted and received with the customary honours; the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, being represented by Bros. J. E. Green, W.M.; T. Sheffield, as S.W.; J. W. Pierson; J.W.; A. Dowling, as J.D.; Jacobson, as S.D.; Hall and H. Clayton, as Stwds.; Rev. M. Harris, P.M., Chaplain; C. M. de Wet, as Treas., who were preceded by a number of the members. The Golden Thistle Lodge was represented by Bros. T. Bain, R.W.M.; J. W. Blake, D.M.; J. Rothkugel, S.M.; I. Rappaport, as S.W.; D. C. Stevens, as J.W.; and S. Lissack, as Deacon. There was also a goodly attendance of members of the lodge. The W.M. of the Star of the Rand Lodge received the visiting Masters and their lodges with a few words of cordial greeting and warm welcome, the grand honours being accorded, Bro. W. H. Miles, P.M., acting as D. of C. Bro. H. E. Stidolph presided at the organ, Bro. R. Israel accompanying on the 'cello.

The tolling of a bell having announced the closing of the Masonic year, the W.M. informed the brethren that with the last stoke of the bell his term of office had expired, and in vacating his chair called upon his officers to follow his example, and surrender their insignia of office. This having been done, the retiring S.W., Bro. Papenfus, informed the brethren that they were in the position of sheep without a shepherd, being without a Master. The retiring W.M. having intimated that a successor to his office had been elected in Bro. B. de R. Malraison, he was requested to re-take the chair while the minutes affirming the election had been read and confirmed. This having been done, Bro. Malraison was presented, subscribed to the obligation, and the lodge was passed, and in due course installed. On the return of the brethren to the lodge, he was saluted and proclaimed. The incoming officers were then obligated and installed by Bro. Miles, P.M., and invested with their regalia by the W.M. as follows: Bros. G. G. Serrurier, I.P.M.; H. B. Papenfus, S.W.; F. H. de Roos, J.W.; I. Gundelfinger, Treas.; W. E. Wallenstein, Sec.; W. Miles, P.M., D.C.; C. Pietersen, Preparator; H. Eekhout, Orator; A. King, Ambassador; C. von Berg, Almoner; and P. R. Oosthuizen, I.G. The retiring Master having reviewed the events of the year, the W.M. addressed the brethren, whom he thanked for the kindness which had been invariably extended to him since his connection with the lodge, and in hoping that he still would have their assistance in endeavouring to make his year of office a successful one, feared that at its close he would not be able to present so rosy a statement as that which had been laid before them. In conclusion, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to hand to Bro. Serrurier, P.M., a Past Master's jewel which the lodge had resolved to present to him, and to read copy of an address which it had also been decided to present him with. Bro. Serrurier, P.M., having replied, presented to the outgoing Secretary, Bro. F. de Roos, a Past Secretary's jewel, which the lodge had resolved to present to him for the able services he had rendered during the past year as Treasurer and Secretary. Good wishes and congratulations were conveyed by the representatives of lodges present, and a number of congratulatory messages were read from all parts of South Africa. The poor and distressed were not forgotten, the collection for the Benevolent Fund totalling £7 13s. 6d. The proceedings closed shortly before midnight.



The rehearsals for Mr. Pinero's new play, to be produced at Terry's Theatre early next month, commenced on Monday last. It will be in four acts, and called "The Times." The following ladies and gentlemen will be in the cast: Mesdames Fanny Brough, Helena Dacre, Annie Hill, Alenes Leighton, Florence Tanner, and M. Talbot; Messrs. Edward Terry, W. G. Elliott, H. V. Esmond, W. T. Lovell, A. Sims, and Fred Thorne.

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The Daly Company have so ingratiated themselves into the good graces of their Transatlantic cousins by their clever acting in previous years that everyone was prepared for what occurred at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday of last week. As each chief member of the company—Mr. Leclercq, Mr. James Lewis, Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. J. Drew, and Miss Ada Rehan—made their appearance on the stage they were received with almost deafening applause, which lasted in each case almost for several minutes. The audience, composed of both Americans and English folk, seemed to vie with one another in the warmth of the welcome they desired to give to Mr. Daly and his distinguished company of comedians, and we think it will be allowed that the Metropolitan element were not a whit behind their cousins. "A Night Off," a farcical comedy of German origin, was the piece chosen to begin their 10 weeks' season with. It had not been played for five years in London, on account, we suppose, that it gives Miss Rehan and Mr. Drew poor chances of showing their talents. Hearty laughter followed Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Gilbert, who have the best parts in every situation. At the close a speech was demanded of the proprietor of the company after each individual member had been cheered and countercheered, and Mr. Daly came forward and thanked the audience (which included Miss Ellen Terry) for their cordial reception, and announced that they will this season perform a new play, and also give a series of representations of "The School for Scandal." Great interest will await the rendering of this favourite and evergreen English comedy by a pure American company. The new play—"The Last Word"—will be produced to-morrow (Saturday) night.

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Masonic Notes.

The address delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Past G. Chap., at the consecration, the other day, of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, was a model of its kind, and is well worthy of imitation by those who may hereafter be entrusted with a like duty on similar occasions. An elaborate dissertation on the virtues of Freemasonry is well enough as a thesis and might properly be delivered in the theatre of a Masonic University, if such an institution existed. A sermon on the same subject would be appropriate enough during Divine service in a cathedral or church, when the bulk of the congregation were members of our Society. But what is needed most of all at the consecration of a new lodge is the sound, practical advice of a prudent and experienced brother as to the future conduct of the newly-created body, and this Bro. Brownrigg gave in simple terms and briefly, yet very much to the point.

It is just possible, as Bro. Brownrigg himself suggested, that his standard of qualification for those who may offer themselves as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry is ideally high, but we would rather it were too high than so low as to admit of the initiation of all sorts and conditions of men. It is certainly beyond question that those who seek acceptance into our ranks should possess the attributes of honour, Charity, and industry. It must be remembered that Freemasonry is defined as "a system of morality," but how can such a system be maintained in anything like purity if its members possess not the three qualifications just enumerated?

"Honour," Bro. Brownrigg declares, is "a high and sensitive appreciation of what we owe to ourselves and to the world"—"the disregard of all selfish and low motives which are ever tempting us from the clear narrow line of duty"—"the fixed determination at all costs and with all courage to maintain what is right in the face of the bitterest opposition of the strongest power;" while "Charity," he tells us, is "the grasping of the great truth that each man lives not for himself alone, that he does owe great and important duties to his brother man; that wherever and whenever he can help his brother, it is sin to abstain from giving that help; that no time, no trouble, must be grudged if thereby any one with whom he is thrown into contact can be thereby bettered and improved."

As regards the third and last of these attributes—"industry"—our reverend brother suggests that it should be one of the questions which a lodge should propose to itself in considering the qualifications of a candidate for admission—"What is the man doing? How is the world the better for him? In his profession as well as in his home what character does he bear for industry and perseverance, and the constant desire to do all things, whatsoever his hand findeth to do, well?" This and his previous recommendations, as being addressed to a lodge which was just on the point of

entering upon its career, were essentially practical, and we trust the Woodgrange Lodge will follow the advice so happily tendered it in the first instance by the Grand Secretary who consecrated it, and afterwards by his co-adjutor in the duty of consecration, Bro. Past Grand Chaplain Brownrigg.

In marked contrast with this excellent address in lodge of our Rev. Bro. Brownrigg was the after-dinner speech of our Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sullivan of New York, who responded for "The Visitors." A very high order of oratory is not looked for at the festive board. Let a speech be genial and kindly and in good taste, and those who listen will applaud it generously without troubling themselves about its composition. Dr. Sullivan's speech, however, at the inaugural banquet of the new lodge, was in the worst conceivable taste, and needlessly so, as his duty lay in thanking the Woodgrange Lodge for its hospitality and wishing it God-speed in its career. Were there delivered any more speeches of the same character as Bro. Dr. Sullivan's, after-dinner speech-making would cease to be endurable.

The report which has just been issued of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire at its annual meeting at Barton-on-Humber in June last shows that our Lincolnshire brethren well maintain the advanced position they have occupied during the past few years among the provinces of England. There is a slight increase in the aggregate membership as compared with the previous year, the lodges are reported to be in excellent working order, while the various funds show a balance in hand in each case. Moreover, the province has maintained its prestige as a liberal contributor to the central Charities, so that in all respects Lincolnshire has done itself credit during the year just terminated.

But a brief *resumé* of the several funds will show the good that is being done in Lincolnshire still more clearly. The accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund show a total receipt (including balance brought forward) of £249, and a total expenditure of £177, of which only £11 was disbursed in the way of expenses—printing, postage, &c. Similarly, the Oliver Memorial Fund for Boys, which now has a capital of £1304 Victoria Government Four per Cent. Inscribed Stock, shows receipts amounting to £186, and expenditure, including £100 in purchase of Stock, of over £120; the Smyth Scholarship Fund for Girls, with over £1005 Stock, receipts £94, and grants for education of over £32; and the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund for Aged Brethren and Widows, which has a capital of over £942, receipts £87, and expended in annuities £40. We heartily congratulate the Province of Lincolnshire, its respected Prov. Grand Master, the brethren, and its chief executive officers, among whom figures Bro. B. Vickers, Prov. Grand Secretary, on this satisfactory condition of their affairs.

A remark contained in the last paragraph of the letter we published last week from Bro. James Stevens on Article 213, Book of Constitutions, opens up a somewhat serious prospect. "If that," says he—namely, the interpretation he is pleased to put on the said Article 213,—"is not intended, the sooner the law is amended the better." In other words, if this or any other one of our laws will not bear Bro. James Stevens's interpretation it must be altered. The next time a revision of the Book of Constitutions is in contemplation, our Board of General Purposes will have to take Bro. James Stevens into their counsels, and allow themselves to be governed by his opinion and his opinion only.

We learn from an excerpt from the *New York Recorder* of the 16th ult. that Lung Ong has been remanded from the Tombs Police Court in that city on a charge of appropriating to his own use one of two banjos which belonged to Ah Hong, M.W.G.M. of the Lung Gee Tung Lodge of Chinese Masons, and on which it seems the said M.W. Ah Hong was wont to thrum for the edification of the gods which watch over and protect his lodge. Bret Harte has told us the ways of the Chinaman are peculiar, but it is news to us to hear there are Masonic Chinese nigger minstrels in New York. But what kind of Masonry is it which is practised by the celestials in New York to the accompaniment of the merry banjo?

Advices from Bombay report that cholera has broken out on board her Majesty's cruisers Redbreast and Marathon, on less than 23 cases having occurred within 24 hours, and of these sixteen had already terminated fatally.

Correspondence.

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

THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very pleased to read Bro. R. Wylie's favourable criticism of Bro. T. B. Whytehead's communication on the very important subject of "Freemasonry—What is its future?"

All those who have the pleasure of knowing my good friend Whytehead are well aware that the article by him was not written in any way to avoid or ignore the pressing claims of Masonic Charity, which were never so urgent and needful as now. On the contrary, *as in the past*, now, and in the future, that brother will be found most willing to aid to his utmost all the Institutions, local and general, connected with the Fraternity, which have for their bases the relief of the distressed and destitute.

Bro. Whytehead's point clearly is that if the rules and main objects of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons were duly observed, there would not be so many petitioners for relief. The wrong class are not infrequently admitted, *i.e.*, men who are neither socially nor pecuniarily fitted to become members of our lodges, and thus either they themselves or their dependants soon come on the funds for either whole or partial maintenance.

The real object of the Society is Fraternity, Charity being one, and that not the chief of its branches, for the fewer improper candidates that are admitted the less need will there be for pecuniary aid. Ours is not a benefit society, and I trust will never become one, and were the portals to our lodges guarded as carefully as they should be, there would not be the number of disappointed candidates at the elections, the increasing number of brethren in "arrears" of their dues, nor the appeals for aid made to us in our streets and at our houses by Masonic mendicants.

I hope Bro. Whytehead's letter will receive all the attention it deserves.—Yours fraternally,
September 12. W. J. HUGHAN.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I suggest to my brother Knight Templars the desirability of naming preceptories both in this country and in the United Kingdom after the ancient preceptories, the ruins of which in many cases are still scattered about the kingdom. For instance, Dundrum Castle, co. Down, now the property of the Marquis of Downshire, was a Templar House, and in this locality "Carrig-o'-gunnel" (the Rock of Connel), a fine old heap of venerable ruins, was also a Templar House.

It may, I think, be assumed generally that all places with the prefix Temple were originally Templar Houses, such as Templecombe, Temple Newsam, Temple Bruer, and there are ruins at the latter place of a Knight Templar Preceptory founded before 1185 and subsequently given to the Hospitallers.

At Temple in Scotland, in the county of Edinburgh, about six miles from Dalkeith, is an old Gothic church founded by David I. for the Knight Templars.

Temple in Cornwall belonged originally to the Knight Templars Preceptory at St. Ives.

Temple in Hants was made a grange to Southington Preceptory by Adam Gordon, the outlaw, who was eventually captured here in single combat by Edward I., when Prince, in 1266.

Temple Church in Bristol is a very fine old building, with a leaning tower, belonging originally to the soldier monks.

Temple Bryan, co. Cork, was owned by the Templars just before their dissolution in 1308—1313.

On referring to the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," I do not find a single preceptory in Ireland named after the old Templar Houses, but one or two of the later preceptories in England are so named. It is quite right and proper also that we should name them after eminent Templars in the old days, ancient Grand Masters, and so forth; but as we have moulded our modern ritual in great measure on the ritual of the past, as far as it is known, and adopted the costume of the Crusaders, it would probably give a greater interest to the Order in the eyes of the public, and encourage a study of the interesting history and tragic end of the soldier monks, if we generally adopted the names of the old Templar Houses scattered throughout the three kingdoms in the nomenclature of our preceptories. The same might be done also in the Order of Malta—so many of the Hospitaller Commanderies being known.—Fraternally yours,

EMRA HOLMES, 31°, K.C.T.

N.B.—Boston parish church was a Templar building, I think; a magnificent Gothic structure.

ART. 213 AND LODGE LA CÆSAREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Hard cases make bad law" is an adage that Bros. Philbrick and Prinsep will be well acquainted with, and the present seems a case in point. To grant a brother's clearance certificate, stating the circumstance under which he left the lodge—possibly circumstances which

the brother would prefer to conceal—to another person, without any proof that the brother had authorised the application, would be a course too lax to be tolerated, "even in these days of general laxity of discipline!"

That an apparently hard case should have induced brethren of such eminence to countenance such a laxity even once, under however exceptional circumstances, is a cause for regret; but that the decision is not to be taken as anything more than a decision that in the particular case sufficient authority had been produced to justify the lodge in granting the certificate is clearly shown by two things.

(a) That the Prov. G.M. ordered the younger Durell's letter to his father to be produced to the lodge, (and if this had been acted on all would have been well), and

(b) The V.W. Grand Registrar's words that "considering Bro. J. Durell's position, and his long membership of the lodge, he thought the lodge was bound to take his word that he was authorised to make the application. Under the circumstances he would move," &c., &c.

With all respect to the Grand Lodge, to the eminent brethren who spoke, and to the *Freemason*, I submit that no certificate should be granted except to the brother himself, or to some brother duly authorised to make the application on his behalf, and that the lodge is fairly entitled to demand strict proof that the application is duly authorised.

Under the head "Dimit," which is the equivalent of our clearance certificate, Bro. Henry Robertson lays down the common-sense view of the matter so well that I cannot forbear quoting his words. He says: "A dimit must be applied for, either personally by the brother himself in open lodge, or by a written request signed by the brother and sent to the lodge . . . the lodge should be satisfied, before a dimit is granted, that the brother himself wishes it. If one brother asks for a dimit to be granted to an absent brother, he should produce to the lodge a written authority from the absent brother for making the request, and this authority should be filed with the Secretary as the evidence upon which the dimit was granted."—*Robertson, Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence, 2nd Edit., p. 78.*

Surely this is the correct view of what is—as well as should be—the general law, and if an exceptional case is found where a lodge may be justified in taking less evidence, still it would never do to permit such laxity to become the general rule.

Neither the speakers in Grand Lodge nor the writer of the leader in to-day's *Freemason* seem to have thought of the possibility of the clearance certificate being applied for by an unauthorised, possibly hostile, person in a case where the "circumstances" to be stated in the certificate are unfavourable.—*Yours fraternally,*

LEX SCRIPTA.

September 12th.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 1607).—The installation meeting of the above-named lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th instant, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. The course of business had been cleared by a lodge of emergency held in July, so that only the usual business incident to the installation appeared upon the agenda.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Charles H. Halford, W.M., the officers present being Bros. John Hattersley, S.W.; F. W. Rose, J.W.; John Newton, Sec.; G. Denney, S.D.; Wilkinson, D.C.; Vaile, I.G.; Webb, P.M., and Barker, Stwds.; F. Carr, P.M.; C. H. Webb, P.M.; E. Holsworth, I.P.M.; T. Jones, P.M.; C. J. Perceval, P.M.; A. J. Clark, P.M.; R. S. Cushing, P.M.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. Maclachlan, E. Godfrey, R. C. Halford, W. T. Horton, John Thompson, T. F. Hodgson, J. V. Jones, T. Cole, J. Lawson, G. Cunningham, J. Little, F. King, H. T. Thompson, P.M.; W. F. Darnell, P.M.; M. W. Jameson, and H. A. Robinson. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. G. Brealey, I.G. 1056; W. H. Hillman, 569; E. J. Morgan, S.W. 1571; T. C. Tassell, I.G. 183; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; R. C. Davis, W.M. 2266; G. Hayes, P.D.G.M. New York; G. R. Langley, W.M. 2381; L. J. Powser, I.G. 1228; G. Mickley, W.M. 63; W. G. Cannon, 1539; W. Wingham, P.M. 25; G. J. Row, P.M. 1185; W. Gimlett, 1695; H. Magee, I.P.M. 174; Henry Jay, W.M. 174; C. R. Williams, P.M. 2262; R. H. Halford, P.S.G.D. Herts, 1580; W. J. Halford, P.M. 1964; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks; J. Woodman, 228; F. Orme, 712; W. Roots, P.M. 1273; H. T. Matthews, 1237; T. A. Starnes, S.W. 174; G. F. Smith, P.M. 2102; J. W. Cain, S.W. 179; and W. H. Wheeler, 1709.

The minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting and an emergency meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. John Hattersley being presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hattersley was installed into the chair of K.S., and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Rose, S.W.; G. S. Denney, J.W.; J. R. Large, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Vaile, S.D.; G. E. Wilkinson, J.D.; W. L. Barker, I.G.; I. F. Hodgson, D.C.; F. Carr, P.M., and J. Lawson, Stwds.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The whole ceremony of the installation was rendered by Bro. C. H. Halford, I.P.M., in a faultless and impressive manner. The W.M. having signified his intention of representing

the lodge at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was resolved that a sum of 20 guineas be placed upon his list from the lodge funds in the name of the Senior Warden of the lodge. The retiring W.M. then presented, in the name of the lodge, a handsome Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. John Newton, P.M., who was vacating the office of Secretary of the lodge after having served for 15 years in that capacity. He (Bro. Halford, I.P.M.) paid an eloquent tribute to the distinguished services rendered by Bro. Newton, and further begged him to accept from the members of the lodge a diamond ring as a souvenir to Mrs. Newton of the esteem in which her husband was held by them, together with a testimonial emblazoned on vellum. Bro. Newton, who spoke under considerable emotion, made a feeling response on behalf of himself and his wife. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. J. R. Large, P.M., who was unable to be present owing to a severe family bereavement. Amidst great enthusiasm the W.M. then presented and invested Bro. C. H. Halford, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge, remarking that no brother had more justly merited the distinction.

The brethren then adjourned to the Queen's Room, where the banquet was served in a style worthy of the best traditions of the London Tavern. The tables were beautifully adorned with a profusion of cut flowers, fairy lights, &c., which lent an additional charm to the surroundings.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. rose, and, in felicitous terms, proposed the first toast—that of "The Queen"—which was received with much enthusiasm.

The National Anthem was then sung by the glee party, the brethren joining in the chorus.

The W.M., in submitting the next toast—"The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"—remarked that all Masons were proud of their Grand Master for the great interest he had manifested in the Craft, and, notwithstanding the high duties he had to perform in connection with the State, he had found time to give valuable assistance to Provincial Grand Lodges. The W.M. especially referred to the visit of the Prince to Reading, when he installed his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, as Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire.

The toast was received with great heartiness. "God bless the Prince of Wales" (solo by Bro. W. H. Wheeler) having been sung.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred to the presence of Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks, whom he was pleased to see. He apprehended that brethren who had attended Grand Lodge knew how important it was to have those high offices placed in competent hands. He hoped they might frequently have the presence of the two Grand Officers who had honoured them with their company at the installation meeting.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg returned thanks for the hearty reception accorded to him, and said that a warm welcome awaited all brethren visiting the county of Buckinghamshire.

Bro. Terry also desired to offer a few words of thanks, and said he was gratified beyond measure to see the lodge prospering, as he had had the privilege of consecrating it. He alluded in feeling terms to the retirement of Bro. Newton from the Secretaryship of the lodge, and warmly eulogised Bro. Newton's services to the Craft.

Bro. C. H. Halford, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of the evening—"The W.M." Speaking of the W.M., Bro. Halford said he could not say anything too good of him. They had seen him work up through the various offices to the chair, and now that he had reached that position they offered him their heartiest congratulations, knowing that he, as a brother enjoying their confidence and esteem, would maintain the dignity of the lodge. They wished him a happy and successful year of office.

The toast was honoured with an amount of enthusiasm which must have been highly gratifying to the new Master.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had become endeared to the Lodge of Loyalty, and would always strive to contribute to its success. He felt proud of the position he had been permitted to attain, although he must confess that he felt a little nervous at first, but he was encouraged by a knowledge of the fact that he had the sympathy and goodwill of the whole of the members of the lodge, and under those happy circumstances he would endeavour to merit the confidence reposed in him by carrying out the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

The Worshipful Master, in submitting the toast of "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master," said it was difficult to find words which would adequately express the feeling entertained by the brethren of the Lodge of Loyalty towards Bro. C. H. Halford. The I.P.M. had during his year of office performed his duties in such a masterly way and with so much distinction to himself that they could not help feeling a twinge of regret that his occupancy of the chair had come to an end. They also remembered the success which attended Bro. Halford's efforts in connection with the summer outing. He (the W.M.) thought that the visitors present that evening who had witnessed the manner in which Bro. Halford had installed his successor must have realised what an able and worthy Master the I.P.M. had proved himself to be.

The toast was heartily received, and the I.P.M. on rising to return thanks was very warmly greeted. Bro. Halford said he could not be otherwise than gratified at the way in which the W.M. had alluded to his services. He thought that his work had been too highly extolled, but he had done his best. The year had been an eventful one for him, and he should never forget the kindness and assistance he had received from the brethren. He appealed to them to give the new Master the same generous support as had been extended to him last year when he went up as Steward to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

"The Visitors" was the next toast submitted by the W.M., who tendered to them a hearty welcome on behalf of the lodge, remarking that there was present one brother who held a prominent office in the Grand Lodge of New York.

In response, Bro. George Hayes, P.D.G.M. of the New York State, tendered his thanks for the cordial reception which he had met. He stated that occasions such as these proved the universality of Freemasonry, and did much to cement good fellowship and brotherhood between nations. Twenty-seven years ago when he joined Freemasonry in New York he found the lodges of America considerably in debt. He and another brother exerted themselves and never rested until they had not only freed the Craft from liabilities, but they had now a surplus of \$3,000,000 entirely

devoted to their "Home," which took the place of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions of this country. He gave interesting details of the administration of the Charities, and remarked that they had learned much from England in this respect. He would go back with feelings of warm affection for the brethren of his Mother Country.

Bros. Jay, W.M. 174; Davis, W.M. 2266; Langley, W.M. 2381; and R. H. Halford also replied.

Responding to the toast of the "Masonic Charities," Bro. James Terry warmly eulogised the efforts put forward by the Loyalty Lodge in the past, and made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The remainder of the toast list usual at such gatherings was then proceeded with.

An interesting programme of music was efficiently carried through under the direction of Bro. G. F. Smith, P.P.G.O. Essex.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 1743).—At Anderton's Hotel on Saturday last this lodge held its annual installation meeting, when there was a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, supplemented by a considerable number of visitors. Bros. C. J. Fox, the outgoing Master, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. C. Salter, S.W., Thomas Lovell, J.W. (W.M. elect), and his subordinate officers, opened the lodge at four o'clock precisely, and proceeded to dispose of the formal business.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency meeting held on the 3rd June having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was approved and adopted. Bros. C. W. Hicks and E. W. Scolding were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ballot for Mr. Arthur William Fry was not proceeded with as the gentleman was not in attendance. Bro. A. L. Leins, P.M., Treas., then presented to the W.M., Bro. Lovell, J.W., as the brother elected by the lodge to be their W.M. for the ensuing year, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lovell was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Fox, whom he immediately invested as I.P.M., after which he proceeded to invest his officers, of which the following is a list: Bros. Squire, S.W.; John Stait, J.W.; A. L. Leins, P.M., Treas.; C. S. Ferry, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; O'Brian, S.D.; Wall, J.D.; Belhomme, I.G.; Tyrell, D.C.; Lonsdale, Asst. D.C.; Frank Swinford, Org.; Watts and Park, Stwds.; and Lane, Tyler. The recital of the three addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and the concluding oration on the principles of Freemasonry completed the ceremony, which was admirably performed by Bro. Fox. Bro. Stait, J.W., having almost at the last moment represented the lodge at the last Festival of the Boys' School, for which he made a handsome collection in the space of three or four days, it was proposed and carried that a sum of five guineas be added to his list from the lodge Benevolent Fund. During the lodge meeting Bro. Ferry, P.M., the Secretary, read a letter he had received from Bro. Sparrow, P.M., now in Australia, greeting his old friends of the Perseverance Lodge.

At the conclusion of the banquet which followed the business portion of the meeting, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the cross-table, and were heartily received by the brethren, the intervals being enlivened by the vocal performances of Bros. Wm. Prise, Rubert Mantell, Mr. Sinclair Mantell, and Bro. Frank Swinford, the last-named having the responsibility of this portion of the entertainment.

In proposing "The W.M.'s Health," Bro. Fox, I.P.M., said it was his privilege to propose the toast of the evening—to ask the brethren to drink to the health of their W.M. He recollected perfectly well that their esteemed W.M., Bro. Lovell, joined the lodge soon after he himself came in, and they had gone on shoulder to shoulder until Bro. Lovell had arrived, as his successor, at the proud position of Master of the lodge, and he was sure that Bro. Lovell would turn out to be a very able Master, and that he would do all he could to promote the interests of the Perseverance Lodge. He, therefore, called on them to drink his health and to wish him an exceptionally good year of office.

In reply, Bro. Lovell said that he thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind and flattering way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very kind reception they had given to it. As he had as it were only just put on the collar, the brethren would have to wait and see what measure of praise or otherwise would be his due. The I.P.M. had earned their praise because he had done well for the lodge, and he (Bro. Lovell), could only hope that with their kind assistance he might have an equally successful year of office. He saw no reason why that should not be. The Perseverance had from its inception been a very successful lodge and, until recently, a most united lodge. It was to be regretted that anything should have occurred to interrupt harmonious working, but when such troubles did occur, they must do their best to meet them in a generous spirit and to glide over them as happily as they could. He hoped they would do this and that the year that lay before them would be one of uninterrupted prosperity and happiness, and that they would meet together with the feeling that they were united in a common brotherhood, and that they did not meet as divided parties. He trusted that all would work harmoniously, and it would be his endeavour to bring about that result. Bro. Fox had spoken of him in very flattering terms, and had referred to the nearness of their times of entering the lodge and to their progress through it. For himself he could say that he had been very much benefited by rubbing up against Bro. Fox's shoulder. He was particularly pleased to be shoulder to shoulder with him on that occasion. He hoped his successor would have the same happy inspiration when he (Bro. Lovell) left the chair. He had now to propose "The Health of Bro. Fox," who had gone through the work of the year so well, bringing that work to a close with the admirable performance they had witnessed that day. He hoped Bro. Fox would be spared for many years to show his genial face at their meetings. He felt it a privilege that it fell to his lot as Master to invest Bro. Fox with the jewel that had been voted by the lodge, and he hoped Bro. Fox would wear it, and that the lodge would continue to have the benefit of his wise and generous zeal which they had enjoyed for the last 12 or 14 years.

In replying, Bro. Fox said he felt that he had a very difficult task in attempting to reply in adequate terms to the very kind way in which that toast had been submitted to their notice by the W.M. He could only say that it was a

great gratification to him if he had performed the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. His term of office had given him a knowledge of many of the brethren which had deeply impressed him. He was now about to add one more link to the ever-lengthening chain of the Past Masters, but he should at all times be happy to do what he could to further the interests of the Perseverance Lodge. Before sitting down he desired to express his hearty and sincere thanks to the officers who had so ably supported him during his year of office; he hoped they would accept his thanks and his best wishes for the continually increasing prosperity of the Perseverance Lodge.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the names of Bros. G. Guterbock, P.M. 173; J. Lawrence, P.M. 1326, P.G. D. of C.; S. Johnson, P.M. 1297; and F. Goodchild, a P.M. of the lodge, who had come amongst them again after a long absence.

These brethren all responded. Then followed the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Kearney, P.M., who, in reply, said it was the united effort and feeling of the Past Masters to promote the interests and happiness of the Lodge of Perseverance to the very best of their ability. He, as one of the founders, knew that it was so. He was glad to see so many Past Masters present, and glad to be able to say that they were united and had the interests of the lodge at heart. They wished to do their very best to promote the happiness and welfare of every member of the lodge, and he hoped, therefore, that the brethren would rally round the W.M. Thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received that toast, Bro. Kearney concluded by expressing the hope that he should have the pleasure of responding for the Past Masters for many years to come.

In replying to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Leins, P.M., reminded the brethren that he was the father of the lodge, and they were his beloved children in Masonry. He had served them faithfully and truthfully from the beginning until now, and, as the W.M. had said, he would serve them faithfully as long as he was a member of the lodge.

Bro. Ferry, P.M., Sec., regretted that so many of the brethren had left. There were entries to be found in the books of old lodges which showed that that was not the custom of former time. On one occasion there was an entry made that a certain brother was "excused and allowed to retire." However, it redounded to the credit of the good and true Masons who were left. The Treasurer and Secretary had done their best for the lodge—it was no empty boasting or self-glorification on their part—and as long as their services were of any value to the brethren they were willing to give them, but it rested with the brethren themselves.

The toast of "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was then proposed, and all the officers briefly responded, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The following were among the brethren present: Bros. C. J. Fox, John Stait, J. Lovell, L. A. Leins, W. J. Squire, Thomas J. O'Brian, C. S. Ferry, W. Smith, A. Eade, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; F. Kearney, P.M.; E. Marley, P.M.; H. C. Lonsdale, J. Phillips, D. Baker, Bernard Ferry, H. Watts, John Handley, A. E. Leins, G. A. Tinney, J. B. Smith, B. Perry, T. W. Scolding, H. Calder, J. Bowles, J. Flaxman, W. Thompson, E. Hancock, H. Parks, G. B. Gray, and W. J. Wall. Visitors: Bros. Frank Swinford, 2272; G. Draper, 1743; Stephen Johnson, P.M. 1297; F. Goodchild, P.M. 1743; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; R. Ede, 1471; J. Walton, 1360; T. D. Sewell, 1829, Prov. G.S.; J. Lawrence, P.M. 1326; J. H. Gray, 87; J. J. Holmes, I.G. 87; G. Guterbock, P.M. 173; and W. G. London, 1880.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Charles H. Cox, W.M. The lodge was called for four o'clock, and at that hour there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren, the attraction no doubt being that the W.M. was to install his successor as the first business of the day. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. H. Jakins, I.P.M.; Joseph Bladon, S.W.; Thomas Culver, J.W.; Thomas C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Brooke, P.M.; Henry Cattermole, P.M.; W. Gibson Bott, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; and Alfred J. Dixie, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. George, P.M. 101 and 2369; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. Tuckwell, 1922; James Todd, 116; Henry E. Peek, 1381; Martin D. W. Levien, 1768; W. Arthur Brown, P.M. 1567, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Main, W.M. 157; J. Morrison McLeod, P.M. 884, P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Robert P. Angel, 179; H. G. Martin, S.W. 1622; Charles T. Cowley, 2030; James Smith, P.M. 933; Charles Smith, 1328; H. Leapman, 1585; M. Sirgenberg, J.D. 188; and J. H. Farmer, 1862.

The minutes of the preceding March meeting and of an emergency held on June 11th having been read and confirmed, and the highly satisfactory report of the Audit Committee having been adopted, Bro. Charles H. Cox, W.M., on the presentation of Bro. Corpe, P.M., Treas., installed Bro. Joseph Bladon, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge in a style which obtained for him the commendation of all the brethren present. Bro. C. H. Cox was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The brethren selected as officers to assist the W.M. for the ensuing year were Bros. John Culver, S.W.; W. H. Foot, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Lowry, S.D.; C. Mussared, J.D.; A. J. Dixie, I.G.; C. Heinekey, D.C.; W. Wright and C. H. Knuth, Stewards; A. Tarling, Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Cox, after the investitures, delivered the addresses, which concluded his year's work, and in recognition of the ability with which he had upheld the dignified office of W.M., he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Acknowledging the presentation, he stated that he should always wear it with proud satisfaction, but intimated that not wishing to occupy the time of the brethren in lodge, he would reserve further remarks till a later period of the evening. The brethren thereupon proceeded to ballot for Messrs. Alfred James Blake, Maximilian Emil Brousson, and Wm. Palmer Bayley for admission into the Craft, and the ballot proving successful, and the two first gentlemen being in attendance, Messrs. Blake and Brousson were initiated by the new W.M., who performed his work with skill and fluency, his new officers also adding their important functions with the perfection of

adepts. The banquet was appointed for seven o'clock, and the work of the lodge was so well arranged, that at Freemasons' Tavern, to which the brethren adjourned after closing the lodge, was not kept waiting.

An excellent repast was provided and enjoyed, and the brethren afterwards honoured the usual toasts, between which Madame Adeline Vandrey, Miss Jessie Hotine, and Bros. W. T. Perrins, Henry Thom, Arthur Tarling, Wm. Emerson, and W. H. Webb contributed some beautiful music. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Thom. Bro. Brooke, P.M., as is his annual custom, came all the way from Vienna to attend the meeting.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Cox, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said the brethren had made a most judicious choice in electing Bro. Bladon, for when his year of office expired they would say of him as they had said of his predecessors, that he had done his very best. They had seen him perform the ceremony of initiation perfectly. The work of a W.M. reminded him of the seasons of the year—spring, summer, autumn, and winter, each of which brought its duties. The W.M. had commenced his spring season by initiating two very worthy gentlemen, who would be a credit to the Craft. In his summer he would pass and raise them, besides initiating others. His autumn would be devoted to performing the ceremonies on others, and his winter would crown his year by his installation of his successor. The brethren expected plenty of work for its W.M., and they had placed him in the chair to do it. All that was left for them to do was to find the work for him. The past year had turned out very well. They wished the Duke of Cornwall Lodge might go on and prosper. Personally, he felt delighted his dear old friend, Bro. Bladon, whom he had known 20 years, should have much more success even than he had had. It was a pleasure to a W.M. to have plenty of work, and he, during his year, had done his best with it. Bro. Bladon would also do his best. They had seen what he could do in working the ritual and also with regard to supporting the Charities. Let them remember that they should support the W.M., and that whatever they did that way was for the good of Freemasonry. The very essence of Freemasonry was Charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, and so long as they kept that principle in view the Order would increase, and so long would they enjoy an evening together as they had that night.

The Worshipful Master, whose rising was met with loud applause, thanked Bro. Cox for his kind and flattering remarks, and said he should do his best to retain the good opinion he had of the brethren and they had of him. If his health permitted he should be at every meeting of the lodge during his year, and do all that was in his power to keep up the well-being of the lodge. He did not belong to any other lodge; he was initiated in this lodge, and he trusted he should be held in the same esteem next year as he was at the present time.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Cox," and said he could not express his feelings with respect to the grand way in which Bro. Cox had installed him as W.M. Of course it was something quite new to him (the W.M.), but he could see it was done in a most impressive manner. He had a little surprise for Bro. Cox, who had already had a Past Master's jewel presented to him. The brethren whom Bro. Cox had initiated during his year of office had thought fit to subscribe for a clock to be presented to him this evening, and he now presented it, hoping that he would be spared many years to look upon it as a reminder of how he was appreciated. He hoped he always would be appreciated as much as he was that night. A handsome drawing-room clock was then uncovered and presented. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Cox, P.M., by his initiates during his year of office as W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge."

Bro. Cox, I.P.M., in reply, said there were times in a man's history when he could not possibly find words adequately to express the feelings of his heart. The present was one of those times with him, for nothing he could say or think of could express the gratitude he felt. The last year had been an exceptional one; but he could not take all the credit to himself, for without good officers and without initiates no lodge could go on and prosper. He had been most ably supported in all his duties by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and had been very much helped in the work of the lodge by the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer had been most careful of the funds of the lodge, and the consequence was that its finances stood very well. The Secretary was one of the best of Secretaries, and if the work had been at all hard so much the better was the Secretary pleased. The Secretary's duties must be very heavy, for there were over 60 members of the lodge. Last year when it opened there were only 47. The funds reserved were £130, debts nil. The Benevolent Fund had increased to £63. As J.W. and S.W. it had been his proud privilege to take up £120 to the different Masonic Charities. They had also given to the lodge Benevolent Fund nearly £40 during his year. When he heard about liberty, equality, and fraternity, he could not but reflect that in Masonry they had liberty to work the beautiful ritual; equality, for they met on the level and parted on the square; and fraternity was the very essence of the Craft; they had fraternal regard one for another; Charity, which meant love; they took the good things of this world, but they distributed them; when they enjoyed themselves they did not forget those who wanted assistance. That night he was taken very much by surprise, for he had no expectation that that beautiful marble clock would be given to him. Such a thing had never occurred in the lodge before as a separate presentation made by the initiates. He hardly deserved it, but he should value it, and every time he looked at it would remind him of the many happy hours he had had with the brethren. With regard to the Past Master's jewel, it was not for its intrinsic value he should esteem it, but for the kindness and generosity of the brethren in supporting him as W.M. which it represented.

Bros. Blake and Brousson replied to the toast of "The Initiates," and Bros. McLeod, Steinberg, Lane, Arthur Brown, and Angel for "The Visitors."

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M., following up a subject started by Bro. Angel, solicited the brethren's assistance on behalf of a son of the late Bro. Mayfield, who would be a candidate for the Boys' School at the April Election, 1892.

Bro. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I.B., replied to the toast, and acknowledged the great assistance the Duke of Corn-

wall Lodge had rendered to the Masonic Institutions, and he promised all the aid he could give in forwarding Mayfield's case. He did not believe what he sometimes heard, that the Order had reached highwater mark. The whole teaching of the Order showed that the foundation of Freemasonry was Charity, and high as the Order had reached, it would yet reach higher. No doubt the Masonic Institutions had attained to a very great height, and they had done good work. The Benevolent Institution dispensed more than £15,000 a year in annuities; the Girls' School educated 260 girls, and turned them out at the age of 16 fit for any position. The Boys' School had turned out good boys in the past, but it was going to turn out better in the future. Altogether it was a most noble work for Masons to take part in. Last year £53,000 was contributed by Craftsmen throughout England in support of these great Institutions. It was a marvel, and no wonder that they bound themselves together to support the Institutions. Those Institutions were the outward and visible sign of that inward and spiritual grace which incited them to good works. The Fund of Benevolence of United Grand Lodge was another sign, but beyond this there was the Benevolent Fund which now almost every lodge possessed of its own, and which it dispensed unostentatiously and quietly. All these were included in the toast for which he was replying. He then thanked the lodge for what it had already done, and solicited its strong support in the future, reminding the brethren that the Boys' School, unlike the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, had only £17,000 invested capital. With 264 boys in the School there must be a great deal to be made up by voluntary gifts.

"The Treasurer and Secretary, and the Past Masters," "The Masonic Press," and "The Officers of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge" were other toasts which were honoured and responded to, and the Tyler's toast, which was given by Bro. T. Bowler, closed a most happy and enjoyable evening.

United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, P.S.G.W. West Yorkshire, W.M., was in the chair, supported by Bros. Bolas, S.W.; Geo. Davis as J.W. (in the absence of the J.W., Bro. F. Wright, who was unable to be present owing to the death of a near relative) and the other officers of the lodge.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of a subsequent lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Robertshaw, I.P.M. 448, was duly elected a joining member. Bro. Edward Nundy was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Bullock. Bro. W. Kelsey-Nash was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., D.C. Bro. Bullock, I.P.M., proposed a gentleman for initiation. A unanimous vote of sympathy was passed by the brethren with Bro. Thomas W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, on his long and trying illness, and a sincere wish was expressed for his speedy and permanent recovery to good health. This resolution was entrusted to Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, an honorary member of the lodge, who was present, to present to Bro. Tew when he was well enough to receive it. The lodge was then closed. Bro. Cumberland, on behalf of Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, P.G.M. Philadelphia, honorary member of the lodge, gave "Hearty good wishes."

The brethren afterwards met at supper, the W.M. presiding. Several toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Lavington responded for "The Visitors."

"The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by the I.P.M., and received, as it deserved to be, enthusiastically.

The officers of the lodge were duly toasted, and they responded.

Bro. Kipling, P.M., had a special toast all to himself. Bro. Kipling is connected with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and leaves England shortly for Japan (Yokohama) to take up an appointment there. The brethren wished him *bon voyage*, and a speedy return, if he so wished it.

Bro. Kipling responded in very sympathetic terms, and was heartily cheered, the brethren joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Several of the brethren—visitors as well as members of the lodge—sang songs during the evening. The company dispersed in good time, after a most enjoyable evening.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal on Thursday, the 10th inst., with Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M., in the chair. In the absence of both Senior and Junior Wardens, those chairs were filled by Bros. Charles Hubbard and J. B. Cumming, Treasurer, respectively. Bro. Jas. George Ingram, 820, elected at the last meeting, was duly received and greeted, and Bro. Harold T. Hartley, 1608, was also unanimously elected a joining member. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Whitaker Wright, of San Francisco, and Walter Black, they were duly initiated by the W.M.

The visitors present were Bros. B. Lyons, P.M. 1227, and King Upton, of the Star King Lodge, U.S.A.

In responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Wright gave a very humorous recital of the difficulties he had encountered on his way towards becoming a Mason, and deprecated the alarming rumours current in the outside world as to the awful experiences an initiate may encounter. He thought a man with weak nerves, like himself, should, if possible, be spared by the brethren.

Bro. King Upton gave an amusing account of the vagaries of some American lodges with which he had come in contact.

The proceedings at the banquet were very pleasantly enlivened by the excellent music discoursed by the Gounod Guitarists, introduced by Bro. W. Henry, Organist. This troupe of Spanish players have only recently arrived in this country. It would be difficult to imagine anything more perfect in instrumental execution than the combined efforts of this troupe. They display the most perfect rhythmic action in all their playing, and individually show manifestations of exceptional mastery over their instruments, their rendering of two such musical gems as a serenata by Ferreira and the beautiful meditation of Gounod at once stamp them as executants of no ordinary sort. All lovers of music should hear them. After the banquet the Orion Male Glee Society rendered in good style some fine old English glees and German part songs, bringing an unusually enjoyable evening to a close.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOWDEN.

De Tatton Lodge (No. 2144).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Stamford Arms on Monday, the 14th inst.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was performed with great ability by Bro. A. Ingham, W.M. Bro. F. Johnson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. W. Evason, P.M., Treas. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Ingham, W.M.; G. Bowen, I.P.M.; F. Johnson, S.W.; J. Goulding, J.W.; H. W. Evason, P.M., Treas.; W. Morris, S.D.; W. Moody, I.G.; W. H. Hadfield, Tyler; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D.; E. Morgan, P.M.; J. H. Lowe, W. A. Doherty, S. Eliazarian, C. Kenworthy, J. Dowty, W. Allwood, and J. F. Smith. Visitors: Bros. H. Cauford, 1747, Transvaal; W. M. Dykes, 1045; James Vine, 322; and G. S. Smith, I.P.M. 2359.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Crown Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.G.S. Herts, W.M.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., acting J.W.; John Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, I.P.M. and Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, D.C., acting I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; A. Ingram, R. Von Der Sahl, A. J. Robinson, N. Pearce, and W. Kennedy. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Johnston, 32, Montreal, and J. Duncan, S.W. 59.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Ingram was raised to the Third Degree, the traditional history being given, and Bro. Von Der Sahl was passed to the Second Degree. These duties were performed by the W.M. in a most creditable manner. A telegram was received from Bro. J. France, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, expressing his regret that illness had debarred him from the anticipated pleasure of being present. The lodge was then closed.

Later on, the brethren re-assembled and dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., when the usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers" and Bro. J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said they were honoured by the company of but two visitors that day, but nevertheless his duty was a pleasing one, as these brethren were personal friends of most of them. If they were not always able to regale their guests with sumptuous fare, they knew how to give them a hearty welcome, and as for the two brethren in question, he could tell them that they never need be absent from their meetings for lack of an invitation.

Bro. Johnston (Montreal) said he did not know how to thank them for the overwhelming reception they had given the toast. When he accepted the invitation to be present, he little expected to receive such kindness, nor to find that they had such a lovely place of meeting. He had known some of their number for many years, and when in this country he should certainly accept the W.M.'s invitation and visit them again.

Bro. J. Duncan, S.W. 59, also replied, thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks. He had made up his mind not to be a visitor to the Kingswood Lodge again; if Bro. Coxon would propose him he would become a member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." Being a very young lodge, he said, but two brethren came under that designation, and of those one—Bro. Rawson Kelley—was at present in Japan; but they knew that the Kingswood Lodge was in his thoughts, and if he could have transported himself to Broxbourne he would have been with them in person; but absent or present, their Past Masters having proved themselves such good men and true, their toast would always meet with a warm reception in that lodge.

Bro. J. Petch, I.P.M., in reply, said that Bro. Rawson Kelley had done a great deal for the lodge for which they were not ungrateful. He had just received a letter from Bro. Kelley from Yokohama, in which he had mentioned by name a considerable number of the brethren, showing that though far away his thoughts were with them, and that the welfare of the lodge was near to his heart.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given, and replied to by the Secretary and S.W.

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

CHESHUNT.

The James Terry Lodge (No. 2372).—The first anniversary of this lodge was held in the Cheshunt Hall, Crossbrook-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.P.J.G.W. Herts, W.M., presided, and was supported by a strong muster of the officers and members and sundry visitors, conspicuous among whom were Bros. W. T. Grant, W.M. 869; W. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, P.P.J.G.W.; and Thomas Reilly, P.M., Sec. 1327, P.P.G.P.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report, which showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after the discharge of all liabilities, submitted and adopted, the ballot was taken for Bro. E. Price, 1327, who was elected a joining member, and Messrs. Edward Wilson and Walter Goodger as candidates for initiation and membership, and these gentlemen having been unanimously accepted were forthwith initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M. Bro. John Chas. Jones having subsequently been raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., Bro. P. Ludgate Blackmore, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. James Terry and by him installed in the chair as the second W.M. of the James Terry Lodge, the ceremony in each case being most ably carried out by the retiring Master. After the customary salutations by the brethren, the W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. James Terry, I.P.M.; William Metcalf, S.W.; Henry Trask, J.W.; Richard Middlehurst (elected) Treas.; Joseph Tydeman, P.M. 1327, Sec.; Dr. W. P. Warren, S.D.; H. E. Cole, J.D.; Frederick Godfree, I.G.; R. F. Brickdale, D.C.; G. S. Metcalfe, A.D.C.; George Worboys, Org.; Thomas L. Bennett and W. G.

Tydeman, Stwds.; Geo. Young, Tyler; and S. Mitchell, Asst. Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Four Swans Hotel, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, under the presidency of the new W.M.

After dinner the usual toasts were honoured, and in proposing that of "The I.P.M.," Bro. Blackmore, after referring in appropriate and grateful terms to the very great services which Bro. Terry had rendered to the lodge as its first Master, and the success which had attended his efforts to establish it on a firm basis, expressed the pleasure he personally felt in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge in recognition of those services.

Bro. Terry, in a few kindly sentences, returned thanks for the gift as well as for the complimentary remarks with which the presentation had been made.

In connection with the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," it was announced that the Treasurer, Bro. Richard Middlehurst, who is also W.M. of No. 1327, had very kindly undertaken to act as Steward at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

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

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was such a pressure of business that the meeting was called for two o'clock, at which time every office was filled. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. E. Towell, W.M. The minutes of the installation and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Bret, which proved favourable, and he was initiated by the W.M. The chair was taken by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec., who, after the usual formalities, passed Bro. Westbrook. The chair was then taken by Bro. G. S. Smith, I.P.M., who afterwards raised Bro. Lawrenson, Bro. Towell, W.M., subsequently raising Bro. Sayers. All other business being attended to, the lodge was closed by the W.M.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Geo. Edgar Towell, W.M.; G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; G. A. Myers, Treas.; Fredk. Thomas and J. Sharples, Stwds.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; A. K. Boothroyd, J. M. Veal, John Walker, R. H. Sawyer, Wm. Sharples, John Westbrook, W. W. Wilkinson, J. Lawrenson, J. Laurisch, Percy D. Langley, Joseph Ward, and R. Fitton. Visitors: Bros. F. G. Cord, 1571; J. H. Heap, W.M. 344; Thos. Lawrenson, 344, P.G.S.B.; A. B. Butterick, J.W. 1313, 2360; E. R. Davison, 1171; S. H. Owen, 1126; and J. Bowers, W.M. 1730.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. G. Wilson was installed by Bro. G. Mitchell, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. H. Brown, the outgoing W.M., was presented with the Past Master's jewel. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. J. Budd-Budd, S.W.; R. G. Payne, J.W.; E. A. Head, P.M., Treas.; A. M. Betchley, P.M.; J. Stone, S.D.; J. Luxford, J.D.; G. Mitchell, P.M., D.C.; S. R. Schofield, Org.; and W. W. Gale and C. F. W. Stannard, Stwds.

Among the other members of the lodge present were Bros. W. H. Brown, I.P.M.; T. Smith, P.M.; G. D. Woolgar, P.M.; W. Hosken, P.M.; C. H. Haine, P.M.; F. J. Rogers, J. Cooper, H. A. Wooster Reeves, J. E. Lark, F. Walder, D. Wood, J. Glover, C. M. Wilson, J. Laker, and J. Luxford. The visiting brethren included Bros. D. T. Bostel, W.M. 1636; J. Creighton; E. Bourne; J. G. Sims; W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), W.M., Prov. J.G.W.; C. Nye, P.P.G.S. of Works; L. W. Soper, W.M. 1141; W. Bealy; and W. Wright, W.M. 311.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Crown Hotel. The usual toasts were submitted, and some capital music was provided by the East Grinstead Glee Union.

HEATON MOOR.

Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Reform Club, on the 9th inst. The following brethren were present: John Moffatt, W.M.; A. Lawley, I.P.M.; Thos. Rostron, S.W.; H. G. Small, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, Treas.; Geo. Rostron, Sec.; Jas. Willcox, S.D.; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; Geo. Brown, E. A. Withers, Geo. L. Mills, Wm. French, R. H. Venables, E. Ashworth, Geo. Findlow, Thos. B. Grinshaw, W. W. McIntyre, J. Bowden McGregor Gemmell, J. Wood, P.M., Marsland, G. R. Hewlit, C. T. Eldrington, R. V. Critchley, T. E. Purdy, Geo. Metcalf, and J. A. Gee. Visitors: Bros. J. Lanicle, 2359; J. H. Studd, 163; and Ben Eastwood, 163.

PORTISHEAD.

Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—Saturday, the 12th inst., was delightfully fine for the large gathering of brethren who assembled at the Royal Hotel to witness the imposing ceremony of the installation of the newly-elected W.M. The brethren present included the following: Bros. W. Shapland, W.M.; E. Davy, S.W.; James R. Thebridge, Treas.; C. L. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. P. Billing, S.D.; A. J. Tonkin, J.D.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., D.C.; E. Harvey and F. Dixon-Bramald, Stwds.; W. Glasspole, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; G. Dando, P.M.; L. D. L. Weatherley, M.D., P.M.; W. Minns, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Rice, P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M.; John Southwood, J. H. Stafford, T. Turner, J. W. Hall, Org.; and E. Simpkins, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; J. Symes, J.D. 1953; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.G.P.; C. T. P. Smith, P.M. 1388, P.A.G.D.C.; H. W. Makepeace, 1388; L. G. Hill, 103; E. W. Coombe, 814; W. Powell, 1205, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Fulford, 686; Thomas Webley, W.M. 68; Theo. Carrington, J.D. 686; A. G. Britt, I.P.M. 1388; W. H. Lewis, 68; Wm. Reece, 1199, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Powell, 103; Wm. Galpin, P.M. 68; E. G. Machon, Sec. 68; Charlie Pfeiffer, W.M. 1388; James Habgood, 68; John Gard, P.M. 68, P.S.G.W.; G. Will, 1750; Michael H. Clark, P.M. 1750; George Heal, 1388; and others.

Bro. Shapland, W.M., received the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Else, in the following terms: "Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, permit me in the name of

the lodge to welcome you once more most heartily within its portals. Your annual visit is always a matter of pleasurable anticipation, and you will find to-day, and I trust on many future occasions, the heartiness of our welcome multiplied by the number of your visits. Permit me also, Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to congratulate you upon commencing, as you have so aptly put it, a fresh voyage as chief officer under a new commander. It was the privilege of many members of this lodge to attend the installation meeting of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master at Bath; but not the least pleasurable incident to us was the opportunity it afforded of joining in that grand and spontaneous demonstration which greeted your re-investment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a demonstration which, whilst it could not fail to be gratifying to you, Sir, was a striking testimony to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge then present of the very high esteem and affectionate regard in which you are held throughout the province. I beg now, therefore, to repeat our congratulations more formally, but not less heartily, and to express our hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may spare you for many years to bear the high honours of your distinguished office, and to continue your visits to the Eldon Lodge, where you will always be sure of a most hearty welcome. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Else, suitably replied. After some formal business of the lodge had been arranged, Bro. E. Davy was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Bro. Davy at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Shapland, I.P.M.; J. Carey, S.W.; C. P. Billing, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); C. L. Thomas, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); A. J. Tonkin, S.D.; C. Hazell, J.D.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; E. W. Harvey, I.G.; J. H. Stafford and A. Jeffreys, Stwds.; Hall, Org.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler (re-elected). Bro. W. Rice was chosen as delegate to serve on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee. The collection of alms for the day was voted to a charitable mission in which Bro. Rice is engaged.

Mrs. Boulter, widow of the late respected Bro. Boulter, served a sumptuous banquet, which was highly spoken of on all sides.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master submitted "The Queen and the Craft," and followed with "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The P.G.M., the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan," and "The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, the Installing Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and in doing so the W.M. expressed his gratitude to Bro. Else for coming so far to put him (the speaker) in the chair of K.S., and for performing the beautiful ceremony in such an admirable way.

Bro. Else regretted that time was so brief that he would have only time to say a few words, but if he spoke briefly he spoke none the less sincerely. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind and cordial expressions used, and for the hearty manner in which they had all received his name. He assured them it was a pleasure to visit the Eldon Lodge once more and to do the good work of installing Bro. Davy as W.M., and the one little bit of advice he would give the new W.M. was to follow in the footsteps of the previous W.M., Bro. Shapland. He reminded the brethren that they had been blessed with good Masters whose excellent example they could not do better than follow. He congratulated the brethren on the success of the Eldon Lodge, and in conclusion, Bro. Else thanked the Masons of Somerset and those of the Province of Bristol for the hearty reception they had given him, and gave them the assurance that if it was the will of the G.A.O.T.U. he looked forward with pleasure to meeting them all again next year.

It was regretted that at this juncture Bro. Else had to bid farewell to the W.M. and brethren in order to catch his train for Bridgewater that evening.

Bro. Reece replied for the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Shapland submitted the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M."—and, in so doing, drew attention to how hard the W.M. had worked in the interests of the Eldon Lodge, especially in the musical part of the ceremonies. As a man and a brother they had all much cause to be very proud of him, and nothing would be wanting on his part to make the new year a very successful one. It was a pleasure to learn that Bro. Davy's year of office was likely to be marked and honoured by a visit from the Prov. Grand Master, and they all rejoiced with him on the coming important event.

The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, said he rose to thank the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had been pleased to submit his name to them, and to them all for the very hearty way in which they had received it. What he lacked in speech-making he hoped to make up for in the working of the ceremonies in the lodge, and the work would be a service of love, for he truly venerated Freemasonry, and had derived inestimable pleasure from the happy acquaintance of Freemasons. In carrying out his duties he looked for valuable assistance from his officers and the Past Masters. Before resuming his seat he submitted to them with all heartiness and cordiality the toast of "The I.P.M.," who had performed his ceremonies, delivered some lectures, and done the work appertaining to the chair with so much skill and ability.

Bro. Shapland, in reply, said it was gratifying and an ample reward to know that his efforts met with the approbation of the members of the lodge and the visitors.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," who were the pillars of the lodge, and whose names were a long line of excellent workers. He had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. Weatherley, of Leeds, whose absence they all regretted.

The sentiment was acknowledged by Bro. Minns, who had come from Newport, I.W., for the purpose of being present.

The W.M. next gave "The Visiting Brethren," whom he was glad to see in such large numbers, and whom they heartily welcomed.

Bro. Gard, P.S.G.W. of Bristol, acknowledged the compliment, and hoped the friendly relations existing between the Eldon Lodge and the neighbouring Province of Bristol would long continue, as it was right they should all work cordially together for charitable purposes, and thus use the best means

of ensuring their own successes. The Eldon Lodge had helped them, and they hoped to return the favour. In conclusion, Bro. Gard extended a warm invite to the Clarence Lodge, No. 68.

Bros. Coombe, Symes, Clarke, Webley, Pfeiffer, and Britt also spoke to the toast.

The W.M. submitted "The S.W. and Officers," who had all accepted office so affectionately and willingly, and on whom he much relied to help him during the year.

The toast was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. Carey, S.W.; Billing, J.W.; Tonkin, S.D.; Hazell, J.D.; and Appleton, D.C.

The toast of "The Musical Brethren" having been given, and numerous replied to,

The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities."

To this Bro. Rice spoke, and assured the brethren that a good and useful work was being done by the Institutions. The money was being well and wisely spent, and they, the subscribers, were doing the good work of helping those who were unable to help themselves.

The next item in the programme was not unmingled with regret. It was entrusted to Bro. Shapland to propose the health of a brother about to leave England. He said: The toast I have to offer you is not upon the list, but it will be received by enthusiasm, especially by the members of our own lodge. It is the health of a brother we very much respect, and though initiated not so very long ago was already placed on the ladder of office, and whom we had hoped to see eventually in the chair of this lodge. Unfortunately his health has broken down, and he has to take his departure to the other end of the world—to New Zealand—where we wish him God-speed and the blessings of health, wealth, and long life. We look forward to the time when the subject of this toast, our dearly respected Bro. Bramald, will return to the old country and again take office in his mother lodge.

Bro. Bramald, who was surprised and visibly affected, said he felt these leave-takings very deeply. He had to go to a distant land where he knew not a soul, and one of his greatest comforts was that he was going to the colony a Freemason, and that he should meet the loving greetings of Masons in the far-off land. He was grateful to the brethren for the loving kindness and sympathy they had extended to him in the hour of sickness, and memories of kindly affection, pleasant evenings, and happy Masonic instructions would continue to dwell in memory though thousands of miles away. He was glad to say that he was a better man than before he was made a Mason, and he assured them he should often think of them and that lodge, and he hoped that Heaven's blessing might rest upon them.

The Tyler's toast closed the list.

The various sentiments and replies were appropriately interspersed with songs and readings, to which the following contributed: Bros. Lewis, Minns, W. K. Thomas, Shapland, Pfeiffer, Billing, and Rice, Bro. Fulford proving an accomplished accompanist on the piano. Bro. Carrington held the assembly enrapt during his skilful performance on the violin, for which he was ecored.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Adelphi House, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. H. Duffin, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; S.W.; E. Webb, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; B. Eckersley, S.D.; C. Driver, J.D.; H. Waterhouse, I.G.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T.; R. W. Martin, Arthur K. Boothroyd, James Green, James Ward, W. H. Browne, and R. C. Gray.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting—it being the last of the current year—was held at the Railway Hotel on Monday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. John Tidmarsh, W.M.; W. C. Hall, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Harper, S.W.; W. A. Cocks, Sec.; C. Mead, J.D.; W. Freemantle and T. Payne, Stwds.; T. W. Jamieson, C. C. Sanger, A. J. Hanson, B. G. Hanson, H. C. Hanson, A. L. Butters, E. H. Moseley, J. Webb, T. S. Hardman, H. Bishop, A. W. Buckland, H. G. Usher, J. J. Fewkes, and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Curtis, W.M. 733.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, Bro. G. H. Usher was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. T. S. Hardman was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ballot for W.M. proved unanimous in favour of Bro. George Harper; that for Treasurer resulted in the unanimous re-election of Bro. William Seward, jun., P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Bro. G. L. Duffin was unanimously re-elected Tyler. It was decided to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and also a Past Master's collar and jewel in recognition of efficient services rendered during his year of office.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the supper-room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

WHITSTABLE.

Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Foresters' Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. E. G. Walthew, W.M.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. W. Porter, P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; F. T. Browning, J.W.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. B. London, S.D.; A. W. Southwell, W.M. 1586, J.D.; B. Lightfoot, D.C.; A. Harrison, I.G.; C. M. Driffeld and S. Brown, Stwds.; M. Kemp, Tyler; T. Seager, R. T. Wheeler, F. Gibbs, E. Griffiths, C. E. Monkley, Thos. Kemp, and M. Teeling. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Wiggins, W.M. 20; W. Payne, 20; C. R. Cockburn, P.M. 20; G. R. Cobham, P.M. 20; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G. Org.; J. B. Elstone, W.M. 158; J. M. McLeod, P.M. P.S.G.W., Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; Thos. Bent, P.M., 784, P.G. Stwd.; A. A. Palmer, W.M. 1089; John White, 621; J. S. White, P.M. 2099; R. G. Johnson, 2099; Hume Nisbet, L. Powell, 1035; E. Mills, W.M. 972; A. H. Pilcher, P.M. 972; Byron Dewhurst, 972; John Rennie, 972; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Sims, W.M. 1208; J. P. Elkins, 784, A. C. Wood, P.M. 1586; and J. D. Arnold, P.M. 1586.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Wood, S.W., was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. E. G. Walthew, Bro. J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., acting as D.C. Bro. John Wood having been duly installed

as Master, and having already invested Bro. E. G. Walthew as I.P.M., proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, the following being the list of those elected and appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. F. T. Browning, S.W.; W. B. London, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. Anderson, Treas.; Sibert Saunders, Sec.; A. W. Southwell, S.D.; B. Lightfoot, J.D.; A. Harrison, D.C.; C. W. Driffeld, I.G.; S. Brown and R. T. Wheeler, Stwds.; and M. Kemp, Tyler.

After the transaction of some ordinary business, and the tendering of "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the festive banquet was served in the large hall, nearly 50 brethren sitting down to a dinner admirably served by Bro. C. Gurr, the W.M. presiding.

After dinner the usual toasts were given and responded to, the enjoyment of the evening being much enhanced by songs and recitations given by Bros. Plant, Dewhurst, Harrison, Brown, Monkley, and others.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Lodge of Honour (No. 526).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Alexander McBean, W.M.; Henry Hall, J.W.; John J. Smith, Sec.; J. Roper, S.D.; W. H. Hewitt, J.D.; T. J. Barnett, D.C.; G. A. Lloyd, Org.; B. G. Bradley, J. E. Morris, and T. P. Price, Stwds.; Col. Alex. C. F. Gough, P.G.M.; Rev. Charles Lee, P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. W. Walker, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; Sam Wells Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; George Baker, P.M.; Rev. S. C. Adam, Wm. Baker, W. Davis, H. Harley, W. H. Bestock, A. T. Molineaux, J. Evans, J. Darby, C. Colledge, John Parkes, H. H. Chilton, J. L. Gibbons, P.M. 1520; and H. C. Reynolds. Visitors: Bros. J. Adams, 1520, and R. Gibson, P.M. 419.

The lodge was opened, and the W.M. handed his gavel to the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster Gough, who took the chair of the W.M., and was then saluted by the brethren. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the P.G.M. addressed the meeting and called the attention of the brethren of this being his third visit in succession to the lodge. The Prov. Grand Master then handed the gavel back to the W.M. A ballot for initiation was taken for Messrs. Mein Wilkie and Wm. Blakemore, jun. Both candidates obtained a successful ballot, but neither of them were present. Bros. the Rev. S. C. Adam, John Darby, and Joseph Evans were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. Two joining members having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

TOTNES.

Pleiades Chapter (No. 710).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Chapter Room on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when a most interesting agenda drew an unusually large attendance of companions. Comp. C. Hallett, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., was in his place as M.E.Z., and the Second and Third chairs were ably filled by Comps. Frost and Fraser. Comps. Bennett, Maye, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; Crowe, S.N., acting P.S.; Stevens, P.S.; Toyer, J.S.; Michelmore, P.Z., as S.N.; and Crocker, Janitor, were fully prepared with their work. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Remfry, Gervis, and others.

The candidates for exaltation were Bro. Ladislas de Malczovich, of Lodge St. Stephen, Budapest, member of the Council of the Order of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, and Bro. Ford, 710. The ceremony was admirably worked by all the officers, and at its conclusion Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.Z., P.A.G. Soj. England, very kindly gave a most interesting lecture on "The Origin and History of the Royal Arch Degree." The distinguished companion prefaced his remarks by a very gratifying comment on the work of the M.E.Z. and his officers, especially the acting P.S., "a working," said he, "which is often neglected to the great detriment of the ceremony." He then proceeded in his usual lucid and graphic manner to sketch the rise and earliest minutes of the Degree, illustrating his remarks with photographs, engravings, and a most interesting and curious old Arch apron, and touching on various collateral subjects with a special view to the interest and instruction of Bro. Malczovich, who has come to England to pursue his Masonic researches, and receive certain Degrees not worked there. Comp. Hughan concluded his remarks with a flattering encomium on Bro. Malczovich's intelligent and well-directed Masonic zeal, and expressed a hope that he might one day be the founder of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Hungary, so that the brethren there might be able to receive that completion of the Master's Degree without which their knowledge must always be imperfect. Comp. Hallett proposed, and Comp. Maye seconded, a warm vote of thanks to Comp. Hughan for his kindness in honouring the chapter by coming to lecture to the companions, and expressed the deep interest in the valuable information imparted, which all had felt who listened to it. This was carried by acclamation, and Comp. Hughan having returned thanks, kindly answered a number of questions put to him by various companions. The M.E.Z. then tendered a warm welcome to the newly-exalted Comp. Malczovich on that, his first Masonic visit to England, and asked him to accept from the companions of the chapter the apron and sash with which he had been invested. Comp. Malczovich suitably acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the companions for receiving him amongst them, and also Comp. Hughan for the honour he had done him in coming from Torquay to lecture on the occasion of his exaltation. The chapter was then closed.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946).—The installation meeting of this successful chapter was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Comps. Dare, M.E.Z.; H. Sapsworth, P.G.D.C., H. M.E.Z. elect; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.; Stedwell, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; A. C. A. Higerty, P.Z.; Burcham Cooper, P.Z.; J. R. Barns, S.N.; R. R. Monyer, P.S.; A. Grundy, 2nd A.S.; H. Barton, G. Alciatore, H. S. Lee, and A. Walkley, P.Z., Janitor. Visitors: Comps. F. C. Austin, P.Z. 177, P.P.G.D.C., and J. K. Gwyn, 145.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a most substantial balance, was received and unanimously adopted. Comp. Higerty, by special request, then installed Comp. Sapsworth as M.E.Z.; Comp. Simmonds, as H.; and Comp. Barns, as J., the whole of the ceremonies being rendered in a perfect manner. The M.E.Z. invested the following officers (unanimously elected at the last meeting): Comps. Stedwell, Treas.; Forge, S.E.; Grundy, 1st A.S.; G. Alciatore, 2nd A.S.; and A. Walkley, Janitor. Comp. E. Dare, I.P.Z., was next presented with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, and was unanimously elected to represent the chapter as Steward at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served by Comp. Barton, at the King's Head Hotel, Comps. Higerty, Cooper, Grundy, and others contributing greatly to the harmony of the proceedings, which terminated at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

Panmure Lodge (No. 139).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 7th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. J. Grist, W.M.; T. C. Edmonds, Prov. G.D.C., S.W., W.M. elect.; G. Gregory, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; C. Lee, P.P.G. Org., P.M., J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., J.O.; G. R. Belton, Rev. J. Cater, G. Chap., Chaplain; W. Vincent, P.M., P.G.I.G., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Bignold, M. T. Tuck, C. I. Axford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. Underwood, R. A. Hose, J. F. Saunders, and Capt. J. Butterworth. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Brander, J.W. 244; E. J. Farries, J.W. 236; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355; Clarence Trotter, W.M. 286; W. W. Lee, 400; H. Dickey, I.P.M. 355; Frank Marshall, 284; L. Weaver, 407; R. Whiting, 259; J. Carey, 428, and A. F. Lamette, W.M. 75.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. Bro. W. Vincent, P.M., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. T. C. Edmonds as W.M. with that ability which is so characteristic of his work in Mark Masonry. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Gregory, P.M., S.W.; C. Lee, P.M., J.W.; J. Carter, P.M., M.O.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., S.O.; G. R. Belton, J.O.; Rev. J. Cater, G. Chap., Chaplain; W. Vincent, P.M., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Bignold, R.M.; M. T. Tuck, S.D.; T. Underwood, J.D.; R. A. Hose, D.C.; H. Schartau, Org.; J. F. Saunders, I.G.; Capt. J. Butterworth, Stwd.; and Mills, Tyler. The following brethren were advanced by the W.M. in a very able manner: Bros. H. Slyman, P.M. 1900; E. Hislop, P.M. 1708; and G. W. Knight, P.M. 1507; The sum of two guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Grist, I.P.M., and a Provincial Officer's jewel was also given to Bro. C. I. Axford, P.P.J.G.D. for services rendered to the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded (the Installing Master, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Rev. J. Cater, G. Chap., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he was satisfied the members of that body were men of light and leading, with good hearts and a liberal spirit. They had Masonry at heart, and the Grand Lodge would continue to flourish while it possessed such good members.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, Prov. S.G.O., returned thanks for "The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He did not know why he should be singled out, except as an old friend of the W.M. He had been delighted to be present that evening to see Bro. Edmonds installed, for he gave that brother his first collar in Masonry. The name of the W.M. was a household word in Freemasonry, and the way he performed the ceremony augured well for the good of the lodge. He wished to say how much he appreciated the efforts of Bro. Vincent in the discharge of his duties. He begged to thank the W.M. and brethren very heartily and sincerely for the kind way the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. Grist, I.P.M., briefly proposed "The W.M.," remarking that he had had the pleasure of listening to Bro. Edmonds' working in a lodge of instruction, and therefore knew the ability with which he could perform the various ceremonies.

Bro. T. C. Edmonds, W.M., in reply, said he was delighted to have arrived at the height of his ambition, which was to be the Master of that lodge. He had been a long while working up, and felt it a great honour to preside over so celebrated a lodge. He had belonged to it for many years, and he hoped the same feeling of unanimity which had existed during that time would prevail in the future. He was rather disappointed that there were but three candidates that evening, but he was thoroughly acquainted with those he had advanced, and was sure they would make good Mark Masons.

Bro. J. Grist, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed "The I.P.M.," and also thanked the brethren for the jewel presented to him that evening. He considered that gift as a great mark of respect, and as long as he lived he should feel it as such.

"The Advancers" was next given in cordial terms from the chair, and duly responded to.

Bro. Pulman, P.M., Sec., on behalf of "The Past Masters" returned thanks. He said it was 20 years since that lodge was brought into existence, and although he was not present at the consecration he attended the first meeting afterwards. Mark Masonry did not then hold its present high position and it was difficult to fill the offices of the lodge, but Bro. Poore came in, and he had done more for Mark Masonry than any other brother. Bro. Vincent also assisted Bro. Poore and was always ready to give assistance.

Bro. Geo. Gregory, S.W., replied for "The Officers." He had had the honour of following the W.M. through every office, and from the spirit of emulation infused by that brother, the work had been carried out most efficiently. He congratulated the W.M. on reaching the proud position of the chair, for he had been working many years for it. He hoped the officers would work with harmony and continue to maintain the position of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

ALFRETON.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 414).—The first anniversary meeting of this lodge, which was last year consecrated by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., was held at the Masonic Room, George Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. A. Schofield, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W., acting I.P.M.; W. H. Fisher, S.W.; Holland Rowbottom, J.W.; J. R. Fielding, P.G. Stwd., M.O.; R. Knowles, S.O.; J. Diamond, J.O.; Geo. Wild, Treas.; H. Basil Boaz, Sec.; J. Lee, J.D.; J. Dawes, I.G.; G. Bunting, Tyler; R. F. Watson, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Schofield, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. S. C. Hayward, M.A., who was duly elected and advanced by Bro. Percy Wallis, who afterwards installed Bro. W. H. Fisher, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Alfred Schofield, Prov. G. Std. Br., I.P.M. and Treas.; Holland Rowbottom, S.W.; J. R. Fielding, Prov. G. Stwd., J.W.; R. Knowles, M.O.; J. Diamond, S.O.; G. Wild, J.O.; Rev. S. C. Hayward, Chap.; H. Basil Boaz, Sec.; J. Lee, S.D.; J. Dawes, J.D.; R. F. Watson, I.G.; and G. Bunting, Tyler.

Apologies were received from Bros. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; W. Kelly, Prov. G.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.G.M.O.; Edgar Horne, P.P. J.G.W.; W. J. Piper, J.W. 302; C. D. Hart, J.O. 302; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Bro. Alfred Schofield, P.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

The cordial offer of Bro. R. Knowles to act as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Festival, 1892, was gladly accepted by the brethren, who signified their intention to give him their support on that occasion.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; King, S.W.; Ellson, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Evans, S.D.; F. Reeves, J.D.; Balcombe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cheese, Williams, Cochrane, Rankin, Steele, Folkard, and Barclay Perkins.

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. Cheese having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, Bro. Folkard offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Folkard raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ellson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and returned thanks, and appointed his 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 14th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. J. Oxley, P.M. 1306, W.M.; Ingram, S.W.; Geflowksi, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; Morrish, J.D.; E. Witts, I.G.; C. D. Dunning, Styles, Glassby, Duerre, Metherell, Murray, Braddick, and Knapp.

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. Murray being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Styles, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and after a very hearty vote of thanks had been unanimously passed to the W.M. for his efficient working, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M. 834, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; R. Reid, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; J. Banks, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; and P. J. Davies, W.M. 865 (visitor).

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, P.M., and the 3rd Section by Bro. Long, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Banks 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, Bro. W. Hide was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Sims proposed, and Bro. A. Williams seconded, that the hearty congratulations of this lodge of instruction be given to the Secretary for the termination of a very successful year of office as W.M. of his mother lodge, The Star, No. 1275. This was ably supported by the W.M. of No. 865, and carried unanimously. Bro. Long, P.M., suitably replied, expressing his thanks for this, another of the many kindnesses tendered to him by the brethren of the lodge of instruction. Resolved that the votes of the lodge for the Boys' and Girls' Institutions be handed to the W.M. of the mother lodge for his disposal. Bro. F. Craggs, W.M. 834, thanked the brethren for their kindness, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, S.W.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; E. Thos. Ginder, S.D.; J. W. Curtis,

W.M. 733, J.D.; A. Clark, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; A. Cadbury Jones, P.M. 1441; Saml. Funkensztein, and T. M. Lamble. Visitor: Bro. G. A. Boughton, 1602.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Funkensztein and Boughton being candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Boughton was elected a member and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. It was agreed that the Fifteen Sections should be worked: the First Lecture on October 5th; the Second and Third Lectures on the 12th October, Bro. George Read, W.M.; and the annual supper to take place on the 19th October. The votes of the lodge were given to the case of Violet Annie Davies. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, P.S.G.W. Essex, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., I.G.; J. Duncan, F. G. Mason, C. Horst, A. Giddings, G. J. Barnett, R. Loomes, J. Amand, and H. J. Kimbell, sen.

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. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Loomes being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. James Wiggins, W.M.; Freeman, S.W.; McKay, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; W. P. Cockburn, P.M., S.D.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; G. A. Knight, I.G.; W. B. Neville, Stwd.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.J.G.D. Surrey; S. Cochrane, P.M.; James Barker, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; W. G. Danby, H. Wake, E. E. Geflowski, Joseph Cox, W. H. Tucker, T. W. Heath, C. C. Barber, and Harris.

This being the officers' night, the officers of the mother lodge present took their respective places, and the lodge was opened. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wake acting as candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. R. H. Williams gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Read gave the address to the brethren, all incidental to the installation ceremony. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Cochrane and the brethren. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Cockburn was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. There were present Bros. Love, W.M.; Cotton, S.W.; Hillier, J.W.; Higginson, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Austin, P.M., Treas.; Spiegel, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); Elkin, S.D.; Catling, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M. and Preceptor; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; Candle, P.M.; Gane, Richardson, Stonhill, Skeen, Kington, Burry, and Arnott.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gane being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and closed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Higginson, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Cotton was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was resolved that on the first Thursday of October the brethren be specially invited to attend, in order that the future management of the lodge be considered, and it is expected that a good number of the brethren will attend. The Secretary will give notice to all brethren. The votes for the R.M.I.G. were given to the Preceptor, Bro. J. Davies, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. W. Heath, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; J. Cox, J.D.; B. H. Dames, I.G.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; G. Swann, P.M.; and T. C. Dyer.

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. Dyer acting as candidate. Bro. Heath vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Davies. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Heath offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an impressive manner. Bro. Heath resumed the position of W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. M. Spiegel, P.M., W.M.; W. S. Whiteley, S.W.; W. G. Foster, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hillier, S.D.; E. Wavill, J.D.; W. F. Harbord, I.G.; E. Fox, Stwd.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M.; T. W. Biggs, A. Williams, P.M.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; W. Hyde, W. H. Tucker, W. W. Pocock, J. N. Baxter, and S. Bone.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. P. J. Davies having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the Deputy Preceptor and brethren. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. A. Williams and the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted in like manner. Bro. Whiteley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Christian Horst, W.M.; J. J. Briginshaw, P.G.S., S.W.; C. H. Bestow, J.W.; G. J. Westfield, acting Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; P. Trickett, S.D.; Jno. Ives, P.M., J.D.; W. J. Short, I.G.; J. Bird, Org.; S. C. Bateman, Stwd.; Dr. Dunbar, A. Oakden, E. T. Fuller, C. Dickinson, T. W. Stacey, J. Brown, F. R. Peck, B. Mann, R. Jeremy, and J. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Oakden having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Oakden answered the questions leading to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Briginshaw was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Third Walthamstow Charity Association was then formed, Bro. Dr. Dunbar occupying the chair. Several Life-Subscriberships were balloted for.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, M.E.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; G. Davies, H. 733, Treas., H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; A. J. Taylor, 186, S.N.; Thos. Jobson, 733, P.S.; W. Chapple, 753, 1st A.S.; and J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Tilt being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two meetings—Comp. Davies as M.E.Z. After the usual number of risings, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. W. V. Leonard, Z. 1777, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H. 1329, H.; M. North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Plant, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; C. Mayo, A.S.; R. J. Vincent, R. J. Voisey, T. Grummant, Goodwin, Lazenby, Jackson, Benedetti, and Martin.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jackson personating the candidate. Comp. Lazenby, 297, was elected a member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Leonard for rehearsing the ceremony of M.E.Z. so ably. Comp. J. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

THE WEAK MAN.

The weak man in all organisations is first, the fool, the empty-headed fellow who stares at you in blank amazement when you speak of the intellectual part of the Order. True, he should never be initiated; but there is as yet no law compelling every fool to carry a sign, or to have him marked and stamped as the cattle on the western ranches.

The other weak man is the supercilious; he who sneers at the Order, at the painstaking officers and members, and looks upon our Order as he does upon his ward association or his fishing or bowling clubs and tells you he belongs to 18 Orders, all just like this. He would much rather begin on the top, instead of working upward. This fellow usually wears the biggest emblem, and boasts of what he can do but never does.

Another weak man is the ambitious soul, who, when he has been "accepted," "makes up his mind" to run the lodge. Now this is a laudable ambition, but it should always be deeply impressed upon the would-be candidate that, like all other offices of honour or emolument, it takes votes to be elected, and every member has a right to cast a vote; but this weak man of the Order is not satisfied to wait, or to study the best interests of the Order, or the feelings of his friend. He simply wants to be elected, and if he is not elected, he becomes angry and leaves the Order in a huff, with a bitter feeling of disappointed ambition, and a still more bitter expression against his lodge and against the Order in general.

It cannot be denied that there are other weak men. The profane, who do violence to every instinct of a gentleman; the intemperate, the vicious; then there is the borrower, he who borrows never intending to pay for what he has. In fact, every one who is a weak man in society is a weak man in our Order, and such should be tabooed, should never be permitted to enter our sacred portals. It behoves our friends who are selected as an investigating Committee to be particularly careful to allow none to pass, save those who have been thoroughly scrutinised and found worthy.—*Fersy Knight.*

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Bro. the Duke of Portland has given £600 in aid of the endowment of the parish church at Bolsover, and the Governors of Queen Anne's bounty £400.

The Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark, with his staff, left Copenhagen on Monday evening for the island of Funen, in order to be present at the autumn manoeuvres.

Lady Arthur Russell has erected at her own expense a large swimming-bath at the village of Shere, near Guildford, Surrey, where she resides, and has presented it to the inhabitants.

His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore has subscribed £100 to the funds of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, lately held in London under the presidency of the Prince of Wales.

The Duchess of Albany and party landed at Guernsey from the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert on Tuesday afternoon, and were received by Sir Edward G. Bulwer, the Lieutenant-Governor.

Last week, Prince Phya Damrong, brother of the King of Siam, paid a visit to the Gordon Boys' Home at Cobham, and appeared greatly pleased with what he saw. His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Secretary of the Siamese Legation in London.

The Duchess of Albany arrived at Plymouth from Falmouth on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert on Monday. While at Falmouth her Royal Highness took the opportunity of inspecting Truro Cathedral. She also visited her Majesty's training-ship Ganges.

There were delivered in Billingsgate Market during the month of August 12,129 tons of fish, of which 61 tons were seized by the officers of the Fishmongers' Company as unfit for human consumption. The quantity delivered at Shadwell Market was 1324 tons, of which 19 tons were seized.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness H. de Worms have been entertaining a succession of guests at Henley Park, amongst them being Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Lady Edward Pelham Clinton, General Sir Robert and Lady Bright, the officers of the 93rd Highlanders, and others.

The number of visitors to the Royal Naval Exhibition, Chelsea, since it was opened in May, already exceeds 1,750,000. The cutlass and field-gun drill by the blue jackets of the gunnery ship Excellent, Portsmouth, is one of the present attractions, and the men are loudly applauded for the perfect manner in which they go through their exercises.

We are pleased to note that Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. and Sec. 1563, &c., has been elected as Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for St. Margaret's, Westminster. Bro. Shand is fortunate in filling a position which will keep him in touch with his old friends and associates, he having previously been in Victoria-street for 16 years as a wine merchant.

An exhibition of the Products of Ancient and Modern Cyprus will shortly be held in London under the auspices of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Cyprus, Lord Knutsford, the First Lord of the Treasury, the Secretary of State for War, Bro. Viscount Wolsley, and others. Bro. Stanley Leighton, M.P., will be Secretary of the General Committee and the Rev. C. A. Sollé of the Executive Committee.

The Orient Line have added to their fleet for service between this country and Australia a twin-screw steamer of 6500 tons registered, with 9000 horse-power, named the Ophir, this being the first steamer of its build for service between here and the Antipodes. She can carry coal enough to run at a speed of 18 knots per hour for a distance of 14,000 miles, or to continue running at a speed of 10 knots per hour for 130 days. The vessel has also been designed to fulfil the Admiralty requirements as an armed cruiser.

Among the relatives and friends present at the marriage of the Earl of Dudley with Miss Rachael Gurney, at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Monday, were the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, the Countess of Dudley, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Wantage, Lady Claud Hamilton, and others. Among the presents were a diamond and sapphire bracelet to the bride, and a sapphire and diamond pin to the bridegroom from the Prince of Wales, a diamond and sapphire bracelet from the Duke of Cambridge, and a gold pencil from the Duke of Teck.

The brethren of the St. Cybi Lodge, No. 597, this year again arranged a pleasant picnic for the brethren of Anglesey, with relatives and friends. The other day the party left Holyhead for Llandudno, where lunch awaited them at the St. Tudno Castle Hotel. Coaches and brakes had been engaged to take them round the Little Orme's Head, and the day was glorious and the drive was most enjoyable. Near Llandrillo-yn-Rhos a photograph of the coaches and brakes and their freight was taken by Bro. T. Mills. An excellent banquet was served at the hotel at two o'clock. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. After the banquet Bro. T. Mills photographed the party in front of the St. Tudno Castle Hotel.

Madame Blavatsky's steady refusal of late years to work signs before an unbelieving generation was in one instance set aside (asserts the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*). She would absolutely refuse to admit into the class studying occultism under her any who wished to enter it simply to master the marvellous for its own sake. The first condition imposed was the proof given that reverence, not idle curiosity, was the note of the student. On one occasion one came who was deeply interested in Indian philosophies, and had devoted himself to the service of his fellow-creatures, but who doubted the power of "wonder-working" in adepts. To her visitor Madame Blavatsky, it is said, did give a sign. In a ray of astral light projected on the centre of the table he saw the sign of the Degree he held in Freemasonry. No one, he believed, but a Freemason of his own Degree knew that sign, and there before him it appeared in a ray of unearthly splendour. Such at any rate is the story.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The Duchess of Albany has appointed Saturday, the 10th October, for the ceremony of opening the new buildings in connection with the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green.

Bro. Emra Holmes, 31^o, K.C.T., District Collector H.M. Customs Louth and Down, residing at Newry, is appointed Collector of Customs Limerick, and has just taken up his residence in the ancient city on the banks of the Shannon.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Louise, the Princess Beatrice, and the Princess of Leiningen, and attended by the Dowager Lady Churchill drove over on the 10th inst. from Balmoral to Birkhall and visited the Empress Eugenie.

Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., has purchased Common, which won the Two Thousand, Derby, and St. Leger, from Lord Alington and Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone, Bart., for £15,000. Bro. Maple has also become the owner of Golden Maze, lately belonging to the Prince of Wales, for 1000 guineas.

The annual change of quarters of the Brigade of Guards will take place to-morrow (Saturday), the 2nd Battalion Grenadiers goes from Dover to the Tower, the 3rd Grenadiers from Fibrighat to London, the 1st Coldstreams from Chelsea to Dublin, the 1st Scots Guards from Chelsea to Wellington Barracks, &c., &c.

The various annual swan-upping expeditions on the Thames have all taken place, and the swans, which are the property of the Crown, the Corporation, and the Vintners' and Dyers' Companies, respectively, have been nicked, that is, been marked on the bill so as to show their ownership.

Her Majesty's ironclad Nile, having Admiral Sir George Tryon on board, sailed from Spithead on the 11th instant for the Mediterranean, where Sir George has since hoisted his flag as successor to Admiral Sir A. Hoskins, lately in command of our squadron in those waters, who will return to the Admiralty.

Margate Regatta and the Brighton Watermen's Regatta were held on Thursday, the 10th inst., under the most favourable conditions, and in each case were witnessed by innumerable spectators. At Margate, when the various races were over, there were swimming contests, climbing the greasy pole, &c., &c., &c., the day concluding with an excellent display of fireworks on the Fort.

The Congress of Orientalists, which is declared to have been a great success, brought its labours to a conclusion on the 10th inst. In the evening the savants dined together at the Tivoli, and on the following day many of them paid a visit to Cambridge. It has been decided that next year's Congress shall be held in Spain, under the presidency of Senor Canovas del Castillo.

The match between North and South, which was played last week, terminated in a draw in favour of the North, which scored 301 runs in one innings, while South, having succeeded in compiling only 210 runs in its first innings, had to follow on, and made 240 at its second venture, Grace contributing 54 and 36, Stoddart 71, and Ferris 67 not out on the South side, and Hall 50 and Ward 54 for the North.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Sandringham on the 11th inst. and on Monday returned to town in order to be present at the marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, of the Earl of Dudley and Miss Rachel Gurney. The Duchess of Fife and her brother, Prince George of Wales, arrived at Aberdeen the same day (Friday) from Copenhagen on board the Royal yacht Osborne, and proceeded to Mar Lodge.

The Festival of the Three Choirs closed on Friday evening last at Hereford, and has been throughout a conspicuous success, both musically and as regards attendance, Dr. Hubert Parry's "De Profundis" being one of the chief features of the meeting. The aggregate attendance was 2100 in excess of 1888, and the receipts, when all items have been taken into account, will show a considerable advance on the returns of the previous festival.

Sunday last being the ninth anniversary of the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, the colours of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, which took part in the engagement, were decorated with laurel, and the subaltern on duty with the "Queen's Guard" detachment for the day carried the colours from Chelsea Barracks to the guard-house at St. James's Palace. Monday was the ninth anniversary of the entry of the British troops into Cairo.

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Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., visited Kendal on the 10th inst. for the purpose of distributing the prizes gained at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which had been opened a fortnight previous by the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne. His lordship was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Sir William and Lady Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris. The distinguished party were afterwards entertained at luncheon by Bro. George J. McKay, Mayor of Kendal, a large number of guests being invited to meet them. The freedom of the borough was also presented to his lordship.

Mr. W. Fraser Rae has written on behalf of the firm of Thomas Cook and Son, of world-wide fame, a most interesting book, having for its appropriate title "The Business of Travel." The narrative is most entertaining and profitable withal, beginning with the first trip—Leicester to Loughborough, 12 miles—in 1841, and ending in the Jubilee year, 1891, "All over the Globe!" The "American Knights Templars in Europe," 1871, under the Masonic management of the late Bro. Jenkins, is duly described. The brethren had a very happy time of it with Bro. J. M. Cook and his able guides, and were the pioneers of many subsequent parties from across "the big pond." The firm is now conducted by Mr. J. M. Cook, the responsible head and son of the founder, who, we are glad to say, is still hale and hearty. It is necessary to state this fact to prevent imposition, of which there is evident cause for complaint.

Following on the civic proceedings in connection with the visit of the Lord Mayor of London to Kendal, and the presentation of the freedom of the borough—which we report in another column—came a meeting of the Union Lodge, No. 129, of which the Mayor, Bro. Geo. McKay, P.G. Std. Br., is a member. His lordship was elected an honorary member, on the motion of the W.M., Bro. W. Cosens, seconded by Bro. McKay, who at the subsequent banquet responded for "The Grand Officers." About 60 brethren were present, including Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. St. Br., and many Provincial Grand Officers.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Bro. Lord Suffield, left Marlborough House on Tuesday evening for Balmoral Castle, on a visit to her Majesty the Queen.

The baronetcy of Bro. the Right Hon. Joseph Savory, of Buckhurst Park, in the county of Bucks, Lord Mayor of the City of London, is gazetted under date of the 14th inst.

Prince Christian Victor, who has just returned to London from Darmstadt by the Flushing and Queenborough route, will shortly leave for India in order to rejoin his regiment.

The customary presentation of specimens of English grown fruit by the Fruiterers' Company will be made to Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 7th prox.

Dr. Maclagan, Bishop of Lichfield, who was recently appointed to succeed the late Bro. Dr. Magee in the Archbishopric of York, was enthroned in York Cathedral on Tuesday. The Duke of Cambridge was present to witness the ceremony.

King Alexander of Servia has returned to Belgrade from his foreign tour. His Majesty was received at the Railway Station by the Regents, the Ministers, and the civil and military authorities, and experienced a hearty welcome from the people assembled.

The second section of the Manchester Ship Canal, extending for a distance of seven miles from Ellesmere Port near Chester to the mouth of the Weaver, was successfully filled to the height of seven feet on Tuesday. The first section was filled three months back.

Princess Maud of Wales, who has greatly benefited by her sojourn at Vichy, landed at Copenhagen on Wednesday evening, and after passing the night at the Castle of Amalienborg, continued her journey the following morning to Fredensborg.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., will visit Cork to-day (Friday) for the purpose of instituting inquiries into the labour question there. In the evening he will meet the council of the united trades and ascertain their views.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and attended by the Dowager Lady Churchill, drove through Braemar to Mar Lodge on Tuesday for the purpose of visiting the Duchess of Fife. Subsequently her Majesty visited Madame Albani at Old Mar Lodge, and then returned to Balmoral.

Miss Harriett Magee, daughter of the late Bro. the Archbishop of York, has been appointed one of the superintendents of the Convalescent Home at Highgate in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street. Miss Magee has had considerable experience, having been for several years a nurse in the Hospital for Children at Nottingham.

The proposal to erect a memorial in Kildare to the late Bro. the Earl of Clonmell has been very generously responded to, among the subscribers being the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Marquis of Londonderry, Bro. the Marquis of Drogheda, the Marquis of Waterford, and the Earl of Enniskillen, and Viscount Carlow.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory and the Lady Mayoress, who since their visit to Kendal have been the guests of the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale at Lowther Castle, returned to the Mansion House on Wednesday evening. The annual ball to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom has been fixed for Wednesday, the 14th prox.

On the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the Poor House at Dundee, by Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, with Masonic honours, a prettily-illuminated address was presented to the Countess of Strathmore by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, in acknowledgment of the services which she and her family had rendered in connection with the bazaar for the Masonic Charities at Edinburgh. There were present the Earl of Strathmore, Lord and Lady Glamis, the Ladies Bowes-Lyon, and a fashionable company. Scarcely less interesting than the address was the casket which contained it—made from an oak beam taken out of Glamis Castle when it was being repaired 300 years ago.

A meeting of the Benevolent and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire was held on the 11th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., who called the attention of the brethren to the importance of sending to him as early as possible all the votes possessed by the various lodges for the three great Masonic Institutions in London. Although West Lancashire had no candidates for either the Boys' or Girls' Institutions, still at the next elections votes of the brethren in the province should be sent to him, as he could use them to a good purpose in view of future elections. Petitions for grants from the Fund of Benevolence were considered, and the meeting, which was very numerously attended, was then brought to a close. In the evening a meeting of the House Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, and arrangements made for the board and education of several children who had been elected to the full benefits of the Charity.

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