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## THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The autumn School Elections passed off very quietly. In both cases the poll was a heavy one, but though at the Girls' election the highest unsuccessful candidates obtained a goodly show of votes, which will be of material service to them in April next, there was a marked absence of anything like excitement. We regret to find that one girl and two boys, who had this solitary chance of success left them, failed in obtaining vacancies, and will, therefore, have their names removed from the lists; but of the five girls who were thus circumstanced three are included among the successful candidates, while a fourth has been admitted by presentation, and of the six boys who were in a similar predicament three succeeded and one had his name withdrawn. Thus there will be only six girls and ten boys who will carry forward their votes and interest to the election in April, 1892.

At the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School on the 8th inst., the only business of moment was the election of 18 children from an approved list of 27, of whom, however, one had her name withdrawn subsequent to the issue of the voting papers, and a second was admitted on presentation. The number of votes brought forward from April last was 698, and the number issued for this election 62,001, but the number which passed the Scrutineers was only 55,571, so that the number of unused and spoiled votes was 6430. A London candidate—one of seven hailing from the same district—headed the poll with 3848 votes, a Gloucestershire candidate being second with 3529 votes, and a girl with claims on three Provinces and London third with 3380 votes. Warwickshire, which sent only a single candidate, secured the fourth place with 3293 votes, and Derbyshire the fifth with 3249 votes. Next followed a London girl with 3242 votes, and then the second of the two Gloucestershire girls with 3213 votes. Monmouthshire took the eighth place with 3153 votes, Somersetshire the ninth with 3058 votes, and Essex the tenth with 2929 votes, while Nos. 11 and 12 were occupied by the Kent and Dorsetshire candidates respectively, the former having 2887 votes, and the latter 2819 votes to her credit. One of the West Yorkshire girls was placed No. 13 with 2646 votes, the other candidate from this Province being admitted by presentation; the Suffolk girl stood next with 2188 votes, and then two more London candidates, who polled 1929 votes and 1906 votes respectively, the rear being brought up by the Hants and Isle of Wight candidate with 1802 votes, and a girl from South Wales (East Division) with 1743 votes, the name of the second candidate from this Province having been withdrawn. The three highest unsuccessful candidates were a Middlesex girl with 1538 votes, a London girl with 1409 votes, and the second Middlesex candidate with 1009 votes, the London *last* case being next in order with only 468 votes, of which 315 votes were the result of no less than *six* previous ballots. The remaining three candidates obtained a small measure of support from their friends, which will be carried forward to the ballot in April next, the number of those who remain eligible being, as we have already stated, six.

At the Boys' School Quarterly Court on the 9th instant the programme of business, though it contained nothing of a controversial character, was sufficiently attractive. The recommendation of the Council to elect 24 instead of 19 candidates in consequence of the success of the Festival in June last was adopted unanimously, and so likewise was the tender of £1050 by the Province of Northumberland as the price of a Perpetual Presentation in memory of the late Bro. HUBERT LAWS, on the conditions recommended by the same body, while Bro. EVE'S motion to confer an honorary Vice-Presidency on Bro. W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancs., in recognition of his services in behalf of the late Festival, was carried, as we anticipated it would be, without a dissentient voice. The election was then proceeded with, and when the result of the ballot was declared, it was found that the Province of Worcestershire had

secured the place of honour for its candidate with 3171 votes, the London and Surrey candidate being close up with 3144 votes, of which 1508 votes were brought forward from April last. Nos. 3 and 4 were London candidates who polled 3002 votes and 2780 votes respectively, one of the Cumberland and Westmorland lads being fifth with 2748 votes, and a boy with claims on East Lancashire and Derbyshire sixth with 2671 votes. One of the Staffordshire candidates was placed next with 2659, then the Middlesex and London boy with 2614 votes, and then two London boys with 2595 votes and 2568 votes respectively, of which in the former case 219 votes were already to his credit. One of the three candidates from Kent, with 164 votes already in hand, was placed eleventh on the list with 2564 votes, while another London boy, who brought forward 1375 votes, increased his total to 2560 votes, and thereby secured the twelfth place. London also furnished the next successful candidate, who scored 2518 votes, and the second Cumberland and Westmorland youth was close at his heels with 2499 votes, one of the North and East Yorkshire boys polling 2495 votes, the South Wales (East Division) candidate obtaining 2485 votes, and the second candidate from North and East Yorkshire 2483 votes. Sussex secured the eighteenth place for its candidate with 2460 votes, of which 428 votes were brought forward from April, and London the nineteenth and twentieth places with 2412 votes—of which 465 were already in hand—and 2352 votes respectively. The Devon and Cornwall lad stood next with 2271 votes, and then two London lads with 2128 votes and 2101 votes respectively, the last to secure a vacancy being the Essex youth, who polled only 1573 votes. The highest unsuccessful candidates were the boy from Lincolnshire who scored 827 votes, a London boy with 800 votes, and a *last* case from Somerset and Devon, who started with 347 votes, which he had accumulated from *eight* previous attempts, but raised his total to no more than 672 votes, and the Demarara candidate, who has 620 votes in hand towards the next ballot. The second and third candidates from Kent were placed next in order—one with 551 votes, and the other with 531 votes—but the remainder scored nothing material, though such votes as they did obtain will stand to their credit in April next, with the exception of one of the Madras boys, who obtained only 114 votes, and will have his name removed under the operation of Law No. 70. The boy whose name was withdrawn was also a *last* case, so that the number of those who are still eligible for admission is 10. It remains for us to add that the votes brought forward were 4735, and the votes issued 67,503, but of the latter 6893 were unused or spoiled.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 9th instant in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Richard Eve, Patron and Trustee, Past Grand Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board of Management, presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the CHAIRMAN moved—

That in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution in connection with the late Festival by Worshipful Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. of West Lancashire, when the donations from that province reached the unprecedented sum of £6025 10s., the Board of Management recommends that the distinction of an Honorary Vice-Presidency be conferred on the said brother under Law XI.

Having read the law, he said the brethren all recognised the eminent services of Bro. Goodacre, which resulted in the immense amount of £6025 10s. being contributed by West Lancashire at the last Festival.

Bro. BENSON, North Wales, seconded the motion, which was put by the CHAIRMAN, and carried unanimously amidst cheers.

The CHAIRMAN next moved in pursuance of the following recommendations of the Council at a meeting holden Saturday, 3rd October, 1891—

That in consideration of the signal success of the late Festival, it be a recommendation to the Quarterly Court on Friday, 9th October, 1891, that five additional boys be elected to the benefits of the Institution, making the total number to be elected 24, from an approved list of 37 candidates, reduced to 36 by the withdrawal of (No. 8 on list) Ferguson, Dudley Ward.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, seconded the motion.

This motion was also well received and was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN further moved:

That the proposal from the Province of Northumberland for the right to a perpetual presentation, to be called the "Hubert Laws Memorial," to be purchased by payment of 1000 guineas, on the same terms as previous agreements of a like nature, be accepted, subject to the condition that the presentation shall be available only for sons of Northumberland Masons, and that each boy presented under same shall in every case be qualified under the then existing laws of the Institution.

He said he moved it *pro forma*, but he was afraid it would not pass with the same amount of unanimity as the former motions. He would, however, call attention to the fact that the Institution had already several of those presentations. Five provinces had at the present time the right of presentation to the Institution on the same terms. It was thought by the Council a desirable thing to accept the present offer with the further stipulation that the father of the boy presented should be a Northumberland Freemason, and also that the boy should be qualified according to the laws of the Institution. Those conditions were put in simply for this purpose—the province having the right of presentation might not have a boy ready, and so far the Institution would gain by not having him in until he was qualified; the stipulation was made that another than a Northumberland boy should not be presented by that province. He had heard that the ground of the opposition to the present motion was that the sum of a thousand guineas was not enough; but in answer to that objection he might say that other provinces were enjoying the privilege of presentation after having paid the same amount.

Bro. Capt. S. G. HONFRAY, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Monmouth, seconded the motion, being of opinion that it was for the benefit of the Institution.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS wished to know what was the amount of the invested funds of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said £25,000, and that amount had lately been increased. When they were to invest this thousand guineas he did not know. However, he might confidently say that the Council would invest as much as they considered should be invested.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL desired to ask when, if the province had a boy in the Institution by presentation, it could present another. He thought there was some misconception on that point. Some thought that a province having a presentation could nominate every year. This was not intended.

The CHAIRMAN said a province with a presentation could have only one presented boy in the Institution at the same time.

Bro. C. H. WEBB enquired of the Secretary how much each boy in the school cost at the present time every year.

Bro. McLEOD said £41.

Bro. WEBB contended that 1000 guineas invested at the present price of consols was not sufficient for a perpetual presentation. He would recommend a better investment than consols, and by this means the Institution would be relieved. They were now giving increased benefits and more votes.

The CHAIRMAN, cries of "Time" being raised, said the question was not the investment of the money, but whether the proposal to give 1000 guineas for a presentation should or should not be accepted.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., said he felt rather strongly on this matter after giving it very earnest consideration. He advised the brethren to accept this thousand guineas. By so doing they would associate the Province of Northumberland permanently with the Institution. The province wanted to be so associated by naming this presentation after a worthy brother of Northumberland who had been a most active and energetic Mason, and whom they delighted to honour. Bro. Webb had mentioned increased benefits. The Institution was giving increased benefits and also more votes. That was true, but the subscribers were paying for the benefits and votes, and why should they not use them? But what he wished to impress upon the brethren was that there were already six provinces which were enjoying the privilege of presentation for which they had each paid a thousand guineas. That money had been accepted at a time when the cost per boy was from £45 to £47. The boys now had a better education and were altogether better provided for at £41 per head.

Bro. GOODACRE pointed out that that cost was the total cost; it included office and management expenses, cost of the staff of the Institution, and everything, not merely the expense of keeping one particular boy.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President Board of Benevolence, begged the brethren not to be carried away by the eloquent speech of Bro. Smithson, who was one of the Yorkshire brethren who were pushing forward this motion. West Yorkshire had presentations, and the brethren of West Yorkshire were in a good position—he would not say an unfair position—through these presentations. They had done their share; they had paid their thousand guineas each for two presentations. Each thousand guineas had brought in only £35 a year, and each boy had cost the Institution about £47, the Institution thus losing £10 or £12 a year on each boy presented. Yorkshire said they would have another if they could.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, interrupting, said they were not now discussing Yorkshire, but Northumberland.

Bro. BRETT observed that he had not heard anyone from Northumberland supporting this proposition. The brethren knew the benefits West Yorkshire had received from the Institution; they had done a great deal, but they got full value for their money. The brethren had been told this was a gift of a thousand guineas, but it was a Yorkshire gift. Northumberland wanted to perpetuate the name of a good old brother who had just died. Probably there would be more such proposals.—(A BROTHER: The more the better.)—It was not fair to the other provinces that five should have presentations and that the others should be called upon to make up the deficiency. If the brethren passed this they would have smaller provinces coming forward asking to be allowed to make these perpetual presentations. They were putting a millstone round the neck of the Institution. The amount ought to be £1500. No sooner was one boy out than another was put in.—(A VOICE: Quite right.)—The door never ought to have been opened for these presentations.

Bro. CHARLES PULMAN, P.P.S.G.D. Northumberland, remarked that Bro. Brett really did not know what he was talking about. He was on the subject of Northumberland, and he talked about Yorkshire. As far as Northumberland went, it had always done its best for the cause of Charity, and for all the Masonic Charities. If 1000 guineas had hitherto been considered sufficient price for these presentations, Northumberland ought to have the benefit of it until the laws were altered. If the money was not enough let the by-laws be altered, and make it £1500 or £2000 if they

liked. But do not let it go back to Northumberland that the Institution refused the 1000 guineas, for it would place them in an awkward position. The memorial to Bro. Hubert Laws was well deserved, as he had worked hard and long, as he (Bro. Pulman) knew.

The motion was then put and carried.

Scrutineers of votes were chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect 21 boys out of an approved list of 36.

A list of the successful candidates will be found in our Advertisement columns.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on the 8th inst. in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, was voted to the chair, and Bros. Frank Richardson, C. F. Money, and C. J. Perceval supported him.

There was no business before the brethren likely to lead to discussion, and the attendance was small. The minutes were duly read by Bro. HEDGES, who read two letters which had been received from Bros. H. A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, on whom the General Committee had conferred the rank of honorary Patron in recognition of their great services to the Institution in connection with the erection of the Alexandra Hall and other extensions of the School at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise.

The brethren afterwards nominated Scrutineers of votes, and the election of 18 girls out of a list of 25 approved candidates was then proceeded with, the result of which appeared in our Advertisement columns last week.

Thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to the Chairman of the day, together with the customary acknowledgment of those thanks, closed the proceedings.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CLARENCE AND AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2411.

The Clarence and Avondale Lodge, No. 2411, was consecrated on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. C. Belton, P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; R. Clowes, G. Std. Br., as J.W.; Rev. Oliver Grace, G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The Red Lion Hotel, which has been rebuilt from plans prepared by Bro. W. D. Church, I.P.M. and Sec. 1365, now contains a spacious suite of rooms adapted for Masonic purposes, and a large dining hall, so that the new lodge will be fortunate in possessing a home that can probably be excelled by few.

The founders, who were present, are Bros. Basil Stewart, P.M. 1278, W.M. designate; T. W. Perryman, 65, S.W. designate; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076, J.W. designate; J. P. Smith, P.M. 929; J. West, P.M. 933; W. S. Cooper, 1793; W. Thompson, 1524; S. Abbott, W.M. 2077; C. N. Fox, S.W. 1349; E. Daniel, I.G. 300; S. Fennell, 1766; W. Graves, 1685; J. F. Bland, 65; W. Clarke, 1382; A. P. Bebrouth, 781; F. S. Hince, 1382; and S. E. Spencer, 65.

The visitors present, who numbered nearly 100, included—

Bros. W. D. Church, I.P.M., Sec. 1365; J. Holland, 2256; W. B. Claridge, P.M. 1962; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; A. Waller, I.G. 2097; J. Dorton, P.M. 1076; H. Younge, J.W. 1489; E. T. Moore, I.P.M. 2007, P.P.A.G. Sec. Essex; C. Brittain, P.M. 1278; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1287; J. J. Berry, P.M. 504; G. Graveley, P.M. 228; W. Wainwright, P.M. 933; G. Palmer, P.M. 781; C. B. Cutchey, S.W. 1685; M. Christian, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. T. Christian, W.M. 453; C. Esching, S.D. 1349; W. F. Shuter, J.W. 1685; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec. 753; T. G. Scott, 1928; F. Forge, 1278; W. Bosher, 1901; R. Grice, 1399; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381 and S.D. 1897; and many others.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER having taken the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. He then addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, remarking that they had assembled on an occasion of great importance—one of special interest to Freemasons, their object being to consecrate a lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. There were already a large number of lodges meeting within the Metropolitan area, and it was with great difficulty that sanction was given for a new one to be formed. The founders of the lodge to be consecrated that evening were fortunate in having obtained a warrant from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and they had assembled that evening to give effect to that warrant. He felt it his duty on all similar occasions to utter a word of warning to new lodges not to be in too great a hurry to increase their numbers, but to remember that quality was of far more importance than quantity. If they followed that rule and carefully considered the qualifications of every candidate proposed, they would, under the guidance of the excellent officers who were to be entrusted with the principal offices, have an excellent lodge of which they would be proud.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, and an excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. O. GRACE, Grand Chaplain.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the lodge solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Basil Stewart, was installed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and invested the following officers: Bros. J. P. Smith, P.M. 929, acting I.P.M.; Thomas W. Perryman, 65, S.W.; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076, J.W.; Jno. West, P.M. 933, Treas.; Wm. S. Cooper, 1783, Sec.; Wm. Thompson, 1524, S.D.; Sutton Abbott, W.M. 2077, J.D.; Chas. Nash Fox, S.W. 1349, I.G.; Edwin Daniel, I.G. 300, D.C.; Samuel Fennell, 1766, A.D.C.; Wm. Graves, 1685, Org.; and Jas. Fox Bland, 65, and Wm. Clarke, 1382, Stwds.

The Consecrating Officer and his assistants were elected honorary members of the lodge, on the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, for which the GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks.

Routine business having been transacted, including the proposition of a large number of candidates, the lodge was closed.

After banquet the customary toasts were given and received in a hearty manner. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been cordially honoured, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the brethren all knew how hard the Grand Officers worked, for they were

called upon to travel east, west, north, and south to do duty for the good of the Craft. The Earl of Lathom was a most worthy Pro Grand Master, and succeeded one of the best friends that any Mason could have.

Bro. Rev. OLIVER GRACE, Grand Chaplain, in response, said he felt in a very delicate position in being called upon to reply, but he also felt the kindness which prompted his name being coupled to the toast. He was quite sure that those who had attended Grand Lodge had been struck with the wonderful way in which the two noble brethren included in the toast performed the work. He was convinced that one and all of the Grand Officers had at heart the benefit of Masonry generally and of the lodges, and the brethren had had an instance of the way in which the Grand Secretary could perform his duties. He returned cordial thanks for the reception given the toast.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., said it was his privilege to propose a very important toast. It was the health of the worthy and excellent brother under whose chairmanship they had been sitting that day, and who had the proud position of being the first Worshipful Master of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge. It was always a high and great distinction for any brother to be selected as the first Worshipful Master of a new lodge, because he did not succeed to it by seniority, but by the voice of the founders as being the best and most suitable Master for the position. He thought they ought to congratulate Bro. Basil Stewart, W.M., upon the honourable office to which he had been selected. The W.M. had already done good suit and service in the Craft, and had presided over an excellent and well-known lodge in London, and was now very energetic and very active in carrying on the work of instruction not very far from their place of meeting that evening. A brother who had taken such an active part in Masonry as Bro. Stewart had done, and who was a local resident in their midst, was a very fit and proper person to be selected as the first Master. Those who knew the W.M. assured him (the Grand Secretary) that he would most certainly fulfil the responsibilities with which he had been entrusted, and he was quite ready to accept that belief. He therefore considered the lodge was fortunate in having such a Master, and he asked those present to join in congratulating Bro. Stewart on his proud position, in wishing all success and prosperity to the lodge during its existence, and in hoping that the Worshipful Master of that lodge would have a very happy, prosperous, and successful year of office.

Bro. BASIL STEWART, P.M. 1278, W.M., thanked the Grand Secretary for the kind way in which his health had been proposed, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. All he could say was that ever since he joined Freemasonry 13 years ago he had endeavoured to do his duty and be a good man and true, and he thought that up to the present time he had kept to that, and trusted he ever should. They could not have long speeches that evening, as many had a long way to go, and he would therefore be as brief as possible, and thank them for the kind way the toast had been proposed and received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said the next toast was that of "The Consecrating Officers and his Assistants." They must all have been impressed with the manner in which the Grand Secretary performed the ceremony of consecration and with the beauty of the ceremony. He could only say it had been a very great treat for him, as he had never before heard the consecration ceremony rendered, and he had no doubt the other brethren had also enjoyed it very much.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Sec., in his colleagues' name as well as his own, thanked the W.M. very much for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast. He did not propose to speak at any length, but he would be ungrateful if he did not recognise the truly fraternal greeting given them. He knew he was speaking their feelings as well as his own when he said it was a great pleasure to them to come to that part of London to take part in the ceremony and re-establish Masonry in the old Masonic home of Leytonstone. It was greatly to be regretted that the lodges went away, but he hoped Masonry was again flowing to that part and that the place would once again become the head-quarters of Masonry for the district. He was fortunate in being supported by distinguished members of the Order—Bros. Grace, Belton, Clowes, Richardson, and Terry—and with their able assistance he was glad to be able to carry out the ceremony, and he trusted to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them again and could only assure them of their best wishes for the future prosperity of the lodge they had joined in consecrating.

Bro. W. H. LEE, P.P.G.D. Middx., replied for "The Visitors," and said he rose in response to the call of the W.M. to respond to the toast, and on their behalf he thanked the W.M. and founders of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge for the very kind and cordial reception given the toast, and for the very kindly manner in which they had been entertained. He congratulated the founders on the great success attending the proceedings of that day, and was sure he was speaking for all the visitors when he said it had been a source of great pleasure and gratification to them to have the opportunity and privilege of witnessing the beautiful ceremony of consecration performed by the Grand Secretary so ably. The visitors could only wish the lodge inaugurated under such good auspices God-speed, and that the founders might work in love and harmony in promoting and promulgating the genuine principles of the Craft to the advantage of Freemasonry and to the credit of their lodge. They thanked the founders most heartily and sincerely for the cordial reception given them, and wished the W.M. a very happy year of office and the lodge every success and prosperity.

Bros. MOLONEY, W. D. CHURCH, P.M., HOLLAND, and several others also responded, after which "The Masonic Institutions" and other toasts were duly honoured, the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

The numerous presents to the lodge included collars and jewels and wands from Bro. Tompson, candlesticks, &c., from Bro. Clarke, cushion and Bible from Bro. Holliday, and working tools from the W.M.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Stockport, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The proceedings were commenced by the opening of the Benevolent Lodge, No. 67, by Bro. W. Booth, P.P.S.G.O., W.M., who was assisted by Bros. C. Armitage, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; W. Cartwright, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; W. Ramsden, as M.O.; J. Cookson, as S.O.; and H. Lomas, as J.O.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, then entered the lodge, and were received with the customary salute. The Prov. Grand Lodge having

been opened by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the roll of lodges and the roll of Prov. Grand Officers were called, and all were found to be represented.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge held at Chester in October, 1890, were read and confirmed, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. K. STEVENSON, submitted his statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £25.

Bro. Stevenson was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bros. Atkinson and P. Duff Auditors for the ensuing year.

His lordship then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.	...	D.P.G.M.
" Col. S. W. Wilkinson	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Ashton	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. W. Newell-Tanner	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. K. Stevenson	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Ramsden	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Newhouse	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Morris	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" P. Duff	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" F. S. Moore	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" J. Mantle	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John Woolley	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Atkinson	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. W. White	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" James Cookson	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Worsnup	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. G. Hallwood	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Lomas	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" James S. Warren	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. M. Cairns	...	

His LORDSHIP afterwards addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and begged to offer to his brethren connected with the Mark Degree his best wishes on meeting in the good old town of Stockport. He was pleased to hear that the Stockport lodge (Benevolent, No. 67), which had been resuscitated lately, was in a prosperous condition. Proceeding, his lordship said he thought the Provincial Grand Lodge would be doing right in proposing a contribution to the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Mark Lodge. Grand Lodge in London, he was pleased to say, was in a very flourishing state. They had now quarterly instead of half-yearly meetings, and had recently acquired a splendid building in which to hold their assemblies. Lord Egerton thanked the Prov. Grand Officers for their attendance and support, and hoped that the suggestion thrown out with regard to the contribution from the province would be adopted.

The brethren unanimously resolved to vote ten guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and Birkenhead was selected as the next place of meeting for Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.

At the banquet which subsequently followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

"The Health of Lord Egerton" and that of his lordship's brother, "The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton," who had been appointed D.P.G.M., were received with great enthusiasm.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on the 6th inst. in the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, the P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., in the chair. He was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, P.G. Std. Br. England, D.P.G.M.; E. L. Marrett, P.P.G.C.; T. Bell, P.S.G.W.; A. S. Fowler, P.P.J.G.W.; W. M. Lyon, P.G.M.O.; G. Porteous, P.S.G.O.; W. F. Carmon, P.P.S.G.O.; W. Mayson, P.G. Reg. of Marks; J. S. B. Bell, P.G. Treasurer; C. B. Ford, P.G. Secretary; and many others.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. C. B. FORD. Its adoption was moved by Bro. R. B. REED, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. C. S. LANE, P.P.S.G.W., and adopted.

The Prov. G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, then addressed the brethren, and congratulated them upon the state of Mark Masonry throughout the province. He appreciated their reference to himself, and referred to several matters of Masonic detail. Though not an official visit, he announced that the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, would visit the Tristram Lodge at Newcastle on the 15th December, when they would be pleased to see a large attendance of brethren. He afterwards intimated that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet next year at Sunderland, upon the invitation of the Union Lodge, No. 124, of which Bro. B. Singleton is the present W.M.

Bro. J. S. B. Bell was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, on the motion of Bro. G. PORTEOUS, P.S.G.O., seconded by Bro. C. H. BACKHOUSE, W.M. 250.

The P.G.M. then invested Bro. R. B. Reed as Deputy P.G.M. on re-appointing him for the ensuing year. He invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. C. H. Backhouse	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. F. Carmon	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" G. F. Allan	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. Weddell	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. S. Benson	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Dr. Randell (re-appointed)	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. J. Brown	...	
" H. Lamb	...	} Prov. Rs. of Marks.
" T. Purvis	...	
" J. S. B. Bell	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. B. Ford (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Singleton	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. H. Sutcliffe	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Seymour Bell	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Wilson	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Barker (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Rose	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" M. Armstrong	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Allen	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Curry	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed. Subsequently a banquet was held, presided over by Bro. Canon Tristram, P.G.M., and was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, Addison Potter, John Strachan, and C. S. Lane, whilst Bro. T. Bell officiated as vice-chairman.

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scribers held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street,  
Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of  
OCTOBER, 1891, the V. Wor. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron  
and Trustee (Past Grand Treasurer), in the Chair, a Ballot  
took place for the Election of 24 Boys, from an Approved  
List of 36 Candidates (one, Ferguson, No. 8, withdrawn),  
the following being declared

#### SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.	Name	Notes	Votes.
1	Consterdine-Chadwick, R. T.	...	3171
2	Youens, H. T.	...	3144
3	Evans, R. H.	...	3002
4	Corner, H. R.	...	2780
5	Golightly, M.	...	2748
6	Garner, G. M.	...	2671
7	Blair, T.	...	2659
8	Callander, C. J.	...	2614
9	Poulton, F. C.	...	2595
10	Midgley, H. P.	...	2568
11	Greenwood, D. E.	...	2564
12	Morris, R. W. H.	...	2560
13	Earl, H. B.	...	2518
14	Perkins, A. E.	...	2499
15	Robinson, L. H.	...	2495
16	Robson, F. J. T.	...	2485
17	Richardson, E.	...	2483
18	Webster, R. J. G.	...	2460
19	Harwood, G. J. K.	...	2412
20	Long, H. W. A.	...	2352
21	Seabrook, H. H.	...	2271
22	Mills, D. R.	...	2128
23	Samson, G.	...	2101
24	Brightwell, W. B. G.	...	1573

Full particulars of the Poll may be had on application at  
the Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

J. MORRISON McLEOD,  
Secretary.

9th October, 1891.

The Ninety-Fourth Anniversary Festival will be held on  
the 29th June, 1892, under the distinguished presidency of  
the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart.,  
M.P., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire. The services of  
brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are  
earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION  
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Mrs. EDWARD F. EARL takes this opportunity of  
sincerely thanking the brethren and her friends who, by  
their kindness and support, secured the election of her son,  
HERBERT BERNARD.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION  
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### To Correspondents.

F. E. R.—Article 81 of the Book of Constitutions, after  
stating of whom "a Provincial or District Grand Lodge  
consists," goes on to provide that "no brother can be a  
member of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless he  
is a subscribing member of a lodge within such Province or  
District."

The following communications unavoidably stand over:  
CRAFT LODGES—St. John's, No. 279; Unity, No. 1637; Duke of  
Edinburgh, No. 1259; Duke of Connaught, No. 1558; and Doric,  
No. 2359.  
ROYAL ARCH—Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.  
And several Lodges of Instruction.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1891.

### Masonic Notes.

The late annual meeting at Runcorn of the Provincial  
Grand Lodge of Cheshire was a great success, both as  
regards attendance and the several reports that were  
handed in of the work done during the past year.  
These reports we had the pleasure of commenting  
upon quite recently, and, therefore, we need not say  
more respecting them than that our Cheshire brethren  
appear to have accepted the recommendations of the  
newly-organised Committee of Benevolence, while the  
Provincial Grand Master was delighted beyond measure  
that they had so readily taken to heart the advice  
he gave them at last year's gathering at Stockport.

It is not surprising, indeed, that Bro. Lord Egerton  
of Tatton should have expressed himself well satisfied  
with the labours of the past year. The new Committee  
of Benevolence has undoubtedly done its work admir-  
ably, and we trust it will derive encouragement from its  
past success to continue in the path it has marked out  
for itself. We have frequently had occasion to  
apologise for the comparative smallness of the contri-  
butions from this Province to the Central Masonic  
Charities on the ground that it was fully justified in

looking at home first, and giving its chief support to its own Educational Fund. But this year Cheshire has come out with flying colours, raising £124 for the Girls' School, £1050 for the Boys' School, and over £468 for its local Institute. This is work of which even a larger Province would have good reason to be proud, and anything in the nature of an apology would have been out of place.

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It is also satisfactory to note that the Prov. Grand Master has not only impressed upon the brethren the necessity of supporting the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution and establishing a local annuity fund for aged Masons and their widows, but has promised to head the subscription lists in both cases with a donation of 50 guineas. Under so generous a chief Cheshire cannot fail to make its influence felt in this field of Masonic duty.

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Equally successful was the meeting at South Shields of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham at about the same date, and Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M., must have been gratified at finding that the reports of the various Committees were of such an inspiring character. Here, likewise, the Province has been doing good work, the sums voted to the Masonic Charities and for local charitable purposes, as recommended by the Fund Committee, amounting to more than £350. The statistics also showed a slight increase in the aggregate membership of the Province, while the Provincial Grand Master referred with considerable satisfaction to the approaching consecration of a new lodge, for which his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. has already granted his warrant. In short, Durham has done well during the past year, and well deserves the kindly commendation bestowed upon it by its respected chief.

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What are commonly known as "class" lodges can hardly be said to come strictly within the scope or purpose of Freemasonry, which is intended to bring together, not men of one class or grade of society, but men of all classes or grades. But if any apology is at any time desired for the establishment of this description of lodge, we think it will be found in the Lodge of Æsculapius, which was consecrated the other day by the Grand Secretary, and which the founders propose to confine strictly to members of the medical profession. There is in this, as in other callings, a kind of Freemasonry existing among those who pursue it. There is, indeed, no profession in which the members are so ready to promote each other's well-being as the medical, and the establishment of a medical lodge will certainly have the effect of bringing the Masonic members still closer together than in the past. We heartily wish it every possible success in its career.

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We have received a further letter from Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer East Lancashire, in which he complains of our remarks in declining to insert a letter with which he favoured us on the subject of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution expenditure. Perhaps we should have been acting more discreetly if we had taken to heart the advice said to have been once tendered by a judge to a jury which had delivered its verdict, and was on the point of adding its reasons for such a deliverance. But we must decline to acknowledge that in explaining why we did not insert Bro. Nicholl's letter, we overstepped the limits of propriety or courtesy. We must add that we are still actuated by those reasons, and, with all deference, therefore, to our worthy brother, we must decline to insert either his first or his later letter.

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A short while since Bro. John Robshaw, of the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, Barnet, Herts, presented the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 971, Batley, West Yorkshire, with a handsome kneeling-stool, and in recognition of this act of kindness the latter body, at its regular meeting on the 24th ult., unanimously passed a resolution to the effect, "That the best thanks of this lodge be accorded to Bro. John Robshaw, No. 2331, for the presentation made by him to the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 971, Batley, of a kneeling-stool."

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It will be in the recollection of our readers that in 1884 the chief corner-stone of the New Central Tower of Peterborough Cathedral was laid with Masonic ceremonial by the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, acting for the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. Subsequently steps were taken to raise among the Freemasons of this country a sum sufficient to erect sundry oak stalls in the choir of the restored Cathedral.

Two have already been set up, and there being a balance remaining after the cost of these had been defrayed, endeavours are being made to raise a further sum of about £40, which, with the aforesaid balance and sundry subscriptions either promised or paid, it is estimated will suffice for the erection of a third stall, so that the service rendered by our late Pro Grand Master to Peterborough may be suitably commemorated. The Hon. Secretaries of the Fund are Bro. E. Vergette, jun., North-street, and Bro. H. C. Clarabut, Market-place, Peterborough, who will gladly receive subscriptions and forward information.

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H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will preside at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

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On Wednesday the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea Rise had the honour of receiving a visit from the Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck) and her daughter, the Princess May. Her Royal Highness on her arrival was received by Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., Chairman of the House Committee; Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, who is a member of the same Committee; and other officers of the Institution; while the Lady Mayoress and the Lord Provost of Glasgow were also present. When the visitors had been conducted over the School, the children, who were assembled in the hall, sang the National Anthem and several part songs, and then gave a display of their calisthenic exercises, with which the Princesses expressed themselves as being highly gratified.

### 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.]

#### MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I fully endorse all that my friend and Bro. G. W. Bain (of Sunderland) has said in warm appreciation of the value of the labours of Bros. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., and George Taylor. The catalogue of our Anglo-Indian bibliographer is a most interesting one, and no one of late years has done so much to advance the study of Masonic bibliography as Bro. Whymper, who "in season and out of season" has been indefatigable, even to moving us to work more here in England, and in India he alone, unaided, has really achieved wonders.

Considering that the "Bibliographical Notes" to the Worcestershire "Masonic Catalogue" are by me, I cannot speak quite freely as to the worth and usefulness of the work, but inasmuch as the massive volume contains particulars of many hundreds of scarce and important books, medals, MSS., &c., its value should be apparent, and the edition soon subscribed for. To use the words of the *Freemason*, Bro. Taylor's catalogue "has neither equal nor rival, and is simply indispensable."

The ever "vigilant eye" of Bro. Bain has "spotted" a lack, however, for unfortunately a set of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge" Transactions is not in the collection. It is a fine opportunity for some brother to supply this deficiency. Who will respond?—Yours fraternally,  
W. J. HUGHAN.

### Reviews.

#### THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1891.

This very handy and beautifully-printed little guide for-Cambridgeshire is edited, printed, and published by Bro. W. P. Spalding, S.W. 88, P.P.G.S. of W., "advised and assisted by a Committee appointed by Provincial Grand Lodge." It does not seem to be of quite the general interest that 1890 was, though its usefulness and accuracy are as evident as ever. There are but six lodges in the province, with a roll of 357 (an average of nearly 60), being a slight increase on previous returns. It will readily be seen that, allowing for absentees and the usual number of non-subscribers, there cannot be much of a subscription list to cheer the publisher; hence it should be officially issued by the province, by the same able editor, and the cost distributed, *pro rata*, over the half dozen lodges, as is done by some larger provinces. The senior lodge started in 1754, and the junior was formed in 1885. There are four Royal Arch chapters, being a large proportion for the number of lodges. There are also two Mark lodges, one Knights Templar preceptory, and two Rose Croix chapters worked in the province, so that the *Hautes Grades* are in full strength, as they should be at one of the great "Seats of Learning." Bro. Spalding ought to have the warm support of the local Craft for the valiant stand he makes under rather depressing circumstances, and we hope he will get all he so richly deserves.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temple Lodge (No. 101).—The regular meeting of this highly successful lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Frank Williams, W.M.; Wynn, P.M., S.W.; Brandon White, P.M., J.W.; Lardner, P.M., Sec.; H. Woods, S.D.; F. Wint, J.D.; C. Plant, I.G.; Horace Petley, Org.; J. Budd, Steward; Jas. Minter Flegg, I.P.M.; T. H. Bullock, P.M.; Youle, P.M.; W. Briant, T. Ruff, T. Mansell, Yorke Payten, H. Eyre, J. Shelvey, B. Dowsett, W. Cooper Keates, C. Lankester, R. White, W. G. Groom, G. Harrison, H. Mathers, A. Weston, and R. Potter, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; R. Cleed, 1507; J. N. Stephens, 1718; J. E. Osterstock, J.W. 1185; C. Evans, P.M. 1922; F. Joseph, J.W. 2048; W. T. Warner, J.W. 1297; J. Roach, I.P.M. 1579; and R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329.

The minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Morant, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was afterwards initiated in a most impressive manner. The ballot was also unanimous for a joining member, Bro. H. Mathers. Three propositions were tendered for initiation and one for joining, which augurs well for the lodge. Letters of apology were read from the Senior and Junior Wardens for non-attendance through great pressure of business and sickness. A sum of 10 guineas was heartily voted to a distressed brother of the lodge who was deeply afflicted.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, personally superintended by Bro. Ashby, the indefatigable manager.

The cloth having been removed, the Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in a highly commendable manner, and they were received most heartily.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was in like manner given by the Worshipful Master, who stated that those who had the privilege of witnessing their labours for the good of the Craft could not but be thankful to them for the manner they carried out their arduous duties.

The next toast was that of "The Worshipful Master," given by Bro. M. Flegg, I.P.M., who stated that it was a most pleasant duty. The brethren knew his kind and genial manner, in fact he was second to none in popularity. What he does is done exceedingly well, and none could occupy the position better than he. The W.M. was quite capable of holding his own. He then gave the toast of the W.M., which was received most enthusiastically.

In reply, the W.M. most cordially thanked the I.P.M. for his very kind remarks, and also the cordial reception it had received at the hands of all the brethren. He was pleased to attend to the duties of the lodge, and to preside over such an assemblage. Of one thing he was proud—that above the excellent work of all the brethren the Charities were so nobly supported by them.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Initiate," remarking that their brother had come highly recommended to the lodge, and he had every belief that he would prove himself a good and true Mason, and one worthy of the Temple Lodge.

The Initiate replied, and said that the one desire of his heart had been fulfilled that night—that of becoming a Mason, and he would endeavour to live the life of one, and prove himself worthy of the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given in very appropriate terms by the W.M., who stated the pleasure it gave the lodge to receive them, and gave them all a most hearty welcome. There were several distinguished brethren present, some for the first time, but he trusted that they might be amongst the brethren visiting the Temple Lodge on many future occasions.

Bros. Osterstock, Roach, and Evans in their replies one and all remarked on the excellent working of the lodge, and particularly of having such a W.M. and I.P.M., who had carried out their duties in such a laudable manner. Of their hospitality it was universally agreed that none were more heartily welcomed than brethren attending the lodge.

That of "The Past Masters" was given by the Worshipful Master in eulogistic terms, who said one and all ably assisted him in bringing about such a splendid success. Their readiness at all times to perform whatever duties they were called upon was evidenced that night, and he most heartily thanked them.

Bros. White, P.M., and Bullock, P.M., most suitably replied, stating the pleasure it gave them to advance the interests of the lodge and to keep up its prestige. They heartily thanked the brethren for such a cordial greeting. They expressed their sorrow that one of the oldest and most respected of their number was absent through a most severe illness, Bro. Thomas, P.M., and their hearty desire was that he might be spared to be again among them very shortly.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Secretary and Acting Treasurer, Bro. Lardner, P.M.," who the Worshipful Master stated was the main support of the lodge; in fact, it would be impossible to find one so capable of carrying out the combined duties so well as he, and with such a kind and pleasing manner. His whole desire was to enhance the comfort of the brethren and keep up the prestige of the lodge.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Lardner, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the eulogiums heaped upon him, but it could not be otherwise considering the Worshipful Master's influence upon the lodge, and it was only his aim to emulate him and all the preceding Masters. He spoke in very feeling terms of Bro. Thomas, the Treasurer, now lying dangerously ill, who had served the lodge so well for many years, and he trusted the brethren would not withhold the helping hand. It would always be his endeavour to keep the lodge, as at present, in a prosperous condition.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Officers," remarking that he was sure no lodge could boast of better.

Bros. Hy. Wood, acting S.W., and Wint, acting J.W., responded in very appropriate terms, pledging the officers to do their respective duties in the best possible way and keep up the high character of the lodge.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of the W.M., Bro. Frank Williams, who arranged a capital programme. The artistes were Mr. Philp, and Bros. Jas. Budd, John Shelvey, Arthur Weston, Charles Plant, Charles Lankester, and Harrison. The accompanists were Bros. Walter Hedgcock and Horace Petley, Org.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This old lodge resumed its meetings on the 29th ult., at Anderton's Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Langdale, W.M.; Corp, P.M., acting S.W.; Welsh, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Trott, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Jordan, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; Wetzlar, I.P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Aubin, P.M. 491; Lounge, 188; Hawkins, 781; Leuw, 781; Proff, 1298; Keogh, 1623; Latham, 1962; Lake, 2381; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Mr. F. W. Andrews, he was most impressively initiated into Craft mysteries. Bro. Welsh, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. W. Carter, P.M., Treas. (33rd time); and Bro. Longstaffe, Tyler. The by-laws having been read, five members were elected to serve on the Audit Committee, and five on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was elected as Steward to represent the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., 1892. Bro. Capt. Walls gave a notice motion to vote five guineas from the lodge funds to head the Steward's list. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. W. Langdale, W.M., and a vote of thanks recorded him for his excellent services in the chair.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., as usual, in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke well and fluently.

Bro. Aubin, P.M. 491, whose name was coupled with the toast of "The Visitors," made an excellent speech, in which he gave some interesting reminiscences of Masonic life and working in Jersey.

The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the admirable singing and pianoforte playing of Bro. Sharpley, the Organist to the lodge.

**Domestic Lodge (No. 177).**—The first regular meeting of the winter session of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 9th instant, when the following members were present: Bros. S. B. Goodfellow, W.M.; Ernest A. G. Smith, S.W.; A. Piper, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., G. Treas., Treasurer; T. Morris, Sec.; Jno. Barnett, jun., S.D.; W. E. Wigmore, J.D.; C. Riechelmann, Org.; Geo. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks, I.G.; T. H. Hobbs, D.C.; F. W. Morris, Stwd.; N. Salmon, I.P.M.; R. Pierpoint, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; H. J. Chapman, P.M.; Harry W. Price, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; J. G. Walford, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. Bruce Sellar, 398 (S.C.); R. Grant, 2310; C. Sims, W.M. 1208; J. T. Davies, 1348; Turner Wilson, 1614; J. J. Cook, 1185; H. H. Jones, S.D. 1586; Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3; A. B. Spawforth, 211; W. D. Church, I.P.M., Sec. 1365; J. B. Harper, 1693; S. Harris, 1807; W. H. Rivers, S.W. 1772; H. H. Pinkney, 2308; W. Swan Parker, 874; H. Magee, I.P.M. 174; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D. 1897.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Bros. H. Hooper, A. E. Hooper, and H. J. Wade were raised to the Third Degree. Messrs. G. W. Rapley, C. A. Curtis, and George Clarke were then impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet.

The customary toasts were subsequently heartily given, and well received.

Bro. Geo. Everett, Grand Treasurer, in reply to "The Grand Officers," said it was good of the brethren to receive the toast in the cordial manner they had, although it was not unexpected by him. He was much obliged to the W.M. for submitting it in the kind way he had. It was a very proud moment in his life to rise in the lodge, with which he had been connected for 34 years, and be able to respond for the Grand Officers of England. In giving the toast the W.M. spoke of his being the first Grand Treasurer that lodge had ever had, and he was quite correct. During his time there had been three other Grand Officers in the lodge, but they held very different offices to his, and they were selected Grand Officers, while he was an elected Grand Officer. The Grand Officers were, with one exception, selected by the M.W.G.M., and any brother so selected had a right to esteem it a great honour; but if it was an honour to be so selected, how much greater a compliment was it to be elected by the whole Craft? He stood in that position that night, and represented the Craft of England and felt proud of the position. He was not unmindful of the fact that he owed his position to many in that lodge, and also to many who were visitors that evening. Bro. Cochrane, P.M. 3, took a very prominent part in his election, and there were others who were kind and did all they could. The Grand Officers of the past had been very distinguished men of high social position and earned high reputation for the way they upheld the traditions and principles of Freemasonry, and the present Grand Officers were desirous of emulating their good example. It was a great gratification to them to know the toast was always received so well, and to know that their efforts to maintain the great principles of the Craft were appreciated.

Bro. N. Salmon, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master," and said the brethren all knew Bro. Goodfellow's excellent qualities and the manner in which he could work in the lodge, and they also knew that he had the interests and welfare of the Domestic Lodge at heart. It needed no

words to recommend the W.M. to their notice, and all he could do was to ask the brethren to drink the toast as heartily as it deserved, as the W.M. was by nature and by name a jolly "Goodfellow."

Bro. S. B. Goodfellow, W.M., returned thanks, and said that, as the I.P.M. had stated, the interest of the lodge was dear to his heart. It was his great ambition to be the W.M. of the Domestic Lodge, and whatever he could do he should be only too pleased to do for its welfare. The working was not done quite as well as he should have liked, as he was nervous, but he hoped the brethren would forgive his shortcomings.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., in cordial terms gave "The Initiates," which was appropriately acknowledged.

Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. White, P.M., said this was the first time he had had the honour of visiting that lodge, although he had received many invitations. He felt bound to attend that night to thank the members for the kind support given him at the presentation of Grand Officer's clothing to Bro. Everett. He particularly thanked Bros. Price, P.M., and Ferguson, P.M., for their exertions on that occasion. He also thanked the brethren for the reception given the visitors' toast, and only wished that every lodge in London could perform the work as the W.M. and officers had done it that night.

Bro. Christopher Sims, W.M. 1208, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present that evening, as Bro. Everett visited his lodge at Dover a short time ago, and he hoped that honour would be repeated on many future occasions. He had been gratified in the manner in which the work was performed, and was also gratified to learn that the lodge had done so much for the Charities in the past. He hoped their efforts in that direction would be continued in the future, for their Institutions were the backbone of the Craft.

Bro. Bruce Sellar, 398 (S.C.), also replied, after which Bro. Price, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

"The Officers" was given and acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast terminated an enjoyable evening.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**—The opening meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, the following brethren being present: Bros. J. M. Scarlett, P.S.G.W. Essex, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, J.W.; S. Napper, I.P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; Arthur Cox, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, as I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M., D.C.; H. S. Trego, Org.; A. Fearnhead, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Henry Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; P. Faber, A. Pope, W. Jarvis, C. Weber, F. Meyer, J. Amand, T. C. Newman, B. Bridgewater, T. W. Brown, Adolph H. Hertz, E. J. Harrison, A. Snook, G. E. Walker, G. W. Hooker, F. Simmonds, C. Isler, E. H. Bury, W. C. Hiller, H. Dove, D. C. Ritchie, and C. Hiller.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. A. Pope was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Bro. A. H. Hertz passed to that of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Dove, a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly admitted. The sum of ten guineas was voted for the list of the W.M. as Steward at a forthcoming festival. Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed.

The brethren sat down to a substantial repast served under the direction of Bro. Palmer, the manager of the hotel, and the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in replying to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. His position was one to which he had looked forward for years, but great as the honour was to rule over a lodge like that it was but brief. Looking round and seeing the number of aspiring brethren animated with the idea which had urged him forward, his regret would be lessened when the time came for him to vacate the chair in favour of his successor, but when relegated to a place among the Past Masters he trusted that his interest in the lodge would still remain unabated.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate" the Worshipful Master said they were pleased to welcome him amongst them; from what they had seen of him so far, they had no doubt he would prove a good and worthy member of the lodge.

Bro. H. Dove, in reply, said he feared he could scarcely find fitting words to express the pleasure he felt in his present position. He thanked the brethren very warmly for the manner in which they had received him as one of them, and hoped to prove himself not unworthy of the honour they had done him.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).**—The opening meeting of the season was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Sandalls, W.M.; Coombe, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, P.M., Sec.; Grundy, S.D.; Fayers, J.D.; Cox, acting I.G.; Knight, Org.; Walkley, Tyler; J. W. Harding, I.P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; Collick, P.M.; and about 25 brethren and visitors.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the May meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Gibbons was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Bros. Preston and Grimshaw were impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Williams, P.M., volunteered his services as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 25 guineas were voted by the lodge to head his list. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Secretary was asked to write to Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., D.C., expressing the feeling of the lodge that there must have been some untoward reason for his absence that evening (his first absence since the consecration of the lodge), and after "Hearty good wishes" had been given the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, as were those of "The W.M.," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. MacCarnley, Judd-Green, Knight, Grundy, and others contributed harmony and recitations, Bro. Knight accompanying on the piano.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**—The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. W. Jeffery, W.M.; H. G. Martin, S.W.; J. H. Pullen, J.W.; J. Loader, P.M., Sec.; S. Derham, S.D.; T. Pickett, J.D.; Wm. Castledine, I.G.; T. Pethebridge and J. Parr, Stewards; D. Rose, P.M.; J. Garnar, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; Wm. Cowley, P.M.; Fred. Hilton, P.M.; I. Dunn, I.P.M.; H. Vowles, W. Flegg, J. Cross, A. Bishop, L. Meyer, T. E. Webb, B. Plucknett, F. Tate, R. Reichenheim, F. Choveaux, Org.; A. Salmon, J. Hay, Sam. Ballard, Wm. Dawson, Wal. Jeffery, J. Messent, D. Preston, C. Goddard Clarke, Wm. Shaw, Hy. Potter, Jas. Hight, J. Schuller, R. Rae, R. Harden, G. Thompson, W. Nelthropp, F. William, W.M. 101; and Reep. Visitors: Bros. Voss, I.P.M. 1069; Hunter, 31; Piper; S. D. Musgrave; C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; Dozell, S.W. 1475; Martin, 1571; Campbell, P.M. 975; F. Wint, J.D. 101; Webb, P.M. 563; R. Davis, P.M. 2266; Corpe, P.M. 1839; Harden, 169; Mussard, W.M. 2264; Goltings, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; V. T. Murché, P.M. 1063; Spencer, 1942; Gooding, 1329; Bladon, W.M. 1839; George, P.M. 101; Matlock, P.M. 1441; Plant, J.D. 101; Burrows, Stwd. 1381; Roberts, 765; Stunt, P.M. 1641; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; Taylor, 227; Keer, J.W. 697; Butt, P.M. 700; Powles, P.M. 1901; Scriven, 1329; Luckhurst, P.M. 1604; Phillips, Tranquillity Lodge, New South Wales; Thos. Grummant, P.M. 1559; J. Penney, P.M.; Snelgrove, 1303; Ayris, 217; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217; Bond, 2400; Hexton, 749; Lord, 1309; Stelling, 511; Crisp, 1329; Salmon, 1475; Grevel, 2150; Smith, P.M. 1558; Krumm, 185; Sanders, 30; Thomas, 1641, P.P.G.S.B.; Addington, P.M. 217; Mills, 134; and Butler, 1360.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nelthropp was then raised in a most perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. The ballot was taken for Mr. Reep, who was afterwards initiated most ably. Bro. F. Williams, W.M. 101, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. H. Martin, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. J. Dunn, I.P.M., to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jeffery, to receive the benefits of installation, which ceremony was most commendably carried out in a Board of 35 Installed Masters. The Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Martin, then invested his officers in capital style as follows: Bros. J. H. Pullen, S.W.; S. Derham, J.W.; John Loader, P.M., Sec.; J. Kirby, Treas.; T. Pickett, S.D.; W. Castledine, J.D.; Dr. Webb, I.G.; J. Parr and W. Dawson, Stwds.; F. Choveaux, Org.; S. Ballard, A.D.C.; and Bowler, Tyler. The addresses were then given in a masterly manner by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Jeffery. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was done ample justice to.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a few very appropriate terms, which were received enthusiastically.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was dwelt on very suitably by the Worshipful Master, who remarked the time and labour they bestowed for the benefit of the Craft. The toast was most heartily received.

The toast of "The W.M." was next given by the I.P.M., who stated that he was once more entrusted with the gavel which he heartily sounded in order that this toast should receive the attention of all present. All most cordially wished the W.M. health and happiness during his year of office. He was confident the work would be carried out most efficiently. The W.M. was now rewarded for the manner he had performed his duties to the lodge since his initiation, and he wished him a prosperous year.

The toast having been drunk with acclamation, the Worshipful Master, in reply, stated that he was proud to be in such a position. He had always had the confidence of the brethren, for only a few months after initiation he was made the Secretary, which duties he carried on some years. The success of the lodge, and his ability to work in the manner in which every W.M. ought, was due to the great care and instruction received at the hands of Bro. Rose, P.M., the worthy Preceptor of the Rose Lodge of Instruction. He hoped to emulate the I.P.M.

That of "The Initiate" was next given, the W.M. remarking that no lodge could well exist without good and true men, which he trusted the brother initiate would become the more he knew of Freemasonry.

The Initiate, in reply, said he would take up the Worshipful Master's words and say it would be his endeavour to become a good and true Freemason and worthy of the Rose Lodge.

"The Visitors" was given in very appropriate terms by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the Rose Lodge heartily welcomed them. There was a very long array, many of them were very distinguished and personal friends of his for many years standing. He trusted they had all enjoyed the hospitality extended them.

In reply, Bro. Mussard stated it was the longest list of visitors that he had ever been called upon to reply to. The W.M. was one of his oldest friends, and with whom he had never had a wry word. He had himself been recently installed, but what he had seen that evening he hoped he might be able to carry out on his successor when the time came and with as much credit. He hoped the W.M. might have health and strength and a most successful year of office.

Bros. Bladon, Parkinson, Butt, Luckhurst, and Phillips, one and all, agreed in congratulating the lodge on their choice of W.M., and the efficient working they had witnessed throughout, in fact it was remarked that the installation ceremony had never been worked better. They were pleased to be present that evening to do honour to so worthy a W.M.

The toast of "The Past Masters and Installing Master" was next given, the W.M. remarking that their valuable services were always given most freely, and they performed any duty that they, one and all, were called upon to fulfil. Such an array of P.M.'s were really the backbone of the lodge, and were particularly helpful to the W.M. He would specially ask Bro. Jeffery, the I.P.M., to accept the jewel so unanimously voted him by the lodge for the splendid manner he had conducted the lodge during the past year. He hoped he might long be spared to wear it, and trusted that he might at the end of his year of office deserve a similar token for carrying out the duties of the

present year as they were so ably in the past. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Jeffery and Fred. Hilton.

Bro. Jeffery replied in a few very appropriate terms, thanking the brethren. He was proud to receive the handsome jewel, and should treasure it as long as life lasted. He should hand it down as an heirloom for his children to remember the esteem he was held in by the Rose Lodge.

Bro. F. Hilton very briefly thanked the W.M. for coupling his name, remarking his services were always at the command of the lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given by the W.M., who stated that two better officers could not be found anywhere. He was thankful to them for taking office.

Bro. Kirby, Treasurer, very briefly replied, and said that he would do his very best for the lodge, as he had done in the past.

Bro. Loader, Secretary, stated that he had the good of the lodge at heart. It had always been his endeavour to promote peace and harmony, and the same service he had rendered previously should be extended to the W.M. most heartily.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," remarking no lodge had a better array, and he was thankful to all for accepting office.

Bros. Pullen, S.W., and Derham, J.W., most suitably replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the management of the efficient Organist of the lodge, Bro. Choveaux, ably assisted by Miss Julia Jones, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bros. Joseph Hay and Wm. Price, and Mr. W. G. Hazelgrove.

**Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).**—There was a good attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Islington, on Tuesday, the 6th instant. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. T. H. Mayer, W.M.; H. J. Hazel, S.W.; L. Simon, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; W. Elliott, S.D.; J. Potter, J.D.; W. Windsor, Org.; G. T. Spalding, I.G.; T. Casely, P.M.; F. G. Hall, P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Lee, G. R. Dix, J. G. Harrington, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; R. Poore, P.M., Treas. 1949; N. P. Hodgson, J.D. 1613; T. Dickinson, 224; W. Goodger, 2372; A. Oliver, P.M. 820; Hy. Harrington, 1107; G. P. Pointer, S.W. 1613; D. W. Fowler, 511; C. R. Cutler, 1949; G. Ledson, 509; T. H. Paris, 1158; E. Loder, 179; R. P. Forge, 1997; A. E. Sarti, P.M. 1850; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D. 1897; and several others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. W. C. Lewis, Sulton, S. S. Hosain, F. Richards, and J. C. Serjeant were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, who has occupied the chair of the lodge with conspicuous ability for the past two years, then installed Bro. H. J. Hazel as W.M. in an impressive manner. The officers' collars were distributed as follows: Bros. L. Simon, S.W.; W. Elliott, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, S.D.; A. W. Cooper, J.D.; J. J. Garritt, I.G.; W. Lee, D.C.; G. R. Dix, W. Gilson, and J. G. Harrington, Stwds.; W. Windsor, Org.; and Sheppard, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, after which Messrs. W. J. Robinson, C. W. Porter, A. J. Porter, and H. L. Yarnold were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The audit report, which showed a handsome balance to the credit of the lodge, was unanimously adopted.

Lodge was closed, and banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replying for "The Grand Officers," after returning thanks for the reception given the toast, said it was always a great pleasure to respond, and also a great honour for a brother to have his name coupled with two such distinguished noblemen as the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. Speaking personally, he was fortunate in being an honorary member of the Kingsland Lodge, although it was five years since he had the pleasure of attending. He was present at the consecration, and assisted in that ceremony, and for many years was a regular attendant. He hoped to be present on many future installation nights, for there was no lodge he attended with so much pleasure as the Kingsland Lodge.

Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, I.P.M., in submitting "The Worshipful Master," said he was sure the toast would meet with hearty approbation. In Bro. Hazel they had a W.M. who would rule the lodge with success, and the way in which he performed his duties in the initiation ceremony had exceeded their expectation. He (the I.P.M.) knew Bro. Hazel to be quite capable of carrying out his duties in a manner excelled by none, and they would therefore wish him long life and a happy year of office.

Bro. H. J. Hazel, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their kindly reception. He should not trouble them with a long speech, as they had a long programme of music, and brevity was the soul of wit. While the lodge was in his care he would do his utmost to make it second to none in the North of London.

"The Initiates" having been honoured and appropriately acknowledged, the I.P.M. gave "The Visitors," and tendered them a hearty welcome.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., returned thanks, and said he believed he was speaking the feelings of all the visitors when he said it had given them much gratification to have had the pleasure of attending the installation ceremony so ably carried out by the I.P.M. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Mayer, I.P.M., for many years as a zealous and active Mason, and he also knew that whatever that brother took in hand was carried out to the best of his ability. Bro. Mayer had put every difficulty aside and had mastered the ceremony of installation in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon himself and to the very great advantage of the lodge. The visitors had also had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of a brother who had shown himself able to carry out the important duties of W.M., and the result would no doubt be brilliant prosperity during the ensuing year. On behalf of the visiting brethren he thanked the lodge for the kind reception and generous hospitality displayed, and wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office and the lodge every success.

Bro. R. Poore, P.M., Treas. 1949, also replied, and congratulated the lodge upon the prosperity which was evidently

in store for it in having so worthy a Mason to preside as Bro. Hazel had proved himself to be. He also congratulated the I.P.M. on the exceedingly able manner in which he conducted the ceremony of installation.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing and Immediate Past Master," and said the members all knew the way in which Bro. Mayer had worked for the Kingsland Lodge during the years of trial and trouble it had gone through. He was happy to say they were now out of that trouble, and the excellent condition of the lodge was due to the I.P.M., who had occupied the chair during the past two years. The brethren had heard Bro. Mayer in the various ceremonies at different times, and knew he had rendered them in a splendid manner and done his duty well.

Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. most heartily for the eulogiums passed upon his conduct during the time he had filled the chair. Whatever had been done had been from a sense of duty not only towards the lodge, but to ensure the comfort of the members individually and collectively. It had been his utmost endeavour to bring this lodge to a successful issue after troublesome times, and he was amply repaid for any trouble. The W.M. had paid him extraordinary compliments, but he had only done his duty. He wished the W.M. every success during the ensuing year, at the conclusion of which he knew the brethren would pass the same compliments to Bro. Hazel as they had to himself.

Other toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. Windsor, Org., an excellent musical programme was carried out.

**Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).**—The first meeting after the summer recess took place at No. 13, Mandeville-place, W., on Thursday, the 1st inst., Bro. T. E. Biddlecombe, W.M., presiding, supported by Bro. Burritt Lane, I.P.M. The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. B. Sargeant, S.W.; C. J. Ozanne, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; S. J. Wilford, S.D.; J. T. Hutchinson, I.G.; L. Van der Heyden, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Tyler; J. Bennett, H. E. Robertson, Sinclair Dunn, F. Robinson, H. V. Geary, E. C. M. Fischel, R. Sladdin, W. S. Holder, and B. S. Reed. Visitors: Bros. Tate, 1563; H. Tinney, P.M. 1319; and S. Hart, P.M., 2146.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Robinson was then passed to the Second Degree. Mr. W. S. Holder, duly elected at last meeting, and Messrs. B. S. Reed and Robert Sladdin, after having been balloted for and elected, were initiated. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the coming year, and the choice was unanimous in favour of Bro. Sargeant, the respected S.W. With the same unanimity Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Geo. Harrison re-elected to the office of Tyler. Bros. Bennett, Geary, and Robinson were appointed Auditors. On the proposition of Bro. Burritt Lane, seconded by Bro. Hammond, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Biddlecombe. Several candidates for initiation and a joining member were proposed. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment and harmony.

The usual loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" having been proposed and duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Burritt Lane, in his most happy manner, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Biddlecombe succinctly replied, hoping that their growing numbers would increase during the years of office of his successors.

Other toasts were proposed, and responded to as briefly as the occasion would admit, harmony and not oratory being the art most favoured by the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Among the contributors to the harmony were Bros. H. Tinney, Sladdin, Sargeant, and Sinclair Dunn.

**Strand Lodge (No. 1987).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th instant at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when Bro. Edward Norton Dale, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and a good assemblage of lay brethren. He passed Bros. Jean Louis Aubanel and Alfred Sparks to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. George Grey Bound, Bro. J. R. Stacey acting as I.P.M. The W.M. afterwards installed Bro. Horace Selby Foster, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M., and Bro. Dale was invested as I.P.M. The officers to assist the W.M. for the year were Bros. F. Jackson, S.W.; C. J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; W. Merrett, I.G.; W. C. Archer, D.C.; J. N. Hare, J. T. Busten, W. S. Hooper, and J. W. Taunton, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, Tyler.

A beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dale, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the speeches were made very brief.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. E. Richardson, W.M. 1541; F. P. Wenial, W.M. 1828; H. Longman, W.M. 2271; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619, and 1928; W. W. Snelling, P.M. 1541; G. W. Tillet, P.M. 1677; H. Dickey, P.M. 1744; E. V. New, P.M. 173; H. Darbyshire, P.M. 1993; J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1662; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; F. Lockstone, J.D. 862; J. G. Hopgood, 1765; R. P. Upton, I.G. 1328; A. H. Cole, 1744; T. Jeffries, 1744; F. H. Cheesewright, S.D. 907; R. Horsband, 1366; C. J. Hutton, 1216; F. W. Cope, J.D. 1369; J. P. Geary, 1614; C. F. Browne, P.M. 81; H. E. Pool, 2030; J. H. Denman, 2048; and W. J. Walker, 1441.

The loyal toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Dale, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he felt very much gratified in proposing that very important toast, because the W.M. and he were initiated in the Strand Lodge together. By some unfortunate circumstances he (Bro. Dale) accidentally signed before Bro. Foster, otherwise their positions would have been reversed that evening. But he felt very proud at having to propose Bro. Foster's health, because he was sure Bro. Foster would have a successful year of office, and one proof of that was the list of gentlemen who had sent in their names for entering the lodge. Another proof of a successful year was the list of good officers he had to assist him. Without good officers a W.M. had not much chance of getting on.

The Worshipful Master, after the toast had been most warmly received, said he felt that it was impossible to respond adequately to the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Dale, and so heartily responded to by the brethren. All he

could say was he felt thankful to the brethren for electing him to the post of W.M., and that he would do his best to obtain a vote of thanks from the brethren at the end of next October. He next proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters." He had already, in presenting the jewel to the Installing Master, said a few words on that brother's excellent abilities, but he could safely add to that by saying it was impossible to say much further of Bro. Dale as an Installing Master. All the brethren would agree with him that Bro. Dale had done the work of Installing Master exceedingly well. They would admit that there was a great deal to do by the Installing Master, and he (the W.M.) only hoped when his turn came he would do it as well. Not only did Bro. Dale do the installation, but he did also the passings and the initiation equally well. The initiation had been put down for him, but he was only too pleased to find that Bro. Dale did it so much better than he could. Of the other Past Masters, among whom were Bros. Stacey and Stiles, he could only say the lodge could not do without them.

Bro. Dale, I.P.M., replying, said he regarded the installation of the present Worshipful Master of the Strand Lodge as a great event for the lodge. When he was initiated he little thought he would occupy the proud position of installing Bro. Foster as Master of the lodge. He had worked through the different offices with the Worshipful Master, and when the brethren elected Bro. Foster he thought it his duty to install him. Although he might have put himself to a slight inconvenience in learning the ceremony, he had been amply repaid with the very beautiful jewel of a Past Master the lodge had presented him with. He trusted he might always look upon it as a testimony of the good feelings which were entertained of him by the members of the lodge.

Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., in the course of his response, said he should never forget that he had the honour of bringing Bro. Dale and Bro. Foster into the Strand Lodge. They had proved themselves worthy to belong to the Order and he was sure they would bring the lodge to a position second to no other lodge.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec., said that no brother had worked harder for the Strand Lodge than Bro. Stacey.

Bro. Dale, at the request of the W.M., proposed "The Initiates," and hoped Bro. Bound would attend to his Masonic duties regularly and try to get into office. All initiates should aspire to the Master's chair.

Bro. Bound replied, and said he would do his best to increase his knowledge of Freemasonry, and to further the cause they all had at heart. What was worth doing at all was worth doing well.

Bro. Stiles proposed "The Visitors," which toast was responded to by Bros. Weinal, W.M. 1828; Longman, W.M. 2271; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167; C. F. Browne, P.M. 81; and G. W. Tillet, P.M. 1677.

An Afghan Brother of 1422 (Beauchamp, Roorkee, Bengal), also replied, and said his forefathers for generations had belonged to the good old Craft. He was the only one of the dear old tribe who came to London who was then present. They came to learn law, medicine, and engineering. He was a medical officer at Candahar. He had nine brothers in the medical profession. His tribe and brothers were enthusiastic Masons. He assured the brethren that he and his people were loyal to the British Crown, and pointed out that in the Sulej and elsewhere Masonry was the thing which brought and kept men together. He was very pleased to have been present at the installation of Bro. Foster, and he should go back to his native land with feelings of affection for the brethren, and to tell his father, 97 years of age and an enthusiastic Mason, of the cordial reception he had had among the brotherhood in England.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., replied, as the Treasurer, Bro. James Willing, jun., was away on holiday.

The J.W. responded for "The Officers," and Bro. R. Whiting, P.M. 87, gave the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, on the 12th instant, when there were present Bros. Gordon Smith, W.M.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; Eugene Monteuuis, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; H. M. Watt, P. A. N. Thorn, Coward, Theobald, C. W. Hughes, and J. A. Drake Smith. Visitor: Bro. A. Barrett, 1768.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their usual repast.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY.

**Alan Lodge (No. 2368).**—The first annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Queen's Hotel. There was a very large number of influential brethren present, of which the following is a complete list: Bros. Alan de Tatton Egerton, W.M.; J. Jones, P.M.; H. G. Small, S.W.; T. W. Markland, A. Lawley, P.M., Treas.; F. Baxter, Sec.; A. Keymer, S.D.; J. B. McGemmell, J.D.; William Ramsden, D.C.; A. W. Henry, Org.; W. Urquhart, H. Johnson, W. R. Dambrell-Davies, Stwd.; T. Rostron, J. A. Walsh, J. H. Whitehead, R. L. Bourne, J. Urquhart, J. Moffatt, E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Gow, M. Aspden, J. A. Gee, H. T. Everett, P.M.; Elliott A. Crompton, J. R. R. Jeffery, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec.; F. R. B. Lindsell, P.J.G.W.; A. Ingham, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. Renshaw, W.M. 1387; J. W. Beard, S.W. 2109; T. B. Grinshaw, 1140; C. Ellington, 1140; J. Wood, P.M. 1140; J. Cookson, P.M. 387, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Gaskell; W. Y. Martin, P.P.J.G.D.; Geo. Rostron, Sec. 1140; J. Laurisch, 2359; G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730, 2359; G. S. Smith, P.M. 2359; H. Mason, 1633; W. Smith, W.M. 1814; C. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Laidlaw, P.M. 1375, P.G.D.; J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; W. T. Cairns, 1140; W. Howard, I.G. 1147; W. G. Vaughan, 1329; T. Schofield, 1140; H. Finch, P.M. 104, P.G.R.; H. Smith, S.W. 287, S.D. 1030; T. McClelland, P.M. 1345; W. W. Wilson, P.M. 1140; K. Stewart, 1140; J. F. May, 259; G. Everett, I.P.M. 1009; and J. Dawson, 734.

Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., W.M., pre-

sided, and opened the lodge and appointed Bros. A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., as Installing Master; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W.; and John Moffatt, W.M. 1140, as J.W. Bro. Harry Gordon Small, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Wm. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., and was duly installed into the chair. Subsequently the W.M. invested his officers, and they were addressed by Bro. H. Finch, P.G.R., in the following order: Bros. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M., T. W. Markland, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Arthur Keymer, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; Arthur Lawley, Treasurer; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D., Secretary; J. B. McGemmill, S.D.; Matthew Aspden, J.D.; J. A. Walsh, I.G.; Arthur W. Henry, Org.; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D. West Lincs., D.C.; Dr. W. R. Dambill-Davies, R. L. Bourne, and E. A. Crompton, Stwds.; and Kirk, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. E. T. Everett.

The banquet which was subsequently held was of first-class description, and great taste had been displayed in the decorations of the table and dining hall by Mr. Bourne. Bro. Harry Gordon Small, the newly-installed W.M., presided, supported by a large number of brethren. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as also "The Health of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M.; Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." The last-named toast was proposed by the I.P.M., who alluded to the great assistance Sir Horatio rendered to his brother, the Prov. Grand Master, in carrying on the Charitable work of the province.

Bro. Lindsell, P.G.W., in responding, thanked the brethren of the Alan Lodge for their magnificent hospitality. It had been well said that the Alan Lodge, though young in point of time, had made a position on account of its Charities second to none. There had been a glorious rivalry between his own lodge—the Stamford—as to which should occupy the first position in the latter respect, and while he did not ask which was the first, he did know this—that the Stamford and Alan Lodges occupied first and second places amongst the lodges for the province. He hoped it would not be long before the children of the Alan Lodge would be led to take a position in the Prov. Grand Lodge, thus adding to the honour of the Alan Lodge and strengthening the counsels of the province.

Bros. Finch, Pochin, Martin, and Cookson also responded. Bro. Finch, in particular, bore testimony to the efficient service the brethren of the Alan Lodge rendered at the foundation stone-laying of the schools at Wilmslow. He felt extremely proud of the Alan Lodge, and hoped it might be attended by a career of success and prosperity.

Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Master." He felt it a great privilege indeed to do so, especially as he had been asked to become the first Master of the lodge, and he felt that his successor would continue the good work which had been begun. He felt sure that the work would be thoroughly done, and that when Bro. Small occupied his then position he would be able to look back upon a good record, and that what had been done had been for the benefit of Freemasonry in the province. There never was a time when Freemasonry had taken so great a hold as it had done of late years, due to the efforts of their Grand Master and the leaders of the Craft, and it was their duty and the duty of every good Mason to assist in carrying out the work and maintaining the traditions of the Craft. He had no doubt their new W.M. would not only hand down those traditions, but he would hand down the work of the Alan Lodge as efficient as it had been commenced. He asked them to drink health and success to Bro. Gordon Small during his year of office.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Small, who had a most enthusiastic reception, said he was deeply gratified by the manner in which the toast of his health was received. He felt that it was a great responsibility for so young a Mason as himself to take the management of the affairs of the Alan Lodge, but he trusted with the assistance of the members that he would be able to carry them on successfully. They started 19 strong, and now numbered 32. He thought they had a fair record for so young a lodge, especially as they were second on the list for charitable effort during the past year. Next year they were going to try again, and he trusted that when he left the chair, the honour of the Alan Lodge would be as unsullied as when handed to him, and that they would be able to say of him that he had faithfully discharged the high trust reposed in him.

The other toasts included "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Masters," "The Visiting Brethren," and others.

The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Howard, Stewart, H. Everett, and Anderton. Bro. Hopkinson, W.M. 1459, acted as accompanist.

#### BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and the attendance comprised the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. Maunder, W.M.; J. S. Webb, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; C. Toleman, P.M., acting S.W.; A. Hann, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.J.G.W., Treas.; O. M. Beament, Sec.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., D.C.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., acting S.D.; W. Oxley, J.D.; C. S. Purkis, P.M., P.J.G.D., Org.; F. P. Kitson, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., and C. Hann, P.M., Stwds.; J. Keech, Tyler; and G. Roberts. Visitors: Bro. J. C. Collie, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.O. Wilts, and E. H. G. de Castro, 357.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a letter was read from Bro. P. Colville Smith, W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, according permission for Bro. de Castro to take the Third Degree in the lodge. Bro. de Castro was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., the lecture, working tools, &c., being lucidly rendered by Bro. Webb. On the motion of Bros. R. Toleman and Webb, Bro. Baskett was appointed Charity Steward for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bros. Purkis and Webb, the Charity Committee—Bros. Webb, Baskett, R. Toleman, C. Toleman, J. Andrews, H. Maunder, and R. R. Sampson—was re-appointed. Bros. E. H. G. de Castro, 357, and T. Giles, 707, having been proposed as joining members, the lodge was closed, after which the customary adjournment for refreshment took place.

#### CHESTER.

**Clarence Lodge (No. 2386).**—A meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. W. H. Finchett, W.M.; T. Litherland, S.W.; Captain F. E. Cooper, J.W.; T. Hart-Davies, Treas.; Major Randle Ford, Sec.; R. McKay, S.D.; R. Cariss, J.D.; F. Fox, Org.; F. Cameron and J. Osborne, Stwds.; S. Smith, Tyler; J. Matthews-Jones, P.M.; F. Pilcher, J. W. Evason, W. Minshull, W. J. Norburn, C. Edwards, J. Salmon, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. Bryant, J. Jones, D. Clements, A. Davies, F. R. Price, J. Mellor, A. Truckle, W. Peers, J. Forster, W. M. Lightfoot, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Price, W. Rogers, and T. Knowles, P.P.A.G.D.C. Visitors: Bros. G. Day, 721; Hayton, 721; J. Johnson, 2294, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Richards, 721; R. Hunter, 1088, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Cunnah, 721, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Polkinghorne, 721; C. Bomford, 1530; W. Conway, 721; and J. Doxey, 721.

The lodge having been opened, Messrs. F. B. Mason and G. W. Haswell were initiated. Bro. Edwards was raised, and Charity representatives elected, and the lodge was closed.

#### EAST MOLESEY.

**Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).**—This lodge met at the Castle Hotel on Tuesday, the 6th inst., to hold its installation meeting. The fixture for this meeting differed from its previous annual meetings. The day appointed for the installation meeting having been altered from the first Tuesday in January of each year to the first Tuesday in October, the alteration it is hoped will add materially to the comfort of the brethren as a summer lodge. An emergency meeting held a week previous had cleared up all arrears of work, leaving nothing but the necessary routine of the installation ceremony to be rehearsed on the present occasion. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. G. Shelley, P.G.S., when he was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. M. Spiegel, P.M., as S.W.; G. A. Ball, J.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Moorman, I.P.M.; W. Youldon, P.M., Treas.; George Moorman, P.M., Sec.; Wright, S.D.; Neale, D.C., as J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; J. Youldon, P.M.; Leaver, Kilner, Ellis, Britton, Abnett, Catterson, A. Spiegel, Collins, and others.

The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report and balance-sheet, which showed a most substantial balance in favour of the lodge, were received and adopted. The W.M. then proceeded to install Bro. George Alfred Ball, J.W. and W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. George Moorman, P.M., P.P.G.P., and was duly obligated and entrusted. A Board of Past Masters being formed, Bro. G. A. Ball was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Shelley, P.G.S., I.P.M.; J. J. Wright, S.W.; J. W. Chapman, J.W.; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas. (ninth time); J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1638, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec. (tenth time); S. Ellis, S.D.; F. Neale, J.D.; W. H. Holliday, I.G.; W. T. Abnett, D.C.; R. E. Catterson, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler (tenth time). Bro. Shelley then resumed the ceremony, and Bro. G. Moorman concluded by reciting the several addresses most eloquently. For the admirable manner with which both Bros. Shelley and G. Moorman performed their parts they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Shelley was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel containing a special bar denoting that he had filled the office of Master during the greater part of the years 1890 and 1891. An elegantly chased tea-pot was presented by the brethren to Mrs. Shelley.

Bros. G. Norman and Shelley having returned thanks, the lodge was closed, when a large company of distinguished brethren, including the following visitors, joined them to a banquet provided by the host, Bro. Mayo, in his well-known excellent style: Bros. F. West, Deputy Prov. G.M.; R. H. G. dard, I.P.M. 1155; W. Roots, P.M. 1273; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; J. J. West, P.M. 548; H. Cohen, P.M. 1658; J. H. Wade, W.M. 1360; H. W. Humphreys, P.M. 1638; P. Bowler, 1556; E. J. Capon, 1306; H. R. Hobbs, 1901; W. Kite, 1326; E. Braun, 2054; E. J. Pakington, 1793; F. A. Hill, 1374; J. H. Mayo, 2222; M. Chapman, 619; R. B. Johnston (India); J. Morley, 1638; F. Lockett, 1638; E. Shearman, 1625; W. J. W. Bultz, 1638; and Andy Anderson, 946.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were respectively drunk, and duly honoured.

The next toast was "The Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M., most suitably responded, saying how pleased he was to be present that evening, and to see the progress being made by the Arnold Lodge in their good home, and congratulated the lodge on its splendid working.

The retiring W.M. then, as a memento of his terms of office, asked all present to accept a cabinet portrait of himself taken in Masonic clothing by Bro. Bultz.

The toast of "The W.M." was most enthusiastically given, and, as the first initiate of the lodge, the members felt they might safely leave the welfare of the lodge in his hands, and they all trusted he might have a pleasant and successful year of office.

The other customary toasts followed, and the proceedings, enlivened by songs and recitations, which contributed greatly to the pleasures of the occasion, brought a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).**—The autumn meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Graham Buckley, W.M.; J. T. Wright, S.W.; G. E. Lewis, J.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; F. W. Levander, Sec.; W. Hicklin, P.M., S.D.; F. C. Joseph, J.D.; A. W. Gerrard, I.G.; F. A. Crabb, Org.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; C. E. Cassal, I.P.M.; Dr. Oswald, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Percy Adlard, Rangoon Lodge, Burmah; C. Sargeant, 1261; and Grantham R. Dodd.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting verified, Mr. Hugo Woolheim having been previously balloted for and approved, was initiated in an able and impressive manner. Various business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts were proposed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

#### LEEDS.

**Prudence Lodge (No. 2060).**—On Saturday, the 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, there was a large and representative gathering of the brethren of this prosperous lodge for the purpose of taking part in the scroll for W.M. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Fretwell, was supported by Bros. C. Middleton, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., D.C. and Charity Steward; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Atkinson, S.W.; R. Abbott, J.W.; A. Butterworth, Sec.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; B. Sykes Bailey, S.D.; R. A. Smithson, J.D.; B. Abbott, I.G.; Jas. Buckley, Org.; J. T. Jones and E. Ellis, Stwds.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Binney, P.M. 139, P.P.G. Reg.; and Smith, J.D. 1042.

The lodge was opened, and the scroll for W.M. having been taken, was found to be unanimously in favour of Bro. Tom Atkinson, S.W. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, cordially congratulated the S.W. upon the signal honour which had been conferred upon him, and expressed the confident opinion that in his hands the future of the lodge was assured. In honouring Bro. Atkinson the brethren had honoured themselves, for no more suitable brother could be found in the lodge. He assured the W.M. elect of the co-operation and assistance of every brother during his year of office, and added that the best wish he could convey to their brother was that his year of office might prove as happy and harmonious as it was the proud boast of the outgoing Master that his had been. Bro. Atkinson heartily reciprocated the good wishes of the brethren, and assured them that in accepting the position as head of his mother lodge he did so with the full intention of maintaining the old landmarks, and carrying on the lodge on those sound lines which had heretofore so amply resulted in its success. The election of Treasurer was next proceeded with, and Bro. C. L. Mason being again unanimously selected for that office, an honour which he suitably acknowledged. Bro. Trevor then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Fretwell, as a mark of esteem and brotherly love, and as a token of the great satisfaction and admiration felt by the lodge for the manner in which he had carried on the business of the past 12 months. This was warmly seconded by Bro. Middleton, supported by the S.W. and several brethren, and carried unanimously. The rest of the business was of a routine character, and was quickly dispatched.

The brethren afterwards met at high tea, and the evening was spent in social communion.

#### PORTISHEAD.

**Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).**—VISIT OF LORD DUNGARVAN, P.G.M. SOMERSET. — Saturday, the 10th instant, was a red-letter day in the annals of this lodge, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, a goodly number of brethren assembled at the Royal Hotel to support the W.M., Bro. E. Davey, upon the occasion of the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, paying the lodge a fraternal visit. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. Davey, W.M.; W. T. Shapland, I.P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M., as S.W.; C. P. Billing, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; C. L. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Tonkin, S.D.; C. Hazell, J.D.; E. Harvey, I.G.; J. W. Hall, Org.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Stafford and F. Jeffreys, Stewards; Frank Simpkins, Tyler; F. G. Dimery, P.M. 1755, 2069; W. Glasspole, P.M.; Wm. Rice, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and John Southwood. The visitors, besides the Prov. G.M., included Bros. E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.G.P.; A. G. Pike, P.M. 103, P.G.S.B.; W. Spencer, 1388; J. H. Fulford, 686; Theo. Carrington, J.D. 686; H. E. de Villiers, 1706; and T. D. C. Leveritt, 68.

Apologies regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Bramble, D. Prov. G.M. of Bristol; R. C. Else, Deputy Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; Dr. Lionel Weatherley, P.M.; Rev. Weatherley, P.M.; and others.

After the lodge had been opened the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, was received in due form, and in the name of the lodge cordially welcomed by the W.M. The Prov. Grand Master, in reply, expressed regret that circumstances prevented him being with them at the installation meeting last month. Nothing would have afforded him greater enjoyment than to have seen the working of the beautiful Masonic ritual in the Eldon Lodge. Some business of a formal and charitable nature having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In proposing the next toast the Worshipful Master said: I rise to submit to you "The Health of the P.G.M., Lord Dungarvan," and must tell you that it is impossible for me to give full expression to my feelings in requesting you to join me in drinking to his health. I am sure the whole of the brethren unite with me in the joy we feel at having the P.G.M. amongst us to-day, and to learn from him that he intends to visit our lodge again. I may tell you that the P.G.M. has already visited 12 lodges in the province, besides performing various Masonic duties in and outside the province of Somersetshire, which lively interest augurs well for the future of Freemasonry in our district. Speaking personally, I shall never forget his visit to our lodge during my year of office, and shall ever look back upon this event of my life with great pleasure and pride, and I feel confident the important incident will live long in the memories of the brethren of the Eldon Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master, on rising to reply, was received with enthusiasm. He said: Worshipful Master and brethren,—It is with feelings that I can hardly express, that I thank you for the very hearty reception you have given me to-night. I must say I was disappointed, as I know your W.M. was, that we had no ceremony, as whenever I attend a lodge I always like to find one more Englishman added to our ranks. I am a young Mason, but a very keen one, and like all work to be properly done. There is one thing worthy of note about Freemasonry, and that is that it distributes, in an unostentatious way, £50,000 a year in modesty Charity. Do you realise what Freemasonry means to the future of these children that our subscriptions go to support and educate? Do you think of the comfort they live in, thanks to our Institutions, and sometimes reflect that these boys may some day themselves become Masons and supporters of these same Institutions? There is one thing I may tell you

—I am a keen sportsman and an Irishman. In the hunting field people of all classes meet together. They come out to enjoy themselves, and Freemasonry reminds me of this simile. We meet in the lodge room and at the dinner table in one common brotherhood; and at the same time we help those who want help and those who are in distress, and we stick up for our friends and brethren in trouble to the utmost of our ability. In a few days I have to perform the ceremony of dedicating a new Masonic hall, and am happy to learn that many of you are coming to that important gathering, and any brother here this evening I shall be delighted to receive and welcome upon that occasion as my own guest. At the dedication of the new building I trust you will find your Provincial Grand Master will do his work as he ought to do it. Before sitting down I have a very pleasing duty, to propose a toast that is very properly honoured at all Masonic meetings. I submit to you "The Health of your W.M.," and regret I cannot express my feelings so well as I should like, as for the last few days I have been out with the Yeomanry, and if we have not been fighting the foes, we have at least been fighting the elements. I look forward with pleasure to coming here again, and to the additional pleasure of hearing your Worshipful Master, whose health I ask you to drink, go through that ceremony, which I am sure he would have done so excellently this evening had opportunity offered.

The W.M., in reply, said, although he always had a strong love for Freemasonry, that evening and the many kind things said of him had magnified that affection. He regretted the absence of the candidate for Freemasonry, as the lodge was always ready to do its work, and he thought it would have been done to the satisfaction of the Provincial Grand Master. He returned thanks for the kind way they had received his name.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters" the Worshipful Master paid a high tribute to them for the way they had done their work.

The sentiment was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Shapland, I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master submitted "The Visitors," which the Eldon Lodge was always glad to welcome.

This was replied to in terse terms by Bros. Pike and Grubb. "The Hostess" and "The Musical Brethren" were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought the list to a close.

The afternoon was rendered additionally attractive by the performance of a good musical programme. Bro. Fulford kindly presided at the piano with his usual ability. Bro. Carrington contributed two solos on the violin with that skill for which he is renowned. Bro. Leveritt was in good voice in singing Bro. Godfrey Marks' song, "The Demon King." The other brothers who added to the harmony either with song or recitation were W. K. Thomas, Rice, Dimery, Shapland, Hazel, Tonkin, and Spencer.

SALFORD.

**Newall Lodge (No. 1134).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. H. Duffin, W.M., occupied the chair, the following brethren being present: Bros. Geo. W. Smith, S.W.; C. Webb, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.P.G.S., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; B. E. Eckersley, S.D.; C. Driver, J.D.; H. Waterhouse, I.G.; R. C. Gray, Steward; John Barker, P.P.G.T.; Henry Mainwaring, P.M.; J. Ogden, H. F. Atkinson, R. W. Martin, S. M. Williams, John Green, A. Cadwell, W. H. Browne, J. Ward, F. J. Wright, A. K. Boothroyd, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Smith, P.M., S.W. Bro. John Holroyd was unanimously elected Treasurer; Bro. Kirk, Tyler; and Bro. Smith, Charity representative. Bros. John Simpson and R. W. Martin were appointed Auditors. The lodge was then closed.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

**Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).**—The first meeting of the session of this lodge was held in the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 7th inst., and was well attended, Bro. Tom Ryder, W.M., presiding. The usual formal business having been transacted, the Secretary, Bro. Rufus Stevenson, P.M., read a most exhaustive, graphic, and carefully worded report on the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Tunbridge Wells in June last. The W.M. having complimented Bro. Stevenson on presenting such a voluminous report, it was the unanimous desire of the lodge that it should be entered upon the minutes. The W.M. spoke of the wonderful assistance he had received from Bro. Stevenson at the time of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and remarked that early and late their Secretary was to be found organising the arrangements, which were brought to such a successful termination, and they were highly spoken of throughout the entire province. He moved that a special vote of thanks should be accorded Bro. Stevenson. This having been unanimously carried, the W.M. said he was glad to be able with the assistance of the brethren to put those thanks in a somewhat more practical form as he now had the pleasure to present to Bro. Stevenson a really handsome Secretary's jewel as a small recognition of the services rendered by him at the time of the visit of the Prov. Grand Lodge. When he mooted the subject to the brethren it was received most warmly and with the most kindly feeling. It was the wish of the lodge that Bro. Stevenson would live to wear the jewel for many years, and that he would enjoy good health. He hoped Bro. Stevenson would accept it, not for its intrinsic value, but as an earnest of the hearty good feeling of the brethren towards him. The W.M. having pinned on the jewel, Bro. Stevenson replied, observing that they had completely taken him by surprise, for, though he had met many of the brethren during the last few days, not one had given him the slightest intimation. They had certainly observed the tenets of Freemasonry in their entirety. He desired to tender to them his most heartfelt thanks for such a kind recognition of his services. He could not deny the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge did entail a considerable amount of work, but it did not distress him, and having the interest of the Pantiles Lodge at heart, he did not shirk the work. He knew, too, that he was working in the interest of two most worthy W.M.'s, Bros. Ryder and Simpson, and he was extremely glad the visit had been such an unqualified success. He desired to thank the W.M. most heartily for the flattering remarks he had made in reference to himself on this occasion, and he could assure the brethren he should strive his utmost to further the interests of the lodge. Bro. Nicholas Greenwell, S.W.,

was then unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. F. Potter was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Rufus Stevenson, P.M., kindly consented to act as Charity representatives and Bro. Boulter, who has served the lodge well from it, commencement, was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. Wiseman and Embury were re-elected as the Audit Committee, and the W.M., Bro. Tom Ryder, and Bro. T. P. Hodson were thanked for presenting to the lodge the handsome banner used for the first time at the visit of the Prov. Grand Lodge. General sympathy was expressed with Bro. Corringham, who was unable to be present owing to his child having to undergo an operation that day, and Bro. Lake was requested to convey the sympathies of the brethren. Three initiates were announced, and it was decided to bring forward a resolution that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Ryder.

After the business the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where Bro. Rule provided a capital supper.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

**Stranton Lodge (No. 1862).**—The installation of W.M. in connection with the above lodge took place on the 7th inst., when Bro. William Barlow, P.P.G.S., was installed W.M. by Bro. F. Bennett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. elect invested the following officers: Bros. J. Abbey, I.P.M.; J. H. Johnson, S.W.; A. Boddy, J.W.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. A. Smith, Sec.; G. L. Wooley, S.D.; G. Barker, J.D.; R. W. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. Oliver, Org.; J. Burns, I.G.; R. Coulson, W. Stevenson, J. S. Bryans, and T. Braybrook, Stwds.; and W. Atkinson, Tyler. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel by Host Cabry.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

**Lodge of Honour (No. 526).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Alexander McBean, W.M.; J. D. Steen, S.W.; Henry Hall, J.W.; Rev. Jas. Seddon, Chap.; C. A. Newnham, Treas.; John J. Smith, Sec.; W. H. Hewitt, J.D.; T. J. Barnett, D.C.; B. Baker, I.G.; J. A. Lloyd, Org.; J. E. Morris and T. P. Price, Stwds.; F. Dally, P.M.; C. Walsh Graham, P.M.; W. E. Marsh, P.M.; F. G. Lidington, P.M.; G. W. Walker, P.M.; C. Fendelow, P.M.; G. Baker, P.M.; Wm. Baker, S. C. Adam, W. Davis, J. Evans, J. Darby, H. H. Chilton, C. Colledge, John Parkes, T. Wilson, H. C. Reynolds, M. Willkie, W. Blakemore, and W. Twist, P.G. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Chambers, W.M. 252; F. Nokes, W.M. 1838; Thos. Wolverson, 1838; and T. Skett, S.W. 419.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. A unanimous ballot was taken for Bros. Thomas Wilson, Sec. 1520, and N. P. Smith, 1838. Messrs. Willkie and Blakemore were initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bros. F. G. Lidington, I.P.M., and G. W. Walker, P.M., P.A.G. Sec. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year proved unanimous in favour of Bro. J. D. Steen, S.W. Bro. C. A. Newnham was again unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Twist, Tyler. Two gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for initiation.

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

**Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers (No. 1838).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., in their lodge room at the Drill Hall, which was fitted up about two years ago with very handsome brown oak furniture, specially made by Bro. George Kenning. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Capt. J. F. Chapman, Bro. Major G. W. Walker, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., was the acting W.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Thomas Wolverson, 411, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The D.C., Bro. Major J. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., then presented for installation Bro. Francis Nokes, S.W., to the Installing Master, Bro. Major G. W. Walker, who performed the ceremony in an admirably impressive manner, and installed Bro. Nokes in the chair of K.S. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Capt. J. F. Chapman, I.P.M.; H. Percy Smith, S.W.; Capt. H. E. Procter, J.W.; Rev. W. Prosser, Chap.; H. Kitson, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. D. Wassell, Sec.; T. G. Bennet, S.D.; Lieut. T. F. Waterhouse, J.D.; Major G. W. Walker, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; I. Roper, Mus. Bac. Oxon, Org.; J. T. Homer, I.G.; W. Gough Allen, Stvd.; and Sergt.-Instructor W. Grimes, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren and their visitors were served with an excellent banquet in an adjoining room, at which the newly-installed Worshipful Master presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and a very happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Rev. C. Lee, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; T. L. Gibbons, P.M. 1520; Major T. C. Bird, P.M. 1792 and 1896; F. G. Lidington, I.P.M. 526; Lieutenant W. Saunders Smith, 196; A. W. Sims, 520; and others. The Lodge of Honor was represented by Bro. Captain A. McBean, W.M., and an apology was tendered on behalf of Bro. J. Bradney, W.M. St. Peter's Lodge, who was absent through sickness.

Royal Arch.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The proceedings were opened by Comps. Robert Whitfield, Z.; Wm. Brown, H.; M. Corbitt, as J.; and Comp. John Spearman, P.Z. 481. The installation of Principals was the first business done after the confirmation of the minutes. Comp. Wm. Brown was duly installed Z. by Comp. R. Whitfield, I.P.Z.; Comp. M. Corbitt, P.Z., was re-obligated as H., and Comp. Wm. Richardson was installed as J. by Comp. Wm. Brown, Z. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. R. Jobson, S.E.; Robt. Stewart, S.N.; John Boazman, Treas.; R. H. Holme, P.S.; Wm. Dalrymple, 1st A.S.; Thos. Chegwidder, 2nd A.S.; Robt. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor.

After the chapter was closed, the annual festival was held in the refreshment room, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the companions present.

WHITEHAVEN.

**Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).**—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Comps. Johns, P.G.S., Z., presided, supported by his officers and members. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Comp. J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Installing Officer, was invited to the First Principal's chair, and Comp. Brakenridge was installed Z.; Comps. Thos. Allinson, H.; G. Starkey, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; S. Broadbent, S.N.; W. Heathcote, P.S.; Rev. J. Anderson, 1st A.S.; Dr. Muir, 2nd A.S.; W. Bewlay, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; D. H. Cook, Org.; and J. Casson, Janitor. The following were also present: Comps. J. Paterson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; C. Gowan, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Cowman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; D. Reece, Z. 962, P.P.G. Reg.; G. W. Roll, C. J. J. Harris, W. H. Bewlay, A. Moordaff, and J. Thompson. With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" from Chapters 962 and 1225, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

**Henniker Lodge (No. 315).**—A meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, there being present Bros. J. Barnett, jun., P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; W. J. Crutch, S.W.; J. H. Lane, J.W.; W. J. Nicholls, S.O.; J. Terry, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. Moore, R. of M.; H. Warner, S.D.; E. S. Crick, J.D.; J. H. Gluckstein, I.G.; Col. H. Radcliffe, H. Cox, P.M.; and C. F. Matier, G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Driver, G.I. of W.; W. Maple, W.M. Old Kent Lodge; H. Danford Thomas, and J. F. Ferguson.

The lodge being opened, ballots were taken for Bros. A. W. Moore, H. Kift, and L. A. Richardson, which were unanimously favourable. Bros. J. Culverwell, F. Gale, A. W. Moore, and H. Kift were advanced to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by the W.M. The W.M. then invested Bro. H. Kift as Honorary Organist of the lodge.

The brethren then repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where Bro. Hamp had prepared one of those recherché little dinners he knows so well how to provide, and the pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the vocal abilities of Bros. Kift, A. W. Moore, and J. H. Lane.

BELVEDERE.

**Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the W.M., Bro. Heaps, P.G.I.G., presiding, assisted by Bros. Robinson, P.M., as S.W.; Wood, P.M., as J.W.; Jolly, Greig, and Greenway, Overseers; Thomas, as S.D.; Bateman, P.M., P.G.M.O., Sec. and acting I.P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Traill, W.M. 433; and Beamish, W.M., Biggs, Cobham, Wallis, and Mitchell, of 361.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. A. Messer, 1973, and proving unanimous in his favour, that brother was advanced to the honourable Degree by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then taken, and declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. C. W. Blaxland, the S.W. Bro. Robinson, P.M., was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Gale as Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Bateman, P.M., the sum of £1 is. was voted to the Portal memorial organ at Mark Grand Lodge. The W.M. having reported his attendance at the recent Mark Benevolent Festival, Auditors were appointed. The Secretary announced that Provincial Grand Mark Lodge would be held at Sheerness on the 4th November.

A Past Master's jewel having been cordially voted to the retiring W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to refreshment, where a short time was pleasantly spent in social intercourse before separating.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. F. Reeves, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Janau, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Lyell, S.D.; Windsor, J.D.; Nettleship, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Luckhurst, Folkard, Russell, Rankin, Sandals, King, Cheese, Steele, Barclay Perkins, and Balcombe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Russell having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Russell was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Folkard having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Evans was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Evans returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, P.S.G.W. Essex, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; G. T. Chretien, J.D.; W. T. Crane, I.G.; C. G. Gray, J. Amand, and J. Duncan.

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 Degree, when Bro. Gray 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. Gray being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed

to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The Secretary then read the balance-sheet, which had been audited by Bros. Gray and Nicole, and the report for the past year, which stated that 36 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 14. The following permanent officers of the lodge were re-elected: Bros. W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Herts, Treas.; and C. M. Coxon, Sec. It was announced that Bro. Harding having been elected last week, would be W.M. at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; D. Samuels, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, acting as Secretary; W. F. Bates, S.D.; A. Cogliati, J.D.; H. J. Keen, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; S. Moss, W. Hoggins, T. W. Hambly, G. S. Reed, J. Wise, R. J. Harnell, J. H. Warwick, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. R. Harnell having been presented for installation, was duly obligated and installed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. invested his officers. Bro. G. H. Foan, as Installing Master, gave the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a very clear and masterly manner. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. H. Foan. Bro. W. Hoggins having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. R. Harnell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time a hearty and cordial vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. G. H. Foan, the Asst. Preceptor, for his excellent working of the installation ceremony, being proposed by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. J. R. Harnell. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. W. T. Grant, W.M.; S. Lea-Smith, S.W.; Dr. Green, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; J. S. Fraser, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec. F. H. Dauberry, S.D.; H. E. Stenning, J.D.; P. H. Hall, I.G.; E. M. Morris, G. F. Marshall, M. Slaughter, E. G. Brewer, P. H. Smiles, S. M. Southwell, L. A. Francis, F. G. Ivey, J. G. C. Ball, S. W. Morris, F. G. Coates, H. J. Gates, J. White, jun., and J. Jupe. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Clark, W. E. Soltan, J. T. Wright, and F. A. Turle.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Southwell acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the following brethren were elected the permanent officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. S. Fraser, P.S.G.D. Surrey, Treas.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69, and M. Slaughter, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, Preceptors; T. Burne, P.M. 162, Dr. W. H. Causton, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex, and W. T. Grant, W.M. 869, Committee; F. Knight, 1185, S. Lea-Smith, W.M. 1159, Auditors, and C. W. Mapleton, W.M. 256, Sec. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bros. J. H. Ashburner, W. A. Clark, T. O. Phillips, W. E. Soltan, F. A. Turle, and J. T. Wright were elected members of the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. for the excellent way he had filled the chair for the first time in the lodge was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. returned thanks in suitable terms to the brethren. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. E. Clare, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.P.J.G.D. Surrey, S.W.; E. E. Gelfowski, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; J. Wiggins, W.M. 1767, S.D.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; W. G. Danby, and W. R. Flack.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge at the conclusion of the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Danby offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. W. R. Flack was elected a joining member. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Rendall, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; F. Walden, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; W. G. Foster, J.D.; G. W. Kirkham, I.G.; R. Reed, Stwd.; J. Davies, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; W. S. Whitley, R. H. Wimpey, C. Woods, W. Hyde, H. Bond, E. Fox, W. H. Tucker, W. F. Harbord, and F. Craggs. Visitor: Bro. W. G. Rich, 1044.

The lodge was duly opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hyde being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. duly rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Bro. Harbord acting as candidate. Bro. Cox resumed the chair. Bro. W. G. Rich was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Walden to preside over the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Piper, W.M.; Bonwick, S.W.; Badderley, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Barber, S.D.; Hayler, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Shand, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Dotteril, Roberts, Newby, Holland, Cameron, Poole, Hiscocks, White, Sheppard, Stutfield, and Ramsay.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. White and Sheppard being the candidates. Bros. Roberts and Hiscocks, candidates to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bros. Roberts and Hiscocks being the candidates. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Bonwick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. C. H. Phillips, M.E.Z.; C. Plant, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; Dale, P.S.; Mayo, Oldfield, Braik, C. W. Davis, Addington, Newland, and Axford.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Second Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Hill installing Comp. Addington. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Newland personating the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Plant for the excellent manner he rehearsed the ceremony of H., it being the first time in this chapter. Comp. Plant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°.

The half-yearly meeting of the 30° and higher Degrees in the above Rite was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Tuesday last, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were advanced: To the 31°—Ill. Bros. Robert Roy, 1; Nicholas A. Earle, 7; Fras. W. S. Wicksteed, 28; Fras. B. Westlake, 38; Edwd. Grisbrook, 42; and Col. Chas. E. Bignold, 97.

To the 30°—Bros. Walter James Ebbetts, 1; R. D. Hancock, 1; Philip H. Waterlow, 1; Rear-Admiral Albert H. Markham, 9; Geo. W. Hawksley, 16; John T. Spalding, 17; Henry N. Davies, 34; Lieut.-Col. Edward A. Ball, 67; Ernest L. Marshall, 67; Rev. Arnold W. Oxford, 67; Jos. A. Robinson, 87; Henry Carman, 97; Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., 101; and Wm. E. Murray Tomlinson, M.P., 114.

Among others present at the meeting were Bro. L. Mackersy, Grand Secretary-General for Scotland, and Bro. J. P. Horner, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., who were received with a warm and hearty welcome.

## Knights Templar.

### TORQUAY.

**Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).**—A meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, when there were present E. Sir Knight John Taylor, 18°, E.P.; V.E. Sir Knight W. J. Hughan, 32°, P.P., P.P. Prior of Canada, as Prelate; E. Sir Knights W. Bennett-Maye, 18°, P.P., P.P.G.M., Reg.; Wm. Taylor, 18°, P.P., Prov. G.T., as Constable; W. H. Wills, Marshal; P. B. Clemens, P.P., Prov. G.M., as Sub-Marshal; T. R. Blackler, C. of G.; and Knight Hayward, G.

The minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the E.P. drew the attention of the fratres to the honour conferred upon the Royal Sussex Preceptory since the last meeting in the appointment of E. Sir Knight John Chapman, 18°, I.P.P., P.P.G. Registrar, to the office of First Captain of the Guard in the National Great Priory of England and Wales, and moved a resolution congratulating E. Sir Knight Chapman upon his appointment and that the same be entered upon the minutes. The E.P., assisted by Frater W. Bennett-Maye, then ably installed Comp. Ladislav de Malczovich, of Buda-Pesth, Hungary, Under-Secretary for Home affairs of Hungary, as a Knight Templar. Afterwards Sir Knight Malczovich was ably installed as a Knight of Malta by Frater P. B. Clemens. At the conclusion of the ceremonies our newly-installed sir knight was presented with a jewel as a souvenir of the occasion and as a small token from the fratres of the preceptory of their esteem. Frater Malczovich feelingly returned his thanks to all for the cordial fraternal feeling shown to him since coming to this country on a visit. The brethren of Devonshire had all vied with one another in extending to him such fraternal goodwill that he would carry with him to his Hungarian home a pleasant recollection of his visit to England.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PENROSE DUNBAR CONCLAVE, No. 20.

The Penrose Dunbar Conclave, No. 20, was consecrated on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Black Horse Hotel, Tower Hill, E., by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R., assisted by Bros. I. Zacharie, M.D., G.S.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R., as C.; Major Penrose J. Dunbar, P.G.C. (after whom the conclave is named), as G.; Horatio H. Shirley, P.G.V., as Chap.; J. Tickle, P.G.B.B., as D.C.; and W. J. Spratling, G.R., as G.G. The following brethren were also present:

Bros. J. W. P. Brickwood, S.R. designate; H. Garrod, C. designate; Capt. W. T. Allen, G. designate; C. Brown, I.G.; J. Brokenshire, G.C.; W. R. Shutt, G.C.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.G.; E. C. Mulvey, G.C.; J. J. Thomas, G.C.; G. Gottlieb, P.G.C.; Hy. Juler, G.V.D.; J. P. Horner, P.G.M. Louisiana; J. B. Taylor, J. T. Kinipple, G. Stephens, W. H. Stone, F. P. Medrington, W. H. Ware, Capt. J. Archer, W. C. Murrell, C. Bolton, and W. W. Lee.

Previous to the consecration ceremony Bro. H. H. Shirley inducted 12 brethren into the Order, assisted by Bros. Pakes, Mulvey, and Thomas.

The Grand Officers having entered in procession, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressing the brethren said it was now nearly five years since this Order was introduced into England, and since then it had made remarkable progress. It inculcated very excellent and valuable precepts of brotherly love and of assistance to brethren requiring it, and although there were many Masonic bodies in England, yet they did not clash with each other, and there was no doubt room for the Order of the Secret Monitor. It had been joined by a large number of Masons, and they might safely predict that it would go on and prosper. The conclave they were about to inaugurate was No. 20, showing that the Order had progressed in a practical manner during the last five years. They had met that day to give effect to the charter issued, and to constitute the conclave according to the forms of the Order.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the conclave duly dedicated and constituted in solemn form.

Bro. J. W. P. Brickwood was installed as Supreme Ruler by Bro. J. J. Pakes, and the rank of P.S.R. was conferred upon Bro. J. P. Horner, P.G.M. Louisiana, by sanction of the G.S.R.

The following officers were invested: Bros. H. Garrod, C.; Capt. W. T. Allen, G.; F. P. Medrington, Treas.; J. B. Taylor, Sec.; J. T. Kinipple, Stwd.; W. H. Ware, 1st V.D.; Bolton, 2nd V.D.; W. H. Stone, 3rd V.D.; G. Stephens, 4th V.D.; W. C. Murrell, G.; and Finch, S.

The Grand Officers present were elected honorary members, a compliment which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. ZACHARIE, G.S.R.

A large number of propositions for induction were announced, and the conclave was closed.

After banquet, the usual loyal toasts were first honoured.

Bro. J. W. P. BRICKWOOD, S.R., then proposed "The M.W.G. Supreme Ruler, Bro. Zacharie." He said he did not wish to be charged with adulation, but his admiration for the G.S.R. was unbounded when he considered that that brother came from the West possessed of a certain knowledge which he made it his life's business to disseminate. What they admired connected with the character of the G.S.R. was his undaunted pluck and perseverance, his powers of organisation, and the magnetic influence by which he brought together under his power the most distinguished members of Freemasonry. If the brethren looked at the Book of Constitutions of the Order they would find that the flower of Freemasonry was concentrated under its banner, and they had to thank the G.S.R. for the exertion and the extraordinary power he must possess to bring into such a state of perfection the Order of the Secret Monitor. They were highly honoured by his presence, and hoped to be again honoured at their next meeting in December. Although the conclave was in its infancy, he hoped to be able to assure the G.S.R. that the honour done them was thoroughly appreciated by the working of the conclave—by the influence they would exert in that part of the town.

Bro. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., returned thanks, and said he did not deserve the praise bestowed upon him. There was always something behind the scenes, and he would tell them that with regard to the organisation of the Order there were two brethren present—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke and Lewis Thomas—who had in fact done more than he had in this direction. Unless he had been backed up by such brethren the organisation would have gone to the ground long ago. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who had been a Secret Monitor for over 30 years, brought the bone and sinew of the Masonic Order into their ranks, and a very great portion of the success was therefore due to him. The Order had gone upon its own merits, being founded upon the true principles of Masonry, and had filled up a gap, particularly in England, which nothing else could have done. They did not take anything from other Degrees, but stood on their own ground. It was a pleasure to all the Grand Officers to be present that day for several reasons. First, to know their Order was progressing; second, to attend a conclave named after Bro. Major Dunbar, who had done a great deal in establishing one of their most prosperous conclaves; and, thirdly, to have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Colonel Clerke, who kindly consented to perform the ceremony. He wished to propose the health of one whom he was sure they would receive with pleasure—it was "The Health of the Supreme Ruler," and as Bro. Brickwood had been the founder of the first conclave in the East of London he had thought it his duty to confer a little distinction upon that brother by investing him with the collar of P.G.C. He again thanked the brethren and assured them that anything he could do for this conclave they could rely upon him to do to any degree. Bro. J. W. P. Brickwood, S.R., said he was quite unprepared to receive this mark of favour from the G.S.R., but he hoped his services and conduct would justify the honour conferred. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make this conclave a success,

and to spread the principles of the Order through Craft Masonry, and he hoped by the influence he should be able to bring to bear upon his friends that it would be as common to have a conclave of Secret Monitors attached to a Craft lodge as it was now common to have a Royal Arch chapter.

The SUPREME RULER then gave "The Consecrating Officer," and said the brethren knew that the position of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was calculated to reflect lustre wherever he appeared, and they had therefore been greatly honoured by his presence. The G.S.R. had told them how kind Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had been in assisting in the formation of this Order, and he thought they must share in the thanks thus bestowed. The G.S.R. had conferred the rank of P.G.S.R. on two brethren—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and Lewis Thomas, and he should therefore include the latter brother in the toast.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., in response, said he knew he should be speaking the sentiments of his colleague and himself when he thanked the Supreme Ruler for the manner in which he had given the toast. Bro. Lewis Thomas and he were old members of the Order, as he was in his 35th year, and possibly there were very few living who could go further back. It had been a great pleasure to him to take part in the work, but he must enter a solemn protest against the remarks of the Grand Supreme Ruler, and say that it was solely owing to Bro. Zacharie's indomitable energy, assisted by Bro. Spratling and others, that the Order was in its present position. He (Bro. Col. Clerke) simply gave some small assistance because he considered that in their great world of Masonry there was room for all Degrees. They all ran in different lines with different points to follow, which, if they followed as they should, could not fail to have a beneficial effect upon them. He had had great pleasure in assisting this Order, and it had given him great gratification in being present that day to take part in the formation of this conclave, especially as it was named after a very old brother officer of his own—Bro. Major Penrose Dunbar, who had fought with him on the tented field. He thanked them for their kind reception, and for the flattering remarks with which his name was introduced.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, P.G.S.R., also responded, and said he was made a member of the Order 38 or 40 years ago, when it was not given in the splendid manner they had heard it that evening. The principles were, however, the same. When the Order was started here they found an enthusiastic brother in Bro. Spratling, who worked with such enthusiasm that it was impossible to fail. He was delighted to find the Order had a home in England, and hoped its success would be great.

Bro. J. P. HORNER, P.G.M. Louisiana, replied for "The Visitors," but protested at being included among them, as he was one of the founder members of this conclave. He was glad to know that hereafter he should have a home in England, and therefore would not be a visitor when he came again. He was pleased to be with them, and thanked the Grand Supreme Ruler for the honours conferred upon him. It occurred to him as he watched the ceremonies what a great tie it was that tie of Freemasonry, and how very great was the tie between those who spoke the same old English language. They were not strangers, the Americans, for when they visited England they came back to their home. They came from England, and no matter what they called their form of government they were Englishmen in heart as they were in body. There was no great characteristic of the English race not shared by the Americans. He should go back to America and speak of what he had seen here and how he had been treated. He wanted them to think of him, for he hoped to come back soon, and he should come here first, but when they assembled he hoped they would remember there was among their founder members a brother Jonathan.

Other toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated with the Sentinel's toast.

**FREEMASONRY IN STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. SUDLOW.**

The fourth and last of a series of meetings of Preceptors and lodge representatives in furtherance of the scheme of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, for assimilating the ceremonies to those of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was held at the Swan Hotel, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Bro. Sudlow, Past Grand Std. Br. England, and member of the Lodge of Emulation Improvement Committee, attending for the purpose of acting as Preceptor on the occasion. The lodge Preceptors were entertained at luncheon by Bro. Col. Gough prior to the commencement of the business.

At the conclusion of the luncheon Bro. Col. GOUGH referred to a circular which he had sent out suggesting an adjournment of their proceedings *sine die* after this meeting, and said he had not received a single note from any one of them in opposition to the views expressed in the circular. He had only one qualification of his views to make, and that was to state that a meeting would be immediately convened upon the receipt of a requisition from the majority of the Preceptors for the time being. He took it for granted that they were all unanimous that there should be an adjournment, at any rate for the

next 12 months, of the present class of meetings. In the meantime, it need hardly be said, Bro. Sudlow would be delighted to see any of them who could conveniently attend at the meetings of the Lodge of Emulation in London. Or a letter of inquiry on any point of working might be submitted through him (Colonel Gough), and Bro. Sudlow would be glad to lend his valuable assistance with regard to it. It had been said that the weak point in this instruction scheme was that it would be sure to bring Worshipful Masters and Preceptors into collision, but he was pleased to state that since the lodges of instruction were formed he had never received a single complaint of interference with the work of the Masters or officers in the parent lodges, or of any unwillingness on the part of a Preceptor to give information and instruction to a parent lodge whenever called upon to do so. It should be remembered that the power of the W.M. in the chair was absolutely paramount. He would lay down this rule for the Preceptors always to adopt with regard to their duty and conduct towards the parent lodges—always wait until you are asked, then never wait a moment longer. In their lodges of instruction they might point out to the brethren the value of that excellent publication the *Freemason*, and induce as many as possible of them to subscribe to it. They should also take care that reports of important meetings of lodges of instruction were sent to the *Freemason*. The editor of that journal thought very highly of the Province of Staffordshire, and would not reject any report as to their instruction lodges that was sent to him. The same remarks also applied to reports of the meetings of the parent lodges. With regard to the Charities, he found that there was a falling off in the amount of the subscriptions to the "A" Fund, and he did not like it. He did not think there was any falling off in the subscriptions to the "B," or local fund. He did not see how they could draw much money from the instruction lodges, but they should take every opportunity of bringing the strong sacred duty of Masonic Charity before these as well as the parent lodges. With regard to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, its Transactions were especially valuable to lodges of instruction, and by becoming members of the Correspondence Circle, which they could do for the small sum of 10s. annually, they would receive far more than their money's worth in the reprints of the valuable papers read before that lodge. They would thereby greatly enlarge their views and ideas, and extend their information and knowledge with regard to Masonic matters. If they wished to become members of the Correspondence Circle they had only to inform Bro. Bodenham, who had undertaken the duties of Secretary for this province.

At the meeting of the Preceptors and lodge representatives and representatives of adjacent provinces there were present, in addition to the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Gough, and Bro. Sudlow, Bros. J. B. Piercy, 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Gothard, 624, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Stanger, 419, P.G.R.; Rev. W. F. Bradley, 662, P.G.C.; A. S. Townsend, 117, P.P.G.S. of W. Salop; John Mossop, 1874, P.G.D.C. Worcestershire; J. Wooldridge, 726, P.G.D.C.; G. W. Walker, 1838, P.A.G. Sec.; E. W. Taylor, 726, P.P.G.O.; E. Peake, 1942, P.P.G.P.; J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; T. R. Arter, 925, P.P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; G. Platt, 662, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Howson, W.M. 2064; G. W. Bradford, W.M. 2149; S. Keeling, W.M. 456; W. Garnham, W.M. 98; A. Smith, W.M. 347; E. J. Mousley, P.M. 726; F. S. Pepper, P.M. 482; G. Ashmall, P.M. 1037; English Pearson, P.M. 98; F. Thompson, P.M. 624; W. Brickel, P.M. 1715; J. Williams, P.M. 539, P.P.G.P.; R. Gibson, P.M. 419, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Fred. W. Gribble, S.W. 539; W. E. Marples, W.M. 1941; F. G. Warburton, P.M. 1914; E. Penn, W.M. 637; George Haynes, W.M. 1039; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526; J. B. Ashwell, P.M. 2149 and 637; H. Finch, P.M. 104, P.G. Reg. Cheshire; J. M. Willdig, P.M. 1914; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P. G.D.C. East Lancashire; John Chadwick, 44, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Newby, W.M. 460; F. Skerret, P.M. 460; J. Wearing, J.W. 2064; W. R. Wooldridge, W.M. 1942; E. Hallam, I.P.M. 1942; J. Stevenson, P.M. 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; J. White, W.M. 2214; E. B. Jackson, P.M. 2214, P.G.S. of W.; J. Webberley, P.M. 546, P.P.G.R.; and W. Twist, P.G. Tyler.

When the Preceptors and representatives had assembled in lodge the PROV. GRAND MASTER took the chair, and tendered a very hearty welcome to the assembled brethren and bore his testimony to the greatly increased interest which was now taken in the working of the Emulation ritual. They commenced their meetings in association with Warwickshire alone, but at the present time there were no less than six different provinces more or less in alliance with them. He mentioned that at the close of the proceedings an opportunity would be given for any brother present to ask whatever non-argumentative questions he might think fit. The meetings, he pointed out, were not for the purpose of argument but to show what was and what was not the Emulation working.

Bro. Col. GOUGH then called upon Bro. Beaumont Piercy, P.P.S.G.W., the acting W.M., to take the chair and open the lodge, the officers being appointed as follows: Bros. Stanger, S.W.; Platt, J.W.; Brickel, S.D.; Gothard, J.D.; and Pepper, I.G. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were then gone through, Bros. Williams and Willdig taking the part of the candidates. In the ceremony of raising, Bro. the Rev. Bradley took the chair. At the close of the proceedings various questions were put as to matters of ritual and procedure.

At the conclusion of the business, Bro. Col. Gough presented Bro. Sudlow with a handsome black marble

timepiece, with bronze ornaments. The timepiece bore the following inscription: "Presented to Worshipful Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, P.M., Past Grand Standard Bearer Eng., in recognition of his very eminent services to the lodges of instruction and brethren in the Province of Staffordshire and adjacent provinces in promulgating amongst them uniformity of ritual and procedure in Craft Masonry. Subscribed for by many grateful brethren and presented to Worshipful Bro. Sudlow, on their behalf, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Past Grand Standard Bearer Eng., P.G.M. Staffordshire, at Stafford, on the 6th day of October, A.D. 1891, A.L. 5891."

In making the presentation Bro. Col. GOUGH said: Worshipful Master in the chair and brethren,—On behalf of the Preceptors and the lodge representatives of the Province of Staffordshire, as also on behalf of the representatives of the allied provinces, I have a very pleasant duty to perform towards our illustrious Preceptor-in-chief, Bro. Sudlow. For the sake of representatives from East Lancashire, Cheshire, and elsewhere who were not with us on the last occasion, it may be said that I then endeavoured to express our admiration of Bro. Sudlow's talents, talents which at a comparatively early age have gained for him a deservedly merited appointment of office in the Grand Lodge of England, and a prominent place upon the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. I referred also to his extraordinary tact, his perfect combination and adjustment of the "Suaviter in Modo" with the "fortiter in re," the power of correcting errors, whether minute or serious, without giving the slightest offence. This power with the instantaneous detection of an error was commended, and I still commend it, to the very serious attention of all Preceptors in the earnest hope that they may study to acquire it. It is no doubt much to have learned *what* to do, but it is nearly, if not quite, as important to have learned *how* to do it. But what I have especially spoken of, what I have still to speak of, and what will ever be spoken of by all who have met him, has been, and will be, his more than fraternal kindness in attending each one of our meetings. Personally I have to record his prompt and valuable correspondence, and his most gracious receptions of myself in London whenever in your interest I have sought his assistance. Neither can it be forgotten that he will have travelled little less than 1000 miles for our sole benefit, and that I have not been able to induce him to accept anything towards his expenses. We now come to the present time, and it is needless to say that the feelings and sentiments referred to are much intensified by Bro. Sudlow's re-appearance amongst us, and the more especially so because this day may be considered as marking the completion of the foundation of a strict and uniform Emulation ritual and procedure throughout Staffordshire, and possibly also in some at least of the six more or less allied provinces. May we not say that Bro. Sudlow has "well and truly laid" the foundation-stone of a splendid structure, that he has handed to us all the necessary plans and designs, and ought we not to feel that he has a right to expect from us the erection and completion of a superstructure perfect in every part and honourable alike to the founder as also to the builders? Bro. Sudlow is now about to say farewell to us for a season. I say season because we sincerely hope that he may frequently return into the province, but before taking his present departure there is yet one more favour he can confer upon us, and that is his acceptance of this small tribute, which I now present to him, as our acknowledgment of his personal and Masonic worth—a visible and tangible assurance of the affection, the admiration, and the gratitude of those he has served so faithfully and so well.

Bro. STANGER having, at the request of the Prov. Grand Master, read the inscription as set forth above,

Bro. SUDLOW, in acknowledging the presentation, said it was quite out of his power to thank them in anything like an adequate manner for the magnificent presentation that had just been made to him, or for the more than kind words and expressions that the Prov. Grand Master had made use of in handing over their gift. One sometimes heard the expression "killed by kindness," and if such a condition of things were possible it was perfectly clear to him that his decease was imminent and that the responsibility would rest on his brethren of Staffordshire and the allied provinces. The kind words that Col. Gough had uttered carried him back to the first interview that he had with him in London. They knew better than he did what an enthusiastic Mason Col. Gough is, and he might say that their gallant Prov. Grand Master came to an enthusiastic Mason, and he thought that a good deal of fiery enthusiasm was the result. He knew that he offered at once, if Col. Gough thought he could be of any service, to come among them. He fully expected to receive from them a friendly welcome, but he received a great deal more. Though a perfect stranger, they took him at once into brotherhood, and they had continuously treated him in the most markedly kindly manner. The gift which he had now received was far beyond his expectations. He had no thought of any recognition of the services which had been so kindly referred to, and he would have been glad if no recognition at all had been made. But as they had been pleased to offer him that beautiful gift, he accepted it at their hands in the same spirit that they presented it to him. He felt very deeply indeed that the brethren of Staffordshire had made him their debtor. He did not know whether the Grand Treasurer of the province was present, but he felt that he should remain for a very long time on the debit side of his ledger. He hoped, however, it would be in

his power in some measure to show them how very highly he appreciated that extraordinary kindness at their hands. At the meeting of the Preceptors before the lodge commenced it was hinted by Colonel Gough that during the interregnum questions might arise in the minds of some Preceptors or brethren in the province about certain little details of working, and he hoped that whenever any question did arise they would not hesitate to communicate with him either direct or through Colonel Gough, and he should be pleased indeed to the best of his ability to answer the questions fully. He knew that his words had been halting and poor, but when his feelings were moved deeply, as they were now, he found it impossible to say all that he would say. He therefore asked them one and all to accept from him just a simple expression of his heartfelt thanks.

On the motion of Bro. Col. GOUGH, seconded by Bro. PIERCY, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stanger, P.G. Reg., for his able services as Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. Col. GOUGH also acknowledged their indebtedness to Bro. Wooldridge, P.G.D.C., and the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge for placing their beautiful furniture and room at their disposal.

About 30 letters of apology were announced, including expressions of regret from Bros. Col. Bindley, D.P.G.M.; Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M. Shropshire; and Naylor, P.G. Sec. Derbyshire.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Miss Perks. Owing to the pressure of time the toast list following the repast was curtailed.

Bro. Col. GOUGH proposed "The Health of Bro. Sudlow," exciting hearty plaudits by remarking that he had every reason to believe that he was likely to become a Staffordshire brother.

Bro. SUDLOW replied, and proposed "The Health of Bro. Col. Gough," which was drunk with Masonic honours.

The Prov. Grand Master expressed himself highly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

#### MASONIC BAZAAR AT HUDDERSFIELD.

On the 6th inst., Mrs. H. F. Beaumont, of Whitley Beaumont, opened a three days' bazaar in the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, in aid of a fund to reduce the debt of £300 on the premises of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, at Kirkburton. The stalls were very neatly arranged, and were laden with a large assortment of fancy and useful articles. There was a large company at the opening ceremony.

Bro. WILLIAM SCHOFIELD stated that the lodge had had to furnish the premises, and had had to borrow money therefore, which they desired to repay. The lodge had taken the name of Beaumont from Bro. H. F. Beaumont, M.P., of Whitley Beaumont, the Member for the Colne Valley Division.

Mrs. H. F. BEAUMONT, who was very cordially received, said she had been President of the Bazaar Committee, and she had seen with very great pleasure the wonderful energy and activity which the ladies of the working party had displayed in working for the bazaar. The time had now come when they ought to meet with the reward of their labours, and she could hardly doubt that their hopes would be more than realised. She concluded by declaring the bazaar open.

Bro. W. H. JESSOP moved, and Bro. FITTON seconded, a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Beaumont, and it was heartily passed.

Bro. H. R. BEAUMONT (who is a member of the lodge along with his father) responded on behalf of Mrs. Beaumont.

#### BRO. W. B. WILLIAMSON, P. PROV. S.G.W. WORCESTERSHIRE, AND THE LODGE AT WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

During the past summer Bro. W. B. Williamson, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Worcestershire, formerly Mayor of Worcester, who has rendered important services to the Craft in his province, and who, during his Mayoralty took a prominent part in the Masonic exhibition and fêtes held in Worcester, paid a visit to the United States. During the period of his sojourn he made a short stay at the city of Worcester, Mass., where he met with a most cordial reception from the Mayor and Corporation, most of whom are members of the Masonic community in that city. He was met on his arrival by Bro. Mayor Harrington and a numerous body of civic officials, and by them conducted through Elm Park to Newton Hill and other districts. Subsequently he was shown over the Winslow-street School, the High School, and Clark University, at each of which he was most kindly greeted by the Principals, tutorial staff, and students. After dining at the Worcester Club, Bro. Williamson turned his steps towards the City Hall, where the City Fathers were engaged in the discharge of their duties, and where he was again most enthusiastically received. Nor was the Masonic body unmindful of its duties to their visitor from the Old Country, for the members of the Quinsigamond Lodge not only dispensed to him their hospitality with a bounteous hand and in a truly fraternal spirit, but they presented him with a special jewel, together with an address

signed by the M.W.G.M. of Massachusetts and others, in which they expressed the pleasure they had experienced from the visit of one who had held the honourable office of Mayor of the ancient English city after which their own was named. The circumstances attending his visit were, indeed, of such a gratifying character that at the recent annual meeting at Tenbury of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire Bro. Williamson gave a full and particular account of his reception, and so struck were our Worcestershire brethren by the hospitality and kindness he had received from the Quinsigamond Lodge that, on the motion of Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, M.P., Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. A. F. GODSON M.P., P.G.D., D.P.G.M., it was unanimously resolved that the following letter should be sent to the lodge in question, in recognition of their welcome and the greeting they had commissioned Bro. Williamson to convey to the brethren of Worcestershire:

"Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

"Brethren,—At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, held at Tenbury, September 16, 1891, it pleased the brethren to listen to the Worshipful Brother W. B. Williamson, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, whilst he gave a description of the fraternal reception accorded to him by your lodge on his recent visit to the States.

"Most cordially accepting the greeting conveyed by him from you to the Province of Worcester, England, it was proposed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., seconded by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, A. F. Godson, M.P., 'That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Master, Wardens, and brethren of Quinsigamond Lodge for the kindness and hospitality accorded to Bro. Williamson, together with an expression of the fraternal regards and best wishes of the brethren of Worcestershire to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in general, and to the Worcester brethren in particular. And that the same be recorded on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge.'

"I have the honour to remain, brethren,

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed) GEORGE TAYLOR, Prov. G. Sec."

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. W. H. Hubbert, C. A. Cottébrune, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; S. Vallentine, A.G.P.; George E. Fairchild, R. Pittam Stevens, W. Belchamber, S. C. Haslip, Fred Mead, P.G. S.B.; C. Kempton, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. A. Richards, Charles Lacey, W. J. Murlis, Hugh Cotter, A. Forsyth, L. G. Gordon Robbins, G.D.; A. Durrant, A. H. Tattershall, C. H. Webb, Thomas Y. Bullen, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Making, W. Fisher, A. Mullord, J. P. Fitzgerald, W. Walker, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of six annuitants (four men and two widows), and the Warden's report for the past month, as well as the report of the Finance Committee, were read, the latter being adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Five petitions (four male and one widow) were considered, with the result that one was deferred and four accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1892.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

#### A NEW MASONIC WORK.

Probably there is no other brother in the Masonic fraternity that has obtained such a literary fame in as short a time as W. Bro. John Lane, P.M. of the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, P.S.G.W. of Iowa, P.P.G.R. of Devon, etc. Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," dedicated by permission to the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, established his reputation at one bound, and that huge volume of invaluable information is now the recognised standard work on the subject. His "Handy Book to the Study of the Lists of Lodges" has supplemented the great work in no inconsiderable degree, and his "Masters' Lodges" is an interesting contribution to an interesting question. And now, as a further evidence of Bro. Lane's incessant toil amongst the archives of Freemasonry, and his careful painstaking labours, comes "Centenary Warrants and Jewels." This is an important book, giving an account of all the lodges under the Grand Lodge of England to which centenary warrants have been granted, together with illustrations of all the special jewels. The importance of the work is pointed out by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. of 131, Truro, P.S.G.D. of England, and P.S.G.W. of Iowa, etc., in his introduction, where it is stated that "not a few brethren belonging to old

lodges are quite unaware of their peculiar privileges, neither knowing when the centenaries of their lodges were celebrated, nor the kind of medals the M.W. Grand Master had granted permission to be worn." This ignorance on an important branch of Masonic ceremonial has led to certain irregularities in connection with the celebration of centennials, which Bro. Lane has discovered and exposed. His fearlessness in stating the truth, and the absolute accuracy of his dates, are inconvertible, and if they serve no other purpose they will doubtless prevent any repetition of similar mistakes. The amount of research displayed by the author is creditable in the extreme, and his actuarial knowledge has been of much service. The great feature of the work in the minds of many is the illustration of the special jewels. In this respect the West of England shows up well. Of the 13 plates 12 are devoted to special jewels, and amongst those are four of lodges in the Province of Devonshire. No. 39, St. John the Baptist, Exeter, which, by the way, possesses the oldest warrant in existence, others having been destroyed or lost; No. 70, St. John's, Plymouth; No. 105, Lodge of Fortitude, Plymouth; and No. 112, St. George's, Exeter. These jewels are faithfully delineated, and, together with the 38 other lodges having special jewels, make a most beautiful series of engravings. Some of the designs are very chaste, and a separate description is given of each. They form a unique collection, and Bro. Lane has experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining specimens, and in one case a solitary jewel was only known to exist. Of course there are other centenary lodges in the West country besides those already named, but they are only entitled to wear the regulation pattern jewel, an excellent coloured engraving of which Lodge Fortitude, Truro, forms the frontispiece. There are Nos. 75, Love and Honour, Falmouth; 131, Fortitude, Truro; 189, Sincerity, Stonehouse; 202, Friendship, Devonport; 248, True Love and Unity, Brixham; and 251, Loyal, Barnstaple. Lodge Love and Honour, however, could have had a special jewel had they applied for it in time, their warrant dating from 1751. As it is they possess a privilege not enjoyed by any lodge in Devon and Cornwall—that of the W.M. wearing the F.M.H. medal, of which only four exist out of London. It will be seen, therefore, that Freemasonry is of no mushroom growth in the West of England, and also that, apart from the author residing in this part of the kingdom, the work possesses particular interest for Masons of the two westernmost provinces. The circumstances of the granting of each centenary warrant are set forth, and an historical value attaches thereto. Bro. Lane has wisely limited the issue to 200 copies, and several of these have been disposed of. It has been beautifully printed and bound, and with its 43 illustrations is quite an artistic treasure. —*Western Daily Mercury.*

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Recently nearly every one in Comox turned out to witness the imposing ceremony of laying the corner-stone of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, which was performed by Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Grand Master, assisted by Bros. J. Frame, as D.G.M.; W. Stewart, as S.G.W.; M. Bate, as J.G.W.; and W. H. S. Perkins, as G.S. After the conclusion of the impressive ceremony, an address was given by Bro. MARCUS WOLFE, Grand Master, during which he dwelt on the ancient customs of the Masonic fraternity, laying the corner-stones of Christian edifices throughout the world, and showing how the greater part of the cathedrals and important buildings of Europe had been constructed by Freemasons.

Grand Master Wolfe was presented with a very handsome silver trowel by the trustees and officials of the church. In the evening the officers of the Grand Lodge and most of the representative citizens of Comox were entertained at a banquet by the brethren of Hiram Lodge, 14, B.C.R. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, the Worshipful Master, Bro. YOUNG, proposed the toast of "The Queen and Craft," which was drunk with enthusiasm, while the orchestra played "God save the Queen."

The next toast on the list was "The Grand Lodge of British Columbia," which was responded to by Bro. M. Wolfe, and Bros. Stewart, Bate, Frame, Perkins, and Davis.

After this "The Prosperity of St. Peter's Church" was drunk, coupled with the names of Rev. J. Willemar and Churchwardens Messrs. Drabble and J. B. Holmes, who responded felicitously, the latter afterwards giving some recitations in a very feeling manner.

The toasts of "The Hiram Lodge," "The Sister Societies," and "The Ladies" were all drunk with honours.

A very pleasant evening was spent, the guests singing and reciting until a late hour.

On the following day the new Masonic lodge room was dedicated, and its first officers duly installed, by the same Grand Officers.

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