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THE MASONIC PRESS.

We have read with considerable interest the two articles which have appeared in the September and current numbers respectively of the *Voice of Masonry*, and in which a certain Bro. GEORGE W. WARVELLE, who is described as the President of the Acacia Club, Chicago, is taken very severely to task for certain criticisms he is alleged to have uttered with regard to the Masonic Press. The earlier of the two articles includes (1) a letter addressed by Bro. JOHN W. BROWN, Editor of the *Voice*, to Bro. WARVELLE, in which he asks the latter a series of questions respecting his statement, as reported in the Masonic column of the *Chicago Times*, that he (Bro. WARVELLE) did "not know of a single Masonic paper in this country that deserves the support of intelligent Masons. What is worth reading is usually pilfered, and the rest is trash;" and (2) a long reply from Bro. WARVELLE in which he emphatically denies that he uttered the language imputed to him. The second article contains an equally long exposition of his views on the American Masonic Press, which Bro. WARVELLE forwarded to the *American Tyler* in reply to a somewhat similar inquiry from that journal. But though we have read and re-read both articles, and more especially the explanatory letters they contain from Bro. WARVELLE with, as we have said, considerable interest and the utmost care, we fail to say that this self-appointed censor in any way deserves the warm rebukes which the *Voice of Masonry* has seen fit to administer to him for his temerity in speaking unfavourably of a portion of the Masonic periodical literature of the day. In his reply to Bro. BROWN, of the *Voice*, he writes: "I have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, there have been many publications which have masqueraded under the title 'Masonic' which were wholly undeserving of the patronage of the Craft as exponents of Masonic light and literature; and I am strongly of the opinion that the non-success which has attended so many ventures in this class of journalism has been due to the inherent weakness of the publication rather than the apathy of the Craft. I believe, also, that the multiplication of so many nondescript and short-lived journals has had a marked effect in decreasing the interest that should be felt in meritorious and well-conducted publications." After stating that there are two classes of Masonic journals in the United States, one partaking of the character of a newspaper, and the other of that of a magazine, Bro. WARVELLE goes on to say: "Both exist in a good and bad degree, while between the two there is an undefinable class that partakes of the nature of both the other classes, the secular press, and the advertising handbill." In his reply to the *American Tyler* he is more explicit. He states that in the conversation, which the reporter of the *Chicago Times* appears to have so greatly misrepresented, "the merits of different publications were discussed" in a friendly manner; "what was good was commended, what seemed bad was condemned." Further on he remarks "I am free to admit that I have seen many Masonic publications, so-called, that possessed no merit to my mind, and I say now, as I have always maintained, that the publication of these hebdomadal sheets under titles Masonic was of direct and lasting injury to the meritorious papers published in the interests of the Craft." In another paragraph of the same letter Bro. WARVELLE gives his ideal of a Masonic Press in the following words: "I desire to see a strong, vigorous, and influential Masonic Press in this country, and to this end I ever stand ready to assist in every possible way that lies in my power. I believe it should be the educational agent of the Craft, not only for the dissemination of news, but for the diffusion of knowledge; an exponent of the history, philosophy, and symbolism of Masonry, and a necessary adjunct to the meagre lectures of the ritual. This is the field, and the only field, for the Masonic journal, and when the intelligent Mason takes up a paper professing to dispense Masonic light and finds it largely composed of receipts for removing sunburn, or the best method for preparing potatoes for the table, an advertisement for a regalia house, and a few

clippings from some other paper on subjects pertaining to Masonry, it is not to be wondered at that his appetite for that class of literature disappears and his zeal for the cause abates. Let us have fewer Masonic journals and better, and with the elevation of the standard will come a better appreciation and a more liberal patronage from the Craft."

In our opinion there is nothing in these remarks of Bro. WARVELLE to which any serious exception can be taken. We may or we may not accept all his ideas, but it must be admitted that they are fairly expressed and as far removed as can be from anything in the nature of captious criticism. His remarks amount to this, that if the American Masonic press is taken as a whole, it will be found that some journals and magazines are good, some indifferent, and some bad. Some are worth reading for the news they disseminate and the original articles they publish, and some for the news and articles they borrow from other papers, while others are not worth the paper they are printed on in respect of either the original news and articles they publish or the news and articles they obtain from their contemporaries. The same might be justly said of almost every class of periodical literature, whether published in the United States or in other countries. But our worthy contemporary, the *Voice of Masonry*, is by no means satisfied, and in its anger at finding Masonic literature thus freely—though, in our opinion, quite fairly—criticised, it allows itself to become at times illogical. Thus, in its September article it states that Bro. WARVELLE'S method of collecting Masonic newspapers and magazines is "not to pay for any Masonic production that it is possible to get as a donation." The *Voice* does not condescend to explain what the question whether a man buys or does not buy the papers he criticises has to do with the character of their contents, or why a man who has his papers given to him should be less impartial and less worthy of respect as a critic than he who pays for them. For ourselves, we are inclined to think, on the principle that it is not usual "to look a gift horse in the mouth," that he who receives his papers without payment is likely to be more tender in his remarks about their demerits than he who obtains them only by payment. As regards the other remarks of our contemporary, there is force in many of them, as there is force in much of the explanation afforded by Bro. WARVELLE. We know, too, from experience, how difficult it is to please the different tastes of different members of the Masonic body. But Bro. WARVELLE, if our memory serves us, is not the first critic of Masonic newspapers and magazines who has discovered, and he certainly will not be the last to discover, that some are more meritorious than others, while some possess no merit at all, or so small a modicum as to be inappreciable. The main object which Masonic journals—like all other class journals—must ever keep in view is to please its constituents, and those which most nearly succeed in accomplishing this are those which receive the largest amount of encouragement and support from the Craft.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Abbey Lodge, No. 432, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there were present—

Bros. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., acting as Prov. G.M.; A. E. Fridlander, P.P.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M.; W. F. Wyley, P.S.G.W.; C. J. Blaker, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. W. H. Holland Richards, P.G. Chap.; C. F. Vachell, P.G. Reg.; George Beech, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec.; J. F. Barrett, P.G.D.; C. H. Beck, P.G.D.; W. W. Curtis, P.G.S. of W.; Major Ash, P.G. D. of C.; W. Tidmarsh, P.D.G.D. of C.; J. C. Price, P.J.S.B.; C. J. Collins, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Waters, P.G. Org.; G. A. Thomason, P.A.G. Sec.; E. P. Cole, P.G. Purst.; W. Troman, P.A.G. Purst.; and upwards of 200 past officers and other brethren of the province.

The P.G. SECRETARY read the circular convening the meeting, and explained the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, and also read apologies for absence from brethren who were unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge having been read,

The P.G. SECRETARY read the address which was presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the occasion of his visit to Birmingham in July last, and also the Grand Master's reply.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and approved.

The Worshipful Masters read their reports upon the state of their respective lodges, and the Provincial Grand Secretary read a statement compiled from the above for the whole of the province. It was decided to ask Bro. Worrall to edit the Masonic Calendar for the province for 1892.

Bro. Colonel Cox was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. T. Collins...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" T. R. Arter ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Bowen...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. H. Richards	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Lewellyn Wood ...	...	...
" Colonel Cox...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Montgomery Hooper ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Beech ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. W. Sambidge ...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" Frank Glover ...	...	...
" A. L. Shackelford ...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" Josiah Collins ...	...	...
" H. Brock Harris ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Major Ash ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Boyce Podmore ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" Thomas Rowbotham ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. W. Adams, M.A. ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Robert Barber ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. N. Milward ...	...	...
" Walter Waters ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Francis Towler ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Thomas Birkmire ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. F. Burke...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Harry Paget ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" William Gay ...	...	...
" George H. Rooker ...	...	...
" W. C. Williams ...	...	...
" Frederick C. Thorne ...	...	...
" Herbert Spencer ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Noah Burrows ...	...	...

Provincial Grand Lodge having been adjourned, the brethren then formed in procession and proceeded to the parish church at Nuneaton, where an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. H. HOLLAND RICHARDS, Prov. G. Chaplain, and a collection was afterwards made in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, amounting to £15 17s.

The brethren having returned to the Town Hall, Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Provincial Grand Chaplain and to the vicar of the parish church for the use of the church for Divine service.

The following donations were voted: £5 5s. to the vicar of the parish church, Nuneaton, in aid of any charity connected with his parish he may wish it devoted; £5 5s. to the Endowment Fund of St. Mary's Abbey Church, Nuneaton; £5 5s. to Bro. Gould's Testimonial Fund.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren then proceeded to the Newgate Arms Hotel, where a banquet was provided, Bro. J. T. Collins presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., under the banner of Lodge Ryburn, No. 1283, when there were present—

Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M., acting Prov. Grand Master; Wm. H. Brittain, J.P., P.G.S.B. Eng., as Deputy Prov. G. Master; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. S.G.W.; Capt. Arthur Tupman, Prov. J.G.W.; Benj. Broughton, P.P.G.W.; George Brooke, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Crossley, P.P.G.W.; Rev. Thomas J. McNulty, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. John H. Evans, P.P.G.C., as Prov. G. Chap; Henry Oxley, P.P.G. Treas., as Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Letch Mason, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Ruddock, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Fred. Walker, Prov. G. Reg.; Harold Thomas, P.P.G. Reg.; Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Frederick Laxton, Prov. S.G.D.; Fred Rand, Prov. S.G.D.; John Hunt, Prov. J.G.D.; Alfred Jubb, Prov. J.G.D.; Wm. Gaukroger, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Chas. Lupton, P.P.G.D., James Bedford, P.P.G.D.; T. Ibbetson Walker, P.P.G.D.; Frederick Cleaves, P.P.G.D.; John Gerrard, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; Jas. Lawton, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. R. Thompson, Prov. G.D.C.; Jas. Jenkin, Prov. D.G.D.C.; John Y. Rideal, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Dobson, P.P.G.D.C.; Edmund Lord, P.P.G.D.C.; John Dyson, P.P.G.D.C.; John Jas. Rutherford, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; Robert Thompson, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Robt. Fisher, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. M. Holmes, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Riley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Riley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. F. Carr, Prov. G. Org.; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Shoemith, P.P.G.P., as Prov. G.P.; G. Blackburn, Prov. A.G. Purst.; R. D. Kendall, P.P.G. Purst.; Wm. Cockcroft, P.P.G. Purst.; F. Whiteley, P.P.G. Purst.; F. Wm. Turner, P.P.G. Purst.; Thomas Gaukroger, P.P.G. Purst.; Albert Walker, Sydney T. Steele, John Hey, and Caleb England, Prov. G. Stewards; Tom Garnett and Chas. Rayner, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. G. Stewards; T. Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; also a large number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren from lodges in the province.

Letters and telegrams of apology for unavoidable absence were received from the Prov. G. Master, five Provincial Grand Officers, and sixty-four brethren, as well as from Bro. John Chadwick, Past G. Sword

Bearer England, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire; Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, Prov. G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys. The Prov. G.M. wrote as follows:—

To Herbert G. E. Green, Esq.,

Dear Prov. Grand Secretary,

It is a matter of the deepest regret and sorrow to me that I am unable through serious indisposition to undertake the honourable duties pertaining to the chair in Prov. G. Lodge on Wednesday. With perfect confidence, however, I leave the conduct of affairs to my faithful friend and deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, feeling assured that he will extend to all the same measure of esteem and friendship which both he and I have invariably received from the brethren of this province. Please express to the Prov. G. Lodge how greatly I appreciate the compliment it is proposed to offer to me to celebrate the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by perpetuating my name through the purchase of a presentation to be styled the "Thomas William Tew Presentation."

Also convey my obligations to the Charity Committee for their noble advocacy of the charitable and benevolent proposals which have come under their notice. Thank Bro. W. H. Thorpe and the brethren of Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, for the arrangements they have made, and for the trouble they have taken to further the comfort and convenience of Prov. Grand Lodge. I well remember the agreeable reception and hearty hospitality extended to me on the occasion of my last visit to the Ryburn Lodge. I was then much impressed with the earnestness and enthusiasm displayed for the prosperity of the Craft in this important corner of the West Riding, and the presence of Prov. Grand Lodge under their banner on Wednesday will be a confirmation of the opinion I then formed.

In conclusion, perhaps I might ask the brethren of the province, if they have not already done so, to give their attention to some admirable letters which have appeared in the *Freemason* newspaper, touching upon the present position and future prospects of our beloved Craft. They are well worthy of the consideration of us all, and have resulted from a communication in the first instance from Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York. Thanking you and the secretarial staff for your valuable assistance, believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS WM. TEW, Prov. G.M. West Yorks.

The minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1891, were presented. On the motion of Bro. Thomas Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 2069, P.P.G. Treas., it was resolved that the minutes be taken as read and confirmed.

The ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then delivered the following address:

Brethren,—The unfortunate circumstances in consequence of which I am called upon to address you to-day are known more or less fully to all of you. Our R.W. Provincial Grand Master has been for some weeks confined to his house by illness. You will have observed that for a considerable time he has discharged his Masonic duties with great effort, and has, in fact, in his zeal for the Craft, exerted himself much beyond his strength. On many occasions, I will venture to say, he has left out of consideration his own health and comfort in order to be present at our assemblies. Through the careful attention of those around him, and the exercise of no little self-denial on his own part, he is, you will all rejoice to know, making progress, not with that rapidity we would wish, but yet with, I trust, steady advancement towards complete convalescence. You will all join with me, I am sure, in the expression of hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. will speedily restore him to health, so that he may again appear amongst us, and take that warm and enthusiastic interest in Masonic matters generally, and this his beloved province in particular, which has for so many years especially characterised him. The good services of our R.W. Provincial Grand Master, I have no hesitation in saying, are unequalled; and the sympathy he has shown, and continues to show, with every one of us, commends him to our hearts, and creates within us a respect and affection to which words of mine, brethren, altogether fail adequately to give utterance. You will doubtless wish before this meeting is over to place on record, by resolution, some expression of your feeling on this question. I leave it in your hands, assuring you beforehand that it will have my hearty concurrence. In holding our Provincial meeting at Sowerby Bridge to-day, we have to some extent departed from what has now become almost our usual custom. It must be patent to all of you, brethren, that for the convenience of the greater number it is better that Provincial Grand Lodge should assemble in some central and populous place. Whilst recognising this fact, our Provincial Grand Master does occasionally deviate from this custom, and I may say we have met here to-day at his express wish. It may, perhaps, be interesting to you to be reminded that so early as 1856 an important Masonic function took place at Sowerby Bridge. On Whit Monday of that year the foundation-stone of the building in which we are at this moment assembled was laid, and laid with due Masonic pomp and honours. The members of the Lodge of Probity, Halifax, rallied round them brethren from all the neighbouring towns. They were joined by the gentry, the trade societies, and the inhabitants generally. The Freemasons met at a place called, if I remember rightly, Underbank; a procession was formed, and, after marching to the site, the stone was duly and truly laid by our late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., then, however, only plain Henry Edwards, Esq., of Pye Nest, Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding of the county of York. The Provincial Grand Master of those days was Bro. the Earl of Mexborough; his Deputy was Bro. Chas. Lee, and I may add Bro. James Fielding, J.W. of Probity Lodge, then numbered 73, Chairman of the Town Hall Building Committee, drysalter, of Sowerby Bridge, presided at the banquet which followed. These brethren, I regret to say, have all passed away from our midst. There was at that time, of course, no Masonic lodge in this town. But what was the result? Seed was sown that day which brought forth fruit in due time. In 1859 the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, was consecrated by the then Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.L. Of the original thirteen founders three only, I believe, survive: they are Bros. Robert D. Kendall, Francis W. Crossley, and Joseph Senior. If any of those brethren are present I hope they will accept my congratulations on the success of the lodge they established, which has so far advanced that it now numbers 40 brethren, and, for the first time, has the honour of entertaining the Grand Lodge of this province. And now, brethren, leaving local considerations, I may say that the affairs of Masonic West Yorkshire are generally satisfactory. The brethren are loyal and enthusiastic, and the efforts of those responsible for the efficiency of their respective lodges to support and supplement the work of the Prov. G. Secretary are very praiseworthy and gratifying. I should like, however, to take this opportunity of calling your attention to one or two matters which seem to me of the greatest importance—matters which concern not this province only, but the entire body of Freemasons. The great strides which Masonry has made of late years, its constantly increasing numbers, with the greater publicity consequent thereupon, have led many thoughtful and conscientious brethren to ask whether we are acting judiciously in thus so rapidly enlarging our borders—whether we are exercising that strict caution in the selection and admission of new members which our Society demands from us. Brethren, this is a vital question. The Marquess of Ripon, when Prov. G. Master, used to say, "The strength of a lodge does not consist in the number of its members, but in the quality of the brethren of which it is composed." And what is true for a lodge is true for the whole Craft, which is simply an aggregate of the lodges. Lower the tone of your lodge by the introduction of

men who are unfit or unworthy, admit amongst us those who cannot appreciate the beauties of Freemasonry, and you not only damage that particular lodge but you inflict a serious injury upon our entire Society. Brethren, let me enjoin you to take to heart this caution; let us not bring discredit upon our noble Institution; let us advance certainly, but let it be warily, judiciously, and gradually. Again, very frequently I notice men going outside their own towns for admission into Freemasonry. Now, whilst there is no absolute objection to this, provided that *bona fide* inquiry has been duly made and replied to, yet, the position of a brother so initiated is that of disadvantage, insomuch as he is necessarily precluded from attending to his Masonic duties as regularly as is desirable; and, being non-resident, he cannot fully share that *esprit de corps* which prevails in every properly conducted lodge. I should, therefore, deprecate this practice, unless very strong grounds can be adduced in its favour. And now one word to Treasurers and Secretaries. The office of Treasurer is a very honourable one, and is often, and to my mind, very properly, conferred as a mark of distinction; but it is also a very responsible one, and requires an active, firm, and conciliatory spirit. The collection of subscriptions, and especially of arrears, though in many instances neglected inadvertently, must be made, and, though I do not absolutely complain, yet I should be delighted to see the various Treasurers interested in my statements exert themselves strenuously, so that the number of those in arrears, instead of amounting as it did to 161 at the end of last year, may, when our next returns are made, be substantially reduced. To outgoing Secretaries I would say, give every possible help and assistance to your successors; see that the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge returns are duly made, signed, and promptly sent in, and call particular attention to those by-laws of the province which especially relate to the duties of Secretary. Let not, however, the Worshipful Master forget that the responsibility for the proper and efficient working of his lodge does not rest upon the Secretary, nor upon any other officer, but upon himself alone. It is to him we look, upon him is the obligation. Let me advise him *personally* to see that duties are performed, frequently to take counsel with his Past Masters, and in case of unforeseen doubt or difficulty, apply to the Prov. G. Secretary, from whom he may at all times look for prompt and valuable assistance. It is next my melancholy duty to record that death has again been active amongst us. Since our last meeting at Huddersfield in April we have lost many good men and true Masons; men who have made their mark in their respective paths in life and who, after in some instances long and exemplary Masonic careers, have gone to enjoy, we confidently hope and believe, a rest and peace which no amount of happiness in this world can afford. Amongst these were Bros. Isaac Booth, Lodge 61; John Foster and John Taylor, 139; John Wilson, 290; C. H. Taylor, 302; Edward Poppleton, 827; William Hall, 1019; John Symonds, 2330; W. J. West, 2268; Samuel Barrand, 304, Prov. G. Tyler; John North, S.D. 290, a distinguished light in the musical world; and lastly, Bro. Thomas Hill, 302, who commenced his Masonic career in 1848, and has continued from that time—a period of 43 years—to take an active and beneficent interest in the Craft, and especially in its Charities, of which he has always been a munificent supporter. He was a founder of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and held the honourable post of Chairman from 1872 to 1876. By his death this province loses no less than 132 votes for the various Masonic Institutions. And now, brethren, let me thank you, as I do most sincerely, for the very hearty reception you have given me to-day. I thank you also for the respectful and appreciative attention you have bestowed upon my address. It scarcely needs it I think, but if it does, let me say that no brother in West Yorkshire is more willing to labour for the success and prosperity of our beloved Craft than myself, and that no one more reverently or more thoroughly wishes it and you God-speed than does your Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the address, which was most cordially received, Bro. W. H. BRITTAIN, P.M. 139, P.P.G.W., Past G.S.B., acting Deputy Prov. G.M., tendered his thanks to the brethren for their kindly greeting. He deplored the cause which brought about his position that day, and was sure that the words of the acting Prov. Grand Master's address relating to Bro. Tew would find an echo in all their hearts.

Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M. 2069, P.P.G. Treas., then in well-chosen words paid a tribute of respect and esteem to the Prov. Grand Master. He called attention to the energy and assiduity with which he had always discharged the duties of the chair, and was sure that Bro. Tew, though absent, was yet with the brethren in the spirit that day. He moved the following resolution:—"That we, the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire here assembled, offer our deep sympathy with our Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., during his long illness, and place on record our profound regret that his health has for some time prevented him from coming amongst us. That we earnestly hope and pray that he may be shortly restored to his former strength, to enable him to resume the place which he so worthily fills, and carry out the duties in which he takes so personal and active an interest."

This was most sympathetically seconded by Bro. H. OXLEY, P.M. 495, P.P.G. Treas., and carried unanimously, the brethren standing whilst the motion was being put.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, P.M. 974, Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, Bro. T. Bateman Fox, P.M. 208, who was confined to his room by illness, then rose to move, pursuant to notice—"That this Province of West Yorkshire, wishing to celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to perpetuate the name of its illustrious Grand Master, pledges itself to raise a sum sufficient to purchase a presentation for males, to be called the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.'" Bro. Lupton pointed out the great advantages they in West Yorkshire were obtaining from the Masonic Charities; that the elections for annuitants become year by year keener and more difficult; that by possessing a presentation they could without delay put a deserving case into the enjoyment of the benefits of the Institution, and concluded a powerful speech by reminding the brethren that to raise the sum and perpetuate the name of Tew would be a graceful compliment to their illustrious Provincial Grand Master, and a delicate recognition of his valuable services.

This was seconded by Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.M. 1001, ex-Chairman of the Charity Committee, who gave useful advice as to the method by which the money might be raised.

After some questions, Bro. BINGHAM, P.M. 1042, intimated that he was empowered by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. Pepper, P.M., to say that whatever plan was adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge for raising the required sum would meet with his approbation, and that pecuniary support of a substantial character would be forthcoming if required.

This statement was received with cheers, and, after a few remarks from Bro. W. GAUKROGER, P.M. 61, the CHAIRMAN put the proposition, which was carried *nem. con.*

There were no invitations for the April meeting, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Dinner was served in the large room of the Bull's Head Hotel, at which about 90 brethren were present, Bro. Henry Smith, acting Prov. Grand Master, presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Shepton Mallet, under the banner of the Science Lodge, No. 128, presided over by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. Col. W. Long, D.P.G.M., and Viscount Dungarvan. Bro. B. Watts occupied the Prov. S.G.W.'s chair, and Bro. A. G. Hayman, I.P.M. 155, the Prov. J.G.W.'s chair. The brethren present included—

Bros. T. H. Holroyd, P.S.G.O.; T. Parker, P.J.G.O.; F. T. Elworthy, P.G. Sec.; C. W. Radway, P.G. Treas.; Rev. C. J. McConnell, P.A.G. Chap.; J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 191, P.G. Reg.; W. Bidgood, P.G.D.C.; T. C. Manning, P.M. 128; J. Knight; J. Phillis, S.W. 128; W. H. Good, J.W. 128; W. C. J. York, M.O. 128; J. L. Bewsey, S.O. 128; S. Bewsey, I.P.M. 128; T. Parker, Treas. 128; P. Davie; F. A. Smith; J. C. Hodges, Sec. 128; A. F. Perkins, S.D. 128; J. B. Sincock, 191; S. Spill, D.C. 155; A. J. Marver, I.G. 1121; H. A. Budd, 128 P.J.G.O.; J. A. Macdonald, P.P.G.C.; G. M. Wilson, P.P.G.S.; B. H. Watts, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Rubie, P.P.G.M.O.; Lawson Howes, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Barratt, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. Mercer, P.P.J.G.W.; James Knight, P.P.S.G.D.; C. F. Marshall, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Clark, P.P.G.D.C.; C. R. Humphrey, P.G.S.B.; and A. Duckett, P.M. 191, P.P.G.M.O.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. F. T. ELWORTHY, called the roll of the lodges, and all in the province were found to be represented, with one exception only.

Bro. RADWAY, Prov. G. Treas., read the annual accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge, showing a balance of £71 3s. 2d. in hand.

The accounts were adopted, and the Prov. G. Treas. was congratulated on rendering so satisfactory an account.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. W. Long	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" J. C. Manning, P.M. 128	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Bigwood, P.M. 348	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Knight	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 181	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" T. Parker	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. McConnell	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Radway	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. W. Bewsey	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. T. Elworthy	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. M. Wilson	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" A. Barratt	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Knight	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" S. Spill	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Phillis	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. B. Sincock	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. C. Hodges	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. J. Mawer	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" A. J. Salter	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the proposition of Bro. DUCKETT, P.P.G.M.O., it was resolved that a sum of 10 guineas be granted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the proposition being seconded by Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN.

The customary banquet afterwards took place. The P.G.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., several Grand Officers, and a very large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The usual toast list was submitted, and particular attention was called to the increasing popularity of the Mark Degree and its exceptionally beautiful ritual.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Cambridge Hall, Barrow, on the 15th instant, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., in the chair. There was a fair attendance of brethren from the several lodges in the province.

After the usual preliminary business, Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. G. Sec., read his annual report, from which it appeared that the membership of the lodges had decreased during the year from 843 to 811.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM expressed regret that the number of members in the provincial lodges was being reduced, and trusted that the brethren would do all they could to encourage Mark Masonry in the province, so that next year an increase and not a decrease would be reported.

The PROV. G. TREASURER reported that the money received during the year amounted to £72 13s. 1d., which, with the amount brought forward from the previous year of £19 1s. 2d., made £92 2s. 3d. The expenditure had been £62 5s. 3d., and the balance was £29 17s. Bro. T. Adams was elected P.G. Treas., and Bros. Goodacre, Lambert, and Booth, Auditors.

The Provincial Grand Master invested his officers as follows:

Bro. David Jones, 35	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Alfred S. Kirk, 146	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Alfred E. Sadler, 375	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Charles Heywood, 394	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" John Brown, 158	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. John Henderson, 36	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Adams, 768	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" James Hadfield, 20	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 156	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Storold, 156	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Thomas Collinge, 113	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Jonathan Lee Rigby, 189	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" John C. Robinson, 65	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" James Freeman Booth, 161	...	...	Prov. Asst. G.D.C.
" George Wm. Yapp, 123	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Joseph Hopkinson, 313	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Wm. Platt, 168	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas Barker, 56	Prov. G.I.G.
" B. Williams	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Waddington	
" A. Brown	
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Ten guineas each was voted to the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution and the Alpass Benevolent Fund. Liverpool was fixed for the next place of meeting. The banquet was held at the Imperial Hotel, and the Provincial Grand Master presided.

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To Correspondents.

L. P. M.—In the absence of the I.P.M. the senior Past
Master present must occupy that position.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—
Yarborough Lodge, No. 244.
Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271.
Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.
Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.
Lennox Browne Lodge, No. 2318.

INSTRUCTION—
Yarborough Lodge, No. 244.
Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753.
Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.
Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.
Star Chapter, No. 1275.

ROYAL ARCH—
St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall.
Annual Supper of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.
Masonic Lecture at Gravesend.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

It is to be regretted that the proposal made at the
Boys' School Quarterly Court on the 9th instant, to
accept from the Province of Northumberland the sum
of £1050 in payment for the right of perpetual pre-
sentation of one child to the Royal Masonic Institution
for Boys should have met with any opposition. True,
the opposition was confined to a few speeches, and
when the Chairman put the motion for acceptance by
the Court it was carried without a division, but this
only enhances our regret that the proposal was not
agreed to without question.

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In the first place, a resolution was passed by the
Quarterly Court as far back as January, 1870, to the
effect "that the right to a perpetual presentation of a
properly qualified boy for admission to this Institution
may be purchased on payment of 1000 guineas, no
votes being exercised in virtue of such payment; and
after the death of the contributor of such sum of 1000
guineas, his or her presentation shall be vested in his
or her executors, administrators, appointees, or assigns
for ever." This was the outcome of the presentation
by the late Bro. Stephen Blair, Prov. Grand Master of
East Lancashire, at the Boys' School Festival in
1869 of the sum of 1000 guineas, and it is under
the operation of this resolution that the "Stephen
Blair" and five other rights of perpetual presentation
have been established during the past 21 years. There-
fore, whatever feeling may exist among the Governors
as to the adequacy or inadequacy of the amount in
question to defray the cost of educating a presented
boy, the offer of Northumberland, being in accordance
with the terms of the resolution above quoted—which,
so far as we know, has never been abrogated—should
have been accepted as a matter of course. It was a
most ungraceful act on the part of those who raised
objections as to the adequacy of the sum to resist a
specific proposal made in accordance with the terms
quoted. It was clearly their duty to have opposed
the grant of this right on general grounds, and to have
deferred their opposition till some more appropriate
time when a particular proposal was not before the
Court.

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In the second place, however inadequate the sum of
1000 guineas may appear to some brethren to secure
so valuable a right, we think that a slight examination
of the matter will show that the School benefits by the
arrangement. We do not know what number of votes
would be secured *in perpetuity* to a Province, lodge, or
other Masonic body in respect of a donation of this
amount. We imagine it would be about 200 at each
election, or 400 a year, and it is not difficult to con-
ceive a case in which a Province or lodge having, by
means of borrowed votes, secured the election of a boy
of eight years of age, being able by a similar process
to secure the election of a second boy while the first
was still in the School. No doubt it would be a
difficult operation, and the repayment of votes would
be spread over some time, but it is by no means
impossible.

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Again, though the interest on Consols is only 2½ per
cent., and a few years hence will be 2½ per cent., there
are safe investments yielding from 3 to 3½ per cent.—
some of the present capital of the Institution is invested
in 3½ per Cent. stocks—and therefore the amount of
help contributed by the Institution is by no means
considerable. However, whether these latter reasons
we have suggested are of much or little moment, we
consider the Governors will be well advised if they
leave the price to be paid for the right of perpetual
presentation at the sum stated in the resolution of
January, 1870—that is to say, at 1000 guineas.

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The Province of Cornwall has decided to make
a present to the daughter of their esteemed Pro-
vincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount
Edgumbe, on her marriage. A preliminary meeting
at St. Austell, convened by the Provincial Grand Sec-
retary, Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., appointed a
Committee, consisting of Bros. Sir C. B. Graves-

Sawle, P.G.W., D.P.G.M.; B. F. Edyvean, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; William Guy, Prov. J.G.W.; E. D. Anderton, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; and T. Chirgwin, Prov. G. Sec., Secretary; together with one brother nominated by each lodge. The maximum subscription is fixed at a crown, as the offering will doubtless be all the more acceptable if a large number subscribe.

Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., G. Chaplain, is one of the most experienced, and at the same time one of the most adventurous of travellers. Our reverend brother, indeed, is already well known by his "Russian Central Asia" and other works, and in the years 1888-89-90 he undertook a journey from the plains of Russian Central Asia to those of India, in the course of which he crossed the Tian Shan, Kuen Lun, and Himalaya Mountains, and rode round Chinese Turkestan. His object was to study the religious, geographical, commercial, political, social, and economical condition of the people he visited, and a work embodying his account of them is in course of preparation. In the meantime, however, there is now being published in the *Daily Graphic* a series of papers by Bro. Dr. Lansdell entitled "A Ride to Little Tibet," which we feel sure will be read with infinite pleasure and interest by those of our readers who delight in studying the manners and customs of comparatively unknown peoples. The first article will be found in our contemporary of the 15th inst., and is especially important, as in addition to sundry illustrations, it contains a map of the route followed by this distinguished traveller.

The death of Bro. W. A. Barrett, who was Grand Organist in 1888, will be a great loss to the musical world. The deceased was one of the ablest of our musical critics, and it will be difficult to find one who will fulfil the duties he had discharged for many years with equal ability. Bro. Barrett was also highly esteemed by his friends and acquaintances, who hardly knew how sufficiently to appreciate his geniality and kindness. His death occurred very suddenly on Saturday last, at the comparatively early age of 55 years.

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.]

BRO. LANE'S NEW WORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The third volume of Bro. Lane's invaluable series is of a most interesting and valuable character, and should be placed in the libraries of all centenary lodges. The edition is so small—only 200—that unless brethren apply soon there will be no opportunity for the old lodges to obtain copies of this most useful and important work.

The lithographic plates of over 40 centenary jewels in Bro. Lane's artistic book puts my "Masonic Register" (1878) in the shade, only that those medals given by me are in appropriate colours.

I congratulate my friend most sincerely in giving all the jewels of the special designs, and of securing some unknown to us Masonic students, or even to the members of lodges concerned. When time permits, there are a few questions that might be ventilated on the general subject, but meanwhile let me commend the work to the Craft.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A FAMILY OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The episode narrated below is probably one of so uncommon occurrence in Freemasonry that you may like to give it a place in your columns.

On Monday, the 5th inst., Mr. C. W. Tomkins was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669. The Master's chair was filled by the candidate's father, Bro. J. W. S. Tomkins, P.M. 1669; the Wardens were two of his uncles, Bro. A. Cooper Bradley, P.M. 1216 and 1669, and Bro. W. R. S. Payne, P.M. 1669; the Junior Deacon's work was performed by his grandfather, Bro. J. C. Bradley, D.C. 1329; and the Inner Guard was his elder brother, Bro. H. Tomkins, 1669.

I may add that the work was carried out in the most correct and impressive manner by these three generations of Masons.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. HEPBURN HASTIE,
I.P.M. 1669, P.M. 1216 and 2310.

The triennial festival of the Governors and friends of Charing Cross Hospital will be celebrated at the Hotel Métropole on Tuesday, the 17th prox., when the chair will be occupied by Alderman Evans, who by that time will have been installed in office as Lord Mayor of London.

Reviews.

THE MADRAS MASONIC REVIEW.

The "Madras Masonic Review" for September is a very interesting number and makes capital reading. Bro. Sadler's "Thomas Dunckerley" is most appreciatively reviewed by Bro. Henry J. Whympier, C.I.E., late D.D.G.M. of the Punjab, and one of the members of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London, who concludes his favourable introductory notice with the words "Would there were more of the same sort relating to Freemasonry," to which we personally respond Amen! Bro. Whympier has no notion of giving all the chief points in the book, but only desires to "whet the appetite," finishing with the advice to his readers to expend half a sovereign, and secure the entertaining volume for themselves. Quite right, Bro. Whympier. In the notice of the Grand Lodge Calendar, it is mentioned that "South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, are all put in the Western Hemisphere," and the hint is thus given to the editor to be cautious as to "his Hemisphere, if ever the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is founded." The new "Masonic History" is partly reviewed in this number, and Bro. Hughan's Introduction is stated to be "admirably adapted to its purpose," the "Ancient Mysteries" are not well treated, according to the Reviewer, but the Temple Order is considered to be described "in a masterly and concise manner," in which verdict we fully concur. Bro. Stillson's contribution, as also Bro. Lane's, are warmly praised, as they deserve to be, and other portions come in for more or less commendation. The notice is to be continued.



954] ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

Bro. G. Taylor, in his grand catalogue of the Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum, has an edition of the "Royal Arch Regulations" noted for the year 1864, with Ford and Tilt as the printers. I only know of an issue with John Smith and Co., Printers, and shall be glad to know of other copies, either of the one kind or the other, unless Bro. Taylor is in error, which is most unlikely.

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BRO. LANE'S CENTENARY MEDALS.

I am very glad to possess a copy of "Centenary Warrants and Jewels," by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, who has already done such good work on behalf of the lodges down to 1886 in his great volume known as "Masonic Records, 1717-1886." Many of Bro. Lane's statements are very startling in character, and I confess not a few have rather surprised me, not having any idea that out of some 180 centenary warrants—special and ordinary—there are such a number whose titles to such distinctions are so shadowy and doubtful. I am not at all anxious to "cross swords" with the distinguished author, but write now for more light rather than to enter into a discussion on the merits of the handsome book now before me. It seems to me that we want an authoritative decision as to what constitutes continuity as respects membership and as respects lodges. Bro. Hughan's Introduction is very well in its way, but he offers no opinion on Bro. Lane's opinions respecting the too early centenary warrants. I wonder why? Why, also, is Bro. Gould silent? In regard to membership, I take it that so long as a brother has not been excluded by vote of the brethren (as the Rules provide) he can preserve his continuity as a member by paying all arrears of subscription. I should like to know if Bro. "Lex Scripta" takes this view of the question, and I should also like to know his opinion as to several of Bro. Lane's deliverances concerning the centenary warrants granted so long in advance of their time. Perhaps the Grand Secretary or the Grand Registrar would also favour us with any particulars in their possession not known to Bro. Lane (if such exist), which may throw light on the points involved, and help us to a righteous decision. What does Bro. Speth think of his lodge at Margate, No. 127, with its jewel issued in 1863, and yet not earned? If the warrants have been issued in error, or on petitions which are incorrect and misleading, as was that for the "special jewel" of No. 153 in 1862 (page 30 "Centenary Warrants") and subsequently withdrawn, then I say, cancel all such by all means. On the other hand, if there are facts not generally known, which justify the authorities, let them be mentioned; but I conceive it to be of the utmost consequence that all such distinctions should be fairly earned, especially as the present esteemed Grand Secretary is so particular and cautious as to all these matters, though the same cannot be said of his predecessors, some of whom appear to have granted the petitions, so to speak, without examination. I am aware there is one lodge to which Bro. Lane takes exception, whose centenary warrant was issued recently, viz., that of No. 119, Whitehaven. I was curious about the treatment of this disputed point after the discussion of late, and on turning to pages 96-98 I see that Bro. Lane sticks to his opinion—that the continuity of this lodge from 1768 "is extremely doubtful, and quite incapable of proof." Well, perhaps it is so, but who is to decide under the circumstances. Is the Mayor of Kendal to be the judge, backed by the

strong support of Bro. Lane, or the brave defender of the lodge rights (?), with the Grand Secretary at his back? Does not the payment on the revival of the lodge tend to prove that the hiatus was bridged over, and by the action of Grand Lodge it was confirmed in its position? It is clear that several old members who had previously belonged to the lodge, again joined it, and the Secretary seems to have been the link between the old and the revived lodge. I understood there were two members, not the Secretary only, who belonged to both periods. Supposing if a lodge, say in 1806, had its warrant withdrawn, and in 1809, on payment of all arrears to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, it was restored to its former privileges, with one or two old members and others quite new, would that destroy its continuity? Again, supposing a lodge was transferred, by consent of all its old members, to another set of brethren in another town, with the approval of Grand Lodge, and there was no break in its payments to the local and general Bodies, would not the continuity be preserved? If such a lodge was always on the register, never in arrears, and even, if suspended at any time, was subsequently restored, and all ad interim dues paid, I want to know if there is any continuity broken by such means, and would such temporary suspension or change of membership involve any loss of privileges in time to come, such as a centenary warrant? Does Bro. Lane really mean to say that in such a case the lodge must date from its restoration or transfer when petitioning for a centenary warrant? I desire an answer to this query. I am quite willing to admit there are a few of the lodges with centenary warrants wholly unworthy of the distinction. On the other hand, in other instances, are not Bro. Lane's objections based on views of legal and abstruse points involved, rather than on the broad facts of being continuously on the roll and all dues paid. I have enjoyed the book immensely myself, and consider it most valuable and useful, and cheap at the subscription of 12s. 6d., because of the text and beautiful plates.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—The first meeting of this lodge after its summer recess took place at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. R. C. Pasfield, W.M., supported by the following brethren: Bros. F. R. Gooch, S.W.; W. E. Turriff, J.W.; W. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Anderson, S.D.; Lancett, J.D.; G. H. Seage, I.G.; J. Grout, O.g.; A. W. Ellingford, P.M., Tyler; Timson, I.P.M.; Gee, P.M.; Palmer, P.M.; Shepherd, P.M.; Gaisford, P.V.; F. Robinson, P.M.; Pringle, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; Hudson, S. W. Bull, C. Badcock, A. Timson, T. Burges, A. Bebrooth, Knight, J. W. Odling, W. H. Chambers, W. H. Thrift, W. A. Patrick, T. S. Gosper, W. B. Thompson, J. Rees, R. C. Ferguson, J. Miller, W. Long, T. Huett, jun., E. Martin, R. T. Reader, G. C. Francis, J. Porter, H. Lane, W. H. Vickers, J. W. Chambers, G. Horn, T. Evans, C. T. Cotter, and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. Parrett, P.M. 1259; J. J. Clark, 898; J. Appleton, 158; J. Richards, 813; E. F. Williams, 898; J. I. Kinipple, P.M. 1816; E. Downer, 871; M. Bleick, 2374; E. McPhee, 898; J. Mills, 1765; and G. Walker, 1441.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Ferguson, Rees, and Odling were initiated, and Bro. Jobson was passed. Messrs. F. d'Auriol, H. J. Langhan, and K. T. Knight were balloted for and approved. Mr. Knight being present was then duly initiated. Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

The W.M. proposed the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" in brief but suitable words, and the brethren responded in the way usually observed amongst Masons.

For the Grand Officers Bro. Daniell briefly responded. Bro. Timson, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and extolled his admirable business way of conducting the lodge. The W.M. had been constant in his attendance in the lodge of instruction, and his working was a proof of his efficiency. His year of office would contribute to the success of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master suitably responded. For "The Initiates" Bro. Knight replied, expressing his wish and resolve to be a credit to the lodge.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. Kinipple and Walker responded.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. Timson, I.P.M., briefly spoke.

Bro. Palmer referred to the value of the position of P.M. and how those letters also seemed as an extra key to them in visiting other lodges.

Bros. Reeves, Gaisford, and Robinson also added a few words.

Bros. Daniell and Breden returned thanks for the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" respectively, and for "The Officers" Bros. Anderson and Grout.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the intervals songs were given by Bros. Palmer, Shepherd, Anderson, and Burges.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus. Present: Bros. Fredk. Jagg, W.M.; W. F. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; W. J. Coplestone, Sec.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; E. Newland, J.D.; H. Scharien, I.G.; Philips and Banks, Stwds.; S. Ellis, Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; H.

Purdue, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; Richards, Dyne, White, Stokes, Bennett, Chambers, Lomer, Smith, Wilkins, Bowles, Abraham, R. Shaw, Collins, May, Buck, Stehr, Heinemann, Cartwright, Worth, and Iredale. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; D. S. Long, I.P.M. 1275; T. Heath, S.W. 1642; and W. Hillier, S.D. 1366.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting confirmed, Bros. H. Lomer and A. W. Smith were passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. asked the brethren to support the petition to place the son of the late Bro. Fitzwater, P.M., in the R.M.I.B., which was signed by the W.M. and brethren. Other business was transacted, when, after "Hearty good wishes" from each of the visitors, who complimented the W.M. on the excellence of his working, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).—

The opening meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, Bro. G. Parrett, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. Omer, I.P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; and W. Esmond, P.M. The following officers were also present: Bros. W. J. Trappitt, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. Lusty, S.D.; J. Adams, Stwd.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; and J. Very, Tyler. Among the members were Bros. J. F. Foulds, J. W. Westmorland, W. Harding, W. F. Munro, Lewis Griffiths, E. Gentry, A. Snelling, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Millington, P.M. 1382; J. Holbrook, 1345; E. Brindley, 1382; M. Bleick, 2374; John Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. J. O. Morgan and E. Grant were balloted for and accepted. The latter being present was initiated. The brethren then elected the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, conferring on Bro. G. Parrett the honour of holding the chair of K.S. for the second time. Considering that Bro. Parrett has been invariably at his post both in lodge and in the lodge of instruction, and that he has always evinced his willingness to assist the weaker brethren at all times, it must be granted that he has done much to merit this distinguishing mark of the appreciation of the members. Bro. C. Wakefield, P.M., also a respected and tried member, was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and on Bro. Very again fell the choice of the lodge as Tyler. The Auditors appointed were Bros. Foulds, Westmorland, and Munro. Other business being transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

The loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" were proposed and honoured.

The I.P.M., Bro. Omer, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and pointed out that the lodge had shown its satisfaction in re-electing him to fill his honourable position for another year, an honour quite unprecedented in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge. He was always attentive and anxious to the full extent of his power to assist in all that might tend to the success of the lodge.

Bro. Parrett briefly and aptly replied. In his wonted genial manner he proposed the remaining toasts, and the brethren followed his example in the brevity of their replies.

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

Bros. Buchan, Parrett, Bleick, and Brindley filled up the intervals with songs and recitations.

Stanhope Lodge (No. 1269).—

This successful South London lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when Bro. John Jenkins, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed as the Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened by Bro. F. F. W. Oldfield, W.M., supported by Bros. John Jenkins, S.W.; A. J. Kestin, J.W.; J. A. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; H. Wood, P.M., Sec.; S. P. Wilkinson, S.D.; R. J. Davies, J.D.; D. M. Thom, I.G.; Seymour Smith, Org.; W. C. Canton, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Rayment and W. Porter, P.M., Stwds.; H. J. Wicks, P.M.; J. Spicer, P.M.; M. Murrow, P.M.; W. Waller, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Cooper, W.M. 1320; L. C. Shipton, W.M. 1922; E. G. Rivers, P.M. 1750; G. H. Lindsey Renton, S.W. 183; W. Rowe, P.M. 780; A. J. Martin, P.M. 188; S. Rashleigh, J.D. 902; C. J. Evans, P.M. 1922; A. H. Barnard, S.W. 2024; Reginald Groome, J.D. 1929; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report adopted. Bro. Hy. Wood, P.M., Sec., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. John Jenkins as the W.M. for the ensuing year in an impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers in excellent style: Bros. F. F. W. Oldfield, I.P.M.; A. J. Kestin, S.W.; S. P. Wilkinson, J.W.; J. A. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Henry Wood, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Davies, S.D.; D. M. Thom, J.D.; J. C. Rayment, I.G.; W. Porter, P.M., and W. Ivory, Stwds.; W. C. Canton, P.M., D.C.; Seymour Smith, Org.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Oldfield, I.P.M., in recognition of his services, and was suitably acknowledged. Propositions were received and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet having been enjoyed, the usual toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with a selection of music under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, Org., assisted by Miss Rosabelle Beste, Miss Annie Wilson, and Bros. Reginald Groome and Musgrove Tufnail.

Bro. Oldfield, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was the principal toast of the evening. He had great pleasure in proposing it, as Bro. Jenkins, the W.M., ought to have attained the chair some three or four years previously had not his bashfulness deterred him. Bro. Jenkins had, however, now become their W.M., and had shown them what he could do, and what an excellent ruler he would make during the coming year.

Bro. John Jenkins, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for so cordially drinking his health, and assured them that he felt a great amount of pleasure in being amongst them in that proud position. Of course, as the I.P.M. had said, some three or four years ago he should

have occupied the chair, but nervousness or bashfulness was not exactly the cause. He felt that he had too much business in hand to give his time to the duties, and as his desire in Masonry was to carry everything out to the best of his ability, he found it would be impossible for him then to do so in a perfect manner. During the coming year he trusted that the Past Masters, officers, and brethren would excuse any imperfections on his part, and he hoped the officers would give their attention and carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner, which would be a great help to him. He again thanked them sincerely for the cordiality with which his health had been given and received.

Bro. A. J. Martin, P.M. 188, returned thanks on behalf of "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on having a Worshipful Master who was well able to sustain its reputation. The programme of work announced would enable Bro. Jenkins, W.M., to give him a proof of his merits, and 12 months hence he would have fairly earned the usual Past Master's jewel.

Several other visiting brethren having replied, the Worshipful Master gave "The Immediate Past Master," and said it was a most agreeable toast. Bro. Oldfield, the I.P.M., had done his work in every way satisfactorily to the lodge. They all knew the I.P.M.'s heart was in Freemasonry, and that he was always doing what he could for the aged and the young. On three occasions Bro. Oldfield, I.P.M., had served as Steward for the Masonic Institutions, and that showed well for so young a Master. He (the W.M.) was a member of the lodge when Bro. Oldfield was initiated, something like nine years ago, and since then that brother had done all in his power for the benefit of Freemasonry.

Bro. F. F. W. Oldfield, I.P.M., said he rose for the first time as their Immediate Past Master to return heartfelt thanks for the kindly reception given the toast, the good feeling shown towards him, and for the jewel presented to him, which he hoped to be spared many years to wear. Regarding the Charities, he had always made it his duty to hold out the hand of friendship to any brother requiring assistance, and not to find fault.

The W.M. then submitted "The Past Masters," and said the lodge had something to be proud of in their Past Masters. They were always present in a body to support the W.M. and give any assistance required.

The Past Masters present responded. Bros. J. A. Smith, P.M., Treas., and Hy. Wood, P.M., Sec., acknowledged the toast of their health, and congratulated the lodge on the highly satisfactory condition in which it was at the present time.

"The Officers" was next given, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close an enjoyable and successful meeting.

Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 15th inst., and was well attended by the members. The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. John Hooper, W.M. (who was installed at the last meeting in June), and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Arthur Smith, who was initiated on that occasion, was now passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then called upon Bro. T. R. Cass, J.D., to state the object of a motion which he was desirous of bringing before the lodge, and which concerned every member. Bro. Cass stated that since the removal of the lodge to London its members had greatly increased, and the lay members and some of the officers were desirous the lodge should give its sanction to the formation of a lodge of instruction to be held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, near Loughborough Junction, which was admirably suited for the purpose, and within easy access of the City and other parts of London. He could assure the brethren present the lay members with himself had been working hard with some other brethren, assisted by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M. (who had been invited to act as Preceptor), for several weeks past to bring about the desired result, and that all the arrangements for inaugurating it had been thoroughly looked after in every detail, and only needed the lodge's sanction, feeling certain it would prove one of the strongest and most useful lodges in South London. It was intended, he said, to hold the lodge on Monday evenings, which was convenient to most of the members, and concluded his remarks by expressing a hope that the proposition would be unanimously supported by every member of the lodge present. The motion having been seconded by Bro. E. A. Rice, Secretary of the Provisional Committee, after a very full discussion it was carried unanimously. The W.M. expressed his entire concurrence with the resolution, and congratulated the brethren on the happy result, thanking those who had been the means of carrying it out. Two gentlemen were afterwards proposed for initiation at the next meeting in December, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which some excellent songs were given, in which Bros. Martin, Stunt, P.M., Rushton Odell, Salter, E. Morson, Hobbey, and Hinderwell took part.

The officers and brethren present were Bros. H. T. Raw, S.W.; W. S. M. Raw, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; H. Neville, S.D.; T. R. Cass, J.D.; E. Morson, I.G.; A. Le Cren, D.C.; E. Salter, Stwd.; A. J. Martin, P.M.; E. C. Lister, P.M.; F. M. Hale, T. W. Spencer, F. W. Pearce, E. A. Rice, W. Orton, A. Smith, and T. G. Hobbey. Visitors: Bros. J. Spicer, P.M. 1269; Rushton Odell, 2077; H. Wood, P.M., Sec. 1269; and J. S. Hinderwell, J.D. 1625.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—

This successful and prosperous transpontine lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. J. Feuillade, W.M.; Dennis, S.W.; Lundie, J.W.; George Everett, P.M. 177, 1381, &c., G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hearn, S.D.; Millson, I.G.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Foalé, P.M.; and W. W. Westley, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Sims, W.M. 1208; Newton, 186; Farr, 1298; R. Temple, 1319; H. Huntley, 1425; R. Huntley, 1489; Mackway, 1658; Davis, 1733; Jacobs, 1839; and Sheriff, 2353.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. B. Hopkins and A. Harris were raised to the Third Degree, Bro. W. H. Sharpton passed, and Messrs. A. S. Moore and R. C. Scutt duly initiated, the three arduous ceremonies being well performed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Buxton.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed. Bro. G. Everett, G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers" in a speech of some length and merit.

Bro. Westley gave "The W.M." In the course of his speech he said that the W.M. had that day shown the brethren that he was in every way worthy of the position that he held. No. 1381 was now getting a very strong lodge, and it behoved those who aspired to fill the chair to work well at lodges of instruction. The W.M.'s year of office thus far had been a most prosperous one, and he believed that it would continue to be so, as there were several initiates coming forward during the session.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiates."

Bros. Moore and Scutt having acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bro. R. Temple and Huntley.

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal exertions of Bros. Burn, Lundie, Buxton, Everett, and Richard Temple. The latter brother, of Savoy fame, gave several vocal *morceaux*, which were highly appreciated.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1558).—

A very successful meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when Bro. A. Blenkarn was installed as the W.M. in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Catt, W.M., supported by Bros. A. Blenkarn, S.W.; R. A. Hargroves, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; J. Clark; G. V. Rice, I.G.; H. Visgar, Stwd.; J. A. Shelton, Org.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; H. A. King, C. Drake, P. L. Kingsbury, R. Brown, P.M.; J. J. Plummer, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; D. Mercer, P.G.P.; J. Morley, 1638; C. Smith, P.M. 1922; G. Hutchison, 1815; W. Foster, 1360; T. R. Porter, S.W. 1360; P. Tomlin, J.D. 1360; A. Fulmor, 1360; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. T. Snell, 1329; L. Simon, S.W. 1693; T. Gilbert, 217; H. G. Holland, S.D. 2353; J. Wynne, J.W. 1446; M. Peters, 1475; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; T. Payne, 2163; R. Clitherow, 1304; S. Greenfield, 45; W. F. Masters, 1580; C. J. Chambers, 834; R. E. Lane, 1441; S. Lane, 1614; J. W. Norris, 733; G. R. Langley, W.M. 2381; H. Hooper, P.M., Sec. 2381; W. S. Burridge, J.W. 1922; J. G. Galbraith, jun., 2381; A. R. Cranch, 1216; J. Cooper, 1475; R. Milchard, 185; W. H. Moore, J.W. 1625; E. A. Francis, P.M. 183; F. Parkin, 917; G. J. Hanson, I.G. 2348; H. J. Wilks, P.M. 1269; J. H. Coulson, P.M. 27; C. C. Head, 1329; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D. 1897.

Preliminary business having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. Blenkarn, was installed in an able manner by Bro. Catt, the retiring W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. A. Hargroves, S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; G. V. Rice, S.D.; H. Visgar, J.D.; J. A. Shelton, I.G.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; H. A. King and C. Drake, Stwds.; P. L. Kingsbury, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Green, Ball, and Hogg into Freemasonry in an efficient and impressive style, and afterwards presented Bro. Catt, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren for his services during his year of office.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was served in first-class style in the large hall, under the superintendence of Mrs. Venables.

The usual toasts followed, the speeches being interspersed with items from a programme of music performed under the direction of Bro. Stuart Lane, assisted by Madame Wiberg, Madame Edith Fuller, Miss Alice Fuller, Bro. Edwin Pownall, and Mr. J. B. Hardwicke.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been heartily honoured, "The Grand Officers" was given in cordial terms by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., thanked the Worshipful Master for coupling his name, but as he would perhaps have an opportunity of speaking at a later hour he should leave his good friend Bro. Mercer to reply to that toast.

Bro. D. Mercer, P.G. Purst., said that only those who attended Grand Lodge could value the services rendered by the Grand Officers, and if it were not for those officers the Craft would not be in so promising a state. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the honour conferred by his invitation, and hoped that during his year of office he would have nothing to complain of, and nothing but peace and prosperity.

The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that in the presence of brethren who had come from Grand Lodge he felt a very great amount of diffidence in proposing that toast, but he was told it was his duty, and therefore he must do it to the best of his ability. In submitting the toast he was sure he was only asking the brethren to do that which everyone had in his heart most readily and most enthusiastically to do. They knew that Bro. Blenkarn had worked through the offices and done his duty step by step, and had stuck to them when they were nearly overwhelmed, and they hailed him with joy and gladness as a brother whom they could with confidence place in the chair. He had always looked upon Bro. Blenkarn as one of the coming men in Freemasonry from the time he joined, because he possessed the necessary qualifications to make his mark in the Masonic world and hold his own among the members of his lodge. He was sure that in their Worshipful Master they had a good and a thorough Freemason, and he therefore asked the brethren to drink his health and wish him happiness and prosperity during his year of office.

Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, W.M., who was warmly received, said that the reception accorded him was indeed gratifying, and had taken him by surprise. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the affable manner in which it had been received. His heart was still with the brethren although he was W.M., for he recollected the pleasant days he had spent among them. He thanked the lodge for allowing him to take the chair. It had been his ambition to become W.M., and he owned that he should make it his duty to perform the duties in the manner in which they had been conducted by his predecessor, so that the brethren would be able to say "well done" at the termination of his year of office.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said that 12 months ago Bro. Catt stepped into the breach and did many things for the lodge, for which they owed him a deep debt of gratitude. The I.P.M. had performed his work in an excellent manner during the year, and had exceeded their expectations.

Bro. F. Catt, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said that if he had done anything in the interest of his mother lodge that could receive their approbation, he was thankful indeed. It was the duty of every member towards his mother lodge to do all he could in its interests. The W.M. had alluded to 12 months ago, and he could assure them that at that period he had an anxious care on his mind regarding the welfare of the brethren, and he did his duty carefully, and believed they thought he did it conscientiously. If he had performed the duties to their satisfaction he was deeply thankful, and should go away with a glad heart. The members had thought fit to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he wore it with the greatest pride. He thanked the Past Masters and brethren for the kindness he had received during the past year, for the former had helped and counselled him on every occasion.

"The Initiates" having been given, the Worshipful Master submitted "The Masonic Institutions," and strongly appealed to the brethren to support them and subscribe to them liberally. He was a Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and had sent out a circular to every member appealing for subscriptions. He thought when he left home that morning that he should have had to say that he had not received one penny piece, but one of the youngest brethren very kindly sent a donation, and so saved the brethren. The brethren allowed him (the W.M.) to represent them, but up to the present time he had received no support from them. The money he had collected had been gained from outside the lodge, and he knew there were several members who were subscribers to none of the Institutions. He appealed to them strongly, and hoped to have the support of most of the members of his mother lodge.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied, and said that in the course of 27 years' experience he had never heard the toast so forcibly proposed as by the W.M. that night. As the W.M. had been so unanimously elected, he asked the members to allow him the gratification of taking up such a list that the Duke of Connaught, after whom the lodge was named, would not be ashamed to hear announced. The W.M. was asking nothing for himself, but for those who could not help themselves. The number seeking election next time would no doubt be 140, and they had now but two vacancies for the men and none for the women. They should remember that all candidates were over 60, some 70, and three were between 80 and 90. He sincerely trusted that at the Jubilee Festival the members of that lodge would send the I.P.M. up with a goodly sum, as the Institution was paying over £15,000 a year.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., on behalf of "The Visitors," returned thanks for their hearty reception. It had been a source of very great pleasure to them all to be present at the installation of Bro. Blenkarn, and they had had the opportunity of seeing the installation ceremony very efficiently performed by the I.P.M. They had also listened to the ceremony of initiation most ably and impressively rendered by the W.M. The large number of brethren to witness the installation of the W.M. had assembled out of the great esteem and affection they had towards him, for Bro. Blenkarn was one of those men well and widely known, and wherever he was known he was highly respected. The W.M.'s good qualities were difficult to recount, but might be well put together by saying he was a "jolly good fellow," and that was possibly the best description he could give of him. Knowing the W.M.'s good qualities and having a great regard for him had been the cause of many brethren assembling to wish him "God-speed" as the W.M. of that lodge. He congratulated the lodge on having such a thorough good Master, and wished the lodge and the W.M. every prosperity.

Bros. Coulson, P.M. 27; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; and J. R. Langley, P.M. 183, W.M. 2381, also replied.

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were cordially given, and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings yet held by this lodge.

Cripplegate Lodge (No. 1613).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Albion Tavern on the 15th instant, when there were present Bros. S. J. Grover, W.M.; J. Stallard, I.P.M.; G. T. P. Pointer, S.W.; C. A. Hooper, J.W.; H. Stevenson, Treas.; W. Medwin, Sec.; H. R. Tyrrell, S.D.; N. P. Hodgson, J.D.; S. Flint, I.G.; J. Westery, P.M.; Thos. Berg, P.M.; B. Grover, P.M.; Geo. Harlow, P.M.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Miln, T. Anderson, E. C. Pratt, A. Jones, J. A. Egleton, C. Rean, Fredk. Page, G. J. Freeman, J. Dale, T. Mays, M. Curle, J. Gosheron, A. Woolf, S. Grover, Alf. Cotton, and 42 visitors.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A copy of the balance-sheet having been sent to each member, Bro. Anderson proposed, and Bro. Egleton seconded, that it be accepted, which was carried. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. James Andrews Curle and Thos. John Gosheron for initiation, also for Bro. Fredk. Page, 1962, as a joining member. Messrs. Curle and Gosheron were then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Geo. Harlow, P.M., then presented Bro. G. T. P. Pointer, W.M. elect, for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was then duly formed, and Bro. G. T. P. Pointer was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. S. Grover, W.M., Bro. Geo. Harlow, P.M., acting as D. of C. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bro. S. J. Grover, I.P.M.; C. Hooper, S.W.; H. R. Tyrrell, J.W.; H. Stevenson, Treas.; W. Medwin, Sec.; N. P. Hodgson, S.D.; T. S. Anderson, J.D.; C. Rean, I.G.; W. B. Grover, P.M., Stwd.; S. Grover, D.C.; C. C. Pratt, A.D.C.; and Thos. Williams, Tyler. The addresses were then given: the first by Bro. Stallard, P.M.; the second by Bro. Harlow, P.M.; and the third by Bro. Thos. Berg, P.M., in a very effective and impressive manner. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The Worshipful Master afterwards presided at the banquet, when the usual Past Master's jewel and collar was presented to Bro. S. G. Grover in recognition of his services during his year of office. The brethren spent a very enjoyable evening, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bros. Hodgson and Henry Prenton.

United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, when there was a very good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Bullock, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Bateman Fox, and he was supported by Bros. Peake, as S.W.; F. Wright, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge. The following distinguished visitors were present: Bros. Joseph P. Hornor, P.G.M. Louisiana, U.S.A.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S.G.W. Victoria; B. T. Atkinson, P.M., Fort Smith; and Geo. W. Clark, Little Rock, Arkansas, U.S.A.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, and the acting W.M. offered each of the visitors a most hearty and fraternal welcome, the first two brethren being saluted with the Grand honours due to their respective ranks. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Davis, Mus. Bac., a candidate proposed at the last regular lodge, and he was declared elected. On the proposition of the acting W.M., Bro. Bullock, seconded by Bro. Cumberland, P.M., Bro. Hornor was elected an honorary member of the lodge with acclamation. Bro. Hornor, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the compliment paid him. Bros. Nundy and Munro were raised to the Third Degree by Bros. Cumberland, P.M., and Hextall, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards met at supper, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Hornor thanked the brethren for the very hearty reception accorded to him and his brother Masons from America. He also gave a very interesting description of the working of the Third Degree in the States.

Bro. Lamonby, who has just returned to England from Melbourne, Victoria, also responded in very happy terms.

Many brethren contributed songs, &c., and a very happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).—The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge took place at the Café Monico, Regent-street, on Monday, the 19th instant, and, as on previous occasions, was attended by a large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. J. Acworth, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, W.M., supported by Bros. T. Honey, P.M., S.W.; I. B. Joel, J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; M. J. Jessop, P.M.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. De Leeuw, Sec., W.M. elect; I. H. Gluckstein, S.D.; H. Warner, Asst. D.C.; M. Bash, D.C.; C. Vandyk, I.G.; H. Barnato, W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; M. Hyman, E. J. Whiteway, and many others. Visitors: Bros. George Everett, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; S. V. Abraham, Asst. G.P.; S. Genese, 189; S. Dancyger, W.M. 205; W. F. Garrud, P.M. 1677; G. F. Busbridge, P.P. A.G.S. Kent; S. Harris, 205; A. E. Sarti, P.M. 180; G. A. Payne, P.M. 935; W. A. Harvey, 1348; S. G. Vaughan, P.M. 2005; W. B. Williamson, P.P.S.G.W. Worcestershire; H. E. Peck, 1381; W. Downing, P.P. D.G.D.C. Kent; J. Jacobs, 1837; H. De Solla, 1017; N. Gluckstein, 205; W. Hollingsworth, P.M. 1185; A. Baker, P.M. 1828; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec. 188; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the reports of the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund Committee were received and adopted. Bros. Johnson and De Gorter were passed to the Second Degree. Mr. L. S. Genese was impressively initiated into Freemasonry, and Bros. M. De Frece, late 205, and J. Pettengill, 206, were elected joining members. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., then proceeded to install Bro. M. J. De Leeuw as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and performed the ceremony in an able manner, which was enjoyed by all present. The officers' collars were distributed as follows: Bros. I. B. Joel, S.W.; I. H. Gluckstein, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; T. Honey, P.M. 1017, Sec.; M. Bash, S.D.; C. Vandyk, P.M. 1017, J.D.; H. Warner, D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; M. Hyman, I.G.; E. J. Whiteway, A.D.C.; H. Lewis and J. Somers, Stwds.; and Walkley, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. E. J. Acworth, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year. The jewel was enriched with a handsome diamond, the gift of Bro. H. I. Barnato. A vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master, Bro. Hogard, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the customary toast list received due notice.

Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said it gave him great pleasure to be present and renew his acquaintance with that lodge and its hospitable brethren. He had been further pleased to be present at the induction of so good and worthy a Mason as Bro. De Leeuw into the Master's chair, and that pleasure had been still further enhanced by meeting at that festive board many whom he esteemed his best and oldest friends in Freemasonry. He was deeply sensible of the honour of responding first for a body so important and popular as the Grand Officers. The present officers were always ready and willing to avail themselves of every opportunity of visiting the various lodges, and to testify by their presence the interest they take in all matters connected with Freemasonry, and it rejoiced them much if they could in any way assist in furthering those great objects for which the Order was founded, more particularly the Charities, which were undoubtedly its backbone. With regard to the Past Grand Officers he need say but little, their deeds spoke for themselves; suffice it to say that they had largely contributed in the past to make Freemasonry what it was—one of the greatest and most striking Brotherhoods the world had ever seen. The Grand Officers desired to emulate their predecessors, so that when they vacated their offices they should be able to show a good record, and that their reputation would compare favourably with those who had gone before them.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, said the worthy Grand Treasurer had made an excellent speech, leaving little to be desired. He thanked the brethren personally, and his memory went back some three years ago, when he had the honour of consecrating the Barnato Lodge. He remembered it as if it were yesterday, and they then predicted for it a great future. He was happy to say that so far as three years' experience was concerned that prophecy was fulfilled. He was glad to be able to

intercede for the removal of the lodge to its present more central place of meeting, although grave difficulties occurred in removals from outlying districts. He was glad to say the M.W.G.M. looked upon theirs as a special case, and allowed the lodge to remove. He congratulated them on being located there, where they were in a capital house well adapted for the purpose, and well cared for. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name, and anything he could do to advance the prosperity of the lodge he would certainly do with a great deal of pleasure. The lodge had been fortunate in being presided over during the last three years by excellent brethren. It was unfortunate that that excellent Mason, Bro. Da Silva, had to leave the country during his Mastership, but his place was admirably filled by Bro. Hogard, whose services he was delighted to hear had met with such genial and well-deserved recognition. So long as the lodge was ruled by such brethren, so long would the lodge continue to prosper.

Bro. E. J. Acworth, I.P.M., said it was the first time in his career in that lodge that he had had the honour of submitting "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and he was sure the brethren would be pleased to recognise it in the same kindly and fraternal manner as had hitherto been done. Bro. De Leeuw, W.M., had taken a great and active interest in that lodge, and was one of the first few brethren who had the idea of starting it. Bro. De Leeuw had been S.W., and had filled the office of Secretary, and was now their W.M. He did not think he should be underrating him in saying that the W.M. did not come before them as a champion of the ritual, but he was before them as a champion whose heart and soul was in the lodge, and as one who would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. The W.M. had many to support him, and that would make the year a success. They wished Bro. De Leeuw a prosperous and happy year, and all the W.M. asked was that the officers would thoroughly support him and thus support the lodge. He gave them in the most cordial manner possible the health of the Worshipful Master of the Barnato Lodge.

Bro. M. J. De Leeuw, W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drank his health, and the I.P.M. for the remarks he had passed. He felt highly honoured at his position, and was delighted to be surrounded on the occasion of his installation by so many friends. It was the proudest position he had ever held, and he would do his best to maintain the good name of the lodge. As the I.P.M. had said, he was one of the founders, and in conjunction with other brethren he had tried to work for the good of the Craft, to further benevolence, and to maintain unity and good fellowship among the members. If all the officers worked in unity, he was sure the lodge would continue to prosper and sustain the high reputation it had already gained in the Craft.

"The Initiate" was next honoured, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Genese.

Bro. H. I. Barnato proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that Bro. Da Silva, their first Master, was now far away, but no meeting passed without his name being kindly mentioned, for a better man it was impossible to find. Then came a worthy, upright, and good sound Mason—Bro. Hogard—and without his assistance it was impossible to say where the lodge would have been. Then came Bro. Jessop, who did all the work in a splendid manner. Last, but not least, came Bro. Acworth, who was good, kind, and generous, and who had not missed a meeting since the consecration.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., said there had been but one regret since the consecration, and that was the absence of Bro. Da Silva, P.M., and, as that brother left during his year as W.M. he (Bro. Hogard), as the acting I.P.M., had to carry on the work. Those duties he did to the best of his ability, and on one occasion worked the Three Degrees and the installation ceremony. Although a P.M. of three lodges, and having received the suffrages of the brethren of Essex as P.G. Treas., Bro. Acworth, I.P.M., kindly asked him to perform the installation ceremony, and he did so with great pleasure and pride. He had received at the hands of the brethren many kindnesses, and he wore the founders' jewel and Past Master's jewel presented to him by the lodge, and to each of which Bro. Barnato had most kindly added a very valuable diamond. They had met with a very large amount of success during the past three years, and he hoped what had been done in the past would be repeated or excelled in the future.

Bros. J. Jessop, P.M., and E. J. Acworth, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Williamson, P.P.S.G.W. Worcester, and others responded for "The Visitors," which was given in kindly terms by Bro. Jessop, P.M.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given, and the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

During the evening Dr. Broadbridge performed some very marvellous tricks with cards.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. N. J. West, W.M., in the chair; John Roberts, J.W.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; Wm. M. St. Aubyn, S.D.; J. L. Barrett, D.C.; C. Rawle, I.G.; J. Curnow, M.D., and R. Bullen, Stwds.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer; B. Ninnis, Rev. H. C. Shutteworth, M.A.; E. Geard, R. W. Davey, T. Hawken, C. Truscott, Professor John Penberthy, G. I. Moody, H. R. Redman, A. Johnson, W. George, W. T. Brailey, G. M. Williams, W. H. Hockin, Jas. Thomas, J. O. Widger, and Rev. H. V. Tyrrel. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Adams, J.W. 1599; Cookes, 1347; Harris, W.M. 65; Mann, 1452; F. S. Smith, W.M. 71; Kedgley, P.M. 1614; Mason, P.M. 309; Watts, 1897; Weeks, P.M. 749; Talbot, S.D. 65; Woodward, 87; Hanhart, J.W. 222; Miller, P.M. 2108; Leymir, 1929; Atkinson, P.M. 1648; and Kempton, 1706; and from the Province of Cornwall: Bros. Richards, P.M. 318; Eva, S.D. 318; Rowe, W.M. 1544; Major Ross, 121; Tyack, P.M. 1006; Dorrington, P.M. 131; Chevell, 131; and Winn, P.M. 318.

The minutes of the regular lodge meeting held in June, and of the emergency meeting held in September, were read and confirmed. Notwithstanding the heavy expenses incident on the founding of a lodge, and the holding since the consecration in June, 1890, of seven meetings instead of five, the accounts presented showed a slight balance in favour of the lodge. Bro. Rev. John Core was unanimously elected a "Cornwall" member, and Messrs. Thomas Henry Richards, W. R.

Richards, Edwin Richards, W. Hill, M.D., and R. Mabley, after a unanimous ballot, were initiated, Bro. Richards, 318, taking a part in the ceremony. Bro. John Penberthy was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then impressively installed his successor, Bro. John Roberts, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Molesworth St. Aubyn, J.W.; Shuttleworth, Chap.; Greenwood, Sec.; Burgess, S.D.; Rawle, J.D.; Barrett, I.G.; Curnow, D.C.; Bullen and George, Stewards; Moody, Org.; and Mills, Tyler. Bro. John Henwood Thomas was too ill to attend the lodge and to be invested as S.W. Bro. Ninnis kindly undertook to perform his duties in his absence. Bro. Lake, who had been elected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent. Bro. West, I.P.M., gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. George the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. West a Past Master's jewel and collar as a mark of appreciation of his invaluable and devoted services to the lodge during the first year of its existence. Bro. West thanked the brethren, and unveiled a most handsome banner, which had been designed and manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, which he wished the lodge to accept from him as a memento of his year of office. The W.M. announced that he intended standing as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and the lodge voted 10 guineas towards his list. Notice was given for the election at the December meeting of three Cornwall members and one initiate. The Secretary announced that Bro. Walkem, P.G.M. Canada, an honorary member, had presented his photograph to the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where nearly 60 sat down to dinner. A pleasant evening was spent, "Trelawney" sung by Bro. Rowe, and "One and all," sung by Bro. Bullen, evoking the greatest enthusiasm. The lodge has increased so rapidly in numbers that in all probability the joining and initiation fees must be raised as provided for in the by-laws. Bro. Roberts is to be highly congratulated on his accession to the chair of a lodge showing so much promise.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M., at the Café Royal, Regent-street. There were a good number of members present. Bros. Wright and Black having been passed to the Second Degree, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which they expressed their gratification in no measured terms.

In returning thanks for "The Visitors," Bros. Robt. Coombs, 890, and A. A. Drew, 12, expressed their appreciation of the very excellent working of the W.M., and of the flourishing condition of the lodge.

The evening was enlivened by the attendance of the Orion Male Glee Club, whose rendering of some fine old English glees and part songs, under the direction of Mr. J. Condie, was all that could be desired, Mr. R. Phillips contributing with two songs. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. Henry, Organist, and were much appreciated.

As this lodge numbers among its members three such veterans as Bros. Brackstone Baker, Prov. Grand Deacon; Major Lambert, P.G.S.B.; and W. Bywater, P.A.G.D.C.; besides other distinguished brethren who have not yet been called upon to assume the purple of Grand Office, it has without doubt a grand future in prospect. It may not be generally known that English and American brethren alternately are elected to this lodge, which, among other things, is intended to be a "home of call" for American visitors passing through London.

Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).—The first regular meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Brindley James, P.M., W.M.; Matthew Coates, M.D., P.M., acting I.P.M.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M., member of the Board of General Purposes, S.W.; Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.D. Malta, J.W.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; J. Pickett, M.D., S.D.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.B., J.D.; Frank Oldfield, P.M., D.C.; Anthony Nutt, I.G.; J. Henry Frye, Stwd.; E. H. Ezard, M.B., Org.; N. E. Yorke Davies, W. Ernest Dring, and Francis Wickstead, M.D., P.M. 1222, P.P.J.G.W. Somerset.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Mr. G. Herbert Blackmore, L.D.S.R.C.S. England, and Mr. Lewis Lewis, M.R.C.S. England, L.R.C.P. London, were then impressively initiated. The following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. Charles Moss Campbell, M.D.C.M. Edinburgh, late 1635; Geo. Hare Philipson, D.C.L. Durh., M.D. Durlat Cam., M.A. Cam., F.R.C.P. London, 2352; and J. Richard White, L.R.C.P. and S. Edinburgh, 222 (S.C.).

Other business, *re* the by-laws, &c., was transacted, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, when the usual toasts were drunk with acclamation. Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., V.P. Board of General Purposes, P.P.S.G.W. Essex, joined the brethren, having been detained at the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Teck at the Girls' School.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOWDON.

De Tatton Lodge (No. 2144).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place in the Parish Schoolrooms on Monday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Frederick Johnson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. A. Ingham, P.P.G.S., W.M.; G. Bowen, P.P.A.G.P., I.P.M.; F. Johnson, S.W.; J. T. Goulding, J.W.; H. W. Evason, Treas.; A. J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; W. Morris, S.D.; W. A. Doherty, J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; W. Moody, I.G.; W. Forster, Org.; and James H. Lowe, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Cavanah, P.M.; E. B. Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. G. Kerton; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Henry H. Mayor, J.D.; John Lewis, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.W.; William Robinson, P.S.G.W.; E. G. Parker, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Farrington, E. Morris, George Hollins, A. Boulton, James Beswick, James Parkes, William Allwood, William Kay, F. J. C. Brook, William N. Medlicott, and C. Kenworthy.

The lodge was opened, and after the usual business had been transacted, Bro. F. Johnson, W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master,

Bro. J. Lewis, P.M., P.G.D.C., who was assisted by Bros. A. J. Pearce, P.M., and George Bowen, I.P.M., P.P.A.G.P. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Ingham, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; John T. Goulding, S.W.; Wm. Morris, J.W.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Alfred J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Evason, Treas.; Wm. Moody, S.D.; W. A. Doherty, J.D.; J. H. Lowe, I.G.; Wm. Forster, Org. and Stwd.; S. Eliazarian, F. C. Brook, and J. J. Rourke, Stwds.

At the close the brethren sat down to a banquet in the pavilion of the Stamford Arms, Mrs. Ling being the caterer, and which did her the highest credit.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, and Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Ingham, said that he had done solid and splendid work for Masonry in the province, and for that lodge in particular. He esteemed it a high honour and privilege, as one of the first members of the De Tatton Lodge, that he had been selected by the brethren to make the presentation. He then pinned the jewel on Bro. Ingham's breast, amid the loud and hearty applause of the brethren.

Bro. Ingham responded in fitting terms. He thanked the officers and brethren for the kind and admirable support he had received during his year of office, and the fact that for the first time in their history they were coming abreast of other lodges in charitable effort. Their Prov. Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, had, he was informed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, started a special fund, which it was proposed to raise during next year, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he was in hopes the De Tatton Lodge would make a substantial contribution.

Bro. Edwin George Simpson, P.P.J.G.D., the first Master of the lodge, afterwards presented a Secretary's jewel to Bro. A. J. Pearce for his past services. In his long Masonic career he never had a pleasanter duty to perform. That jewel, like the one presented to the I.P.M., had been earned by merit, industry, goodwill, and deep Masonic feeling.

Bro. Pearce responded in appropriate terms. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and songs, recitations, &c., were given by various brethren. Both the jewels, which were of massive gold, were splendid specimens of artistic workmanship which were presented during the evening.

BRIGHTON.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 811).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Saturday, the 17th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Hallett, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. E. G. Whittle, S.W.; J. Turton, J.W.; George de Paris, Sec.; E. T. Scott, S.D.; A. Poole, Org.; P. L. Hart, I.G.; R. F. Jowers, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; and A. Cox, Asst. Tyler. The members present also included Bros. W. Ardley, P.M.; W. R. Wood, P.M., P.G.D.; B. Lomax, P.M.; G. Shaft, P.M.; W. Lanson, P.M.; F. Holford, P.M.; T. Lanson, P.M.; J. Ewart, W. J. Stephens, W. H. Martin, E. Rodriguez, J. A. Menzies, W. Lindo, W. Tamplin, and a large number of visiting brethren.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. E. G. Whittle as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was admirably performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. G. Hallett. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, as follows: Bros. G. Hallett, I.P.M.; James Turton, S.W.; Edward Irwin Scott, J.W.; Henry Abbey, Treas.; A. C. Jacob, Chap.; G. de Paris, P.M., Sec.; J. Ewart, S.D.; P. L. Hart, J.D.; W. J. Stephens, I.G.; R. F. Jowers, Stwd.; F. Holford, P.M., D. of C.; and A. Poole, Org.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet served in faultless style by Messrs. Booth and Sons. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. E. G. Whittle, presided, and was supported by the officers of Grand Lodge, the Past Masters, and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Opening the toast list, the Worshipful Master, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. He then coupled the toasts of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" and "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bros. R. Clowes and W. Kuhé responded.

The Worshipful Master next coupled the two toasts, "The Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught" and "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The Duke of Connaught, he said, had given great evidence of his interest in Freemasonry in general, and in the Sussex Province particularly. He had many claims upon his time, but it was highly gratifying to find that his Royal Highness had consented to preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held in the Royal Pavilion on Thursday next. He (the W.M.) expressed a hope that there would be a liberal response to the letter which had emanated from his Royal Highness relative to the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The province was admirably represented by Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, who was well-known outside the wide Masonic circle. The remaining officers also worked heartily in the interests of the province.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was warmly received on rising to respond. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the interest the Duke of Connaught took in the Province of Sussex, and but for his many duties his Royal Highness would, he said, be more frequently among them. Referring to the approaching visit of the Duke of Connaught, he bore testimony to the indefatigable energy of the Provincial Grand Secretary, who had worked with great zeal in arranging the visit in conformity with the alterations in the Duke's plans. The visit of his Royal Highness would be warmly appreciated, and he was sure the brethren would give him a hearty and loyal welcome. It was not surprising, he said, that the Royal Family took an earnest interest in the Craft, for Freemasonry inculcated the love of law and order, obedience to authority, and loyalty to the Throne and country.

Bro. G. Hallett, I.P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said he had great pleasure in submitting the toast, for Bro. Whittle had won the esteem of all the brethren, and would make an excellent Master of the lodge. He believed their newly-installed W.M. would do himself and the lodge great credit.

Bro. Whittle, on rising to respond, was received with hearty and prolonged applause. Thanking Bro. Hallett for his kind remarks, he said he hoped that the lodge, after the losses it had experienced by deaths, would enter upon a new era of prosperity, and that the clouds had cleared away for many years. Speaking for himself, he said he fully appreciated the kind feeling of the brethren, and would do his utmost to merit their confidence. In carrying out the duties of his office he had before him the good example of Bro. Hallett. He trusted that he, his officers, and the remaining brethren would continue to work together with that love and harmony which had hitherto characterised the lodge. He then presented Bro. Hallett with a Past Master's gold jewel as a mark of the highly meritorious manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said he and the brethren of the lodge gave a cordial welcome to their visitors. They were honoured by the presence of the two Borough Members, the Mayor of Brighton, and the Mayor of Eastbourne, and he was proud to say the lodge numbered among its own members the Mayor elect of Brighton.

This was responded to by Bro. H. S. Soper, the Mayor of Brighton, and Bro. Gerald Loder, M.P.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," to which Bro. G. Hallett responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. Turton, Scott, and Stephens, and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some pleasing songs were sung by Bros. Poole, Hallett, and Soper. The musical programme also included solos and concerted pieces by Signor Mezzetti (ocarina), Mr. Lewis Mennich (violin), and Miss Mennich (piano), one of the most enjoyable *morceaux* being Gounod's "Ave Maria," in which the three instrumentalists were joined by the W.M., well known as an able performer on the ocarina.

CARDIFF.

Tennant Lodge (No. 1992).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. W. E. Miles, P.G.R., was installed for the second time as W.M. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, attended, supported by a large number of Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Miles was installed by Bro. Thomas Evans, I.P.M., in a very able manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Evans, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John T. Hogg, S.W.; F. J. Ferris Bailey, J.W.; D. Williams, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; John Sheridan, Sec.; Tom Paine Kerman, Asst. Sec.; Albert W. Hellier, S.D.; J. W. Davies, J.D.; B. D. Jenkins, I.G.; G. H. Cole, Org.; J. O'Neill and George E. Fownes, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

The brethren having completed their business, proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Harman had prepared a banquet of the highest excellence.

The members present were Bros. W. E. Miles, W.M.; B. D. Jenkins, John Miles, T. H. Watts, J. Morgan, R. Cheslett, Rann, Wm. C. Allen, T. Paine Kerman, W. J. Vaughan, C. Jones, W. James, A. W. B. Sanderson, Sam Gillard, J. Arthur, Hugh Brown, F. Kastell, G. Twigden, A. Roberts, J. O'Neill, J. H. Dunn, J. Lacey, J. Sheridan, Thomas Sampson, and F. Morgan. The visitors' list included Bros. C. E. Stuart, D. S. Van Bopolo, G. Driver, G. Coleman, J. J. Williams, F. P. Adey, H. Samuel, C. A. J. Ward, A. Cohen, W. H. Williams, W. C. Peace, R. A. Forsyth, W. H. Shute, Tom H. Richards, Frederick G. Hodgen, J. R. Davies, Frederick Lewis, C. Row, J. H. Taylor, E. G. E. Protheroe, H. Davies, Geo. S. Fitt, C. H. Priestly, David E. Jones, S. Sandbrook, J. John, V. John, F. W. Ensor, J. Shaw, C. E. Dovey, H. Simons, John W. Lloyd, Thomas M'Kim, Wm. Evans, I. E. Thomas, S. Phillips, F. Watkins, J. Munday, G. P. Harris, Lewis Jenkins, W. J. Loveluck, A. P. Fabian, James Loveluck, A. E. Williams, and J. Hughes.

A new departure in local Freemasonry, and one which cannot be too highly commended, was the introduction of lady visitors after the banquet. This pleasing circumstance was referred to by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., who, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," remarked that he saw no reason why the wives, daughters, and lady friends of Freemasons should not share in the great benefits to be derived from Freemasonry. He hailed with delight the innovation, and hoped it would be but the forerunner of a general custom.

The Worshipful Master also expressed his delight at the new departure, and said that if the ladies understood Freemasonry more thoroughly they would have for it a better appreciation, for they would discover that there was in it nothing to which they could take the slightest exception. He presented a splendid bouquet to Miss Tennant, who was one of the lady visitors.

An unusually attractive programme of vocal and instrumental music had been arranged by Bros. Kerman, Jenkins, and White. Amongst those who contributed to the harmony were Misses Kerman and Grahame, and Bros. Proud, Kerman, Jenkins, Stuart, and Sheridan.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).—This lodge, which was consecrated last November, held its first installation meeting at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th instant. The report of the work done during the brief existence of the lodge was of a remarkable nature as the following extracts will show. There were 62 founders at the consecration, whose ranks were increased by 57 initiates and 35 joining members; a sum of 100 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the list of Bros. Shurmur, Fortescue, and Wilson who took up a total of £630 at the last Festival; and a further 100 guineas was voted at the installation meeting under notice to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the new W.M.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., supported by Bros. D. P. Holness, S.W.; H. Ffrench Bromhead, J.W.; Rev. M. Rees, P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; N. Fortescue, Treas.; J. Pinder, P.M., Sec.; J. Speller, S.D.; R. Kershaw, J.D.; A. P. Allen, D.C.; D. Campbell, I.G.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wilson, P.M.; S. Smithers, P.M.; and Courtenay Warner, P.P.G.W. Visitors: Bros. W. Etheridge, 933; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec. 753; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; G. Emington, 860; E. Gray, jun., 65; C. G. Cording, P.M. 1685; P. E. Murphy;

P.M. 1424; L. Levy, 1766; E. Levy, 1766; H. Moore, 1692; W. C. Mann, 2168; T. Hunt, 1471; A. Calkin, P.M. 1056; G. L. Hobbs, P.M. 175, P.P.S.G.D. Hants; Geo. Corble, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Marshall, 1928; J. B. Buchanan, 2099; J. Bishop, 1056; B. Mann, 1446; J. Briginshaw, 2256; E. Acworth, Prov. G. Treas.; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D. 1897.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. E. Tidman, 1716, was elected a joining member. Four candidates were initiated, four brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and six brethren were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M., P.Z., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed by Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Shurmur, I.P.M.; Bromhead, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, S.W.; N. Fortescue, J.W.; Rev. M. Rees and Dr. Dunbar, Chaplains; Jas. Speller, Treas.; Jas. Pinder, P.M., Sec.; R. Kershaw, S.D.; W. Peter Allen, J.D.; C. H. Bestow, I.G.; W. S. Wright, D.C.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; F. Taylor, C. Horst, J. Holland, B. Nicholson, W. Fortescue, and P. Trickett, Stwds.; and Ives, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. was appointed to represent the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of 100 guineas was voted on his list. The Audit report, showing a balance in hand of £256 17s. 2d., was unanimously adopted. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. E. Acworth, Prov. Grand Treasurer, replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers," after which Bro. Shurmur, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master," and said there were many present who had most pleasant recollections of the successful, excellent, and dignified manner in which Bro. Holness passed through the chair of his mother lodge some six or eight years ago. Although the W.M. possessed a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry, he still frequently attended lodges of instruction. The brethren all wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year, and it would be their own fault if the good beginning was not fully maintained.

Bro. D. P. Holness, W.M., having thanked the brethren, said the I.P.M. had truly remarked that he had begun well, and no efforts of his would be wanting to maintain the marvellous prosperity attained by the lodge. When that lodge was being formed he had no idea the result would be a lodge with a reputation unparalleled in the history of Freemasonry. As the W.M. it was his bounden duty to sustain the prestige of the lodge, and when it was named Shurmur, which to him was a name more esteemed and respected than his own, no effort however great would be wanting to promote its best interests.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiates," and this having been acknowledged, he next gave "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Shurmur," remarking that he felt sure the name was revered by all in the room. He might say that he could challenge any assembly of men, and there would not be one who could conscientiously say Bro. Shurmur had ever done anything but what could be admired. None knew the I.P.M. intimately without knowing the largeness of his heart, and he said it without flattery, as that would be repugnant to their esteemed brother's feelings. Bro. Shurmur was the most thorough man he ever knew in his life, and that lodge was one instance of it, for everything he took in hand was a success. The large assembly that evening, and the large assemblies in the past testified to this fact. It was customary at this meeting to present a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. as a slight token of recognition of his service, but unfortunately they were not in that position that evening as, although a sum had been voted for the purpose, the design had not been decided upon. He asked the brethren to cordially drink the toast and express their sense of the great service the I.P.M. had rendered to the lodge.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M., said he was extremely grateful for the cordial reception given the toast. It was another manifestation of the extraordinary kindness he had always received from them, and which he should ever remember with feelings of the deepest gratitude. The brethren had shown remarkable zeal and interest in promoting the prosperity of the lodge. Many had honoured them and the Province of Essex by recommending their friends and sons as initiates. He need hardly say how heartily they had been welcomed and how earnestly they had endeavoured to impress upon the candidates the dignity and importance of their ancient brotherhood. The best testimony they could possibly have that they had been successful had been evinced by the candidates themselves. The initiates had been so favourably impressed, that many of them had regularly attended lodges of instruction, and could discharge their duties in a highly creditable manner. The outcome of that enthusiasm and good feeling had culminated in their having constituted that—by far the largest lodge in the province, and perhaps under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Since the consecration it had been their privilege and great pleasure to receive 57 initiates and between 30 and 40 joining members, and these numbers could have been largely increased had they not been so careful in their selection. Many had expressed a wish to join, but had been told they were not quite up to their standard, and some had been since initiated in other lodges where they could not afford to be so particular. It was rather amusing to hear the variety of reasons given for their success. They were indebted undoubtedly to the brilliant array of Past Masters who assisted at the foundation. He should ever regard the jewel voted to him as among the most precious of his Masonic possessions. It would always be a reminder of a pleasant year of office, and he trusted the Great Architect, in his unbounded kindness, would spare him many years to be amongst the Past Masters of the Shurmur Lodge.

Other toasts were given before the brethren separated. Bro. J. F. Haskins, Org., presided at the pianoforte, and directed the musical arrangements.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, but owing to the severe gale and storm, the attendance was not so numerous as usual. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. M.B. Behrendt, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M.; R. N. Brunyee, S.W.; C. Fox, J.W.; R. Wood, Sec.; T. Stanforth, Chap.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; G. Naylor, Tyler; S. H. C. Ashlin, A. Meadley, T. Oates, and R. Cundell. Visitors: Bros. W. P. Robotham, Sec. 2259; and B. Maskill, 2259.

Bro. T. Oates was subsequently duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. Cundell to F.C., the work being performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. and Chaplain. Bro. Stanforth gave an interesting account of his work as P.G. Stwd. on behalf of the R.M.B.I.

The brethren adjourned after lodge and spent an hour in social harmony.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, no less than 32 members and visitors were present. Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., presided, although he was suffering from severe indisposition. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. E. Bott, 336, as a joining member, and proved favourable. The ballot was also taken for Mr. W. H. Moss, and, proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. There was a passing and raising, the ceremonies being performed respectively by Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec., and G. S. Smith, P.M. The lodge was then closed by the W.M.

After the long afternoon's work the brethren adjourned to partake of tea, which was admirably catered for by Bro. Fred. Stretch, S.W. When the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The I.P.M. in giving "The Worshipful Master" said it was the pleasantest duty he had had to perform during that day, especially under the circumstances, for they had all had feelings of doubt and misgiving whether he would be able to be with them that evening on account of indisposition, therefore it would be understood it was an extra pleasure to see him in his usual place, and although suffering from severe pain he had conducted the ceremonies, especially the initiation, in a masterly and impressive manner. That showed the great amount of interest and enthusiasm he had for Masonry in general and that lodge in particular, and it was a noble example for every member of the lodge to follow. From the manner in which Bro. Clare Edgar Towell had commenced his duties, they could feel sure the future of the lodge during the ensuing year would be one of continued success. They would all wish the W.M. health and strength to go through his year of office, for he was enthusiastic to a degree in Freemasonry, and having put his hand to the gavel, would give satisfaction to the lodge, and carry out all the obligations his high position imposed upon him, and he would ask them to drink to the health of their Worshipful Master, which was received with continued applause.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that the overwhelming applause which followed the toast of his health had really almost overcome him, and he was very grateful to feel that he was held in such esteem. But his heart was so full of emotion that he could not then express himself as he would liked to have done. But he desired that every member and every visitor present there that evening would consider themselves his guests, and concluded by thanking Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., and the I.P.M. for the assistance they had given him that day and at all times. He then proposed "The Healths of the I.P.M. and Bro. Myers."

Both the brethren responded, and assured the W.M. that he would always have their hearty support and every assistance they could give him.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which toast was as usual well received, and responded to by Bros. A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134; Roland, P.M.; and others.

Other toasts followed, including "The Absent Members," the W.M. in his remarks specially mentioning the name of Bro. James Sharples, who unfortunately has had a very severe attack of bronchitis, consequently he was not able to be present. During the afternoon he had received a telegram from him expressing "Hearty good wishes," and he (the W.M.) hoped he would soon be restored to health.

The toast was received with applause, and, in response, Bro. W. Sharples said he would convey the kind remarks made by the W.M. to his father, and he was sure it would be very gratifying to him to think that he had not been forgotten although he was absent.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by a capital programme, consisting of a capital recitation by Bro. F. Morgan, and songs were contributed by Bros. Willie Sharples, G. S. Smith, J. Ward, F. Stretch, G. A. Myers, and J. Roland, Bro. Westbrook being the accompanist.

The following brethren were present: Bros. C. E. Towell, W.M.; G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; P. D. Langley, J. Ward, A. Moore, W. W. Wilkinson, J. Laurisch, J. Lawrenson, W. Sharples, J. Westbrook, Fitton, Sayers, Moss, Bret, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134; J. Roland, P.M.; C. Driver, W. Craig Royle, J. H. Marsh, W. M. Southern, Marsden, and others.

DUNMOW.

Roslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Saracen's Head, when Bro. W. C. Sams was installed W.M. for the coming year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. Rattray, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. D. Milbank, I.P.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; W. Rivers, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. M. Welch, Sec.; R. Marsh, S.D.; W. Chapman, J.D.; F. J. Carter, D.C.; T. Milbank, I.G.; J. E. Pegram and J. G. Mackenzie, Stewards; and F. W. Warner, Tyler. Bro. G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., was re-elected as Charity representative.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 15th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; W. Fisher, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; Trotter, I.G.; G. J. Tagg, P. Cronin, C. Wheatley, and H. Wheatley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Stwds.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Eales, P.M.; and Plimsaul, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Fisk, W.M. 1733; Harvey, P.M. 1311; Tucker, P.M.

1733; Moorman, P.M. 1981; Edgell, J.W. 889; Dace, 1620; Moile, 167; Simpson, 957; Bridge, 1733; and F. Wright, 1851.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. J. S. Dove, S. P. Clark, and C. Rogers having been balloted for, were impressively initiated by the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. G. Everett, G. Treas.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Robinson, J.D.; R. Kent, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided most ably, his speeches being brief but pertinent. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. Wheatley responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The acting I.P.M. gave "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon his working, and also upon the prosperity that had thus far attended his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great warmth with which they had received his health. The proposer of the toast had flattered his working too much, for he was by no means satisfied with himself. He hoped to do better next time, when he trusted that the lodge would have to welcome three more initiates into their midst.

"The Initiates" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Dove, Clark, and Rogers.

Bros. Fisk, Tucker, Harvey, and Moorman replied on behalf of "The Visitors"; Bro. Ransford for "The Past Masters"; and Bros. Jessett, Walls, and G. J. Tagg for "The Officers."

Bro. F. Wright entertained the brethren by his instrumental and vocal selections.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 12th instant. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Sapsworth, P.M., W.M.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting S.W.; Bond, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Spooner, S.D.; W. T. Peat, P.G. Org., J.D.; Rice, D.C.; Figg, Org.; E. Dare, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cheeseman was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. It was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by the I.P.M., "That the sum of five guineas be voted to the R.M.B.I., per Bro. Bond, J.W., as Steward to the Jubilee Festival, 1892." The Secretary having reported the death of Bro. W. Suggett, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be at once forwarded to Mrs. Suggett, the widow of the deceased. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. Grant, S.W.; Simpson, Stwd.; and others, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Gedda, the manager of the hotel. The customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. W. T. Peat, P.G. Org., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in an exhaustive speech.

Bro. Dare, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke of his excellent capabilities. He was and had been for many years a regular attendant at lodges of instruction, and such attention had borne good fruit, as was evidenced by his working of the Third Degree that night.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, admitted that the I.P.M. was correct as to his fondness for Masonic instruction. He was pleased to say that there were many others in the lodge who were equally as industrious in their endeavours to acquire a fair knowledge of Craft working. He hoped at the next meeting to have an initiate or two, and he trusted that during their six months recess that the brethren would have the best of health and happiness.

A few other toasts and replies followed, and the proceedings terminated.

HARROW STATION.

Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 10th instant, at the Railway Hotel, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors, in spite of the unpropitious weather. The brethren present were Bros. Dr. N. Goodchild, W.M.; J. Barlett, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Crook, J.W.; Hy. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; S. A. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. T. Haly, J.D.; C. Penny, D.C.; E. Hislop, I.G.; T. W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Woodmason, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. Parsons, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; D. Stroud, P.M.; A. Jones, R. M. Featherstone, S. Hussey, W. Memory, F. T. Priest, A. Hamblin, J. Clarkson, and R. E. Bennett. The visitors included Bros. H. C. Coffin, P.M. 167; Rev. T. McDugall Mundle, 704; J. Salmon, W.M. 2045; E. C. Brinsden, 2361; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; R. Glasspool, P.M. 723; R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; H. Davey, Sec. 1326; D. J. Ruthven, 1326; W. F. Packer, P.M. 1571; W. J. Harris, J.W. 1321; J. C. Gostin, W.M. 1326; W. Haswell, 72; and J. Budd, 101.

The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild, who raised Bro. F. S. Priest and passed Bro. R. M. Featherstone. Bro. J. Barlett, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Stroud, P.M., and in the presence of a Board of Masters was installed by Bro. Dr. Goodchild into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest the officers of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months as follows: Bros. James Crook, S.W.; John T. Haly, J.W.; Hy. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Stephen H. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Edward Hislop, S.D.; Charles Penny, J.D.; William Memory, I.G.; Stephen Hussey, D.C.; Frederick S. Priest and Arthur Jones, Stwds.; and J. Middleton, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Goodchild then completed the ceremony of installation by reciting the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was then received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Bro. Dr. Goodchild was complimented upon having succeeded in improving the lodge, and restoring its finances to a healthy condition during his term of office. It was proposed by Bro. Dr. Goodchild, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Stroud, and carried, that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Bro. Slyman, P.M. and Treas., who is acting as Steward at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of that Institution. A Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws and report to the lodge suggested alterations. Bro. Dr. Goodchild

proposed, in the absence of Bro. Slyman, "That in recognition of the long and faithful services to the lodge of the Secretary, he be presented with his Masonic full-dress regalia as Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer." The motion having been seconded by Bro. Stroud, P.M., and supported by Bro. Woodmason, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was carried unanimously. Bro. J. Bartlett, W.M., said that it gave him very great pleasure to present the Grand Office regalia that had been voted by the lodge to their esteemed Brother Stephen A. Cooper, who had most ably performed the duties of Secretary to the Unity Lodge for about 10 years past. He hoped that they would have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Cooper wear that becoming clothing for many years to come. Bro. Cooper, P.M. and Sec., having thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions with which he had referred to the manner in which the Secretary's duties had been performed, tendered his acknowledgments to the brethren for having shown their approval of his work in so tangible a manner as by voting him his full-dress Masonic clothing as P.P.G.S.B. The W.M. said that he had now the pleasure to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Goodchild, a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge for the very able manner in which he had carried out his duties as Master of the Unity Lodge during the past twelve months and presided over it. It gave him much pleasure to invest Bro. Dr. Goodchild with that mark of the lodge's appreciation of his services, and he trusted that the worthy brother would long be spared to wear it among the multitude of those jewels with which he was already adorned.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild having said a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they were served with a dinner which reflected great credit on the host, Bro. J. H. Hodsdon.

After dinner the customary toasts were proposed. With the toast of "Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the name of Bro. Woodmason, P.P.G.D.C., was coupled.

In reply, Bro. Woodmason said that it gave him very great pleasure to respond to that toast, as Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp was an honour to the Province of Middlesex. He went on to recommend every brother to visit Provincial Grand Lodge. Their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, was a wonderful man, for though he was 77 years of age he still carried on the control of the province with marvellous ability. Bro. Woodmason, in conclusion, hoped that he himself might yet be spared many years to represent the Prov. Grand Officers in the Unity Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild said he had the honour to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," but as Bro. Bartlett was not so well known to him as to the brethren, any remarks from him would be superfluous, and he would therefore confine himself to asking them to be upstanding and to drink Bro. Bartlett's health.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren very kindly for the way in which they had drunk his health. He found himself in a novel position, and until he got more used to it, he trusted they would overlook his shortcomings, if he were not able to do all he desired. He trusted that during his year of office he might be able so to perform the duties of Master that when he had run his course they might be satisfied with his conduct in the chair. After again thanking them for the way in which they had received the toast, he proceeded to propose "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the names of Bros. R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; R. Glasspool, P.M. 723; and the Rev. T. McDugall Mundle, W.M. 2045, who responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Goodchild," whom they all knew as a good worker and an enthusiastic Mason, and who during his year of office had done his work in a very able manner.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild, in reply, said that he had always done his best for the lodge, but he must apologise for the way in which he performed the ceremonies on the present occasion, for, as a matter of fact, he was so hoarse that he found it impossible to do justice to the ritual. He had that day performed a ceremony which he had not done for three years previously.

The next toast proposed was "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Slyman, P.M., responded. He said it came upon him somewhat suddenly to have to respond; he had hoped that there would have been someone present better fitted to do justice to that important toast who would have spoken on this occasion. He was going to stand Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as Vice-President, and was going to head his list pretty well. He was indebted to the Unity Lodge for the 10 guineas which they had voted for the purpose, and for which he tendered them his grateful thanks. Bro. Cook also had placed five guineas on his list, and he hoped that when he sent round a notice to the brethren individually they would consider it and support his Stewardship. He had stood once before for the Charities in the Unity Lodge. On this occasion he hoped they would do the very best they could for him, and show an amount that the lodge would be proud of; the Charity had a double claim, as it was the Jubilee year. The event would take place early in the coming year, and it was to be borne in mind that on this occasion their votes would be doubled.

Bro. Stephen A. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Secretary, responded on behalf of the Past Masters to the toast of their health. He said it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for himself and the Past Masters, more especially for that kind mark of favour which they had bestowed upon him for his 10 years' service as Secretary of the lodge. He hoped he should long be able to wear it, and he assured them that his association with the Unity Lodge would be, so far as it rested with him, as long as his life was given to him. He was appointed to the office of Secretary 10 years ago, and he hoped he had not disgraced it.

Bro. Parsons, P.M., also replied. Bros. J. Crook, S.W., and John T. Haly, J.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge" on their health being proposed; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of a very successful meeting, the enjoyment of which was enhanced by Bros. Packer, Harris, Budd, Bannell, Parsons, and Haly, who contributed some excellent songs during the intervals between the speeches.

HARWICH.

Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).—There was a very large and influential gathering of brethren at the Great Eastern Hotel on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the occasion being the installation for the second year of Bro.

J. H. Vaux, P.P.G. Stwd., as Worshipful Master. The room in which the lodge usually meets being insufficient to accommodate the gathering expected, the large restaurant attached to the hotel was called into requisition, and being plentifully and artistically adorned with flags, pot plants, &c., presented a very charming and handsome appearance.

The proceedings having commenced with the initiation of a resident into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M., proceeded to perform the impressive ceremony of the day, which he did in his accustomed thorough and perfect manner. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. A. J. H. Ward, P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; C. S. Whyatt, S.W.; Harold Gurney, J.W.; the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, Prov. G. Chap., I.P.M. 2342, Chap.; M. L. Sanders, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Ellis, S.D.; J. Downie, J.D.; H. G. Everard, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; Salter, Green, and Goodall, Stwds.; and Job Smith, Tyler. The W.M. proposed the re-election of Bro. Clowes, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as representative of the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, remarking that Bro. Clowes had filled that position on their behalf for many years, and they could not have a better brother to look after their interests. Bro. A. J. H. Ward seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. Bro. A. J. H. Ward then asked the W.M. to accept at the hands of the lodge a Past Master's jewel as a tangible proof of the esteem in which he was held amongst them. When a year ago they elected Bro. Vaux to the chair, they felt certain he would make a thoroughly efficient W.M., and past events had confirmed their prognostications. The brethren felt much indebted to him for consenting to preside over them another year, and trusted that he would look upon the jewel as an earnest of their gratitude. Bro. Ward then placed the jewel on the breast of Bro. Vaux amidst the hearty plaudits of those present. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the presentation. He said he was very grateful for the kind feeling which had prompted the gift, and should always wear the jewel with pride. In taking the chair last year, he determined to do his best for the welfare of the lodge and it would be his endeavour to do the same during the coming 12 months. The jewel, which was specially designed and very handsome, bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. J. H. Vaux by the Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge as W.M. during the year 1891-2." The W.M. then stated that, feeling desirous of acknowledging the kind and efficient services of their Secretary, Bro. Sanders, he would ask him to accept a Secretary's jewel at his hands. Bro. Sanders, in acknowledgment, said the present had taken him greatly by surprise, and he felt quite unequal to thanking adequately their W.M. for that proof of his esteem. On the motion of Bro. A. J. H. Ward, seconded by Bro. G. T. Helsen, P.M., the W.M. was appointed to represent the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds to head the list.

The visitors present having heartily greeted the re-installed W.M., the lodge was closed, and a banquet afterwards took place.

HOWDEN.

St. Cuthbert Lodge (No. 630).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The weather was very unpropitious, and prevented many from leaving their homes. There were present Bros. H. Shaw, W.M.; W. Turton, I.P.M.; T. Colson, S.W.; J. T. Emmott, J.W.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, Chap.; H. B. Anderton, Treas.; W. L. Rowntree, Sec.; J. G. Loam, S.D.; E. Shaw, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; and G. Brindle, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. J. Corris, 57, P.P.G.R.; Capt. Stringer; J. Cawthorn, 458, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Constable, I.P.M. 1482; and Greenbury, 242.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Anderson, P.M., P.P.G.S., duly installed Bro. T. Colson in the chair of K.S., who invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Shaw, I.P.M.; Emmott, S.W.; Loam, J.W.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, Chap.; Anderton, Treas.; W. L. Rowntree, Sec.; E. Shaw, S.D.; J. Armstrong, J.D.; G. Brindle, I.G.; E. G. Everingham, Org.; and W. Drury, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to Bowman's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Walsley, and the accustomed Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

LEICESTER.

St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—This old and flourishing lodge, which last year celebrated its centenary, held its first regular meeting after the recess on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when the W.M., Bro. J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007, P.P.S.G.W., was supported by his officers, Bros. E. Holmes, S.W.; C. Bennion, J.W.; H. Pickering, Secretary; R. Michie, P.M., Treasurer; W. D. Grant, S.D.; C. Lakin, J.D.; J. Clifton, D.C.; W. Richter, Org.; W. H. Noble, I.G.; J. Butcher and M. H. Pearson, Stwds.; J. Tanser and J. Dunns, Tylers; and the following Past Masters—Bros. C. E. Stretton, S. Cleaver, C. Gurden, and W. M. Williams, P.G. Reg. The members of the lodge were present in full force, and a large number of visitors testified to the popularity of the W.M., and the cordial fraternal relation which exists between this, the mother lodge of the province and the other lodges. Among the visitors were Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Abraham Pemberton, P.M. 1030, P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; C. Lowenstein, P.M. 1007; T. Colman, P.M. 1205; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M. 1391; C. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; G. Jessop, P.M. 2081; J. Kidney, P.M. 2081; and T. Forknall, 1161.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, Deputy Prov. G.M., was received and honoured by the brethren assembled in due form, for which the D.P.G.M. returned thanks. Minutes of the last regular lodge held on June 3rd were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. B. A. Shires, 2028, as a joining member, which proved successful. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. S. Cowling and J. Bond as candidates, which being successful, they were duly initiated by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. The address to the candidates was given by Bro. W. M. Williams, P.M., and the charge by Bro. C. Gurden, P.M. The large amount of business before the lodge, consisting of the appointment of members to serve on various Committees connected with the Craft, was very expeditiously dealt with. Upon the proposal of the W.M.,

seconded by Bro. S. Cleaver, P.M., the nomination of Bro. H. Pickering, Sec., to serve as Prov. Grand Steward, was unanimously confirmed. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. E. Holmes, S.W., seconded that the sum of five guineas be given to the fund being formed for the relief of Bro. Gould, the historian of Masonry, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D. Prov. G.M., who has charge of the fund in this province. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, Bro. W. M. Williams apologised for the delay in bringing out the book of the proceedings at the centenary of the lodge, caused by the extreme difficulty of obtaining a good photograph of the first minutes of the lodge in 1790, and expressed a hope that it would be ready for distribution in November. Apologies were received from Bros. Kelly, P.P.G.M., I.P.M.; J. O. Law, P.M.; and others. A collection was then made on behalf of a poor and distressed brother. "Hearty good wishes" were given from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Leicestershire and East Lancashire and Lodges 523, 732, 1007, 1130, 1161, 1265, 1330, 1391, and 2081, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to supper, which was fully enjoyed after the arduous labours of the evening. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, the reply of Bro. A. Pemberton for the toast of "The Visitors" being very humorous.

Songs were contributed by several of the brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a happy conclusion at a somewhat late hour.

MALDON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1024).—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the members of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. John Hutley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by that energetic and hard-working Mason, Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and at its close the officers for the year were invested as under: Bros. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; W. Clover, S.W.; C. R. Finch, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. J. Sanson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. George Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; C. R. Gowers, S.D.; F. H. Bright, J.D.; R. Ordewell, Org.; H. Finch and J. W. Samms, Stwds.; and G. Burns, Tyler. As representative of the lodge to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G.O., was re-elected, and the same brother was appointed to act as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1892.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel.

MARPLE.

Lodge of Benevolence (No. 336).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Jolly Sailor Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. J. Twidale W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies consisted of two passings, which were performed respectively by the W.M. and Bro. John Radford, I.P.M., both being very cleverly done. Bro. Fielding, Sec., presented the working tools, and the charge was impressively given by Bro. J. C. Wilson, S.W. Bro. John Phythian, P.M., was elected Charity representative. This is the first time we have had the pleasure of visiting this lodge since the new rooms have been completed, and we heartily congratulate the members of the lodge upon the great improvement. The lodge has been handsomely furnished (by Bro. George Kenning, of London), and the whole of the floor of the room is covered with a rich carpet, with border, the latter being presented to the lodge by Bro. J. Elton Bott, I.G. We consider it one of the handsomest lodge rooms in Cheshire.

At the conclusion of the business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where a capital tea had been provided.

When the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs, &c., given by various brethren.

There were present Bros. J. Radford, I.P.M.; Jesse Tymms, P.M.; T. E. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.T.; T. Schofield, P.M.; Ralph Andrews, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Hardy, P.M.; John Phythian, P.M.; J. C. Wilson, S.W.; T. Mather, J.W.; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Fielding, Sec.; J. Crompton, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Bott, I.G.; J. Taylor, W. J. Creeser, W. Mortimore, G. H. Barnes, and M. Middleton. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Grime, 286; R. Alcock, 361; W. Taylor, 320; R. S. Holland, S.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730, Sec. 2359; and G. S. Smith, P.M. 2359.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.P.G.S.B., as W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. Elam, as I.G.; B. Fearnside, Org.; C. H. Bowmaker, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.I., Tyler; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Brown, W. Tyler, G. Reed, W. Trigg; A. Prevost, G. E. Underwood, G. F. Vandervord, J. Pritchard, and W. T. Darke. Visitor: Bro. W. J. Cooper, W.M. 1817.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. T. Darke was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Henry Brown, jun., initiated. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 14th inst. Among the officers present were Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; and Davis, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.W., was unani-

mously elected W.M.; Bro. J. T. Briggs re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The Audit Committee was appointed to meet half an hour before the installation meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Col. Cumings, S.W.; Capt. Perry, J.W.; and others.

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

A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

WORKINGTON.

Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, South Watt-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Rees Thomas, W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. L. Ward, P.M., P.P.G. Purs., and the following invested as officers: Bro. J. Kerby, I.P.M.; F. Appleyard, S.W.; C. W. Nicholson, J.W.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; L. Ward, Treas.; H. Wynn, P.M., P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Nicholson, S.D.; J. Menedy, J.D.; J. Davidson, D.C.; S. Bethel, Org.; T. E. Bedford, I.G.; J. R. Bell and F. Neil, Stwds.; and T. B. Roxby, Tyler.

When the lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.S.G.W. of Victoria, was reported and admitted and saluted, and after the investiture of the officers, Bros. Lamonby and Dalrymple, by request of the newly-installed Master, delivered the customary addresses. The general business of the lodge having been transacted, and a vote of thanks to the Installing Master passed, Bros. Ward and Dalrymple were invited to unveil and present to Bro. Joseph Kerby, I.P.M. of the lodge, a beautiful oil painting of himself from the members of the Curwen Lodge. Bro. Dalrymple said nothing could give him more pleasure than, at the request of the newly-installed Master, Bro. Thomas, to discharge the duty he had been invited to perform, and more so from the fact that the I.P.M. of that lodge not only merited the respect of its members, but the province. It could not be said he was an old Mason, but, without a word of fiction, he had been an earnest one. From the day of his first appointment to office to that of the ancient chair, the work of the lodge had been carried on with a precision worthy of admiration, and it was his genial manner to others, actuated by the purest motives for the well-being of his lodge and the Craft, that the members of that lodge desired him to be the recipient of that well-executed work of art, to perpetuate in some measure the memory of one that they could not but designate a pillar of strength by word and practice in that his mother lodge; and it was not only the united wish of the members of 1400, but all the brethren present that their worthy Bro. Kerby and family, who one and all have a voice in the Masonic Charities, would be long spared to enjoy that handsome gift. Bro. Kerby feelingly replied, and thanked the members of the lodge for their quite unexpected present, and said that in the time to come as in the past no effort would be wanting on his part to try and further the interests of the lodge, also that of Masonry, which had been a source of great pleasure to him since his initiation.

With "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 371, 477, 872, 902, 1002, 1267, 1660, 1989, and 2285, the lodge was closed, and at the invitation of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to Bro. Davidson's Commercial Hotel, where a banquet was well served, and with loyal and Masonic toasts and a few capital songs a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The following members and visitors signed: Bros. R. Ward, P.M.; J. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Wm. Bellingham, D. Bray, J. Reed, W.M. 371; T. Annison, S.W.; J. O. Scott, S.D.; T. Dixon, 477; J. Messenger, Tyler 371; H. Burns, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Purs.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; J. J. Little, S.W.; D. Reece, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Bosward, Sec. 1267; T. Miller, J.D.; J. Wakefield, W.M. 1660; W. Shaw, J.W.; H. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Singers, D.C.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; J. Bewick; E. Jackson, J.D.; Wm. Heathcote, W.M. 1989; C. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; L. Rumney, J.W.; J. Telford, J. Warwick, 2285; and others.

Royal Arch.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Comps. E. A. Harris, M.E.Z.; Hardy, H.; R. Kimpton, P.Z., acting J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Rivers, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Fry, P.S.; Captain Walls, P.Z.; Cleghorne, P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; and Ellborn, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The resignation of Comp. W. Rist, P.Z., was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; N. Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Recknell, P.Z., responded in a neat speech on behalf of "The Visitors."

In proposing "The S.E. and Treas.," the M.E.Z. spoke in terms of high commendation of the working capabilities of these companions. He said that it was entirely owing to the great care displayed in husbanding the funds that the chapter was in such an excellent condition.

This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Davis and Harfeld acknowledged the compliment.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This chapter, one of the most prosperous in the South of London, met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st instant. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. Salter, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., acting H.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., acting J.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; Sims, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., G. Treas., Treasurer; Smith, P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; and W. W. Westley, I.P.Z. Among the visitors were Comps. Hartley, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; Eedle, P.Z. 141; Bailey, S.N. 177; and Tichenor, 2 (U.S.A).

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken, Bros. J. T. Parratt, 1381, and Henry Whitney, 861, were ably exalted

to the Degree of the Royal Arch by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. W. W. Westley, I.P.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. G. Gardner, P.Z.; Dowling, H.; and Austin, J.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served as usual by Comp. W. T. Buxton, the genial and obliging host.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Comp. G. Everett, Grand Treasurer, responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a very able manner. Without straining at effect, he invariably succeeds in saying something that interests without boring his audience.

In replying to the toast of "The Exaltees," Comps. Parratt and Whitney expressed themselves as being gratified, not only in being admitted to the Kennington Chapter, but with the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony.

Comps. Tichenor, Hartley, Eedle, and Bailey acknowledged "The Health of the Visitors."

Comp. Westley responded on behalf of "The P.Z.'s"; Comps. Everett and Higgins for "The Treasurer and S.E.," and Comps. Sims and Smith for "The Officers."

During the evening Comps. Everett, Lundie, Buxton, Eedle, and others vocally entertained the companions.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The regular convocation of the companions of the above powerful chapter took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Comp. E. Palmer, M.E.Z., presiding as Z. in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Sydney Clarke, M.E.Z. Among the other companions present were Comps. C. H. Lawson, H.; E. Morris, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G. 1st A.S.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., S.E., P.P.G.P.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; J. H. Roberts, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.) and P.Z. 1472; C. H. Clapham, S.N.; W. C. Taylor, P.S.; G. Nichols, 1st A.S.; W. Busbridge, 2nd A.S.; F. Tyler, Org.; C. Warren, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. D. K. Summers, 913, was unanimously elected by ballot, and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome and commodious hall of the Mortar Hotel, Comp. Mason's newly erected and elaborately fitted and furnished establishment, opposite the Royal Arsenal main gate, where a lovely little banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by the companions.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, and enlivened by the splendid instrumentation of Comps. Tyler and Horton, and the fine singing of Comp. Hoobson and others, as also that of Mr. Mason, the son of the proprietor of the hotel.

The admirable working of Comp. Palmer and his colleagues in the chapter, and the after banquet amenities made the occasion a most effective and enjoyable one.

RIPLEY.

Okeover Chapter (No. 1324).—The anniversary meeting of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Present: Comps. H. Basil Boag, M.E.Z.; Douglas Upton, H.; J. Cook, J.; R. Wilkes, S.E.; J. T. Lee, S.N.; J. Sladen, 2nd A.S.; J. Allen, P.Z., P.P.G.S., Treas.; J. Storer, Janitor; A. Schofield, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; W. H. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.Z., Prov. G. Std. Br.; and J. Tealby. Visitors: Comps. Abraham Woodiwi, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Percy Wallis, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C.; T. E. Yeomans, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Fielding, and W. H. Lumley.

The chapter was duly opened, and the minutes read, after which Comp. Douglas Upton was installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. H. B. Boag, P.Z., Prov. A.G.D.C.; Comp. Jos. Cook as H. by Comp. Upton, M.E.Z.; and Comp. R. Wilkes as J. by Comp. Cook, H., all the ceremonies being rendered in an exceedingly impressive and effective manner. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. T. Lee, S.E.; J. Tealby, S.N.; J. Allen, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj., Treas.; J. Sladen, P.S.; F. E. Briddon, 1st A.S.; J. Clarke, 2nd A.S.; J. Clark, P.Z., D.C.; and J. Storer, Janitor.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a splendid banquet at the White Lion Hotel, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Dark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The above lodge held its quarterly meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Captain G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Kennedy, I.P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., S.W.; Colonel E. Vansittart, J.W.; W. J. Akers, M.O.; F. Reed, P.G.I.G., S.O.; J. Farrier, R. of M.; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; C. Canning, I.G.; W. Betts, D. Jenkinson, P. Fowler, Captain G. Hearn, S.O. 411; and D. Gooding, 43. Bro. R. Gooding, P.M. 1536, was advanced by the W.M.; and at the refreshment board the usual loyal Mark, Masonic, and lodge toasts were honoured, and a few hours spent in brotherly love and social harmony.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Evans, W.M.; King, S.W.; Lyell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; Russell, I.G.; Folkard, Barclay Perkins, Livett, Steele, Sandals, Cheese, Langdon, Ellson, and Lea.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The ceremony of

raising being announced, and Bro. Lea having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Lea raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. King was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the new premises, 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. H. Nuding, W.M.; J. W. Drysdale, S.W.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; J. B. Corp, S.D.; D. G. Imlay, J.D.; J. Corp, I.G.; Dr. A. E. Barrett, H. G. Hart, A. Leighton, W. Rowley, R. M. Minton-Senhouse, R. S. Horne, T. R. Barrington, W. A. Buckland, G. H. Carter, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler. Visitor: Bro. C. H. Denny, 1671.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the three brethren proposed on the 8th inst., and it was unanimous in their favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Dr. Barrett having volunteered his services as candidate, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the candidate re-admitted, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a most able manner. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Rowley volunteered to act as Master elect. Bro. Nuding then rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. J. B. Corp was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the first ceremony, the charge, and 1st and 2nd Sections of the Second Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith (being the officers' night of the mother lodge), when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; H. J. F. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; J. Scharien, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; H. Blackman, R. Reid, J. Banks, P. Cronin, R. Phillips, and P. J. Davies.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Banks offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. A. Williams. The W.M. having risen, it was announced that Bro. Reid had been duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Read, P.M. 511, W.M.; John Davies, P.M. 169, S.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; E. 1 hos. Ginder, I.G.; T. Middleweek, Stwd.; J. K. Allman, P.M. 1425; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; J. Sims, P.M. 834; James Stephen, P.M. 1425; M. J. R. Dundas, J. T. Shapcott, R. W. Board, A. Clark, and W. Chapple. Visitors: Bros. Alfred Collett, Buenos Ayres; K. N. Larter, 1791; W. Hide, 1275; R. Reid, 1275; and C. J. Fox.

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, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Bro. Mote; 2nd, Bro. Allman; 3rd, Bro. J. Davies, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jobson; 4th, Bro. J. Davies; and 5th, Bro. J. Davies, in the absence of Bro. Cursons. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Bro. A. Williams; 2nd, Bro. W. Hillier; 3rd, Bro. G. Read. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Reid, Hide, and Fox were elected members. A vote of thanks to the presiding officers and brethren who had worked the Sections was unanimously passed, and acknowledged by Bro. Read. Bro. Sims expressed his thanks for the sympathy of the brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; E. H. Bury, J.D.; W. E. Manning, I.G.; J. H. Collingridge, R. Loomes, and T. E. Newman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Collingridge answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Harding vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Collingridge. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harding being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The meetings of this lodge have now been resumed, and at a meeting held at the Wheatstall Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., on Thursday, the 15th inst., there were present Bros. T. J. Head, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; G. Higginson, Deputy Preceptor; G. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. F. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; Catling, S.D.; Larter, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; J. Brown, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; H. Elkin, Kington, Stonhill, Arnott, and Gane.

The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel, P.M., acting as the candidate, after which Bro. Spiegel worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture, the Deputy Preceptor putting the questions. The lodge was then opened in the Second De-

gree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the efficient manner he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. B. H. Dames, W.M.; T. C. Dyer, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; and P. Howard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Howard acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. 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 17th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; R. H. Wimpey, S.W.; F. Walden, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; J. Davies, P.M., S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; W. S. Whitley, I.G.; J. Cox, Stwd.; A. Williams, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; L. J. Powell, W. Hyde, H. Bone, R. Reed, F. Craggs, W. F. Harbord, and W. S. Clark.

It was officers' night of the mother lodge, and the lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Powell offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bros. Bright and Harbord acting as candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and was afterwards closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, M.E.Z.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, H.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Davies, H. 733, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; H. F. Williams, 834, 1st A.S.; T. Jobson, 733, 2nd A.S.; and J. Cox, 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cox being candidate. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, and "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded, the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).

This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 9th instant. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights T. Wood, E.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C., acting 1st Capt.; L. Steele, 2nd Capt.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; C. Steele, Expert; N. Prower, M.A., C. of G.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; and H. Hills, D. of C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. C. Pratt was impressively installed as a K.T. by the E.C. Sir Knight Sir Love-Jones Parry, Bart., was elected as E.C., and Sir Knight Major F. J. Stohwasser as Treasurer. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a Past Commander's jewel was voted to the E.C. The resignation of Sir Knight J. H. Dodson, P.E.C., was received with regret. Sir Knight F. W. Driver, P.E.C., gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Gould Testimonial Fund." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Major Stohwasser, Treas.; W. Paas, P.E.C.; W. Maple, O. Berry, Egbert Roberts, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The E.C. being compelled to leave, deputed Sir Knight H. J. Lardner to preside, which he did most ably. The ordinary toasts received full justice.

MANCHESTER.

St. Joseph Preceptory (No. 9).—The regular conclave was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and the roll called. The ballot was taken for Comp. G. A. Myers, J. 1730, and being duly elected was installed by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, P.E.C. The election of Treasurer was unanimous in favour of Sir Knight Lean, and Sir Knights Richardson and Smith were elected Auditors. The election of E.C. for the ensuing year was in favour of Sir Knight Robinson. The following sir knights were present: Sir Knights W. F. Lean, P.E.C.; J. Hindley, E.C.; E. Pike, P.E.C.; Duncan, J. T. Richardson, P.E.C.; W. Southern, G. S. Smith, Org., and J. H. Marsh.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On the recommendation of the Charity Committee the following resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting of Provincial Lodge, at Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, the 14th inst.: "That this Province of West Yorkshire, wishing to celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to perpetuate the name of its illustrious Grand Master, pledges itself to raise a sum sufficient to purchase a presentation for men, to be called the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.'" A circular has been issued signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee soliciting the support of the lodges in the province towards the object, and we have no doubt, judging from the well-known character of the brethren for devoted loyalty to their chief, that it will meet with a liberal response.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; but Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, was absent through illness, and the announcement of his illness was regretfully made by Bro. Brett. The Junior Vice-President's position was occupied by Bro. Vallentine, G.P. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Garrod, Wm. P. Brown, J. B. Grieve, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, David D. Mercer, George R. Langley, S. V. Abraham, H. G. Morse, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. Bunker, A. C. Woodward, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, L. C. Haslip, George Read, T. W. Whitmarsh, Walter Hopekirk, G. Adamson, T. Wills, R. T. Sutcliffe, T. Shorrocks, Hugh E. Diamond, C. N. McIntyre North, J. Brown, James Cookson, Herbert Finch, J. Ricks, H. Massey, F. J. Cusworth, George Mickleby, J. J. Bertems, J. M. McCullough, Charles B. Cooper, F. W. Hancock, B. Cundick, Horace S. Foster, L. A. Chasteanneuf, L. C. Shipton, Arthur Blenkarn, W. P. M. Penrose, Alfred Moore, Edward Triggs, W. Masters, C. Mansfield, G. Coop, E. C. Mulvey, F. Ingle, F. G. Sison Ham, G. M. E. Hamilton, C. W. Frommholz, T. Tobin Willcox, W. F. B. McQueen, D. Radcliffe, and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the M.W.G.M. made at last meeting to the amount of £250. There were 34 new cases on the list, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Derby, Penryn, Worcester, Ilford, Nottingham, Devonport, Burnley, Denton, Sunderland, Dartford, Plumstead, Hitchin, Elland, Gibraltar, Bridgwater, Windsor, Glossop, Manchester, Maidenhead, Bristol, Bellary, Portland, Stockport, Wymondham, and Liverpool. The list was exceptionally a strong one, the number of years for which petitioners subscribed to their lodges being far above the average. In one case the subscription was for 34 years, one was for 25½, three were for 25 years each, while the others were respectively 24, 23½, 21, 19½, 18½, 18½, 18, 17½, 17½, 15½, 15½, 14½; 3 were for 12½ years each, and the remainder of the larger ones were 12½, 11½ and 11 years. Two of the cases were dismissed, and four were deferred; the remainder were voted a total of £970. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, and three of £50 each; four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30 each. Eight grants were made of £20 each, and five of £10 each. The Board sat three hours and a quarter.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Bro. Joseph P. Hornor, Past Grand Master of Louisiana, has recently been on a visit to this country, but unfortunately it has been at a time when nearly all lodges, especially in London, have been in vacation, and few opportunities have occurred to do him honour. He sailed for home on Saturday last. The Philadelphia *Keystone*, in its last issue, has the following: "Bro. Joseph P. Hornor, of New Orleans, is a tower of strength in various bodies of the Craft. A Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander of Louisiana, he is now General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States. Bro. Hornor is but 54 years of age, and is a leading member of the Bar of New Orleans, and prominent in the councils of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. At the present time Bro. Hornor is also W.M. of Perfect Union Lodge, No. 1, and H.P. of Orleans Delta Royal Arch Chapter, both of New Orleans. We have the honour of Bro. Hornor's acquaintance, and highly esteem his many superior qualities of mind and heart."

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT FROME.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., in spite of extremely inclement weather, a goodly muster of Masonic brethren assembled at Frome, on the occasion of the consecration and opening of a newly-built Masonic Hall in that town for the use of the brethren of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Lord Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. The new hall, situated in North-parade, has been built in the Egyptian style of architecture at a cost of about £1400, and is a handsome structure. It has a frontage to the street of 50 feet. To the commencement of the first floor it is of native stone, the upper portion being of Bath stone. The entrance hall is paved with tessellated tiles. On the left is an ante-room and a banquetting hall 30 feet square with a panelled, stained-wood roof. It is admirably lighted and well ventilated, and a kitchen adjoins. The lodge room is approached by a handsome flight of stairs. It is a noble apartment with open stained-wood roof, well lighted and ventilated. It contains an organ chamber with a handsome American organ of fine tone, supplied by the exertions of Bro. A. G. Hayman, P.P.S.G.W. A retiring room is lighted by an oriel window. The lodge room is 40 feet by 30 feet, and has been very handsomely decorated. Two handsome pillars, surmounted

with globes, were the gifts of Bro. Hayman, P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. A. Duckett, P.P.J.G.W. Bro. P. Edinger, J.W., was the honorary architect, and has carried out his duties admirably, and the same may be said of Messrs. Hodder and Sons, builders. The hall is a decided improvement to the town, as the erection has removed an eyesore in the form of a rough wall.

Among the brethren present, in addition to Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master, and R. C. Else, Deputy P.G.M., were the following, holding past or present Provincial rank: Bros. Col. Perkins, P.G.D. England; A. G. Hayman, P.M. 973; John Burnett, P.M. 291, P.P.G.W.; C. W. Radway, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Wiltshire, 973, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Hopkins, 379, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Duckett, P.M. 291, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Spill, P.M. 973, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Fry Wade, P.M. 291, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Holroyd, 973, P.S.G.D.; W. Mason, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G.R.; A. W. Moore, W.M. 973; G. R. Wilson, 973, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Gregory, P.S.G.W.; Basil A. Dyer, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, 976, P.G.C.; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M., P.G. Treas.; A. Dawes, 1750, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Hunt, P.M., 135, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 291, P.A.G. Sec.; T. F. Norris, P.M. 291, P.G.S. of W.; W. D. Hobkirk, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Pelham, P.G.S.B.; John Phillis, P.G.P.; J. Baily, 972, P.P.G.S.B.; B. C. Board, P.M. 29, P.P.G.S.B.; S. J. Lewis, 973, P.P. G.S.B.; W. Rice, 1755, P.P.J.G.D.; B. H. Watts, P.P.G.R.; T. C. Manning, 285, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Parker, 285, P.P.G.P.; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S. of Works; and F. B. Norris, 632, P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN, P.G.M., said he had no doubt that all the brethren present were fully aware of the occasion on which they were met that day—namely, to consecrate the magnificent hall in which they were assembled, and in connection with which several of the local brethren had shown much devotion in connection with Masonry, because he was sure that so fine a building could not be erected there without enormous labour and expense. He could hardly realise the fact that it was only eight months since the foundation-stone of it was laid. They would shortly hear some particulars respecting it from a brother who was much better acquainted with the facts than himself, and in the meantime he would ask them to assist him in the dedication of the hall.

Bro. HARMAN, P.P.S.G.W., then proceeded to give some detailed particulars respecting the past history of Freemasonry in Frome, which, he remarked, was an Institution there prior to the year 1811, but, unfortunately, many of the early records and the minutes had been mislaid. He referred to meetings of the lodge being held at the George Hotel, and afterwards on the Museum premises, but the latter were found too cramped, and the lodge purchased, on the 14th of July last year, the plot of ground on which the present buildings had been erected, at a cost of something like £1400, including decoration, &c., and there now only remained a mortgage of £400, a liability which it was hoped they would soon get rid of.

The ceremony of dedication was then proceeded with, and at the close alms were collected amounting to £4 15s. 10d., which it was agreed should be given to the Frome Cottage Hospital.

Subsequently the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, installed Bro. Arthur Duckett, P.P.J.G.W., as W.M. of the Royal Somerset Lodge for the ensuing year, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Moore, I.P.M.; Phillip E. Edinger, S.W.; R. Gough, J.W.; W. Mason, P.M., Treas.; T. Kirbell, Sec.; W. R. Bown, S.D.; W. H. Franklin, J.D.; W. Iggleden, D.C.; H. J. Rozea, Org.; Dr. Rattray, I.G.; C. White and C. Cross, Stwds.; and H. Haley, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards partaken of, under the presidency of the W.M.

PROPOSED MASONIC HALL FOR NEWCASTLE.

It is stated that negotiations have now been completed for the purchase of a large block of buildings in Shakespeare-street, Newcastle, for the purpose of erecting a new Masonic Hall. The main entrance will be by the street named. The object is to have the whole of the different lodges in the city under one roof, and for this purpose there will be what is known as the grand hall, where meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge can be held, also two or three halls for Craft lodges and R.A. chapters. On the ground floor will be erected a large banquetting hall. Independent of all this, arrangements are being made for the formation of a Masonic club, which will be entirely distinct from the hall, though on the same premises. The arrangements are such as to embrace all brethren in the Craft, whether resident in the country or town. The capital of the company is £35,000, divided into £1 shares.

From the recently published statistics it appears that the recent festival at Birmingham was a very great success. The total attendance was 13,179, and the total amount received, £14,384, and it is estimated that the sum available for the Charities concerned will be about £5,500; "Elijah," the "Messiah," and Dvorak's "Requiem" were the principal attractions, Bach's "Passion" and Berlioz's "Faust" standing next in order.

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