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## FREEMASONRY IN 1891.

The year which a few days hence will have run its course is by no means the least memorable in the annals of our English Craft. True, there has been no event of special importance, as in 1875, 1887, and 1888, which has, comparatively speaking, either thrown all other events into the shade, or may be considered as the cause of the good fortune which has undoubtedly attended our Society during the past 12 months. But in all the different branches of Masonic work the standard of progress as determined by the average success of the last 16 years has been well maintained. The increase in the number of lodges on the roll is less than in 1890, but on the other hand we are not aware of any diminution in consequence of lodges having fallen into abeyance or withdrawn from their allegiance to our Grand Lodge. There is the usual tale of losses to record, but none has befallen us of such serious moment as that which occurred in the summer of 1890. There is also, we regret to say, the same dissension existing, and it may well be in a more accentuated form, among the various sections of the Craft in one of our most important Colonies, nor is there, we fear, a very bright prospect of the differences among the brethren in the Colony in question being reconciled. But in England itself and wherever else in the British Empire United Grand Lodge exercises jurisdiction either on its sole account or conjointly with the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, there is a community of good feeling as there is a community of interest. In the Provinces, where the authorities are exercising a greater amount of supervision over the lodges under their control than was customary in former days, the duties of the year have been more ably discharged, and at the same time more promptly. The support extended to our Central Masonic Institutions, though more unequally distributed amongst them than in any past year we can call to mind with the exception of 1888, has been greater by not far short of £20,000 than in 1890, while the local Charities have increased both in number and efficiency. In short, if the dissension which prevails among the Freemasons of one of our British Colonies were terminated, and we could rely with certainty on the exercise of that caution in the acceptance of candidates which our leading members impress so earnestly on the lodges, we do not believe there would be found anywhere a single cause for disquietude, and we should be in a position to record that in the United Kingdom and generally throughout the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, the condition of Freemasonry had been one of sound and most gratifying prosperity.

### CRAFT MASONRY.

The number of new lodges for which since the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge in December, 1890, his Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to grant warrants is 34, as compared with 52 in the previous 12 months. For a wonder London has had the largest accession of strength in the shape of the following 13 lodges, namely, the Galen, No. 2394, intended for members of the chemical profession; the Avondale, No. 2395, which meets appropriately in the Clarence Rooms, Cold Harbour-lane, Brixton; the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396; the Columbia, No. 2397, a kind of supplementary edition of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, which, like its prototype, will afford a special home for brethren visiting us from North America; the Holborn, No. 2398; the Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399, a kind of semi-military lodge intended for members of the Ordnance Store Department who are or desire to become Masons; the Brentford, No. 2400; the Hampstead, No. 2408; the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409; the Lodge of Esculapius, No. 2410, intended for members of the medical profession; the Clarence and Avondale, No. 2411; the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, for architects; and the Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2417, which meets in the neighbourhood of Clapham Junction, and which, therefore, will have one advantage over other Metropolitan lodges of being accessible from all parts of the world, though it is to be hoped that those who purpose visiting it will not lose themselves in the intricacies of the Junction in their endeavours to reach it. The new Provincial lodges are 12 in number, Cheshire being enlarged by two, of which the Clarence, No. 2386, intended for military brethren, meets in the city of Chester, while the Avondale, No. 2389, is located at Middlewich. Durham has also had its roll extended by two additional lodges, namely, the Tristram, No. 2415, which meets in Shildon, and is named after the reverend and respected Canon who is Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and the Hedworth, No. 2418, meeting in South Shields, and bearing one of the names of the distinguished brother—Sir Hedworth Williamson—who rules the province. East Lancashire and West Lancashire have each of them added one to the roll, the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387, being the newcomer in the former Province, and the Ionic, No. 2405, meeting in the town of St. Helen's, in the latter. Kent has strengthened itself by establishing a third lodge in Chatham, namely, the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, which we trust will do honour to the gallant naval officer and worthy Past Grand Warden of England whose name it bears. The Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390, Minehead, is an accession to the roll of Somersetshire, and was consecrated by its new chief, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, while the Orde-Powlett Lodge, No. 2391, located in Middlesborough, will serve to perpetuate the name and services of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. The remaining three are the Hicks-Beach Lodge, No. 2407, which has its quarters in Stroud, and had the honour of being consecrated by the distinguished brother after whom it is named—Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire;

the Ashfield Lodge, No. 2412, meeting in Sutton-in-Ashfield, in the Province of Nottinghamshire; and the Wychwood Lodge, No. 2414, which meets in Burford, in the Province of Oxfordshire. The additions to the Colonial list are nine in number, of which three belong to Queensland, namely, the Charleville Lodge, No. 2393, meeting in the town of the same name; the Lodge of Trinity, No. 2413, Cairns; and the Lodge of Hope, No. 2419, Allora. The Eastern Division of South Africa has had its roll increased by two—the Harmony, No. 2388, Stutterheim, and the Amatole, No. 2406, meeting at Alice, Victoria East. The Victoria Lodge, No. 2392, is quartered in Accra, West Coast of Africa, and the Klip River County Lodge, No. 2401, in Ladysmith, District Grand Lodge of Natal. The St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca, is the second lodge established in Cyprus since the island came under the rule of this country, and the Borneo Lodge of Harmony, No. 2403, meeting at Sandakau, in the northern part of the island, will, we trust, prove the pioneer of many other lodges in this remote British possession.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge have been somewhat more eventful, and have therefore attracted a greater amount of attention than usual. At the Quarterly Communication in March, Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, the sole nominee for the Grand Treasurership during the ensuing 12 months, was duly elected to that office. It will be in the recollection of our readers that Bro. Everett was a candidate for the same office in 1889, but was defeated by Bro. Edward Terry. The congratulations, therefore, which he received on this occasion were all the heartier from the pluck he had exhibited in offering himself for the second time as a candidate, and a few months later the members of the lodges and chapters with which he is connected entertained him at a complimentary banquet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and at the same time presented him with a complete suit of Grand Lodge clothing to mark their sense of the valuable services he had rendered to them particularly and to the Craft as a whole, and likewise to testify the pleasure they experienced at his success. The other proceedings at the same Communication were of the usual character, with the solitary exception of the resolution which, on the advice of Grand Registrar, Grand Lodge agreed to unanimously—(1) for the deprivation of Bro. Sir Robert Stout of his "rank and status as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England," and (2) reporting him to the District Grand Master of Otago and Southland as having by his conduct in assisting to found a clandestine lodge in New Zealand brought himself within the provisions of Article 204, Book of Constitutions, "with a view to the withdrawal" of his "patent as Deputy Grand Master of that district, and to his being further dealt with by the District Grand Lodge according to Masonic law." A case of this kind is happily of rare occurrence, as may be gathered from the fact that the Grand Registrar in seeking guidance from the proceedings of United Grand Lodge found himself under the necessity of going as far back as 1816 for a precedent, while as regards the second clause of the resolution it may as well be stated here that any action on the part of the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland was rendered unnecessary by the retirement from English Freemasonry of Bro. Sir R. Stout. In April the Grand Festival was held as usual, nor would it have been necessary to refer to the occasion but for the fact that the office of Pro Grand Master, which, nearly 12 months previously had been rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, was on this occasion filled up by the appointment by his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. of the Earl of Lathom, while the office of Deputy Grand Master, which his lordship had held continuously since 1875, and which he thus vacated, was filled by the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. In September the action of the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey in suspending a lodge under his more immediate control for contumacy was sustained, while in December the Grand Registrar, feeling that the position he had advised the Colonial Board to assume towards those lodges in New Zealand from which a majority of the members had retired for the purpose of joining a Grand Lodge which the Grand Lodge of England had solemnly declined to recognise, was untenable, under the circumstances advised Grand Lodge to pass a resolution, by which every lodge in New Zealand, even though a majority of its members had seceded, would be entitled to retain its warrant and exercise its lawful privileges in accordance with the provisions of Article 219. It is needless to say that acting on this advice the Grand Lodge passed the resolution unanimously. At the same December Communication Bros. J. D. Murray, of Wigan, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, and J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, were severally nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer during the year 1892-3, while on the same occasion two resolutions were adopted amid general manifestations of enthusiasm. By the first of these, which was brought forward by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., Grand Lodge voted a contribution of £525 towards the approaching Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and by the second it was determined that in recognition of his lordship's valuable services during the last 16 years as D.G.M., a portrait of the new Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, be painted and hung on the walls of Grand Lodge.

Among other events which may properly be recorded in this part of our Summary must be mentioned: in the first place, the installation at Aylesbury in the month of May of Bro. Lord Carrington, Past M.W.G.M. of New South Wales, and P.S.G.W. of England, as Provincial Grand Master of the newly-constituted Province of Bucks, the ceremony being performed by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.M. of Berkshire; the installation at Bath in the same month by Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. of Northants

and Hunts, of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan as Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, in succession to the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon; of Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, in succession to the late Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., the ceremony being performed at Croydon by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; of Bro. the Earl of Radnor as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, in succession to the late Bro. Lord Methuen in October, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught acted as the Installing Master, and the ceremony was performed at Salisbury; and of Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, as Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, resigned, the ceremony being performed at Cambridge by Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk. On each of these occasions there was a large gathering of brethren from far and near, and the greeting accorded to the newly-installed rulers was of a most enthusiastic character. Passing to events of lesser importance, but still worthy of being noted, we find that in January the Duke of Connaught was installed W.M. of the Irish Rifles Lodge, No. 2312, while the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was presented with a founder's jewel by the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, of York. In October the Duke of Connaught presided in person at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, and announced his intention of acting as Chairman at the next Festival of the Girls' School. In April, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, laid the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Wallsend, and similar functions were performed at Paignton, by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire in August, and at Frome, in October, by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan. Some few lodges, notably the Percy Lodge, No. 198, the Lodge of Amity, No. 283, Haslingden, and the Albion, No. 196, Barbados, have had the satisfaction of celebrating the centenary of their constitution, and the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, commemorated the jubilee of the same event. There have also been sundry presentations to brethren more or less distinguished in the Craft, the most prominent cases being those of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, to whom on the 27th November a handsome gift of silver plate was made and an address presented in open Provincial Grand Lodge in commemoration of his services as ruler of the Province for 21 years; of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, to whom at the Boys' School Festival, at which he was Chairman, the brethren of West Lancashire presented a full suit of Grand Lodge clothing and a gold chain of office as Pro Grand Master; and Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., to whom, at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, his portrait in oils by Mr. Oules, R.A., was presented by the brethren of his province in token of the respect they entertain for him, and the estimation in which they regard the services he has rendered to the Province during the 21 years of his Provincial Grand Mastership. Nor must we omit to mention that a presentation was made to Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br. of England, by the brethren of Staffordshire in recognition of that brother's able assistance in connection with the organisation of lodges of instruction in the Province, and the instruction he had personally afforded them in the ritual of Freemasonry. We are pleased also at being able to announce that in the course of the year three persons of high rank have been enrolled as members of the Order, namely, the Earl of Yarborough the Hon. E. G. V. Stanley, and the Earl of Portarlington. In the case of the first-mentioned initiates, the fact of their having become members of our Order is the more gratifying, because in that of the Earl of Yarborough, his grandfather and great-grandfather were both of them distinguished Masons, while the Hon. E. G. V. Stanley is son of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, the present Governor-General of Canada, a P.G.W. of England, and P.D.P.G.M. of West Lancashire. Lastly the Quatuor Coronati, the Anglo-American, and the Empire Lodges have yet again had each of them the opportunity of exhibiting to great advantage both the useful and the ornamental sides of their character by entertaining sundry distinguished Craftsmen from the United States and the British Colonies who have visited this country during the past 12 months, the most prominent among these visitors being Bros. Clifford P. McCalla, P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, and Bro. H. H. Ingersoll, P.G.M. of Tennessee, and Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro G. Master and Past G. Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. These visits and the welcome extended by these lodges to those who make them cannot but exercise a most beneficial influence on the friendly relations already existing between the brethren in the United States and under independent organisation in our Colonies on the one hand and the Craft in England on the other.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

In ordinary circumstances the stream of Royal Arch Masonry flows placidly enough, but this year there have been a few ripples on its surface, just sufficient to show there is an under-current of vitality in this branch of constitutional Freemasonry. The number of new chapters for which warrants have been issued is 21, as compared with 15 in 1890, while the number of Provincial rulers has been increased. Of the new chapters three are attached to London lodges, namely—the Southwark Chapter, No. 879; the Kingsland, No. 1693; and the Savage Club Chapter, No. 2190, which started on its career with Comp. Edward Terry as its M.E.Z. The Provincial chapters are 11 in number, and of these the Province of Kent is in a position to claim two—the Crays Valley Chapter, No. 2147, meeting at St. Mary Cray, and the Military Jubilee, No. 2195, at Dover. The Prince Edward Chapter, No. 2109, Heaton Moor, and the Baldwin, No. 1398, Dalton-in-Furness, have been added to the roll of East and West Lancashire respectively. The Chapter of Unity, No. 1247, Plymouth, is an addition to the roll of Devonshire; the Tynwald, No. 1242, Douglas, to that of the Isle of Man; the Halsey, No. 1479, St. Albans, to that of Hertfordshire; the Plume, No. 1024, Maldon, to that of Essex; the Bisley, No. 2317, Bisley, to that of Surrey; and the Doric, No. 362, Grantham, to that of Lincolnshire. The remaining seven are located abroad, three being attached to as many different lodges in South Africa, two to lodges in India, one to the senior lodge in the Island of Cyprus, and one to the junior lodge at Cairo. To be more explicit as to details—the Transvaal Chapter, No. 1747, meets in Pretoria, South African Republic; the Sir John Brand, No. 1778, at Harrismith, in the Orange Free State, and the Prince Alfred Chapter, No. 956, at Pietermaritzburg, in the District of Natal. The Palmer, No. 988, is quartered at Sealkote, in the Punjab, and the Chapter of Harmony and Fidelity, No. 438, at Cawnpore, under the District Grand Chapter of Bengal. The Star in the East Chapter, No. 1355, illumines the Craft in the ancient city of Cairo, and the St. Paul's, No. 2277, which is attached to the lodge bearing the same name, meets at Limassol. To one chapter—that of Judea, No. 265,

meeting at Keighley, in West Yorkshire,—his Royal Highness, the Grand Z., has been pleased to grant a centenary warrant, and there have been the usual removals. The number of new Grand Superintendents is five. Comp. J. Montague Guest, M.P., has succeeded Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, resigned, as chief of R.A. Masonry in Dorsetshire, and Comp. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., is Grand Superintendent of Surrey, *vice* the late Comp. General Brownrigg, C.B. As regards the old Province of Berks and Bucks, the arrangement adopted in Craft Masonry has been followed in the Royal Arch, and Comp. J. T. Morland is now Grand Superintendent of Berkshire, and Comp. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, of Bucks. There is also a new Province, Comp. Lord Kensington having been appointed to preside over the chapters in the Western Division of South Wales. As regards Supreme Grand Chapter, the noticeable proceedings are the appointment of the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Z., and of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Grand H., while at the convocation in February, Grand Chapter conferred on his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught the rank and status of Past Grand Z., and presented him with the clothing appropriate to his rank.

#### MARK MASONRY.

Fair progress has been the order of the day in this Degree, though as the communications are now held quarterly instead of half-yearly, the evidences of this progress may not be so generally apparent. The number of lodges added to the roll is 15, and of newly-registered Mark Masons 1406; while four Mark lodges have had Royal Ark Mariner lodges moored to them, and there have been issued 332 certificates of membership of that Degree. Of the 15 lodges, the Hibernia, No. 431, and the Britannic, No. 433, meet in London. The following six lodges have been added to the Provincial roll, namely, the Sarnian, No. 425, Guernsey; the Brighton, No. 426, meeting in the town of the same name, and belonging to the Province of Sussex; the Nene, No. 427, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire; the Broxbourne, No. 428, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire; the Lodge of Charity, No. 430, Birmingham, on the roll of Warwickshire; and the Stuart, No. 431, Bedford. The other seven are located in foreign parts, namely, the Keystone, No. 423, King William's Town; the Panmure, No. 435, East London, and the Pyramid, No. 437, Barkley East, all meeting in Cape Colony; the Ashlar, No. 424, Johannesburg, South African Republic; the Frontier Lodge, No. 429, Peshawur, in the District of Bengal; the Moonta, No. 432, in South Australia; and the Edaljee Khory, No. 436, Singapore, in the Straits Settlements. Of these lodges the Brighton had the honour of being consecrated by the Duke of Connaught, while Bro. Major-General Sir Charles Warren officiated at the consecration of the Edaljee Khory. The four new Royal Ark Mariners lodges are the Euston, No. 399, the Camden, No. 418, the St. George's, No. 103, and the Croydon, No. 198. At the March Communication Grand Lodge, following the example of the Craft Grand Lodge, conferred the rank and status of a Past Grand Master on the Duke of Connaught, and presented his Royal Highness with the clothing appropriate to his rank. Among other events we note that the Duke of Connaught was installed in office as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Sussex in the month of March, and that later in the year he presided at the annual meeting at Chichester of his Provincial Grand Lodge, while on another occasion he was elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner and subsequently enthroned as W.C.N. In June Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith was installed at Cheltenham by the Pro Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford, as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in succession to Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, whose term of office had expired, while amongst the changes in the leading *personnel* of the Order we have to mention the appointments of Bro. C. R. Martin to be District Grand Master of Victoria, Australia, in place of the late Bro. H. W. Lowry; of Bro. the Hon. Judge D. Grant McLeod to be District Grand Master of Burmah, in place of Bro. G. P. Travers-Drapes; and of Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., to be District Grand Master of the West India Islands. But the most important annual occurrence in Mark Masonry is the Anniversary Festival of its Benevolent Fund, which is rendering such signal services in its general, educational, and annuity branches to poor Mark Masons and their families. This Festival was celebrated at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 22nd July, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.W. On this occasion the Board of Stewards was composed of 148 ladies and brethren, and the total of the donations and subscriptions reached £1858, as compared with £2354 in 1890, when the Board consisted of 179 ladies and brethren. This shows a decrease in the amount of about £500, but we console ourselves with the reflection that such fluctuations are inevitable, and that, though the fluctuation in this instance has been in the wrong direction, there will sooner or later be a change for the better, especially when our Mark brethren learn that the funds they raise or contribute are not only being thankfully received, but at the same time usefully applied.

#### CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

Among the organisations which are included under this head the most prominent and unquestionably the most prosperous is the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which has upwards of 100 Rose Croix chapters on its roll—irrespective of those which have surrendered their warrants or are in abeyance—and which is able to boast of a most complete and well-ordered administration. The estimated value of its property, including investments, library, &c., exceeds £19,000; its receipts are considerable, and its expenditure, which includes liberal contributions to the Masonic Institutions and for charitable purposes generally, is well within its income. During 1891 two Rose Croix chapters have been added to the roll, that of Albert Victor, meeting in the town of Reading, having been consecrated by Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Grand Secretary General, and its first M.W.S. being Bro. Viscount Valentia. In the constitution of the Supreme Council, 33°, which presides over the Rite, there have been some notable changes. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke is now Grand Chancellor, *vice* Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, resigned, and Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Treasurer General in place of Bro. Major-General H. Clerke, resigned, and there are two new officers in the persons of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hugh S. Somerville Burney, Grand Marshal, and Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., Grand Chamberlain. Bro. J. H. Matthews, 33°, has taken the place of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Burney as Inspector General of the South-Eastern District. It should be added that the Degree of Rose Croix was conferred on Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way in the Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, the ceremony of perfection being performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. As regards the Order of the Temple, its financial position is sound enough, and it is possible that greater activity has been noticeable in the provinces, where the Provincial Priors appear to have bestirred themselves, especially in Kent, Lancashire, Devonshire, Yorkshire, and elsewhere. But the Order does not seem to have become much stronger, and there is still quite a number of preceptories under suspension. The

principal change among the ruling sir knights has been the appointment of Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard to be Provincial Prior of Dorsetshire in place of Sir Knight J. M. P. Montagu, who has retired on the score of ill-health. The Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine may be said to lead a sort of passive existence. It met as usual in annual Grand Conclave, but it is evident there is room for the infusion of new blood into the executive. There is no reason why this Order should not become better known and appreciated among Craftsmen, but this will not happen while the present condition of torpor continues. The Royal Order of Scotland, the Allied Degrees, the Royal and Select Masters, and the Rosicrucians furnish evidence from time to time of their existence, the Metropolitan and York Colleges of the last-named Society meeting regularly and evincing their enthusiasm by the study of the more abstruse branches of Masonic science. The Order of the Secret Monitor, also, holds high festival once a year, and the occasional addition to the roll of a new council testifies that it has been making some further progress.

#### OUR INSTITUTIONS.

The three Institutions which it is the pride of English Masonry to have established have fared prosperously, though the measure of prosperity which each has obtained has been marked by an unusual degree of inequality. In this respect, however, we are by no means surprised. The Benevolent Institution stands committed to so large an annual expenditure that anything like a serious diminution in its annual returns would create alarm in the minds of its supporters, but the Masonic Schools are not so heavily weighted, and the effects of a smaller contribution in any one year are not so greatly felt. The Girls' School had a grand success in the year 1888, when it celebrated the centenary of its foundation; but since then it has been less urgent in its appeals for support. On the other hand, the Boys' School had managed to get into bad odour with the Craft to such an extent that its incomings very seriously diminished. However, a change was made at last in the administration of its affairs, and confidence having been to a great extent re-established, the Craft set itself earnestly to the restoration of its monetary soundness with such goodwill and success that, if we except the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School already alluded to, the anniversary held at Brighton in June last has proved to be the most signal triumph in the way of Masonic appeals for support which has ever been achieved.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master of Kent, on the 25th February, when the sum received in donations and subscriptions amounted to within a few shillings of £15,880, the magnitude of this success being in great measure attributable to the exertions of the Kentish Stewards, who raised amongst them the very large total of £3484. But though the total thus obtained was slightly in excess of the amount annually dispensed in annuities, the Committee of Management—very wisely in our judgment—abstained from recommending an increase in the number of annuitants on either Fund. The Festivals in the preceding two years had yielded in each case less than was necessary to provide the annuities, and under the circumstances they considered it better to wait till next year, till the Jubilee Festival had been held, before suggesting a still further extension of the benefits of this most important Charity. Thus, when the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held, as usual, in May, only the actual and deferred vacancies were filled up, or rather we should say only the actual vacancies were filled, and the three deferred annuities on each fund provided for by the election of that number of men and widows. This meeting was held on the 15th May, when the Committee of Management submitted their report for the year, in which, after expressing their gratitude to the noble Chairman at the Festival, his Stewards, and the Craft generally, for the very handsome provision they had made towards the year's expenditure, they recommended that 20 men and 16 widows, including, in each case, the three deferred annuitants, should be elected from lists of candidates numbering 66 men and 81 widows respectively. The recommendation was accepted, and the said numbers were elected, the number of men being subsequently increased to 21 in consequence of there being a tie between two candidates for the 17th place. On the same occasion the vacancies among the Trustees of the several Funds, caused by the lamented deaths of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and Bro. William Winn, were filled by the appointment of Bro. C. E. Keyser as Trustee of the Male Fund, Bro. Henry Smith as Trustee of the Widows' Fund, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Trustee of the Sustentation of Building Fund. The Committee had also the satisfaction of reporting that a legacy of £3500 bequeathed by the late Bro. Dr. Marris Wilson had been paid over by the executors to the Institution. A few days later a Special General Meeting was held for the purpose of considering a motion for the suspension of the rules defining the privileges in the shape of votes accorded to donors and subscribers of various grades, in view of the approaching celebration of the Jubilee of the Institution, and the motion having been duly agreed to, was submitted to Grand Lodge for its approval at the June Quarterly Communication, and approved without question. The result of this move on the part of the Committee is that Stewards and contributors to the Jubilee Festival next year will receive extra privileges in the shape of votes according to the success of their canvass in the case of the former, and according to the amount of their contributions in that of the latter; the suspension remaining in force till the 30th June, 1892. As for the other events of the year relating to this Institution, they include the usual winter and summer entertainments to the inmates at Croydon and the usual Stewards' visit to the Asylum. We must not, however, close this record without mentioning the great success which has attended the efforts of Bro. James Terry and the executive generally in their efforts to obtain the assistance of a more than usually numerous Board of Stewards for the said Jubilee Festival, and the promises of support they have received from Grand Lodge and throughout the country. The Board already numbers upwards of 800 brethren, while as regards support Grand Lodge has already, at the instance of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, set a most generous example to the lodges and brethren by voting a contribution of £525.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls celebrated its Anniversary Festival in the month of May, but not with quite that measure of success which had been expected. Bro. Lord Carrington, Past Grand Master of New South Wales and Provincial Grand Master of Bucks, presided as Chairman; 266 brethren gave their services as Stewards, and the sum raised by their efforts reached £8617, or less by some £2400 than was realised in 1890. But if in this respect the School authorities are unable to congratulate themselves, they must be well content with the prominent events which have taken place in connection with their premises at Battersea Rise.

In March the Institution was honoured with a visit by the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud. The occasion was the opening of the new Hall erected out of the proceeds of the Centenary Festival, and, as may be imagined, the building was well filled with a strongly representative body of Masons composed of Present and Past Grand Officers, many of the principal officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges, and those of the Centenary Stewards who had undertaken Stewardships for the present year. These with a number of ladies, the children, the House Committee, and the staff of Governesses had the satisfaction of witnessing the simple yet impressive ceremony performed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, President of the Institution; while to add to the satisfaction of all present as well as to the general body of the Craft, the Princess of Wales most graciously acceded to the request of the executive that the new Hall should be named after her Royal Highness the "Alexandra" Hall. Later in the year the School was honoured with another visit by Royalty, the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and her daughter, the Princess Victoria Mary, the *fiancée* of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, driving down to Battersea Rise for the purpose of inspecting the School and witnessing the famous calisthenic exercises for which the children have obtained such universal praise. In the summer "Our Girls" were entertained at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, who is a member of the House Committee, and has on previous occasions evinced his interest in the Institution by entertaining the children at his country house at Buckhurst Hill. Other events to be noted are the grant of special privileges to Bro. Frank Richardson, for his valuable services in arranging matters with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and to Bros. H. A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, the Honorary Architects of the Institution, for their services in connection with the new hall. The privileges accorded to the brethren we have named were those pertaining to the grade of Honorary Patron. The elections were held, as usual, at the Quarterly Courts in April and October, there being elected at the former 19 out of 25 candidates, and at the latter precisely the same number from a similar list. Sundry changes have been made in the rules which govern the administration of the School, the changes having been made at a Special Court held on the 21st of the current month. Lastly, as showing that the School well maintains its prestige as an educational establishment, we refer to the successes achieved by sundry of its pupils at the Cambridge Middle-Class and College of Preceptors' Examinations, successes which were very properly recognised at the annual distribution of prizes held in May, by Lady Carrington.

As for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, we have nothing but what is congratulatory to say of the year's proceedings. The chief event—the celebration of the Anniversary Festival—proved a magnificent success. It was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, on the 24th June. The number of brethren who gave their services as Stewards was 767, and the total of the subscriptions and donations ultimately reached the splendid total of £29,680. Such a result, obtained, too, without the offer of any special privileges either to the Stewards or the contributors, has never been realised at any previous Masonic Festival, with the solitary exception of the Girls' Centenary, when the total amounted to £51,600, but on that occasion there were, and very properly, we think, special inducements held out to the Stewards to exert themselves in order to raise as large amounts as possible. But on this matter, it is unnecessary to say more in this record, the material point being that this remarkable success has had the effect of restoring the somewhat dilapidated fortunes of the Institution, the Festival of 1890 having realised less than £10,000. Furthermore, it furnishes unmistakable evidence that the confidence of the Craft in the administration of the School has been completely restored, so that, though we cannot hope that future Festivals will realise an equal measure of good fortune, we are not without hope that now the finances have been restored, the Craft will supply the requisite funds for maintaining it in its re-established efficiency. It is also satisfactory to know that the pupils who were sent up to the Cambridge Middle-Class Examinations, were almost without exception successful, a very considerable proportion of them obtaining honours. At the prize distribution, which took place the day preceding the Festival, the Earl of Lathom presided, and the prizes were given away by the Countess of Lathom, who expressed the satisfaction she had derived from the efficient manner in which it was conducted. Other evidences have been furnished of the favourable change which has taken place in the management of the Institution; to wit, the success of the branches of technical education which have been adopted, and the satisfactory athletic meeting which was held at Wood Green in the month of May. In short, the School is now firmly set up again, and the Head Master, the Rev. Bro. Hebbs, and the Secretary, Bro. McLeod, who have taken so important a part in obtaining these results, well deserve the increased emoluments which have been voted to them respectively by the Council. We are also pleased to know that the new arrangements in regulating the affairs of the School are working satisfactorily. The Provisional Management Committee delivered their final report in the early part of the year, and the Board of Management were elected at the Quarterly Court in April, the Board consisting of 30 members—15 London and 15 country brethren—who are elected for three years, one-third, consisting of an equal number of London and country members, retiring every year, but being eligible for re-election. This body is divided into Sub-Committees, which severally look after the finances, the petitions, &c., &c., and as we have said, so far as there has been an opportunity of judging, the new scheme works well. As regards the elections, at that which took place in April, 28 were elected out of 45 candidates, while in October, 24 were elected out of 36, five additional boys being elected on the latter occasion in consequence of the success of the Festival.

#### PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

A very considerable increase has been noticeable in the activity exhibited by the Provincial Charitable Organisations, which have been from time to time established for the purpose of affording relief to the Central Charities from the pressure to which they have been subjected of late years, and, what is of greater importance still, sundry new organisations of this character have been started with very fair prospects of success. Of this class of institution those connected with the Provinces of East and West Lancashire are undoubtedly the most important. West Lancashire has three of them, one for the education and advancement of children, with a considerable sum, amounting to from £18,000 to £20,000 invested as capital, and a fair income derived partly from dividends, but principally from donations and subscriptions by the Provincial and private lodges and chapters and their members; the Hamer Fund for providing annuities for aged and indigent brethren; and the Alpass Fund, which grants annuities to widows. All these have prospered

during the year now approaching its completion. East Lancashire has one such Institution, entitled the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which has a capital sum invested of about £10,000, and an income sufficient to enable it to render a considerable amount of help in educating and advancing the children of poor or deceased members. The Cheshire Educational Institute, which has been in existence between 25 and 30 years, has from £3000 to £4000 invested as capital, and is well supported by the lodges and brethren in the Province, while among those institutions which have been established in recent years, the most successful are the N. and E. Yorkshire, the Hants and Isle of Wight, the Devonshire, the Dorsetshire, and the Lincolnshire. In addition to these must be mentioned the Associations which have been organised by Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire, and other Provinces for the purpose of contributing Life-Governorships or Life-Subscriptions to the Central Charities, and there are also many organisations of a similar character connected with private lodges and lodges of instruction. All these kinds of Charitable organisations are valuable, whether, as in the case of the Lancashire and similar Institutions, they take upon themselves the duty of educating orphans or supporting the aged poor; or as in that of Staffordshire and other local or lodge Associations they are the medium for raising annually an appreciable amount of support for the principal Charities.

#### THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

We are able to repeat almost *verbatim* the remarks we made in our Summary of last year. The Board has continued the policy it has gradually been enabled to adopt of keeping its expenditure within its income, while at the same time it has afforded, in ample measure, the necessary relief to all cases which on inquiry are found worthy. The Returns for the 12 months from 1st January to the 30th November, 1891, are as follow: January, 1891, 19 cases relieved with £392; February, 29 cases with £1010; March, 39 cases with £980; April, 31 cases with £765; May, 30 cases with £890; June, 22 cases with £660; July, 21 cases with £615; August, 12 cases with £360; September, 24 cases with £575; October, 30 cases with £970; November, 29 cases with £710. Total for the 11 months ended the 30th ult. 286 cases relieved with £7927.

#### MASONIC LITERATURE.

Our store of literature has been enriched during the year by the publication of two works of very considerable importance. One of them is from the pen of Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge, and is entitled "Thomas Dunckerley: his Life, Labours, and Letters." This is a most admirable biography of one of the most active and energetic, as he was also one of the most distinguished, members of our Society during the 18th century. Dunckerley probably did more to strengthen and promote the success of Freemasonry than any other man of his time, and Bro. Sadler has drawn a very able picture of his life and doings, embodying in it not only what was already known of him, but also much that must have been entirely new to the great majority of his readers. By the publication of this work Bro. Sadler has not only enhanced his own reputation as a man of letters, but has at the same time done a most important service to the cause of Masonic literature. The other work is by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, the well-known Compiler of "Masonic Records," the title being the "Centenary Warrants and Jewels." It exhibits all that scrupulous care and accuracy for which Bro. Lane has so justly acquired fame, and will materially assist the brethren who interest themselves in the study of lodge history by affording them an amount of information which has never before been published. The Quatuor Coronati Lodge have continued their excellent series of Transactions and Essays on important subjects, while for purposes of reference we are glad to see the number of Provincial Calendars is on the increase, and that those already established are every year becoming more and more valuable. As for our periodical literature, what we have to say concerns chiefly this journal, which we have good reason for believing is every year establishing itself more and more firmly in the good opinion of the Craft.

#### OBITUARY.

The roll of the losses which the Craft has sustained is a long one, though we rejoice to say it does not include any Mason of equal eminence with him who died so unexpectedly in the summer of 1890. Unfortunately, however, it includes many leading brethren whose services were always available when it was felt that they would be of value to the Craft. Among the more serious losses must be mentioned Bro. Lord Methuen, who early in the year resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire, which he had held since 1853, and died a few months later; Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Bro. Lord Cheylesmore, better known as Bro. H. W. Eaton, for many years M.P. for Coventry, who was J.G. Warden in 1855; Bro. Sir J. Alexander Macdonald, G.C.B., Premier of the Dominion of Canada, who was a P.S.G.W. of England, and the representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Canada; Bros. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., P.G. Chaplain; Col. C. Hambro, M.P., P.G.D. and Past D.P.G. Master of Dorsetshire; J. L. Stothert, P.G. Std. Br.; Sir Francis Roxburgh, P.G.R., P.G.D. and Past President of the Board of General Purposes; Reginald Bird, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. of Oxfordshire; W. A. Barrett, Past G. Org.; G. H. Haydon, P.A.G.D.C.; and Henry Venn, Past G. Stwd. These were members of Grand Lodge, but in addition we have to lament the loss of Bro. Sir James Meek, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; Mark Douglas, P.P.G.D. Durham; Craig, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire; George Newton, P.P.J.G.W. West Yorkshire; Geo. McCallum, P.J.G.D. Cambridgeshire; E. T. Carlyon, Past Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall; James R. Ling, P.P.J.G.W. Cambridgeshire; the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall; and H. Miller, P.P.G. Org. Cheshire and East Lancashire, among Provincial Grand Officers; Bros. J. Blyth, J. Moon, Geo. Henderson, Rev. W. Tebbs, A. Escott, member of the Board of Management Boys' School; John C. Havers, P.M., P.Z. 5; and J. J. Berry, a very generous supporter of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, among Metropolitan Masons. There have also died Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, author of "Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry"; Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, a prominent G. Officer for many years of the Order of the Temple; and Bro. William Winn, P.M. 657, who will always be remembered as one of the greatest benefactors of our three Charitable Institutions.

#### SCOTLAND.

To the North as to the South of the Tweed Freemasonry has prospered during 1891. The previous year closed amid a blaze of enthusiasm caused by the success of the Grand Bazaar opened by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M., in Edinburgh, on the 2nd December, and much of this enthusiasm was continued into the present year by the opening of a supplementary bazaar at Glasgow, at which the goods that had never

been unpacked at Edinburgh were disposed of. The result of these efforts, which were made in behalf of the Scottish Fund of Benevolence, was announced some time ago in the shape of a net gain to the Fund of about £14,500, and as at the outset we believe it was proposed to raise a sum of £10,000, our Scottish brethren are to be warmly congratulated on the success of their scheme. By this means their Grand Lodge will now have a substantial invested capital, the interest on which alone, to say nothing of the regular contributions it receives, will enable it to relieve the necessities of its poor deserving members. We may also congratulate Grand Lodge on having raised the minimum age for the admission of initiates—except in the case of Lewises—from 18 years to the same limit as in England, that is to 21 years, not because we desire to see complete uniformity of regulation in the government of the two Grand Lodges, but because we are of opinion that as a rule men should be of full age before they take upon themselves the obligations required of them on their admission into our Order. As regards the *personnel* of Grand Lodge, regret will be felt that Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell did not allow himself to be renominated for the office of Grand Master. The good he has effected during his tenure of the office has been very substantial and will prove of enduring benefit to the Craft in Scotland and throughout the British Colonies and Possessions; but though he has retired from the more active pursuits of Freemasonry, his acts will be remembered to his advantage, while the personal kindness he displayed in their discharge will entitle him to the affection and respect of Scottish Craftsmen all the world over. Moreover, a most able successor has been found in Bro. the Earl of Haddington, who, as Grand Master Depute had already won for himself fame as a zealous and able brother. The new Grand Master Depute is Bro. Sir C. Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., while Bro. Lord Saltoun is the new Substitute Grand Master. Among matters of lesser importance we note the constitution of Inverness-shire as a Prov. Grand Lodge, with Bro. Sir H. MacAndrew as Prov. G.M.; the laying of the foundation-stone of a new church at Strathpeffer by Bro. Sir Hector Monro, Prov. G.M. of Ross and Cromartie; and the performance of a similar ceremony in respect of the new hospital at Dundee, by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.W.G.M., in September. Nor must we omit to reiterate the expression of our sincere regret at the death of Bro. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, whose services to the Craft were most valuable, and who for so many years had been at the head of the Scottish Craft in India. It is, however, some satisfaction to know that steps have already been taken in India to commemorate the virtues of our late distinguished brother, and that at no very remote period of time there will be associated with the Indo-Scottish Fund of Benevolence a new fund which will bear the appropriate name of the "Morland Memorial Fund."

#### IRELAND.

Of the proceedings of the Craft in this part of the United Kingdom, we are fortunately in a position to give a fuller account than in former years. As usual, the most prominent event has been the celebration in the Leinster Hall, Dublin, of the Anniversary Festival of the Masonic Orphan Schools, located in the Irish capital. On this occasion the prizes are distributed to the successful pupils with all possible pomp and circumstance, and not only are all the leading members of the Craft in Ireland assembled to do honour to the Festival, but there is also a very large gathering of the *élite* of Dublin society to witness the interesting ceremony. Since this event, which took place at the end of April, the authorities and friends of the Institution have been very actively bestirring themselves in order to ensure a grand success for the Centenary Festival which takes place next year, and we trust their efforts will secure the object in view. In Royal Arch Masonry there has been a change in the Supreme Grand Chapter, of which the Duke of Abercorn is now Grand King in place of the respected Comp. Judge Townshend, who has retired from office. Sundry new Masonic Halls have been dedicated, as at Donaghadee and Fivemiletown, and the meetings of the different Provincial Grand Lodges have been well attended. Lastly, a number of Northumbrian brethren visited Dublin, and were entertained with all that generous hospitality which is so characteristic of the Irish Freemason by the brethren of Lodge No. 126.

#### THE COLONIES.

To say all we should like to say of the condition of the Craft in our British Colonies and Possessions would occupy more space than is at our disposal. We must content ourselves, therefore, with the statement that generally our Society has fared prosperously. Bro. the Earl of Jersey in the month of February was presented with a loyal address of welcome by the Masons of New South Wales on his arrival at Sydney to enter upon the Governorship of the Colony, and a few months later his lordship was installed as Grand Master of their United Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. Lord Carrington. In Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., has been re-installed Grand Master, while in the other Australasian Colonies no changes of moment have taken place, except it be in the bitterness of feeling which for nearly two years has prevailed amongst the Craft in New Zealand in consequence of the irregular establishment of a Grand Lodge, which the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom have very properly declined to recognise. In India one untoward circumstance has occurred in the death, already referred to under the head of "Scotland," of Bro. Sir Henry Morland; but the Scottish Craft is nevertheless in a most prosperous state, and the most complete harmony exists between it and the English Craft throughout the limits of this vast empire. In Madras a new District Grand Master has been installed in the person of Bro. Col. Moore, and Bro. Major-Gen. Sir Charles Warren has taken formal possession of his office of District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago. In Canada, the marvellous energy of the Grand Master, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, who has been continued in office for another year, has been working wonders, and there never was a time in the history of Canada as a Masonic power independent of this country when the Craft was in a more prosperous state. The Sovereign Great Priory has suffered a second great loss by the death of Sir Knight James A. Henderson, Q.C., who only survived his appointment to be Supreme Grand Master in succession to the late Sir Knight Colonel McLeod Moore for a few months. The present chief of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada is Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q.C. In Quebec the *status quo* remains, but both in this Province and elsewhere throughout the Dominion the Craft has fared well, the Grand Master of British Columbia, Bro. Marcus Wolfe, having been especially active in his duties, and having, moreover, laid the foundation-stones of two new churches with full Masonic ceremonial. However, enough has been said to show that in the Colonies, as at home, the year 1891 has been a successful one, and will leave its mark in the annals of British Freemasonry. May the year on which we are about to enter prove as successful!

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

A Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, in accordance with a resolution of the General Committee, for the purpose of receiving the draft laws and adopting them as the laws of the Institution. The chair was occupied by Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, and the following brethren were also present: Bros. Charles Fredk. Hogard, H. Massey, John Glass, Fred. Coles, J. M. McLeod, Sir John B. Monckton, Peter de Lande Long, W. G. Kentish, W. Morley, John Tidmarsh, H. F. Nash, T. H. Gardiner, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, in moving "That the draft laws, as now submitted, be and they are hereby adopted as the laws of the Institution, in amendment of and substitution for those now in force," said that as he had addressed the Committee in some detail when these draft laws were before them, it was unnecessary for him to go now into that detail. All the Governors of the Institution had had copies of the draft sent to them, and all who were present knew the contents. There being so few present showed that the other Governors approved of the alterations. There were one or two small points he referred to on the former occasion, but he did not gather from Bro. Hedges that any corrections of what was then settled had been suggested. One point was with regard to Law 86, and the other with regard to 89. No. 86 provided that a properly qualified girl might be placed in the Institution by any person, provided such girl could be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 250 guineas in one sum, if she at the time of such payment be under the age of ten years or of 200 guineas in one sum, between that age and 11. The Committee quite agreed that the old law that the amount should be 170 guineas was utterly inadequate. If a child was admitted at eight years of age, the cost being £38 or 38 guineas, 170 guineas could not be a fair payment, and it would be an injustice to the whole body. A great deal of attention was given to the subject; returns were got; an actuarial calculation was made; and the 170 guineas was found not to be the proper actuarial result. Then as regarded No. 89, that had been considered as a new rule of very great importance. It was that "No girl shall be eligible for election or admission who has a sister in the Institution, except in the case of a family of at least five other children dependent, in which case a second child shall be eligible." Old Governors would remember that in former times two children, sisters, could go in together, and he remembered a case where two sisters were in at the same time. Colonel Creaton was then prominent on the Committee of the Institution; he (Sir J. B. Monckton) was not then one. After a conference with Miss Davis, and looking to the benefits conferred in the Craft, they now thought this rule should be altered, and having made the alteration as stated, the only point was whether the figure was too high, and whether it ought not to be four other children dependent. However they put it to the opinion of the majority, and left it now to the opinion and decision of the Court. He did not think any suggestions had been made or any difficulties raised about it.

Bro. MORLEY seconded the motion. Bro. C. F. HOGARD thought Rule 12 as to the nomination to the office of Treasurer was rather hard: "Candidates for the office of Treasurer must be nominated in writing at the meeting of the General Committee next preceding the election by a meeting of the Committee present." If brethren in the North of England wanted to nominate a brother from the North they would have to attend to nominate him.

Bro. MORLEY said any difficulty of that kind could be avoided by deputing another brother who was in London to do it.

Bro. HOGARD still thought with all due deference that there might be an addition of words to make that clear. Two or three persons had spoken to him about it.

After a discussion, in which Bros. GLASS, MONCKTON, MORLEY, KENTISH, HOGARD, and SPAULL took part, the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN then said that having served on the Committee some little time he thought that the thanks of the Court were specially due to Sir John Monckton for the very great patience, attention, and courtesy which he had exhibited during the consideration of these laws. Some of the members did not work so hard as they ought to have worked. Those who had the opportunity of being present were aware that Sir John Monckton had carried on the business of the Committee with a dignity and business-like ability which were almost peculiar to him. That was saying a great deal, and this Court must feel very grateful to Sir John Monckton for the great trouble he had taken. He therefore moved a vote of thanks to Sir John B. Monckton.

Bro. HOGARD seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., in acknowledging the compliment, said he thanked the Court on behalf not only of himself, but of the rest of the members of the Committee likewise. The whole Committee worked hard, and especially the President of the Board of Benevolence, who had rather let himself down, but who yet did so much work on behalf of the Craft. Bro. Grey might not have been always able to attend, but

he had many and great duties in the Craft to look after, and the same might be said of Bro. Frank Richardson, whom he had hoped to see present that day, but who was very punctual and regular in his attendance at the Committees.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

A most successful concert was given on the 8th instant by members of the Gavel Club at the above Institution. The Gavellers, together with their friends and the members of the Board of Management and their friends, met the boys in the large hall at seven o'clock. A number of songs, some instrumental performances, and a recitation, served to make up a most enjoyable programme. The audience proved highly appreciative of the endeavour that had been made to provide a pleasant evening, and the hearty way in which the boys responded to the invitation to join in some of the choruses, indicated considerable musical ability on their part, as well as a hearty enthusiasm which was most refreshing to everyone within hearing of their harmony.

The performances all round were exceedingly good, and it would be making unnecessary invidious distinctions to select any one item for special comment, although the comic songs certainly brought forth the greatest amount of applause.

At the close of the evening, the Rev. H. HEBB, the Head Master, proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Club for their kindness in giving the boys of the Institution such an excellent concert. He also wished their special thanks to be expressed to Gaveller H. Pritchard (Hon. Sec. and Treas.) for promoting the concert, and to Gaveller R. Clay Sudlow (Musical Director) for carrying out the details and arranging the programme.

The boys gave hearty and continued cheers in response, and Gaveller PRITCHARD returned thanks, assuring the boys that if a happy evening had been provided for them, the object of the Gavel Club in coming there had been attained, and he was sure everyone who had contributed to the programme was as pleased at being there as the boys themselves were pleased to see them.

The programme was as follows: Song, "The lads in red," Gaveller H. Gardiner; song, "The message," Gaveller J. C. Mortimer; duet (organ and pianoforte), "Trovatore," Gavellers Rutgers and Sudlow; comic song, "The magpie said 'Come in,'" and (encore song) "To sea we will go," Gaveller J. W. Cooper; song, "My friend," Gaveller Ruthven Finlayson; flute solo, "La traviata," Gaveller James A. Hamilton; song, "A bandit's life," Gaveller F. Bull; song, "Death of Nelson," Gaveller Edward Hall; recitation, "The showman," Gaveller G. E. Lewis; comic song, "The funny little fat grey man" and (encore song) "The Lord Mayor's coachman," Gaveller J. W. Cooper; song, "The powder monkey," Gaveller H. Pritchard; piccolo solo, "Kinlock of Kinlock," Gaveller James A. Hamilton; song, "The admiral's broom," Gaveller W. H. Kirby; song, "The old brigade," Gaveller F. T. Rushton; duet (organ and pianoforte), "Der Freischütz," Gavellers Rutgers and Sudlow; song, "The King's Own," Gaveller H. H. Nuding; and duet, "Excelsior," Gavellers Edward Hall and F. Bull.

Gaveller R. Clay Sudlow (Musical Director) presided at the pianoforte, and rendered the various accompaniments with his accustomed brilliancy and fine execution.

**MASONIC LECTURE AT DOVER.**

At the monthly meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, held at the Masonic Hall, Dover, on the 7th inst., a very large gathering of members of the Craft assembled to hear a lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, delivered by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., a well-known London Freemason. Great interest had been taken in the locality by Craftsmen who had had opportunities of hearing the lecturer on previous occasions, and others who had heard the "tongue of good report," so that, notwithstanding the violent storm then raging, the spacious hall was well filled by members and visitors.

The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. by Bro. A. T. Dartnall, W.M., and his officers—Bros. W. Walker, S.W.; E. Fielding, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas. (to the great and earnestly-expressed regret of the brethren, Bro. James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Secretary, was prevented by illness from attending); H. H. Goodwin, J.D.; F. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Dir. of Cer.s.; F. A. Clark, Org.; W. Thomas, I.G.; C. M. Overton and E. M. Stevens, Stwds.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. J. Falconer, I.P.M.; W. Cassford, P.P.G.P.; J. W. Bussey, G. Church, G. J. Bussey, and J. J. Wright. Among the numerous members were Bros. J. Oxenham, J. G. Worwell, F. C. Swoffer, W. Sharp, J. Beach, B. C. Morris, C. H. C. Marsh, J. Martin, L. A. Davis, J. Parsons, J. T. Hopper, J. B. Cass, G. Keen, H. W. Culpeck, and others. The visitors were Bros. C. Sims, W.M., W. W. Baker, S.W., J. Cresswell, S.D., D. H. Wilson, W. B. Sims, J. Risien, H. Warren, J. Hyde, G. N. Thorpe, and others, of 1208; T. Dartnall, P.M. 130; S. Davison, 1017; A. Boyle, 157; Capt. W. B. Baker, Sec. 2195; and others.

There being no business before the lodge beyond the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting,

Bro. STEVENS, after a brief introduction by the W.M., was speedily at work and attracting the closest attention of the brethren. It was past nine o'clock before he hastened to close an address which was full of interest, instruction, and entertainment, and even then his audience would have listened further. We may not particularise the lecture in detail in these pages, and can only therefore express our conviction that such of our lodges as have not yet heard Bro. Stevens's expositions of the allegories and symbols of blue Masonry have much to learn before they can understand "the reason why" for a large portion of what is said and done in ritual and ceremonial. We commend the present opportunities for securing his services in this respect to their notice, for in no other manner do we think it likely the Craft can benefit by his researches during many past years.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was unanimously carried, the proposer, seconder and other speakers respectively eulogising the efforts of the lecturer to expound the hidden mysteries and beautiful moral teachings with which the ritual of symbolic Masonry abounds, and expressing a hope that this second visit to their lodge might be supplemented by a third at some early opportunity.

The lodge was then closed. Between 50 and 60 of the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, and after supper spent a brief while in harmony and good-fellowship, separating at length with mutual expressions of satisfaction that a profitable evening in connection with Masonic instruction had been enjoyed by them.

**Royal Ark Mariners.**

**MARYPORT.**

**Collin Lodge (No. 151).**—The annual meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on the 17th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall. Among those present were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.W.C.N. of Keystone and F. R. Sewell Lodges, W.C.N., in the chair; Jas. Gardiner, W.C.N. 213, as J.; Thos. Mandle, S., W.C.N. elect; J. O. Scott, Scribe; J. Abbot, D. of C.; J. Nicholson, P.W.C.N.; T. Atkinson, Guardian; Geo. Dalrymple, S. 213; E. B. Pearse, R. Brown, J. Reed, J. Messenger, and others.

The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Thos. Mandle was ably installed W.C.N. by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, whose well-known working of this Degree, as well as the other Degrees in Masonry to which he belongs, is so well known in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The newly-enthroned W.C.N. invested the following officers: Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.W.C.N.; J. O. Scott, J.; J. Abbot, S.; Jas. Gardiner, Treas.; Thosma Atkinson, Scribe; Jas. Gandy, S.D.; Thomas Swainson, J.D.; J. Reed, D. of C.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Richardson, Stwd.; T. Harrison, Guardian; and J. Messenger, Warder. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Dalrymple for the able manner in which he installed the W.C.N. Bro. Collin, P.W.C.N., then presented the lodge with a R.A.M. apron, for which he received the thanks of the brethren.

After other lodge business was disposed of, with "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and at the invitation of the W.C.N. the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where a banquet was held, presided over by Bro. Mandle, W.C.N., supported by his officers, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**CANTERBURY.**

**Invicta Council (No. 14).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing council was held at the Masonic Temple, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. R. Joynes Emmerson, P.G.P.C. of W., T.I.M.; Sibert Saunders, P.G. Stwd., D.M. and Recorder; Herbert Black, P.C. of W.; Horatio Ward, P.T.I.M., P.G.C. of C., Treas.; Rev. H. M. Maughan, M.A., Chap.; A. H. Pilcher, Capt. of Gd.; Dr. R. F. Wheeler, C. of C.; J. Wood, Org.; Andrew J. Crane, Marshal; John Barnwell, Stwd.; R. Blake, Sentinel; J. E. Wiltshier, and S. Varren.

A lodge of M.E. Masters having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were unanimously approved as candidates, and were received as M.E. Masters: Bros. H. Morris, L. Seager, A. W. Southwell, C. Sims, Edwd. Hire, R. W. Philpott, G. J. Bussey, and E. Lukey. The Council was afterwards opened in the several Cryptic Degrees, and the before-mentioned brethren were duly chosen, acknowledged, and greeted as Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters, the ceremony in all four Degrees being impressively performed by the T.I.M., Comp. Emmerson, assisted by Comp. Ward, all the officers discharging their respective duties in a most efficient manner. The council proceeded to the election of T.I.M. for the ensuing year, and Comp. S. Saunders, D.M., was unanimously elected. Comp. Ward was nominated as Treasurer for the coming year.

The council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the companions adjourned to dinner at the Royal Fountain Hotel, where the evening was pleasantly terminated, the newly-acknowledged companions expressing great satisfaction at their reception into the beautiful Degrees of the Cryptic Rite.

A grand ball was given at Hatfield House by the Marchioness of Salisbury on the 17th inst. in honour of the Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, then on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness. The invitations exceeded a thousand, and among those invited were Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, Bro. Rear-Admiral and Mrs. T. H. Butler-Fellows, Bro. Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Daniel, Bro. F. F. Halsey, M.P., and Mrs. Halsey, Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., and Mrs. Maple, Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., and Mrs. Smith, and Bro. Col. Stuart.

## OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1890, TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1891.

DECEMBER—1890.

- 1.—Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrates the Festival of St. Andrew. Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., of the Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321: Comp. J. H. Preece first M.E.Z.
- 2.—Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge: Presentation of Past Pro G.M.'s Jewel to Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton. Grand Bazaar in Edinburgh in aid of the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund opened by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Presentation to Grand Lodge of a portrait of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes.—The Duke of Connaught elected Past Grand Master.—£105 voted to the Serpent Relief Fund. Annual Meeting, at Marlborough, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.
- 4.—First Anniversary Festival of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, No. 263.
- 5.—Anniversary Festival of the Moira Lodge, No. 92. Entertainment of 700 children and their parents by the Doric Lodge, No. 2359. Didbury.
- 8.—Annual Meeting, at Southampton, of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire. Annual Festival, at Southampton, of the Hants and Isle of Wight Educational and Benevolent Fund: Proceeds £366.
- 10.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 13.—Lecture in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, by Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M.
- 15.—Installation, at Reading, by the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire. Annual Meeting, at Derby, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire: Presentation to Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W.
- 18.—Annual Meeting, at Douglas, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man.
- 24.—Board of Benevolence: 27 Cases relieved with £575.
- 25.—Death of Bro. James Hlych, of the Boys' School Provisional Management Committee.
- 31.—Entertainment to the aged poor at Weston-super-Mare, by the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222.

JANUARY—1891.

- 1.—Ball at Plymouth in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund.
- 2.—Bazaar in Glasgow in aid of the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund opened by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M. Visit of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal.
- 3.—Christmas Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 4.—Death of Bro. Benjamin Banks.
- 6.—Bro. J. Ryan, Past D.G.W., lays first stone of a new Church at St. Mark's, Tembuland, in memory of the late Bro. Archdeacon Waters.
- 7.—Christmas Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.
- 8.—Consecration by Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M.M. of Cornwall, of the Mount Edgcombe Mark Lodge, No. 417, Camborne: Oration by Bro. W. J. Hughan; Bro. F. W. Thomas first W.M.
- 9.—Ball at Blackburn in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution.
- 10.—Annual Meeting at Ennisillen, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fermanagh.
- 12.—Death of Bro. W. F. Raeburn, P.M.
- 13.—Centenary Festival of the Percy Lodge, No. 198: Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., W.M. Funeral of Bro. Sir James Meek, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire.
- 14.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. Cheshire, of the Clarence Lodge, No. 2386, Chester: Bro. W. H. Finchett first W.M.
- 20.—Funeral of Bro. A. Prince, W.M. elect, City of London Lodge, No. 901.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 19 cases relieved with £392.
- 26.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Nene Mark Lodge, No. 427, Sutton Bridge: Bro. G. S. Woodcock first W.M.
- 27.—Installation of the Duke of Connaught as W.M. of the London Irish Rifles Lodge, No. 2312. Presentation of a Founder's Jewel to the Duke of Clarence and Avondale by the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, York.
- 28.—Concert at Dover in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 29.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Sewell, D.P.G.M.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, of the Sewell Mark Lodge, No. 421, Egremont: Bro. James Stout first W.M. North London Masonic Benevolent Ball in aid of the Masonic Institutions.
- 30.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: The new Code of Regulations adopted.
- 31.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., made Honorary Patron.

FEBRUARY.

- 2.—Annual Convocation at Landport of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Foundation-stone laid of a new Masonic Hall for the Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Wadebridge, Cornwall.
- 3.—Bro. W. E. Chapman installed (for the second time) W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190. Entertainment of 700 poor people by the Northampton brethren. Presentation of an address of welcome to Bro. the Earl of Jersey by the G. and Lodge of New South Wales.
- 4.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter; Rank of Past G.Z. conferred on the Duke of Connaught.

- 5.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: Union of the Old Melrose Lodge with the Grand Lodge.
- 9.—Consecration of the Sarnian Mark Lodge, No. 425, Guernsey.
- 10.—Bro. J. Fernandez installed W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.
- 11.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Sixth Annual Meeting of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association.
- 14.—Death of Bro. Mark Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.D. Durham.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 29 cases relieved with £1010.
- 25.—Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, in the chair. Proceeds, £15,880. Concert at Birmingham in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 27.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement: Bro. Lord Cremorne, P.S.G.W., Chairman. Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, of the Beneventa Lodge, No. 2380, Daventry: Bro. F. Billingham first W.M.

MARCH.

- 2.—Annual Grand Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge: The rank of Past Grand Master conferred on the Duke of Connaught.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Bro. George Everett elected Grand Treasurer. Bro. Sir R. Stout deprived of his rank as a Past Grand Officer. Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Annual Meeting, at Cambridge, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire. The Earl of Portarlington initiated by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, in the Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, Bournemouth.
- 5.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.
- 7.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Nomination of Candidates for the Board of Management.
- 9.—Funeral at Bath of Bro. J. L. Stothert, P.G. Std. Br.
- 10.—Installation, at Brighton, of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Sussex. Consecration by his Royal Highness of the Brighton Mark Lodge, No. 426: Bro. R. Willard first W.M. Concert at Rochdale in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 11.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Banquet by the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, to Bro. Lord Mayor Savory. Consecration by Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmore, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, of the Godson Lodge, No. 2385, Oldbury: Bro. A. Thompson first W.M.
- 12.—Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls opened by the Prince of Wales, and named the "Alexandra" Hall.
- 13.—Meeting at Preston of the West Lancashire Committee of Benevolence and Charity.
- 14.—Funeral of Bro. J. H. Seldon, P.M. 251.
- 16.—Annual Communication at Melbourne of the Grand Lodge of Victoria: Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., re-installed M.W.G.M.
- 17.—Consecration by Comp. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, of the Military Jubilee Chapter, No. 2195, Dover: Comp. Surgeon G. F. A. Smythe, first M.E.Z.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 39 cases relieved with £980. Consecration by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., D.P. G.M. Derbyshire, of the Hardwick Lodge, No. 2373, Chesterfield: Bro. W. W. Judevine first W.M.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397: Bro. Adolphus Clark first W.M. Annual Meeting at Bury of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire. Funeral at Harrogate of Bro. G. Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. West Yorkshire.
- 20.—Funeral at the Manor Park Cemetery of Bro. Donald Glass, P.M., Sec. No. 212.
- 23.—Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- 24.—Lecture on "Freemasonry" by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 25.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394: Bro. B. H. Paul first W.M.

APRIL.

- 1.—Foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall at Wallsend laid by Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland.
- 3.—Presentation to Bro. J. Cooper Malcolm, W.M. (second time) of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds.
- 4.—Inaugural Meeting at Inverness of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Inverness-shire: Bro. Sir H. MacAndrew, Provincial Grand Master. Foundation-stone of new Church at Strathpeffer laid by Bro. Sir Hector Monro, Provincial Grand Master of Ross and Cromarty. Consecration by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W. G.M., of a new Masonic Hall at Williamstown (Victoria).
- 6.—Consecration by Comp. W. Goodacre, P.G. Scribe E. West Lancashire, of the Prince Edward Chapter, No. 2109, Heaton Moor: Comp. W. Webster first M.E.Z. Death of Bro. Geo. McCallum, P.M. No. 88, P.J.G.D. Cambridgeshire. Consecration of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, of the Avondale Lodge, No. 2389, Middlewich: Bro. J. Plant first W.M.
- 7.—Meeting at Stafford of Preceptors, &c., under Bro. Col. Gough, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire.
- 8.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 9.—Annual Convocation of the Metropolitan College, of the Rosicrucian Society: Paper read by Frater the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon on "Rosicrucianism."

- Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: 19 out of 25 candidates elected. Funeral, at Washington, of Bro. General Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander, S.J., U.S.A.
- 10.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—Final Report of the Provisional Management Committee adopted: 28 out of 45 candidates elected.
- 11.—Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex. Lecture by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., on the "Degrees of Pure and Antient Freemasonry" before the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth. Death of Bro. Col. C. Hambro, M.P., P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. Dorsetshire.
- 12.—Death of Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Oxfordshire.
- 14.—Seventh Annual Festival of the Mark Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction: Bro. Thomas Fenn, Chairman.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Huddersfield, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Consecration by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, of the Orde-Powlett Lodge, No. 2391, Middlesborough: Bro. W. J. Watson first W.M.
- 16.—Annual Meeting, at Manchester, of the Provincial Priory of Lancashire.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence: 31 cases relieved with £765.
- 23.—Consecration by Comp. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent of Bucks, of the Dagmar Chapter, No. 2262, Wraysbury: Comp. W. Wingham first M.E.Z. Annual Convocation, at York, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire.
- 24.—Installation by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of Comp. J. T. Morland as Grand Superintendent of Berkshire.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396: Bro. G. N. Johnson first W.M.
- 28.—Consecration by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Mark Master of Hertfordshire, of the Broxbourne Mark Lodge, No. 428, Broxbourne: Bro. E. C. Mulvey first W.M.
- 29.—The Grand Festival: Bro. the Earl of Lathom appointed Pro Grand Master, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Deputy Grand Master.
- 30.—The 6th Anniversary Festival of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin. Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399: Bro. Major de Salis first W.M.

MAY.

- 2.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Secretary's Salary increased to £500 a year.
- 3.—Death of Bro. W. Smith, W.M. No. 933.
- 4.—Jubilee Festival of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford.
- 5.—Death of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Magee, Archbishop of York. Half-yearly Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland at Whitehaven.
- 6.—Annual Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter. Annual Meeting, at Bolton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. Masonic Conversazione at Torquay under auspices of Jordan Lodge, No. 1402. Annual Convocation, at Keighley, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire.
- 7.—Complimentary dinner and presentation of Grand Lodge Clothing to Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer. Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 8.—Half-yearly Meeting of the National Great Priory of England.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Mark Secretary, of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 198, Croydon: Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs first W.C.N.
- 11.—Distribution of Prizes by Lady Carrington to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 12.—Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.M. Bucks, Chairman; proceeds £8617. Annual Meeting, at Stafford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.
- 14.—Installation at Bath by Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts, of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan as Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire.
- 15.—Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, C. E. Keyser, and H. Smith, P.G.D., elected Trustees: 20 out of 66 candidates elected on Male Fund, and 16 out of 81 candidates on Widows' Fund.
- 17.—Death of Bro. Jas. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middlesex.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Dursley, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence: 30 cases relieved with £890. Special Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Rules relating to votes suspended for one year. Annual Communication of the District Grand of Otago and Southland.
- 23.—Fifth Annual Dinner of the Old Masonians: Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Chairman. The pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls entertained at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Savory.
- 26.—Installation at Aylesbury by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.M. Berkshire, of Bro. Lord Carrington as Provincial Grand Master of Bucks. Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro Grand Master and Past Grand Master of South Australia, entertained at dinner by the Empire Lodge, No. 2108. Funeral at Corsham of Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. Consecration by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, of the Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390, Minehead: Bro. F. T. Elworthy first W.M.

- 28.—Re-opening, after being in abeyance for 18 years, of St. John's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 28, Cardiff.
- 29.—Consecration by Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hertfordshire, of the Halsey Chapter, No. 1479, St. Albans: Comp. J. Purrott first M.E.Z.

JUNE.

- 2.—Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.
- 6.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 8.—Consecration by Bro. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, of the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, Chatham: Bro. F. Powell first W.M.
- 9.—Death of Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain.  
Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Mark Secretary, of the Britannic Mark Lodge, No. 433: Bro. T. W. Traill first W.M.
- 10.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 11.—Installation, at Aylesbury, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., of Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg as Grand Superintendent of Bucks.
- 12.—Special Service in Westminster Abbey in memory of Bro. Sir J. Alexander Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, and P.S.G.W. of England.  
Annual Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia,  
Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, of the Hibernia Mark Lodge, No. 431: Bro. Major Carrell first W.M.
- Annual Meeting, at Barton-on-Humber, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.
- 13.—Annual Convocation, at Hampton Court, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex.  
Annual Sports at Wood Green of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 17.—Board of Benevolence: 22 cases relieved with £660.  
Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- 18.—Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor.
- 19.—Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., of the Savage Club Chapter, No. 2190: Comp. E. Terry first M.E.Z.
- 21.—Annual Meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- 22.—Death of Bro. John Moon, Overseer of the *Freemason* Printing Works.  
Corner-stone of St. Alban's Church, Nanaimo, British Columbia, laid by Bro. M. Wolfe, M.W.G.M.
- 23.—Distribution of Prizes at Wood Green by the Countess of Lathom to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 24.—Anniversary Festival, at Brighton, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Chairman. Proceeds £29,680.  
Centenary Festival of the Lodge of Amity, No. 283, Haslingden.  
Address by Bro. the Rev. Dean Barnett, D.G.M. South Africa (W.D.), to the brethren of Cape Town.
- 25.—The Earl of Yarborough and the Hon. E. G. V. Stanley initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591.  
Annual Meeting, at Tunbridge Wells, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.
- 26.—Installation, at Cheltenham, by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.
- 27.—Annual Meeting, at Hounslow, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.  
Old Pupils' day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 29.—Annual Meeting at Mark Masons' Hall of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.  
Annual Meeting at Wilmington of the Provincial Priory of Kent.
- 30.—Stewards' Visit to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.

JULY.

- 1.—Annual Meeting, at Newbury, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire.
- 2.—Consecration by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Superintendent of Essex, of the Plume Chapter, No. 1024, Maldon: Comp. A. Barrett first M.E.Z.
- 4.—Consecration by Bro. H. D. Sandeman, G. Sec. Gen. Supreme Council, 33°, of the Albert Victor Chapter Rose Croix: Viscount Valentia first M.W.S.  
Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 8.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.  
Annual Meeting, at Thirsk, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.
- 9.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Bros. H. A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton made Honorary Patrons.  
Consecration by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, of the Charity Mark Lodge, No. 430, Birmingham: Bro. E. Mallard first W.M.
- 10.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.  
Consecration by Bro. W. Francis, District Deputy Grand Master Natal, of the Klip River County Lodge, No. 2401: Bro. W. Warren first W.M.
- 11.—Installation at Sydney of Bro. the Earl of Jersey as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
- 13.—Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge Royal Order of Scotland for London.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Bournemouth, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Toronto, of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario).  
Annual Meeting, at Maryport, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 16.—Installation of the Duke of Abercorn as Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.
- 18.—Consecration at Pretoria of the Transvaal Chapter, No. 1747: Comp. John Keith first M.E.Z.  
Installation at Madras of Bro. Col. G. M. J. Moore as Provincial Grand Master Madras.
- 21.—Annual Meeting, at Hertford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire: First stone laid of a new parish Hall by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.

- 22.—Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund: Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.W., Chairman: Proceeds £1858.  
Board of Benevolence:—21 cases relieved with £615.  
Summer Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.
- 23.—Installation at Croydon of Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., by Bro. the Earl of Lathom as Prov. G.M. and by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as Grand Superintendent of Surrey.
- 24.—Annual Meeting, at Devonport, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Maidenhead, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon.  
Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Kingsland Chapter, No. 1693: Comp. J. Cooper first M.E.Z.  
Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Province of Ontario).
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Chingford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex.
- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Liskeard, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall.
- 31.—Entertainment by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, to Bro. C. P. McCulla, P.G.M. Pennsylvania; Bro. H. H. Ingersoll, P.G.M. Tennessee; and other visitors from abroad.  
Annual Meeting, at Thornham Hall, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk.

AUGUST.

- 5.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 6.—Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 7.—Installation by Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, of Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard as Provincial Prior of Dorsetshire.  
Consecration by Bro. Major-General Sir C. Warren of the Edaljee Khory Mark Lodge: Bro. E. J. Khory first W.M.
- 8.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 9.—Death of Bro. George Henderson, one of the founders and Secretary of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319.
- 11.—Annual Meeting, at Chingford, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex.
- 12.—Consecration at Plymouth of the Unity Chapter, No. 1247: Comp. J. N. Lord first M.E.Z.  
Death of Bro. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, M.A., P.P. G. Chaplain Middlesex.
- 15.—Death of Bro. James Macdonald, W.M. 1910.
- 17.—Annual Meeting, at East Greenwich, of the Divisional Conclave of Kent, Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.  
Death of Bro. James R. Ling, P.M. 88, P.P.J.G.W. Cambridgeshire.  
Dedication of a Masonic Hall at Fivemiletown (Ireland), for the use of the Border Lodge, No. 482.
- 18.—Bro. Major-General Sir C. Warren installed at Singapore District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago.  
New Masonic Hall at Paignton opened by Bro. W. G. Rogers, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence:—12 cases relieved with £360.  
Death of the Rev. W. Tebbs, M.A.
- 20.—Window in Wrea Green Church to the memory of the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon unveiled by Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland.
- 22.—Banquet by the lodges in Kimberley to Bro. Lord Carrington.
- 23.—Dedication of a Masonic Hall at Donaghadee by Bro. Major Leslie J. Thompson, Provincial Grand Master of Down.
- 25.—Annual Meeting, at St. Austell, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall: Congratulatory Address to the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment as Deputy Grand Master of England.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge.
- 2.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.
- 3.—Consecration by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409: Bro. A. R. Trew first W.M.  
Funeral of the late Bro. F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall.
- 9.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 12.—Foundation-stone of new Hospital at Dundee laid by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W. Grand Master Scotland.
- 14.—Bro. Lord Mayor Savory made an Honorary Member of the Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.
- 16.—Annual Meeting, at Tenbury, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
- 17.—Annual Meeting, at Ludlow, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire.
- 18.—Half-yearly Meeting of the West Lancashire Charity Committee.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Glasgow, of the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta, Scotland.
- 20.—Annual Meeting, at Nuneaton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence: 24 cases relieved with £575.  
Annual Meeting, at Tavistock, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire.
- 25.—Annual Meeting, at Trowbridge, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.
- 26.—Death of Bro. Lord Methuen, P.P.G.M. Wiltshire.
- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Runcorn, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire.

OCTOBER.

- 1.—Election of Bro. the Earl of Haddington as M.W. G.M. of Scotland.
- 2.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Esculapius Lodge, No. 2410: Bro. J. Brindley James first W.M.  
Death of Bro. Lord Cheylesmore, P.G.W.  
Annual Meeting, at Liverpool, of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution: six children elected.
- 3.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 5.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge, No. 2411: Bro. Basil Stewart first W.M.

- 6.—Annual Meeting, at Stockton-on-Tees, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.  
Presentation by the Brethren of Staffordshire to Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.
- 8.—Annual Meeting at Stockport of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire.  
Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: 19 out of 25 candidates elected.
- 9.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: the Hubert Laws Perpetual Presentation purchased by Northumberland for £1050; 24 out of 36 candidates elected.
- 12.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G. S.R., of the Penrose Dunbar Council, No. 20, Order of the Secret Monitor: Bro. J. W. P. Brickwood first S.R.
- 13.—Dedication of a new Masonic Hall at Frome by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somersetshire.
- 14.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.  
Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and her daughter, Princess Victoria, visit the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.  
Meeting at Sowerby Bridge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Liskeard, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Shepton Mallet, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Barrow, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire.  
Presentation to Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd, Provincial Grand Chaplain Essex, by the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, Kelvedon.
- 17.—Death of Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.
- 19.—Northumbrian Masons fêted by Lodge No. 126, Dublin.  
Lecture by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., at the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend.
- 20.—Lecture by Bro. F. C. Crossle, Prov. G. Sec. Down, at Dungannon, in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 30 cases relieved with £970.
- 22.—Annual Meeting, at Brighton, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.  
Annual Meeting, at St. Helier's, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey.  
Annual Meeting, at Oxford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire.
- 26.—The Duke of Connaught elevated as a Royal Ark Mariner and enthroned W.C.N.  
Annual Meeting, at Chichester, under the Duke of Connaught, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Hampstead Lodge, No. 2408: Bro. A. Miller, M.D., first W.M.  
Meeting of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Blackpool, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire: Presentation to Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Torquay, of the Provincial Priory of Devonshire.
- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland.  
Annual Meeting, at Poole, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.
- 31.—Installation at Salisbury by the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., of Bro. the Earl of Radnor, as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire.  
Half-yearly Meeting, at Leeds, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.

NOVEMBER.

- 4.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.  
Annual Meeting, at Sheerness, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent.
- 5.—Address by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean of York at the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.
- 6.—Annual Meeting, at Wigton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 7.—Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 9.—Jubilee Anniversary of the birthday of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.  
Death of Bro. G. H. Haydon, P.A.G.D.C.
- 11.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 13.—Meeting at Halifax of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. G. R. Harriott, P.P.G.M. Wigtonshire, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca, Cyprus: Bro. F. O. Harvey first W.M.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., of the Hicks-Beach Lodge, No. 2407, Stroud: Bro. R. J. Weston first W.M.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 29 cases relieved with £710.
- 20.—Installation at Cambridge by Bro. Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, of Bro. Colonel R. T. Caldwell as Provincial Grand Master Cambridgeshire.
- 21.—Funeral of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., Treas. No. 554.  
Consecration by Comp. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Scribe E. West Lancashire, of the Baldwin Chapter, No. 1398, Dalton: Comp. W. J. A. Baldwin, first M.E.Z.
- 23.—Annual Meeting, at Hitchin, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire.
- 24.—Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., installed W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910.
- 26.—General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.  
Meeting at Crewe of the Cheshire Provincial Committee of Benevolence.  
Consecration by Comp. Major Smyth, Grand Superintendent Lincolnshire, of the Doric Chapter, No. 362, Grantham: Comp. B. H. Russell first M.E.Z.
- 27.—Half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire: Presentation to Bro. Colonel Starkie, P.G.M.  
Consecration by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. Durham, of the Tristram Lodge, No. 2415, Shildon: Bro. John Reid first W.M.
- 30.—Consecration by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416: Bro. H. Lovegrove first W.M.

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To Correspondents.

The length of our Annual Summary this year crowds out a number of lodge reports and other communications, which will duly appear in the next issue.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the somewhat earlier publication than usual of this week's issue of the *Freemason* to offer to our readers and friends the customary "Hearty good wishes" at this festive season. We trust their Christmas holiday, be it of long or short duration, will be agreeably spent, and afford them infinite pleasure as well as prove a relief from the cares and responsibilities which devolve on them during their ordinary avocations.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Terry has at length succeeded in obtaining the support as Chairman at the approaching Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of one of the kindest as well as one of the most distinguished members of the Craft. He endeavoured in the first instance to enlist the sympathy of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales who, as M.W. Grand Master, is President of the Institution, and who, therefore, would have been the most suitable, from his official position, as he would also have been the most illustrious Freemason who could have presided on such an occasion; but the numerous demands on the Prince's time, and above all, the approaching marriage of his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, have no doubt prevented his Royal Highness from acceding to the request.

Again, the Duke of Connaught, as our readers are aware, has already undertaken to preside at the Girls' School Festival, and the Duke of Clarence will be prevented by the same reason as his father. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, was Chairman at last year's Festival of the Boys' School, but next in rank to his lordship comes Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who will thus signalise his appointment as Deputy Grand Master by presiding at this important Festival. That his services to the Institution as Chairman will be attended with the most beneficial results there can be no question, and as he will be well supported not only by his own Province of Cornwall, but likewise in all probability by the adjoining Province of Devonshire, we may look to see the Provincial section of the Stewards' list both numerously and generously supported.

General sympathy will be felt by our readers, and, indeed, by the whole body of English Masons, with Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, in the loss he has just sustained by the death of his father, the Duke of Devonshire. The deceased nobleman, who was born in 1808, and had thus attained to the venerable age of 83 years, was a man of the highest culture, having graduated as Second Wrangler and first Smith's Prizeman in the Mathematical Tripos and in the first class of the Classical Tripos at the University of Cambridge. Since the death of his wife in 1840, he had led a studious and retired life, but he was a most generous man, and his death will be felt almost as a personal calamity by those who had the honour of his friendship or acquaintance, or who lived in the neighbourhood of any of his numerous residences. By his Grace's death Bro. the Marquis of Hartington becomes Duke of Devonshire, and the seat his lordship held in the House of Commons for the Rossendale division of Lancashire will be vacant.

We have received the very unwelcome news of the death on Sunday last of Bro. W. R. Woodman, M.D., who was appointed G.S.B. at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. in 1875, and G.D. of C. in Supreme Grand Chapter the same year. By this sad event the Craft sustains a very severe loss. Bro. Dr. Woodman was a most capable Mason, and at the same time one of the kindest and gentlest of men. He was ever ready to perform any service that was required of him, and took a great interest in all the different branches of Masonry. He was a most popular brother and the numerous circle of Masonic and non-Masonic friends and acquaintances he had gathered around him will be deeply grieved by this announcement. We shall give some account of his Masonic services next week, but in the meantime we tender our deep sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother in their bereavement.

Brethren who are fond of reading and preserving histories of lodges—and who are not?—will be glad to be informed that 100 more copies have been printed and published of the very interesting "History of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London," by Bro. W. Smithett, P.M. and Treasurer. The records extend from the year 1737, and not a few are of considerable importance, the certificate of constitution being one of only two known to be in existence at the present time. By Bro. Hughan's advice, this curious document has been reproduced in the second edition, and the lodge also decided to reprint the whole of the appreciative review by that well-known historian, besides having the record brought down to date. Copies may be had from Bro. Smithett, 41, Mincing-lane, E.C., at 12s. 6d. each, all being sold to aid the excellent Charity Fund of the lodge.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**The Abbey (Westminster) Lodge** (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. C. C. Piper, W.M.; F. J. Smith, S.W.; W. Bonwick, J.W.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; T. Bull, P.M., D.C.; H. Hambling, S.D.; J. Hayler, J.D.; J. E. Smith, I.G.; W. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; J. Kent, H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec.; C. Chabot, T. W. Davies, T. Cocks, and others, and several visitors.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. Bertram H. Pinto, Chas. Alfred Piper, Alfred Edwin Bull, and Henry Cheesman were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Antonio G. Bona, George James Greene, Thomas Mountain, and William Alfred Charles Vincent were duly passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, which was unanimous in their favour, and one being present he was duly admitted. Three names were proposed for initiation in March next.

Letters of apology were read by the Secretary from Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M., P.G.W.; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M.; and the Rev. J. R. Simpson, P.G.C., excusing their absence. Bro. Gibson, P.M., Treas., was absent through an influenza attack, and the brethren passed a vote of sympathy with him in his affliction.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given by Bro. Christmas Piper, W.M.

The Initiate responded in very suitable terms to the toast proposed in his behalf, and "The Officers'" and Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a close, which were interspersed by songs and recitations.

Old Westminsters' Lodge (No. 2233).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when there was a good attendance of "Old Westminsters" and visitors. The members included Bros. H. H. Hyde Clarke, W.M.; T. Wakley, jun., I.P.M.; C. M. Barker, S.W.; F. G. Pearse, Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, Sec.; W. Hicks, J.D.; T. Tomlinson, I.G.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; H. Sutherland, P.G. Stwd., Stwd.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M.; W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Col. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; F. Willett; T. Tebbing, P.M. 1351; H. C. Sandeman, S.W. 1383; G. Simonds, P.M. 23, P.G. Stwd.; F. Colville Smith, W.M. 357; E. Owen, W.M. 2033; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. B. Scriven, P.G. Stwd.; R. D. R. Sweeting, I.G. 10; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. E. Jervis, B.A., 357, was elected a joining member. Bro. F. G. Hallett was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. C. M. Barker was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, Secretary. The following officers were appointed: Bros. F. J. Pearse, S.W.; H. F. Manisty, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, Chap.; Malcolm O. Sim, Treas.; H. D. Sandeman, Sec.; W. Hicks, S.D.; C. M. Cope, J.D.; C. W. Stephenson, I.G.; S. H. West, D.C.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; H. Sutherland, P.G. Stwd., Stwd.; and Culverhouse, Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. The I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said that if he had not equalled his distinguished predecessors in the chair of that lodge, he had at least done his best to maintain the credit and good working of the lodge.

Lodge was closed, and a *recherché* repast was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, replied for "The Grand Officers," and said he felt diffident in replying, as he had on his right Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, whose name was a household word in Masonry, and whose merits were too well known for his feeble tongue to express. There was also a Grand Officer who was a member of the lodge—Bro. Sandeman—whose name was a household word in India. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

"Floreat" having been cordially drunk,

Bro. Hyde Clarke, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said it was the first time it had been his privilege and honour to propose the health of a Master, and therefore if he neglected saying what he should, or not do full justice to it, they would doubtless forgive him. He hardly knew how to say enough in their W.M.'s favour. Bro. Barker, W.M., was well known to members of the lodge, and his Masonic career had been practically identified with it, for although the Old Westminsters' Lodge was not his mother lodge, his Masonic experience was commenced and followed up in it. Bro. Barker was one of the original officers, and had fulfilled the various offices until he had arrived at the proud and honourable position he now occupied—W.M. of the Old Westminsters' Lodge—a position which they as "Old Westminsters" very highly esteemed. Their W.M. had another strong point in his favour, for he was a thorough good "Old Westminister" at heart, and had always been forward in supporting any movement in connection with the old school. There was no doubt that in Bro. Barker they had a W.M. who would strive and endeavour to uphold the honour and interest of the lodge to the best of his ability, and the members would never regret the day they elected him to the chair. He heartily wished the W.M. as happy a year of office as he (the I.P.M.) had had, and trusted that when his term expired he would leave the chair with the same mingled feelings of pleasure and regret.

Bro. C. M. Barker, W.M., said he rose with mingled feelings of pleasure and sadness to return his hearty thanks for the kind way in which they had received the formal toast of his health. His feelings of sadness were occasioned by the mournful fact that his dearest friend—a friend of 30 years' standing with whom he had been closely associated as boy and man—was not present, but was suffering from an illness from which his recovery was doubtful. Bro. Malcom O. Sim, to whom he referred, and he were at Westminster 35 years ago, and they had been connected professionally, and there had never been a cross look or word between them. They would pardon him if he expressed this feeling of sorrow, because it was a blow he felt very much not to see that brother present. He was delighted to see Bro. Bedford, P.G. Chap., come in, for that distinguished brother had known him and his for many years. He was also pleased to see Bro. Scriven and Bro. Willett, who had emerged after 25 years' absence from Masonry. Ought he not to be happy among so many friends? Surely he could renew his strength in those who had thus come to honour him. The position of W.M. of that lodge was one any man must feel proud to have gained. The Westminster days were the happiest he ever spent and the friends he then made had been the most valued and valuable. Whatever little success he might have attained in his profession was owing almost entirely to his Westminster friends. He was therefore proud of his school and proud to be elected Master of the Old Westminsters' Lodge. When he thought of the many men at school with him, and recalled their names, he remembered that many of them had joined the vast majority. Those who had gone, let them hope their rest was pleasant, and those who remained they hoped their career would be successful, and that it would go well with them. He was but a young Mason, but there was no doubt it bound them together in an extraordinary manner. Whatever affection they felt for the friend of their youth, if he was a Mason that was another tie. Masonry was no doubt a tie binding them in a lasting and memorable manner, and he felt it that night. He returned them hearty thanks for the honour done him, and hoped they would pardon the imperfect manner in which he should perform his duty, but it would be done to the best of his ability.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., responded for "The Visitors," and assured the members of the great pleasure it had afforded him to visit the lodge. He had been a member of more than one class lodge himself, and was the first Master of a lodge in the 31st Regiment many years ago, and some of his happiest hours were spent in the Meridian Lodge. He

considered class lodges good, and whatever opinion he might have formed had been intensified by what he had seen that night.

Bros. Colville Smith and Willett also replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters" in cordial terms, and referred to the successful year of office the I.P.M. had spent.

Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for coupling his name, which arose from the fact that he occupied the post of I.P.M., but he appreciated it none the less for that. When he assumed office last year he happened to be the first Master of a lodge who had not been a Past Master before, and when he vacated the chair that evening he happened by a rare occurrence to be the W.M. of two lodges. He had had a pleasant year of office himself, and as regarded the lodge a successful one, for during that term there had been more members join than in any previous year. For the first time in that lodge a Steward was sent to the Charities, when Bro. Wakley took up a handsome sum for a young lodge for the Boys' School. The lodge was in a very successful state, owing to the able manner in which the affairs had been administered by Bro. Sim, whose absence they all regretted, Bro. Sandeman, who had been indefatigable in his exertions, and Bro. Sutherland, Steward. He thanked his officers for their loyal support, and especially his I.P.M., Bro. Wakley, for his valuable assistance. As far as his own humble endeavours would permit, he should support the present W.M. cordially and loyally.

Bro. Pearce, S.W., acknowledged "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

**Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).**—One of the most successful meetings of this lodge, which is just entering on the second year of its existence, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Roberts, who had been installed in the chair at the previous meeting in October. The members present were Bros. N. J. West, I.P.M.; Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., acting S.W.; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, J.W.; Prof. H. C. Shuttleworth, M.A., Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; C. O. Burgess, S.D.; C. Rawle, J.D.; J. Curnow, M.D., D.C.; J. L. Barrett, I.G.; R. Bullen, Stwd.; E. W. C. Wilson, W.M. 1529; G. Long, E. Richards, J. H. Pasmore, Prof. J. Penberthy, Rev. H. V. Tyrel, J. Thomas, W. R. Richards, W. C. E. Serjeant, R. Mably, W. Hill, M.D., R. W. Davey, F. W. Pool, P.M. 450, S. T. James, J. O. Widger, S. Clarke, E. Geard, W. H. Hockin, G. M. Williams, E. W. B. Rogers, and the following visitors: Bros. C. Rotter, 2191; V. Samlier, Hart, 142; T. Adams, P.M. 181; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; J. Hammond, J.W. 2184; J. Margetts, J.D. 1598; G. Schadler, P.M. 65; W. F. Harbord, 1541; P. Colville Smith, W.M. 357; and A. Palmernittle, P.M. 1685.

A full agenda paper showed that the three Degrees were to be conferred besides the ordinary business of the lodge. The W.M., although in indifferent health, performed the whole of the ceremonies, and announced that he was going up as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival, and as it was the Jubilee year of the Institution, he trusted the brethren would give him support worthy of the occasion. The lodge had already voted the sum of 10 guineas to be placed on his list. Bro. Ninnis then proposed, and Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson seconded, a vote of £5 towards the Gould Testimonial Fund, which was carried unanimously. Bro. W. Lake, Treasurer, then rose to propose that in view of his distinguished services to Masonry Bro. Wm. James Hughan, of Torquay, P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W., and P.P.G. Sec. for Cornwall, should be placed on the roll of the lodge as an honorary member. Bro. Lake referred to the labours of our distinguished brother in every phase of Masonic work during a period of nearly 30 years. It was not only as an historian of the Craft, a practical worker, and an energetic promoter of the Charities that they desired to honour Bro. Hughan; his fame had already received recognition in every part of the world where Masonry was known and practised. Nothing that they could do as a lodge would enhance the reputation that Bro. Hughan had already acquired, but it was as Cornishmen that they desired to express their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the county during the long period he had been connected with it, using his great influence always to further the best interests of the Craft. As a life-long friend who had been intimately acquainted with Bro. Hughan, and who knew his worth as a man and a Mason, he (Bro. Lake) felt proud of submitting the name of one so honoured in Masonry as an honorary member of that lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, acting S.W., and supported by Bro. N. J. West, I.P.M.

After the usual routine business of the lodge had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a banquet presided over by the W.M.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; George Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; Charles H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; John Thornton, as S.D.; A. E. Harris, as J.D.; Samuel Robinson, I.G.; G. Root, Tyler; John Morton, S. of W.; and William Sangwine, Stwd. Bro. Arthur P. Rendell, J.D. 974, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. having apologised for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Boyle, S.D., who had been announced to explain the tracing board in the Third Degree, was, however, found equal to the emergency, for at a few hours notice he delivered a most interesting address to the brethren on the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and its symbolical reference to Masonry. During his address the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the formation of the Holy Lodge by Moses in the wilderness, and the construction of the Tabernacle. When Moses came down from the Mount he was horrified to find that the Israelites had lapsed into the idolatry—with its accompanying debauchery—of the Egyptians. The Tabernacle was to be set up as a constant reminder to the people of God's abiding presence and

providential care, as well as to be the place of their worship of the Most High. Moses was to build the Tabernacle on a plan and a design laid down by God, and which he faithfully carried out. The Wardens of the Holy Lodge, Bezaleel and Aholiah, were men in whom were "the Spirit of the Lord." The W.M. described the plan, dimensions, materials, design, construction, and details of the Tabernacle, with its Holy of Holies and its outer court, dwelling particularly on the design, material, and colours of the curtains and veil, which form so important a part of this arrayment. The thoughts of the brethren were directed to the fact that as all Masonic lodges are consecrated and dedicated to God's service, they also with their precincts should be jealously guarded against the least danger of profanation or debauchery. The special allusion to the divine endowment of Bezaleel and Aholiah reminds us not only how all ancient nations regarded the high-souled character of those who excelled in any art, but also how Freemasons should exact a high standard of mind and spirit, as well as seek to raise the character of all the votaries of the Craft who would aspire to proficiency in the mystic arts of Masonry. The precise care with which Moses and his Wardens worked out the design given by God himself, shows how punctious every true Mason should be to work out the appointed ritual and abide by the established laws and customs of the Order. In the description of the details of the Tabernacle, allusion was made at some length to the perfection to which the art of weaving, embroidery, and dyeing of material fabrics had attained with the ancient Egyptians, from whom doubtless the Israelites had acquired not only the materials themselves (when they spoiled the Egyptians), but also the art of making them. The W.M. concluded his remarks by a short notice of the Masonic meaning of the colours used by Moses and his Wardens, and invited discussion thereon.

Bro. T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., and Bro. John Thornton added some interesting remarks regarding the colours of the hangings of the Tabernacle and their symbolical reference to Masonry.

A very hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was moved by Bro. George Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P., seconded by Bro. S. A. Auty, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. J. T. Last, J.W., was accorded to the W.M. for his very able and interesting address.

Bro. Last, J.W., remarked that after the Masonic lectures and addresses which had been delivered before the brethren during the last few months, the lodge was becoming quite a local "Quatuor Coronati."

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Rendell expressed the great pleasure it had given him for the first time to visit the lodge, and especially to have had the privilege of listening to the interesting addresses and discussion by the W.M. and brethren, which was altogether a new feature in Masonry in his experience.

During the evening a collection was taken towards the expenses of maintaining the Masonic Ward at the Bradford Infirmary.

Bros. Rendell, Boyle, Wilson, Harris, Sangwine, Last, Holmes, and others contributed songs, recitations, and humorous sketches to the harmony of the evening.

### BURSLEM.

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the Municipal Buildings, on Thursday, the 17th inst., to take part in the installation of Bro. John Mason, the W.M. elect. The interest was further enhanced by the announcement that the last official act of the retiring W.M. (Bro. W. Garner), prior to the installation of his successor, would be the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. English Pearson, I.P.M.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Bro. Garner made the presentation in eloquent terms, saying: "One of the most pleasing duties which fall to the lot of the Master of a lodge to perform devolves upon me this evening, it is that of being the mouthpiece of the lodge in conveying the due appreciation by its members of the services performed by one who had passed through the chair. This night, two years ago, when the duties and qualifications of the Master of a lodge were read out to you, and you signified your assent thereto as Master elect, there was a strong feeling of satisfaction amongst the members that those duties would be well and faithfully discharged, and I venture to say that in the whole history of our lodge the choice of the brethren has never been more fully justified. I do not, for one moment, make these remarks as a reflection upon those who during the past 100 years have ruled over this lodge, because they have, with very few exceptions, proved themselves good and true Masons, and there are also around me connected with our lodge men of light and leading who have made their mark upon Freemasonry in this province; but I do say, without fear of contradiction, that this lodge has never had a more efficient Master, never had one steadier or firmer in principle, or more able or willing to do the work. Gratifying as it must be to you to know that in the minutes of this lodge there is recorded the unqualified and unanimous approval of the members as expressed in open lodge, the brethren have felt that was not all that could be done, but a more tangible proof of their esteem should accompany the mere formal acknowledgment. For this purpose they have contributed individually (not from the lodge funds) for this jewel which I have the honour in their name of placing upon the breast of a brother for whom I entertain the greatest possible esteem and respect. As the record on the minutes to which I have alluded may perhaps prove an incentive in the distant future to some brother, so may the jewel you now wear be an incentive to those younger Masons in the lodge to attain to the highest possible standard in their duties, and to carry into the world those principles which have so ennobled Freemasonry. There is one other wish to which I must give expression, and that is that you may long be spared to wear that jewel and to be an ornament to the Craft, and that when the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master is able to consider the claims of those who, like yourself, passed through the chairs in his province in 1890 he will also recognise the work which we have felt it our duty and pleasure to recognise to-day.

Bro. Pearson feelingly acknowledged the presentation, and the installation ceremony was then proceeded with, the Installing Master, Bro. Garner, discharging his duty in an effective and impressive manner, being assisted in the latter portion by Bros. Weston, P.P.G.S.B.; Pierpoint,

P.M. 98; T. K. Pedley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Godwin, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Brickel, P.M. 1715; E. Pearson, P.M. 98; and R. Dain, P.P.A.G.D.C. Amongst others present were Bros. J. Scarratt, S.W.; E. Boulton, J.W.; Rev. L. C. A. Edgworth, Chap.; Jas. Bush, S.D.; Robert Wilkinson, J.D.; J. B. Davis, Org.; R. Owen, I.G.; F. C. Gill and H. W. Critchlow, Stwds.; T. Saunders; S. Bentley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Thomas Platt, Herbert Pilkington, John Gratton, Emery, Jas. Steele, W. Skellern, and William Bentley. The visiting brethren were Bros. G. W. Bradford, W.M. 2149; John Ward, W.M. 546; S. Watson, P.M. 2064; F. Skerrett, P.M. 460; E. Nall, W.M. 1914; W. R. Woodridge, W.M. 1942; R. Tooth, P.M. 687, P.P.G.R.; R. Benbow, P.M. 451, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Howson, W.M. 2064; J. Stevenson, P.M. 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Newton, W.M. 451; J. White, W.M. 2214; W. Tunnicliffe, P.M. 418, P.P.G.S.; Wilkes, S.W. 2064; and J. Wearing, J.W. 2064.

After the business the brethren adjourned to the Leopard Hotel, where the banquet was served, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

### CROWLE.

**Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. M. J. Behrendt, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M.; R. Wood, Sec.; T. Staniforth, Chap.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; T. C. Horobin, P.M.; C. Fox, J.W.; J. Faulkner, S.D.; W. S. Scholey, I.G.; J. Franks, T. W. T. Oates, C. Cundall, W. Wressell, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Arrall, 512, and F. C. Lucop, 57. Bro. Staniforth, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, gave an interesting report of his successful work in raising funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Concert Committee was appointed for the management of the Masonic concert to be given in the month of January for the benefit of the same Institution. The lodge was then closed.

### HYTHE.

**Prince Edwin Lodge (No. 125).**—The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. W. Young, W.M., assisted by Bros. H. O. Smith, W.M. 1436, as S.W.; J. Lloyd, J.W.; W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; C. W. Blaxland, P.M., Sec.; S. H. Greenstreet, W. Edwards, R. Dann, J. A. Watts, C. Kingsmill, P.M.; E. S. Harris, Geo. Young, A. H. Broadley, Hire, P.M.; White, P.M.; Crane, P.M.; Dr. Osborne, Dr. Lovegrove, Ninnis, Bright, G. L. Mackerson, Jenkins, and G. Butcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Rev. H. M. Maughan, W.M. 31, P.P.G.C.; Cresford, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; C. Sims, W.M. 1208; Pope, W.M. 1449; Wood, W.M. 1915; Rev. A. Jackson, W.M. elect 77; Hammond, P.M. 874; Harry Price, P.M. 177; J. Higgs, 177; Priestwood, P.M. 958; B. C. Lloyd, 293; and D. Russell, 694.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from Bros. Geo. Everett, Grand Treas., Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and several other brethren regretting their inability to be present. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. Kingsmill, P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, which consisted of 16, Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., in a most impressive manner, installed Bro. Joseph Lloyd in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. S. H. Greenstreet, S.W.; W. M. Edwards, J.W.; W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G. Pust., Treas.; C. W. Blaxland, P.M., Sec.; R. Dann, S.D.; J. A. Watts, J.D.; C. Kingsmill, P.M., D. of C.; E. S. Harris, I.G.; G. Young and A. H. Broadley, Stwds.; and G. Butcher, Tyler. Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., then gave the addresses in the same faultless manner he had performed the other part of the ceremony. A telegram was sent by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren to the M.W.G.M., respectfully offering their hearty congratulations to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the betrothal of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale to H.R.H. Princess May of Teck, and wishing them many years of happiness. His Royal Highness graciously sent the following reply:

"The Princess of Wales and I thank the brethren of Prince Edwin Lodge for their kind wishes.

(Signed) "ALBERT EDWARD."

The Worshipful Master received the congratulations of the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Swan Hotel and partook of an excellent banquet served in Bro. Elliot's usual perfect manner.

The usual loyal toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, who next proposed "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and pointed out the excellent manner the business of Grand Lodge was carried on by the Grand Officers, and sincerely regretted that they had not been honoured with the presence of Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., but the brethren had heard his letter read, and he was sure were equally sorry with himself at the cause of his absence.

The toast of "The P.G.M., Earl Amherst," was responded to most heartily.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Eastes would, he was sure, have liked to have been, with them but had been obliged to be away with the Prov. Grand Master. He was glad to say the lodge was honoured with several Prov. Grand Officers, amongst whom he noticed Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maughan, W.M. 31, P.P.G.C., whose name he would couple with the toast, and asked the brethren to join with him and drink it heartily.

Bro. Rev. H. M. Maughan, P.P.G.C., after expressing how well the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, deserved his universal popularity, said that having to assist at the consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter, he was sure he would feel regret at not being present at his mother lodge on this occasion. He (Bro. Maughan) regretted that no Present Prov. Grand Officers had been called on to respond to the toast. He told the brethren that some years ago he had been offered £5 a year if he would accept a small living, and on enquiring why he was wanted to stay in the parish, he was told that since he had been curate the people had never once been late for dinner. The reverend brother concluded that brevity was the key to popularity, and that when he had preached the provincial sermon he was praised for having only detained the brethren 19 minutes; and when

he had to make an oration at the consecration of a lodge he was praised by Earl Amherst, having only kept the brethren a few minutes in listening to what is called an oration. Knowing the advantages of brevity, he would merely thank the W.M. and brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received, and that he did most heartily.

Bro. Young, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and was sure from the able manner he had performed the duties of the various offices he had passed that the lodge would prosper under his direction, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master expressed his thanks for the kind way the toast had been proposed and responded to, and assured the brethren that nothing on his part should be wanting to fulfil the prophecy of Bro. Young.

"The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed, and Bro. Rev. A. Jackson, W.M. elect 77, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind reception they had given the visitors, and hoped that some of the brethren would honour him with their presence at No. 77, at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, where he could promise them a hearty welcome. He also expressed the great pleasure it gave him to come to the interesting old town of Hythe, where he had not been for some nine years.

Bro. Harry Price, P.M., also responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., the Installing Master," thanked him for the very able manner he had performed the ceremony of installation, which had made a great impression not only on himself but the whole of the brethren.

Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kind, but he was afraid too flattering, manner he had proposed the toast, and could not find words to express all he meant to say. In fact he felt very much like the clergyman who had prepared a good sermon, but had placed it in the wall and could not get it out. With respect to the manner he had performed the ceremony of installation, if the brethren were satisfied that was his reward. He remembered once riding in a railway carriage hearing two or three brethren talking, when one said that no brother should take office unless he was duly qualified. With that he quite agreed, and he could assure them that throughout his Masonic career he had endeavoured to do his best to make himself proficient, and had always been most anxious to render the beautiful ritual in such a manner as to make a lasting impression on those who heard it.

Bro. C. W. Blaxland proposed "The Masonic Charities," and strongly exhorted the brethren to use their utmost endeavours to support those grand Institutions.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Hire, P.M., in a most able speech. He pointed out the usefulness of each Institution, and begged the brethren to join and assist the Charity Organisation of the province by sending their proxies to the Charity representative of their lodge, that they might be forwarded to the head-quarters, and used to the best advantage. He considered that any votes the brethren might have should be so given, as it enabled more good to be done with them than if they were used separately, in proof of which he would point out the great assistance they were able to give in securing the election of Bro. Buss, P.M. He trusted they would all loyally support the brother who would act as Steward, and place on his list as large an amount as possible. He also reminded them that if they could not afford to give 50 guineas they could give as little as 5s., and would be heartily thanked for it. He exhorted them to do their best, and he was sure in doing so they would be giving valuable assistance to those who could not help themselves.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Kingsmill, Hire, and Young, and that of "The Officers" by Bros. Greenstreet, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; and A. H. Broadley.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were much enhanced by songs and recitations by Bros. Dr. Osborne, J. Lloyd, Broadley, W. Young, and Hammond.

MARPLE.

**Benevolence Lodge (No. 336).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Jolly Sailor Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. E. Radford, W.M.; T. E. Meason, P.P.G.T.; J. E. Steward, P.P.G.D.; Jesse Tymms, P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.G.D.; J. Phythian, P.M.; T. Mather, W. Fielding, Sec.; James Pott, Haydock, J. Crompton, P.M.; Keyworth, Henry Osbalston, Tyler; McCuen, Middleton, J. Taylor, Mortimer, and J. Bott. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Mossman, T. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Reg.; Drinkwater, G. W. Sidebotham, Holland, C. E. Johnston, S.W.; Hadfield, W. Bowden, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; Wm. Lancaster, P.M.; and R. Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Twidale, W.M., presided, and also installed his successor in a manner which was creditably done. He appointed Bros. J. E. Steward, P.P.G.D., as S.W.; J. Crompton, as J.W.; and J. Tymms, as I.G. Bro. John Charles Wilson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., Prov. G.D., and was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The working tools were presented by Bros. T. E. Mason, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treasurer; J. Crompton, P.M., and J. Phythian respectively. The officers were invested in the following order, and were addressed by Bros. J. E. Steward: Bros. Mather, S.W.; Fielding, J.W.; Hy. Jackson, Treasurer; Councillor J. Marshall, Secretary; Haydock, S.D.; J. Elton Bott, J.D.; J. Radford, D.C.; Middleton, Org.; Dr. Keyworth, I.G.; Henry and Taylor, Stewards; and Osbalston, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. J. Radford, P.M.; J. Phythian, P.M.; and J. E. Steward. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. J. E. Steward said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, inasmuch as they had the honour of the presence of their Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Newhouse, and he had requested him to present a set of very handsome oak candlesticks to match exactly the new furniture recently purchased by the lodge.

Bro. Newhouse had shown by this splendid gift he had an affection for the Benevolence Lodge, and trusted it would ever continue. The present he had given would always remain there, and his memory always kept before them. Bro. John Charles Wilson, the newly-appointed W.M., thanked Bro. Newhouse in a short but most graceful speech, which was received with great applause. Bro. Newhouse asked the brethren to accept his present, and congratulated them upon the great improvement they had made in the refurnishing of the lodge, and he also congratulated them upon the excellent working he had seen that

day, more especially by the Installing Master. He saw Bro. Steward's reputation was known as a worker all over the province, but if Bro. Twidale continued in the way he had commenced he would have to look to his laurels. He also exhorted the brethren to do all they possibly could this year for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He said already he had 26 Stewards promised to act on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival to be held next year. And he was very pleased to tell them that whilst he had been in the lodge Bro. H. Jackson had promised to give £10 10s. and act as a Steward. He hoped this noble act would be followed by others of the lodge.

There was a banquet subsequently held, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Twidale, I.P.M., for his services as W.M., and was gracefully acknowledged by him.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

**Aldersgate Chapter (No. 1657).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Comps. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; John Larkin, H.; H. B. Marshall, P.Z., acting J.; George Kenning, Treas.; and James Shotton, 1st Asst. S. Comp. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., 1777, was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Five guineas were voted from the chapter funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe.

CAMBRIDGE.

**Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).**—The half-yearly convocation of the above chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when Comp. James Terry installed the Principals, viz.: Comps. Oliver Papworth, Z.; James V. Pryor, H.; and Wm. Purchas, J. The other officers were subsequently invested as follows: Comps. A. H. Moyes, P.Z., Scribe E.; F. Piggott, Scribe N.; W. P. Spalding, P.S.; C. H. Banham, 1st A.S.; W. B. Redfern, 2nd A.S.; and T. Nichols, P.Z., Stwd. The visitors included Comps. Col. R. T. Caldwell, Grand Supt., and Lemette.

The chapter was stated to be in a flourishing condition, the number of members during the past year having been fifty-one.

SHIPLEY.

**Moravian Chapter (No. 387).**—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the Saltaire Institute on Saturday, the 5th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. Wm. Oddy, M.E.Z.; J. L. Atherton, Prov. G.H., H.; G. Althorp, P.Z. 600, as J.; J. T. Last, S.E.; J. Wilson, P.Z. 302, as S.N.; J. Hey, P.Z.; J. Niven, and J. B. Fearnley. Visitors: Comps. Ramsden, 302; Isaac Mossop, 302; Levy, 302; A. P. Rendell, 302; T. H. Pattinson, 600; and Rev. T. J. McNulty, 265.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. A. Godwin, P.M. 1311, which resulted in his favour, and he being in attendance, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Atherton, Prov. G.H., in an able manner, Comp. Last acting as P.S. The visiting companions expressed themselves as delighted at the Masonic treat they had enjoyed.

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

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GUERNSEY.

**Sarnian Lodge (No. 425).**—A very pleasant meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 14th instant. Bro. Bois occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Richard and Lovell, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and the lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bois, the W.M. of the Jersey Mark Lodge, had most kindly come over and presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Balfour Cockburn. Two candidates—Bros. Worsley and Ogier were duly advanced. It was most pleasing to notice the excellent progress that had been made by the various officers in the knowledge of their duties, the ceremony throughout being conducted in a perfectly satisfactory manner. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and the W.M. having consented to occupy the chair for another year, he was unanimously elected. Bro. Nicholls, who is also the accomplished Organist, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Biddlecombe, Tyler.

MARYPORT.

**Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. O. Scott, P.P.G.O., W.M., supported by his officers. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M., P.G.D. England; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.D. England, Prov. Grand Treas.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. England, Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 213, 216, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.P.G. Sec.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Thos. Mandle, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Abbot, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; J. Read, Thomas Atkinson, I.P.M. 229, P.P.J.G.D.; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and other lodge business having been disposed of, with "Hearty good wishes" from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and Nos. 213, 216, and 229, the lodge was closed.

NEWCASTLE.

**Tristram Lodge (No. 346).**—VISIT OF THE EARL OF EUSTON.—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held by dispensation, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge. The occasion was taken by the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Euston, to pay a visit to the lodge, and he was welcomed, together with Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary of England, with a hearty North-country welcome. The

lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Purviss, P.G.R. of M., and there was a very large assembly of provincial brethren and members of the lodges of the province of Northumberland and Durham. Among those supporting the Dep. Grand Mark Master and Grand Mark Secretary on the occasion were Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., P.G.C. England, and P.G.M. of Northumberland and Durham; R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.; T. Y. Strachan, P.D. P.G.M.; Addison Potter, C.B., P.G.M.O. England, P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Backhouse, P.S.G.W.; T. Bell, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Straker Wilson, P.G.S. England, P.P.S.G.W.; John Strachan, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; C. S. Lane, P.S.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Hudson, P.S.G.W.; R. A. Luck, P.S.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Luck, P.P.S.G.W.; W. T. Carmon, P.J.G.W.; G. Allan, P.G.M.O.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; W. M. Lyon, P.S.G.W.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G.S., P.P.G.M.O.; R. Weddell, P.S.G.O.; W. Logan, P.P.S.G.O.; J. R. Pattison, P.P.S.G.O.; W. Coxon, P.P.J.G.O.; G. Simpson, P.P.J.G.O.; H. Baumann, P.P.G.R. of M.; R. Whitfield, P.P.G.R. of M.; H. Lamb, P.G.R. of M.; T. M. Watson, P.P.S.G.D.; C. B. Ford, P.G. Secretary; C. Spencer, P.S.G.D.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.J.G.D.; Robert Wilson, W.M. 293, P.G.I. of W.; M. Armstrong, W.M. 135, P.G.S.B.; H. B. Olsen, P.P.G.I.G.; Jacob Barker, P.G.O.; John Page, P.G.S.B.; Seymour Bell, P.G.D. of C.; G. Carter, P.P.G.M.O.; T. E. Biddlecombe, P.G.S.B. Eng.; C. Allan, W.M. 142; Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, W.M. 250; Rev. Canon Kynaston, P.G. Chap. Eng.; R. Coulton, W.M. 356; Duncan MacDonald; F. S. Cowper, J.W. 124; and the following members of Tristram Lodge: Bros. Thos. Purvis, W.M.; W. J. Ryder, S.W.; J. H. Bentham, J.W.; T. M. Sturgess, M.O.; J. Cackett, S.O.; F. W. Lovibond, J.O.; Edward Shewbrookes, S.D.; T. C. Bullen, J.D.; and Joshua Curry, P.G. Tyler.

The work of the lodge was most efficiently performed, and at the close the brethren partook of dinner in the dining hall of the building. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Purvis, presided, and was supported on his left and right by the Deputy Grand Mark Master of England, and by a large number of influential Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham.

After the usual loyal toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured,

The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," which was received with most enthusiastic cheers. He said, through the courtesy of the W.M., he had been permitted to have the honour of proposing the toast. It was one that must come home to every Mason, even more than to any other Englishmen, because they regarded his Royal Highness in a double capacity—that is, as the heir to the Throne and as their M.W.G.M. It was an honour to Masonry to have at its head the heir to the Crown, and also to have in its ranks the most exalted members—the greater proportion—of the Royal Family. At the same time, Masonry deserved it, for of all loyal countries in the world, Britain was the most loyal, and Masons were the most loyal of Britons. He saw in the papers the preceding day that a scene had occurred across the Channel in the French Chamber as to whether the late Pope was a Freemason, or not. The dispute had exasperated some Frenchmen to a very high degree, but there was no fear of anything of that kind occurring in this country, because there was no doubt it was apparent to all that the Prince of Wales was at the head of the Masonic body of this country. They knew his value, and welcomed him whenever he came amongst them, and revered him, not only as the high representative of a Royal race, but also as the head of the Masonic body. It was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed the health of the Most Noble Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.

Bro. R. B. Reed, Deputy Prov. G.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M. of England, the Marquis of Hertford," which was received with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Purvis, next gave the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. of England, the Earl of Euston, and Officers of the Grand Lodge." He said it was very seldom they had officers of so high rank as Lord Euston amongst them, and he sincerely trusted when his lordship rose to respond to the toast they would give him a true hearty North-country welcome. If to many his lordship was only known by name, his work in connection with Masonry was so well known that it would be unnecessary to dwell upon it. They also all knew the high position his lordship occupied in this Degree and also in other Degrees, for they were aware that in another Degree he was Grand Master. Further, they knew how enthusiastic his lordship was in connection with Masonry in general. Therefore they were all heartily glad to receive him in their midst as the Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason, and he sincerely trusted that it would not be long before they had again the pleasure of having his lordship amongst them. Such visits as these were calculated to give a great impetus to Freemasonry, and in this particular case to Mark Masonry. He knew that in view of this meeting something like thirty brethren were proposed for advancement in Northumberland and Durham, in order to qualify themselves to be present on this occasion. It was not desirable to increase their numbers too rapidly, and he had been reminded by their Prov. Grand Master that they should be very careful indeed as to whom they admitted into the Mark Degree, and as had often been said by their Prov. Grand Master, "Mark Masonry is the cream of Masonry," and they should endeavour to keep it as stated, and make it one of the best Degrees in connection with Freemasonry. On behalf of Tristram Lodge and members of Northumberland and Durham generally, he gave a hearty welcome to the D.G.M. to their midst, and again expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when the visit would be repeated.

The D.G.M., who was most heartily received, said: "I can assure you, brethren, of one thing, that the hearty welcome you have given to myself and my brother Grand Officer, who came with me to the North of England to visit this northern part of the kingdom, is a great encouragement to us, and if ever we have the chance will gladly come amongst you again. And here let me say, I thank you most heartily, Worshipful Master, for the fraternal, kind invitation you sent, and which has been backed up by the presence of the large number of brethren here this evening and by their hearty reception. I must also thank you for your kind words regarding myself, so far as my works in Masonry are concerned. I think you painted the picture a little too gaudily, or, rather, too brightly. However, I have tried to do my best, and the reason why I have gone so

heartily into the Masonic cause, is because I love it. And when a man goes into Masonry, he should go into it altogether or keep out of it altogether. We want no half measures. Every man who goes into it should be proud of the Craft, and feel it an honour to belong to it. With that idea in view I have ever striven to do what I can for the Craft. You have done me the honour to invite me here this evening, and I assure you it was the very thing I truly wanted. Although I may be young in years as a Mason, I strive to be as keen as a good many of the older ones. I have knocked about the world a good deal, and there are very few countries I have not seen, and I made up my mind that I would not become a Mason until I returned to the Old Country. In 1883 I became a Mason, and since then I have not made it a profession, but a pleasure. I try to do all I can to advance the cause of Masonry. And when his Royal Highness was pleased to place me in the high position of Deputy Grand Mark Mason of England, I felt, and indeed told several Masons in London, that we as high Officers in Grand Lodge ought to know more of these distant provinces, and of the brethren who were not able to come up to London and attend Grand Lodge, and have a nearer communication with this, the governing power of the Mark Degree. And when the W.M. gave me a kind invitation to attend here, I told our brother, the Grand Secretary, to write accepting it, and, further, I telegraphed—"I am only delighted to come." It is not always easy for everybody to go about and visit places, and I must say for myself that the more I go about, the more I like to do so. The more I meet Masons in different countries and towns of England, the more I feel what a grand and great principle there is in Masonry, how it binds heart and soul, honour, and brotherly feeling together, and as a fraternity we will defy the world to bring anything against us. Of course, like the head of a fraternity, or company, or whatever it may be, the head of the Mark Degree must be somewhere, and it was thought best to have it in London. That city is a considerable distance from Newcastle, and many things are done in respect to our body that many brethren down here never hear of until some time afterwards, but I trust you will have every confidence in those entrusted in looking after your business, as they have the honour and advancement and credit of Mark Masonry as much at heart in London as you have down here in Newcastle. I know what northern people are, as to a certain extent on my mother's side I belong to it. I spent the whole, or rather the greater part, of my boyhood very little north of Berwick, and I know, therefore, how genuine and true the northern people are, and I trust and hope that from what I have seen to-night you will go on and prosper. I have been perfectly delighted with the zeal displayed by the Mark Masons of Northumberland and Durham, and I am heartily glad to see that this Tristram Lodge is so well supported by brethren. I thank you for myself and Bro. Lord Hertford for the way you have drunk our health. I assure you that I am not the least ahead of him in everything tending for the good of Masonry. We work together, and are heart and soul in doing what we can, so far as the great tenets of Charity are concerned. As to this particular phase of Freemasonry, it will be fully referred to by a brother who has taken a deep interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and I trust it will receive that response which it has always hitherto done. So far as your work is concerned, Worshipful Master, I must say that the ceremony this evening was exceedingly well gone through. Not only did the Worshipful Master show that he most efficiently knew his work, but the whole of the brethren of the lodge officiating at such ceremony, down to the Inner Guard, from the highest to the lowest, went through their duties in a most satisfactory manner. I must also add a tribute of praise to the musical portion of the ceremony. It was a treat of a high order. In conclusion, brethren, I may add that this evening will to me be a "registered red-letter day" of Masonry, and again, brethren, I return you my sincere thanks.

After other toasts had been duly honoured, the successful gathering terminated.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. W. Dyne, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; R. Phillips, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); E. Fox, S.D.; H. Banks, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; R. H. Williams, W.M. 2090, P.P. J.G.D. Middx.; W. Hide, H. Foreman, H. Bone, H. G. A. Pearson, and E. Rogers.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a remarkably clear manner, Bro. Bone acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will take place on Friday, January 1st, 1892. The lodge was then closed.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Quartly, W.M.; J. Bladon, S.W.; F. Humphreys, J.W.; J. Smith, P.M., Preceptor; A. Humphreys, Sec.; Toye, S.D.; Wren, J.D.; Todd, I.G.; Blake, Tyler; George, P.M.; Palmert, H. Bladon, and A. Tarling.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blake being the candidate. Bro. George, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. J. Bladon was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Rice, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Dawson, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Cass, Treas.; Stone, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Hooper, J.D.; Hooper, I.G.; Hobbly, and E. T. Clarke. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees,

and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. E. T. Clarke being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bro. Cass was unanimously elected W.M. for January 4th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Rice, W.M., for the excellent manner he rehearsed the ceremony of raising, being the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Rice most suitably replied. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. T. W. Hambly, W.M.; W. Wood, S.W.; J. R. Harnell, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. H. Reynolds, acting as Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, J.D.; A. Cogliati, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Hancock, R. Kirk, A. G. Bailey, W. F. Rymer, J. H. Warwick, R. W. Jones, E. Harris, H. J. Keen, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Keen having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. H. Reynolds offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. R. W. Jones, 1891, and E. Harris, 435, were unanimously elected joining members. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M., S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hillier, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; W. Hide, I.G.; J. Cox, J. Davies, P.M.; H. Cotton, J. W. Woodard, and G. W. Kirkham.

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. Bro. Cox having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined, and having given the usual proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

**BURSLEM.—ST. MARTIN'S LODGE (No. 98).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and the gathering was the largest ever known at any previous one. The ceremony was an initiation performed by Bro. John Mason, S.W., W.M. elect of the parent lodge. It was carried out strictly according to Emulation working, and in a manner which showed how greatly Bro. Mason justified the choice which the brethren of the parent lodge had made in electing him W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Scarratt, S.W., gave the working tools with his usual ability. Bro. Beech, acted as J.W.; Bro. Wilkinson, J.D.; and Bro. Owen, I.G.; each and everyone of the brethren performing their duties in a most excellent manner. Bro. J. Stevenson, Past Preceptor of 1942, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., was present, and highly complimented the W.M. and his officers, not only on their work and lodge muster, but on the thoroughly Masonic spirit which seemed to prevail. He then gave some useful and instructive hints, and exhorted the brethren to excel in what is good and great. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 18th inst., when there were present Comps. V. T. Murche, M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Schadler, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; T. Grunant, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Corpe, and Jas. Hill.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hill personating the candidate. It was unanimously resolved that the convocation be adjourned till Friday, January 8th. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed to all. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

## Obituary.

### BRO. W. H. PADDLE.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. William Howard Paddle, which occurred at 62, Somerleyton-road, Brixton, on the 11th instant, at the age of 42, from the effects of pneumonia. Bro. Paddle, who was well known in the City, was equally well known as a prominent and enthusiastic Freemason. Initiated in the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, on January 10th, 1879, our brother was W.M. 1885, Z. in the Eclectic Chapter, founder and second W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, for two years, 1881-82, also a founder and Z. of the Ewell Chapter, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey, and a liberal subscriber to the Masonic Charities. His death will be mourned by a large circle of Freemasons and friends as a genial companion and firm friend. His funeral, which took place at N. wood on the 17th instant, was attended by Mr. Buckingham, jun., and several of the staff, on behalf of his firm, also by the following brethren: Bros. R. H. Lyon, W.M. 1201; C. Cooke, W.M. elect 1851; W. Parker, P.M. 1201, 1851; J. L. Barrett, P.M. 1201; H. Youens, P.M. 1851; G. Moss, P.M. 1201, 1851; J. H. Watts, P.M., P.Z., S.E. 1201; G. W. Saul, P.M., P.Z. 1201, 1851; J. O'Connell, P.M. 1851; A. E. Taylor, P.M., P.Z., Sec. 1201, 1851; Le V. D. Anley, 1201; S. H.

Lloyd, 1201; and J. H. Gaskin, P.M. 1897. The coffin was covered with floral tributes, the most conspicuous of which was a very large and beautiful wreath sent by the Ewell and Eclectic Lodges.

### ANCIENT EGYPT AND MODERN CAIRO.

"Ancient Egypt" is the third Cyclorama exhibited at Niagara Hall, York-street, Westminster. The outer hall was built and opened in March, 1888, simply as a bazaar and lounge. It is now turned into the representation of a street in Cairo, the artists who painted it being Signor Joseph Tondi and corps. The large circular building at the back, where the great picture of "Niagara Falls" was exhibited, until it was replaced with the picture of "Jerusalem and the Crucifixion," is now devoted to a gigantic representation of "Ancient Egypt," painted by Edmund Berninger, the celebrated artist of Munich. The period chosen is, early in the day, about 3000 years ago, the buildings being shown as if newly erected and decorated. All the points of interest are brought prominently but artistically forward—the Nile—the Pyramids—the great Sphinx—the Desert—the grove of palm trees—Memphis—the Temples and Palaces—the Colossi—the procession of the Israelites, and other features more fully enumerated in the illustrated catalogue, a brief record of 3000 or 4000 years of ancient and biblical history. The artistic decorative work in the foreground has been executed under the direction of Mr. Paul Hey, of Munich. The picture is described at intervals by Bro. T. Hunter Boyd, member of the Egypt Exploration Fund, 28, St. John Kilwinning. The front bazaar, where the old features of Niagara Hall are retained—the smoking gallery, the restaurant, and the great mechanical orchestra—is rendered as much as possible like a street in modern Cairo by the engagement of about a dozen native Egyptians who act as attendants. We notice that it will be open on Christmas Day from 1 to 10.

**CORNWALL AS A WINTER RESORT.**—Our attention has been called to the second edition of a pamphlet bearing the above title, which contains much useful and interesting information respecting the county of Cornwall and its value as a winter resort for invalids. The county itself is well-known to us, and we are in a position, therefore, to endorse the recommendations of the writer and the favourable opinion he has been pleased to express as to the benefits to be derived from a sojourn at Falmouth, Penzance, St. Ives, Newquay, and the Scilly Isles, the mild and genial climate, of which in the winter season he very justly eulogises. The great advantages which these places possess is that they are easily accessible by the Great Western Railway, which prides itself, and not without good reason, on the frequency, regularity, and excellence of its train service to this county.

**THE PEMBROKE COAST.**—We are also able to recommend the pamphlet entitled "A Holiday Trip Round the Pembroke Coast," and on the same principal ground, namely, that the climate along the Pembroke coast is genial and mild, while Tenby and other resorts are readily accessible by the Great Western Railway system, and in themselves offer many attractions in the way of picturesque scenery to the visitor. Indeed, we quite agree with the writer, when he says in effect that Pembroke only requires to be more widely known in order to be more highly appreciated by tourists, but more particularly during the winter by invalids and persons in delicate health.

**SUTTON'S AMATEUR'S GUIDE FOR 1892.**—The issue of Messrs. Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture for 1892 is a timely reminder that the sowing of flower and vegetable seeds must soon be commenced in earnest, and the very handsome annual before us contains important information as to the most economical methods of ensuring brilliant displays of flowers in their several seasons, and the finest types of vegetables for household consumption, or for winning honours on the exhibition table. Established favourites receive the attention their merits deserve, and novelties worthy of trial are fully described, and the best means of growing them to the highest perfection indicated. Although the work successfully aims at rendering useful service in large gardens, equipped with every modern appliance, it will prove indispensable to the amateur, who in a small garden pursues a delightful hobby that contributes to health and daily happiness, and at the same time adds to the substantial enjoyment of life. The cover really consists of two handsome plates of flowers with the necessary lettering subordinated to the decorative treatment. The front is devoted to four magnificent show glaxias, and the back to new types of mignonette, both sides thrown into relief by a rich gold ground. Distributed through the catalogue are splendid chromo plates of a vase of primulas, a bouquet of flowers and foliage plants to which there is a key, and two other coloured illustrations of novelties in vegetables. In woodcuts Messrs. Sutton have this season surpassed themselves. The pages abound in artistic engravings, chiefly produced from photographs, with a truthfulness to nature impossible by other methods. Two of the large photo-illustrations are unusually interesting revelations of business procedure. Potatoes receive prominent attention, and as the result of Messrs. Sutton's special efforts to introduce seedlings of exceptional cropping power, combined with superior quality and the capability of withstanding disease, their list consists almost exclusively of the varieties that have won a reputation in recent years. Last season the list of flowers were entirely remodelled. Now we observe that the section devoted to vegetables has, with manifest advantage, been recast and extended, and the book contains more information than in any previous year. It is only necessary to add that the various lists appear to have been revised with the usual care, the printing and paper are excellent, and the book possesses a capital index.

Bro. the Duke of Athole left town on Wednesday to spend Christmastide at Blair Athole, while his son, the Marquis of Tullibardine, after a series of visits which he had been paying, left town for Scotland on Saturday last, and Lady Dorothea Stewart Murray will start immediately after Christmas for a voyage to the East with Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey on the Sunbeam.

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