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## DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

It is with the deepest regret we announce the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. It is but a short time since that the announcement of the betrothal of his Royal Highness and the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck was made public; their marriage had been fixed for the 27th February, and all England was looking forward with the most pleasurable anticipations to a union which was known to be one of affection, and not, as so many Royal marriages in the past have been, a marriage brought about for purposes of State. On Friday last, the Duke completed his 28th year, and though at the time he was unable to enter fully into the spirit of the quiet family celebration of that event, he dined with his father and mother, his *fiancée*, and the other guests at Sandringham. On Monday the public was struck aghast with the news that his Royal Highness was seriously ill from the prevailing epidemic of influenza, coupled with pneumonia, but the medical bulletins, though they made no secret of his condition being serious, were nevertheless not without encouragement that he would retain strength enough to resist the attack ultimately. But it has pleased the Great Architect, in his infinite wisdom, to ordain it otherwise, and the young Prince, about whose marriage and future happiness we were all so hopeful, succumbed on Thursday morning, to the intense grief of the whole of the Royal Family, but more especially to that of his parents, and his betrothed, the Princess Victoria of Teck. It is long since so great a sorrow has befallen us, and the whole nation will sympathise with the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princess May in their terrible bereavement. As for the Craft of Masonry, the blow which has thus fallen upon our Most Worshipful Grand Master will be regarded as little less than a national calamity, for was not the deceased Prince a prominent member of our Fraternity, whose Royal patronage we trusted would be bestowed on the Craft for many a year to come. His Royal Highness was initiated in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, not long after he had attained his majority, the ceremony being performed by his father, the Prince of Wales. He was passed to the Second Degree in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge. He was advanced to the Mark Degree immediately afterwards, and had evinced a great interest in all those branches of Masonry with which he was connected. He was a Past Master of the Royal Alpha, was S.G. Warden of United Grand Lodge in 1887, and on the establishment of Berkshire as a separate province, he was appointed its Provincial Grand Master. In December, 1890, he was formally installed in office by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, while in May, 1891, the late Duke performed the like ceremony at Aylesbury in behalf of Bro. Lord Carrington, Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire. Thus, during the few years he had been a member of our Order, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale had given abundant evidence of the deep interest he took in, and his earnest desire to promote, the well-being of our Order. His premature death has put an end to all his plans, and all it is in the power of Freemasons to do is to bow submissively to the will of the Most High, and at the same time tender their most respectful sympathy to his illustrious parents, her Majesty the Queen, and the Princess Victoria of Teck on the calamity which has befallen them, and not only them, but the whole British Empire!

The following account of the late Duke's Masonic career appeared in the *Freemason* of April 30, 1887, on the occasion of his Royal Highness being appointed to the office of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England:

"H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, on the 17th March, 1885, the ceremony being performed by his father the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in a manner which showed that his Royal Highness is a Master of our Craft in more senses than one, and that his ability as an exponent of our ritual is nearly, if not quite, on a level with his skill as the chief administrator of the Order. The Earls of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and Lathom, D.G.M., gave the address and working tools respectively, and among the other brethren who were present as officers or members of the lodge were Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.W., and the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, who severally occupied the chairs of S.W. and J.W.; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Henniker, P.G.W.; the Earl of Milltown, P.G.W.; Lord H. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W.; Lord Carrington, P.G.W.; General

Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir F. Roxburgh, Q.C.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; Gen. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.; T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; and others. On the 7th May, the Prince was passed to the Degree of F.C. in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. J. W. French, the W.M. of the lodge, in the presence of Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, and a numerous gathering of brethren, of whom some 30 were Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of Norfolk. The Third Degree was conferred upon his Royal Highness in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, to which he had affiliated shortly after his initiation, Bro. B. Anningson, M.D., the W.M., and his officers being most successful in carrying out the ceremony, which was witnessed by about 300 brethren, the most conspicuous among whom were Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Subs. G.M. of Scotland; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. of England, and D.P.G.M. Essex; J. Neal York, D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. England, and D.P.G.M. Suffolk; and W. L. Morgan, W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. Ten days later—on the 18th June—the Prince was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, in the presence of Bros. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.; Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.; and other Grand Officers of the Mark Grand Lodge, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. H. T. Trevor Jones, W.M. of the lodge. Since then he has, to use a conventional phrase, though by no means in a conventional sense, gone on making progress in Masonry. The Senior Grand Wardenship of England now conferred upon him by his father, the Grand Master, is both well deserved and worthy of his exalted position, besides being most appropriately bestowed upon him during the Jubilee year of the reign of her Majesty, his grandmother."

The deceased Prince had just completed his 28th year. He was born on the 8th of January, 1864, and was educated partly as a naval cadet, first on board the *Britannia*, and afterwards on board the *Bacchante*, and later on at Trinity College, Cambridge, and the University of Heidelberg. The Prince, accompanied by his brother, Prince George, left England on a two years' voyage on board the *Bacchante* in September, 1880, and returned in August, 1882. In that vessel they made the round of the world, and the two large volumes in which, under the editorship of Canon Dalton, their tutor, they described their life and experiences during the cruise, has enjoyed considerable popularity since its publication in 1886.

After a little breathing-space the young Prince was entered, in June, 1883, at Trinity College, Cambridge, where his father had been educated. He took no degree—it is not usual for Royal personages to do so—and finished his education, in company with his brother, Prince George, at Heidelberg. He then (having already, in the autumn of 1883, received the Garter) proceeded to Aldershot to prepare for the army. Meanwhile his connection with the naval service did not cease, for in 1883 he became a sub-lieutenant, R.N. Reserve, and honorary lieutenant 1888. He became a lieutenant, 2nd Brigade E Division, R.A., 1885, but was soon afterwards transferred to the 10th Hussars, of which regiment he became a major. He was also a personal Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, Honorary Colonel 4th (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Bombay Cavalry, and Major 5th Pomeranian (Blücher) Hussars. On the 8th of January, 1885, the Prince attained his majority, and a fortnight later he was elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple. On the 29th of June he was presented with the freedom of the City of London.

His Royal Highness had the Orders of the Black Eagle of Prussia, of the Grand Cordons of the Osmanieh of Turkey, of the Elephant of Denmark, and of St. Stephen of Hungary; the Collar of Charles III. of Spain, the Grand Cross of the Netherlands Lion, Insignia of the Annunciata of Italy, and the Star of Roumania.

His Royal Highness's engagement to be married to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck was officially announced on the 7th of December last, and excited considerable interest throughout the country. The heartiest congratulations poured in upon the Prince and Princess of Wales, and movements were set on foot in many quarters, notably in Masonic bodies, for sending gifts and addresses to the young couple. The match was understood to be a love affair throughout, and had the warmest approval of all the members of the Royal Family. The marriage was fixed for the 27th of next month, and the arrangements for what was looked forward to as one of the happiest of events were well advanced when it was suddenly announced that the Duke had been stricken down.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book for the year 1892" is a most welcome publication, because so accurate and so useful, and certainly never more so than now. The editor or compiler has done his work most thoroughly, the result being that the Grand Lodge of England possesses the most complete Calendar of the kind issued by authority of any governing body of the Craft in the universe.

Various improvements have been added from time to time, and now it would seem as if it had arrived at the form it will take for many years to come. In fact, to preserve its handy size as a pocket-book for reference, its bulk cannot be increased with advantage, and already the information is so varied and extensive, that unless its pages are carefully examined, many of its details and valuable lists are likely to be overlooked.

The Grand Lodge of England is still the oldest and largest in the world (notwithstanding the enormous number of lodges that have left its fold since the year 1863, to unite in forming new Grand Lodges) and on the day of publication of the Calendar there were 2014 lodges on its roll. During 1891 only three lodges were erased, whilst 31 new warrants were granted, there being 387 in the Metropolitan District; 1182 in the Provinces; 12 in the Channel Isles; three in Military Corps, and 430 in the Colonies and Foreign Parts.

Several of the provinces are inconveniently large, though some are only portions of counties, and contain many more lodges than are to be found on the register of not a few Grand Lodges. West Lancashire heads the roll with 105, closely followed by East Lancashire with 103, and West Yorkshire makes a good third with 75. The other provinces, with 30 or more lodges, are Kent, 58; Devon, 52; Hants, &c., 47; Cheshire, 44; Middlesex, 40; Durham, 35; Surrey, 35; Essex, 32; Warwick, 31; North and East Yorkshire, 31; and Cornwall, 30, making 14 in all, with an average of fully 51 lodges to each. The increase from 1890 has been practically the same in London and the provinces.

I wonder that the five largest provinces do not combine in seeking an extension of the privileges conferred by Rule 88 of the "Constitutions," for the proportion of "collars" at the disposal of their Provincial Grand Masters must be small indeed compared with the membership, and especially so when such small provinces as Bedford, Bristol, Cambridge, Hereford, Isle of Man, and Jersey, even put together, number less than the smallest of the five. Yet each one has nearly as many Provincial Grand Officers to appoint as the provinces with over 100 lodges each.

The same remarks apply to District Grand Lodges with even more force, such as Bengal and Queensland, because their members are never selected for Grand Office like those occasionally in the provinces, and hence the coveted "purple" would be a still rarer sight. The "Jubilee Honours" must have come as a most welcome addition in all such cases.

I have for some time been engaged in seeking to discover from local Masonic Calendars the number of members in the larger and other provinces, and where such very useful publications are not issued, have had recourse to the figures supplied by Provincial Grand Secretaries at the annual meetings during the year 1891. Of these 27 exhibit the following results: Durham has the largest average per lodge, viz., 72; North and East Yorkshire being next with 70; those above 50 being Hants 68; West Lancashire, 65; Cambridge, 60; Kent, 59; Devon, 57; Leicester, 54; Oxford, 53; and Cornwall, 52.

The 27 provinces thus tested, had in 1891 some 897 lodges and 46,457 members, being an average of nearly 52 to each lodge, which is a larger proportion than I anticipated. Eighteen Royal Arch provinces exhibit a total of 202 chapters, with 6940 companions, or 34 to each chapter, so that if these averages may apply in like manner to others not enumerated, there are over 60,000 subscribing members in the provinces, of whom over 8000 have become Royal Arch Masons.

It is very satisfactory to find that the proportion to each lodge is so large (because so many new warrants have been granted of late years), but there is still much room for improvement as respects the attention paid to the Royal Arch. The official Calendar contains 744 chapters, being an increase from the previous issue. They are distributed under London, 153; Country, 475; and Colonial and Foreign, 116; the Metropolitan and the Provinces being about the same proportion of chapters to lodges.

The Roll of Grand Masters 1717—1813, and 1753—1813, and then 1813—1891, is a most valuable one, and so that of the Acting Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters extending over a period nearly as long. Still more valuable, however, is the Register of Grand Officers from the "Union" (1813) to the year 1891, including also those of the United Grand Chapter, and the succession of Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Superintendents for the same period, as well as the present Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Superintendents, with their Deputies and Provincial Grand Secretaries and Scribes, and all their subordinate lodges and chapters duly arranged. The dates of the appointments of local Rulers of the Craft, List of Lodges removed from the Roll since 1863 (with full particulars), and much information also of a most interesting nature might be also mentioned, but so much is given and so ably arranged that those who want to know more about the contents of this very handy Masonic guide should expend a florin and secure copies for themselves.

Bro. George Kenning is the printer and publisher, and I congratulate him on doing his part so satisfactorily.

W. J. HUGHAN.

FRANCIS DRAKE, M.D., F.R.S.—A learned antiquary at York. He is said to have been initiated into Masonry at York on September 6, 1725, at a private lodge, Star Inn, Stonegate. On the 27th of December, 1725, Bro. Chas. Bathurst was chosen Grand Master, and Dr. Francis Drake, J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of All England as it was termed. On the 27th of December, 1726, he delivered a famous address, which was printed by Gent at York, 1727, for the benefit of the lodge, with this motto, "Olim meminisse juvabit," but he had better not have suppressed the "hæc." On the 17th of March, 1761, the Grand Lodge of All England, which had become apparently dormant, was revived, Bro. Francis Drake being elected Grand Master, George Reynardson, D.G.M., and George Coates and Thomas Mason Grand Wardens. But after this, as Bro. Hughan points out, Bro. Drake is seldom mentioned.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Thursday, December 10th, when there were present—

Bros. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master; Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; C. B. Truman, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. S.G.W.; A. T. Mitchell, P.P.G.D., Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. T. B. Ferris, Prov. G. Chaplain; S. G. Johnson, P.P.G.R., Prov. G. Treas.; H. R. Hatherly, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Baxter, Prov. S.G.D.; Geo. Marshall, Prov. J.G.D.; J. Wright, Prov. G.S. of W.; W. J. Gardner, P.P.A.G.D. of C., Prov. G.D. of C.; C. A. Bolton, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; C. H. Gascoyne, Prov. G. S.B.; S. Reay, Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Org.; A. Stubbs, P.P.G.W., Prov. A.G. Sec. J. Severn, Prov. G. Purst.; F. C. Parker, Prov. A.G. Purst.; T. Roberts, J. Gall, E. G. Loverseed, and J. H. White, P.G.Stwds.; C. H. Benham, P.G.Tyler; J. Comyn, P.P.G.W.; Jno. Hack, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Perry, P.P.G.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.P.G.W.; J. T. Spalding, P.P.G.W.; R. G. Hanson, P.P.G.W.; Rev. F. G. Lys, P.P.G.W.; Rev. Jas. Farmer, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. S. Morse, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Butler, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Raine, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Lawson, P.P.G.T.; Chas. Rogers, P.P.G.T.; Jno. Housley, P.P.G.R.; A. J. Butler, P.P.G.R.; Samuel Jackson, P.P.G.D.; R. C. Sutton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Gee, P.P.G.S. of W.; Hy. George, P.P.G.D.C.; R. C. Wills, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Rogerson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. W. Marx, P.P.G.D.C.; Jno. Townrow, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Hickling, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. H. Hirst, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Hobson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. A. Howitt, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. H. Bonser, P.P.G.O.; J. Taylor, P.P.G. Purst.; R. F. Watson, P.P.G. Purst.; Jno. Walker, P.P.G. Purst.; Wm. Sibley, P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Fisher, P.P.G. Purst.; Jas. Dooly, P.P.G. Tyler; R. Noon, P.P.G. Tyler; Jno. Moody, P.P.G. Tyler; and a numerous attendance of brethren of the province.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Retford June 25th, were read and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge statement of accounts for the past year was received and passed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary presented his annual report of the state of Masonry in the province up to June 30th, 1891.

The D.P.G.M. reported that, in reply to his circular letter, he had received promises of donations to the Educational Fund of the province to the amount of £78 13s.

The P.G.M. nominated Bros. John Comyn, P.P.G.W.; R. Fitzhugh, P.P.G.W.; and H. R. Hatherly, P.P.G.W., to represent Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of General Purposes, and Bro. C. B. Truman, P.S.G.W., to represent Provincial Grand Lodge on the Benevolent and Educational Committee.

Bro. Rev. F. V. BUSSELL, D.P.G.M., moved, and Bro. R. C. SUTTON, P.P.G.S. of W., seconded, "That the alterations of the Prov. Grand By-laws suggested by the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge be approved and adopted." This was carried, with the exception that the Secretary of the Benevolent and Educational Committee should be appointed by that Committee instead of by the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. M. KIDD, P.P.G. Treas., stated that it was the feeling of many members of Provincial Grand Lodge that the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer should not be confined to the Nottingham lodges, and proposed "Bro. J. A. H. Hirst, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. of the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, Retford, as P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year." This was seconded by Bro. J. T. SPALDING, P.P.G.W., and carried unanimously.

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

Bro. Henry George, P.P.G.D.C.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Robt. C. Wills, P.P.G.D.C.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. B. Ferris, P.G.C.	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Hy. W. Wynne Foulkes	...	...	
" Jno. A. H. Hirst, P.P.G. Std. Br....	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. H. Nicholson, P.G. Stwd.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Arthur Stubbs, P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. F. Watson, P.P.G.P.	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. G. Dimock	...	...	Prov. J.G.D. 21
" Herbert Walker	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Thos. Roberts, P.G. Stwd.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jno. H. White	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Edwin G. Loverseed	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Gall	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Geo. G. Bonser	...	...	
" Geo. Essex	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jacob Levy	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Hy. E. Wilson	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" G. S. Fish	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" G. W. Dominy	...	...	
" W. H. Farmer	...	...	
" H. E. Hartshorn	...	...	
" S. Ironmonger	...	...	
" J. Townrow, P.P.A.G.D.C.	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. H. Benham	...	...	
" Jas. Dooly	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Tyler.

Invitations to hold the summer meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge under their banners were received from the Worshipful Masters of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, and the Newton Lodge, No. 1661.

Bro. Rev. F. V. BUSSELL, D.P.G.M., stated his very great regret at the resignation by Bro. H. R. Hatherly, P.P.G.W., of the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, the duties of which he had discharged so ably and to the satisfaction of the Prov. Grand Master and himself for the last seven years. At a meeting of the General Purposes Committee it was unanimously decided that a testimonial should be presented to Bro. Hatherly in recognition of the very valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry, and he moved that a sum of £20 be voted from Prov. Grand Lodge Fund towards that testimonial, and that a vote of thanks to Bro. Hatherly be recorded on the minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge.

This was seconded by Bro. H. GEORGE, P.S.G.W., and cordially approved of and supported by the Prov. Grand Master, who wished to add his testimony to that of his deputy as to the able manner in which the late Secretary had discharged his duties. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried with acclamation by the brethren present.

There being no further business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE BOLINGBROKE LODGE,  
No. 2417.

One of the last official duties upon which the late Grand Secretary was engaged was the completion of the arrangements for the consecration of the Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2417, the ceremonies of which he had, as usual in the Metropolis, undertaken to perform. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, kindly stepped into the breach and consecrated the lodge at Stanley Hall, Clapham Junction, S.W., on Wednesday, the 6th instant, assisted by Bros. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., as S.W.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks, as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge were Bros. Dr. P. H. Davis, F.R.G.S., W.M. designate; R. R. Collick, P.M., S.W. designate; J. A. Randall, J.W. designate; G. Squires, W. M. Chinnery, C. W. Munslow, W. G. Boswell, M.R.C.V.S.; J. A. Marshall, H. J. Giller, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; R. Evens, P.M.; T. H. Hanne, J. J. Calder, G. Gill, P.M.; W. G. Stott, and F. France.

The visitors present included—

Bros. General J. W. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; C. Donaldson, Treas. 196; W. J. Fawcett, G. Woolf, 1963; T. W. Keddy, T. W. Lightfoot, 1585; F. Morrell, 1963; J. W. Folkard, S.W. 2345; J. S. Tavener, S.W. 1044; A. C. A. Hegarty, P.M. 1044, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Dr. W. H. Kempster, G. Stwd.; G. Street, S.D. 172; T. J. Brooke, 1441; T. C. Austin, P.M. 1733; J. W. Fortescue, 1585; R. Judd Green, 1585; A. C. Woodward, 1585, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; H. Arding, 1287; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. Brown, 1764; E. Dare, P.M.; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D. 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, and a hymn sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He made a touching reference to the late Grand Secretary, who was to have consecrated the lodge, and having explained the object of the meeting, concluded by urging the founders to be extremely careful whom they admitted as members to the lodge.

The brethren of the new lodge then signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, after which the following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, D.P.G.M. Bucks, acting Chaplain:

Every word of our ceremonies, every symbol of our Order, teaches in addition to the special lesson which it enforces, the general one that life is *not* to be dreamed or called away, but is to each man a solemn reality, allotting to each hour its duty and its responsibilities. Those duties and responsibilities are as varied as they are numerous, sometimes great and sometimes small, but always important. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," are the inspired words of one whose name is intimately connected with our Craft, and he adds the reason "for there is no work, nor desire, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." Our ancient Operative lodges were living exponents of this great lesson. It was not sufficient that a man should work; he must also work well, thoroughly, and perseveringly. No mere skill or talent, however great, was valued unless it could be devoted to some useful end. Brilliancy of intellect, artistic touch, boldness and grandeur of design, were only valued if they could be so controlled and directed as to effect what the duty and responsibilities of the present life required. And so work was well done, because it was done with the whole might of the Craftsman. I know no better thought for a new lodge. If we are to succeed, in the highest sense of the word, either in the lodge or out of the lodge, it can only be by giving the utmost attention of body, soul, and mind to every action, word, and thought of our daily lives, whether they be great or little. And I am sure that to-day this homely, common-place truism is forced home to our thoughts by the memory of the open grave around which many of us stood only seven days ago, by our affection for the brother who, had he lived, would have to-day occupied that chair. Those who served with him as a soldier, those who worked with him as a Mason, those who loved him as a friend, well know that I am not overstating the truth when I say that his life was a daily oration on the word "duty." No drudgery, no detail was ever shirked. The smallest matter was entitled to and got the utmost care. If a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. "In all labour there is profit," so speaks our Grand Master Solomon, and surely the labours of our friend have been profitable to the world in general, and to our Order in particular.

The ceremony was resumed, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual form.

Bro. Dr. P. H. Davis, F.R.G.S., W.M. designate, was next installed into the chair by the Consecrating Master, and invested the following officers: Bros. R. R. Collick, P.M., S.W.; J. A. Randall, J.W.; C. W. Munslow, Treas.; R. Evens, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Boswell, S.D.; F. France, I.G.; G. Squires and J. A. Marshall, Stwds. Bro. Austin was elected Tyler.

On the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, the Consecrating Officers and his assistants were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., returned thanks for himself and colleagues, and by desire of the Worshipful Master, invested the founders with jewels commemorative of the occasion.

Several propositions for initiation and joining were announced, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured, the musical programme being abandoned owing to the recent death of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were heartily received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he would also include the next toast of "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and his Assistants." With reference to the Grand Officers the brethren had had a specimen of what they could do that evening. Although he wished to do justice to the toast he did not wish to flatter, so, avoiding fear on the one hand and rashness on the other, he would strike the happy medium from the sublime to the

ridiculous and thank them heartily for attending that evening and performing the consecration ceremonies.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in reply, said the W.M. was too old a Mason and too much of an autocrat for him to venture to dispute his will. In the presence of Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, his senior Grand Officer, it therefore became his duty to break the ice on this toast. He was only glad that if Bro. Brownrigg had a wandering thought in his mind that he should continue his oration, circumstances had now brought Bro. Brownrigg round to the happy position of being able to criticise the remarks he was about to make. He trusted the Prov. Grand Chaplain would forgive him in the question of Masonic precedence—and he did not think there ever could be a wry word between them—and allow him to return thanks for the distinguished names coupled with the toast. It was only the previous day that the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., undertook the long journey from Ormskirk in consequence of the circumstances in which they were unhappily placed owing to the death of their lamented and dear friend the Grand Secretary. When they remembered the Pro Grand Master was not merely a great nobleman, but a great officer of State as well, he thought they might be well furnished with an answer if objection be made when they found Freemasonry attracted such men to its service—men of the importance and calibre and position in the world like Lord Lathom. With regard to Lord Mount Edgcumbe, who recently came to the position of Deputy Grand Master, he felt sure those who had seen him preside in Grand Lodge, and knew his reputation in the province where he was so deservedly respected and esteemed, would feel that he was about to give to the Craft generally the same services that had won him the reputation of the brethren over whom he had presided so many years with such success. They were happy in their Grand Officers, and it was partly because of the position which the Craft holds, and partly because of the position which they held in the Craft that the one acts and the other re-acts. He would say a word upon a subject which he touched in the lodge. He was sure none of them would desire that anyone there would play the part of the skeleton at the Egyptian banquet, but still as they were told in eloquent terms the lesson of the open grave was not a lesson which a Mason was called upon to learn for the first time. The loss which they had to deplore in the person of their Grand Secretary brought home to them with peculiar force the great lesson they were taught on their entrance into the Craft, but to many of them who were privileged with a more intimate acquaintance, the loss was accentuated by being that of a dear friend. To all the loss was great: how great to English Masonry he doubted if anyone at that moment could thoroughly realise. But so it was, and why he ventured to refer to the subject was because their hearts were full, and they were anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to his death, and also because he felt that they might well consider that it was not those who at the moment were administering Masonry, it was not those entirely who in the past had administered, and it was not those to whom its great traditions would be handed down that would entirely make Masonry. It was the great principles on which it was founded. As long as they continued to respect and adhere to those principles and worthily carry them out, so long he was quite sure—while they in their turn should have a loss which was common to human nature to deplore—so long should they find that the best of mankind would be attracted. He felt that the principles of Masonry might well on occasions like this be prominently brought before the attention of the brethren forming a new lodge with benefit, and it was because he felt the circumstances under which they had met and the loss they had sustained that he had thus spoken, and they would forgive him. On the part of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the kindness with which they had been received, and assured the founders they looked upon the creation of this lodge with great interest, and would watch its progress and rejoice in its success.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, Deputy Prov. G.M. Bucks, also briefly replied.

"The Worshipful Master" was next proposed by Bro. PHILBRICK, who said that Bro. Davis had undertaken a great responsibility, but no doubt his Masonic capabilities and those around him would make the lodge a great success. They all wished it might be so, and as this was the beginning of the year, he hoped the good wishes which attended the beginning of the one would equally attend the beginning of the other. He had said a word or two, prompted by the administration of a province, about whom they should admit into their lodge. He was quite satisfied, speaking at the social table, that a good rule was that those whom he would be glad to see in their houses were fit and proper persons to come amongst them in the lodge, and as long as that was born in mind he was sure the lodge would be prosperous, and the brethren harmonious, and it would be a lodge which carried out the true Masonic maxims they so much cherished. He gave them with all good wishes that the season aspired, with all the good wishes the occasion demanded, and with all the good wishes personally they bore towards him—the health of the W.M. and their hopes for a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Dr. P. H. DAVIS, W.M., in response said there was a favourite saying with after dinner speakers that the present was the happiest moment of their lives. If he knew the man who originally wrote those words, and had it in his power he would transport him. He bore malice because the present was the unhappiest moment he had ever experienced, and he was manly enough to confess it. He was not an after-dinner speaker, and for once he had got into a position he should be glad to get out of. He had pleasure in seeing a number of brethren around him who knew him in private life, and they would readily understand the affliction he had been going through of late, and that he should be at home instead of in his present position. There were some present who knew his professional and commercial career, and they would also know the anxious time he had lately experienced. It was indeed an honour to be the Worshipful Master of a new lodge which must become a powerful lodge within a short time. He was certain of it, and those who knew him well knew that whatever he put his hand to he succeeded in, for he did not start unless sure of success. He was grateful to the Grand Registrar for having spoken so feelingly, and wished his knowledge of him had been longer.

Bro. General LAURIE, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, acknowledged "The Visitors," and referring to the late Grand Secretary, said that the dear brother they had lost and he were at Sandhurst together, and were both in the Crimea. As a private friend and as a P.G.M. he knew the Grand Secretary's worth, and that he relieved Grand Lodge from many knotty questions by his diplomacy.

Bro. Dr. KEMPSTER, Grand Steward, also replied, and said he intended giving the brethren some interesting facts relative to Freemasonry in Battersea, but as the hour was late he would defer them to a future visit.

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

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### To Correspondents.

A. Y.—There is undoubtedly something unusual in the course adopted, but we cannot say that it is irregular or that any exception can be taken to it. It would be as well, however, to refer to the by-laws of the lodge in question, to see if they contain any provision bearing upon the subject.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:  
CRAFT.—Albion Lodge, No. 9; Lodge of Friendship, No. 202; Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265; Pomfret Lodge, No. 360; L.A. Tolerance Lodge, No. 538; Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1022; Lodge of Prudence, No. 1550; Leopold Lodge, No. 1571; Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1644; Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1831; Grove Lodge, No. 1957; and St. Martin's Lodge, Freemasonry in Malta.  
Opening of a New Masonic Lodge (I.C.) at Carlow.  
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1892.

### Masonic Notes.

Before these lines reach our readers, the sad news of the death of the Heir Presumptive to the throne will have been sped throughout the world, and will have created universal and wide-spread sorrow. Under any circumstances, the shock would be severe, but, coming as it does almost on the eve of a marriage, the prospect of which had called forth much more than the conventional rejoicing over the match, it is doubly so. Every Englishman was glad that an English princess had been chosen to fill so exalted a position, and that the choice had fallen on the daughter of the amiable and beloved Duchess of Teck.

To the nation the Duke was known as a kindly and genial English gentleman, without any pretensions, but as one who had done his best to qualify himself for the great position apparently in store for him. Members of the Masonic fraternity had probably more favourable opportunities of becoming acquainted with his personality than many others. He appeared to have inherited from his illustrious father a love for the Craft, which was shown on all occasions when opportunity offered, notably on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Mastership of Berkshire becoming vacant about a year ago, when the Duke was installed in the office so long held by the late Sir Daniel Goch.

In the expressions of sympathy with the Prince and Princess of Wales which will pour in from all parts of the world, none will be more heartfelt and genuine than those from his brethren of the Craft. The Grand Master of English Freemasons has endeared himself to all of us to an extent that can scarcely be understood beyond the circle of Masonry, and the great sorrow that has overtaken his Royal Highness and the illustrious family whose joy has been so suddenly turned into mourning, will be shared alike by the Entered Apprentice and the rulers of the Craft.

In reply to numerous inquiries with reference to the emoluments attached to the office of Grand Secretary, we beg to state that at the Quarterly Communication

on the 3rd June, 1874, Grand Lodge unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, that the salary of the Grand Secretary should commence at £500, and rise by annual increments of £50 to a maximum of £800 a year. This maximum, however, had been increased in the case of our late Grand Secretary by further resolution of Grand Lodge to £1000, in consequence of the great increase which had taken place in the duties of the office in connection with the Royal Arch.

In our last issue we stated that the Board of Stewards of the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was in excess of 900. We have now the satisfaction of announcing that at the moment of going to press the number has increased to 1030.

Turning over the pages of a recent issue of the *New Zealand Craftsman*, we came upon an extract from our Sydney namesake—the *Freemason* of that city—in which we are charged with "pitiable ignorance," because we described Bro. Lord Carrington—at his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire—as "P.D.G.M. New South Wales." "Fancy," says our outraged contemporary, "the leading English Masonic paper—price 3d.—dubbing Lord Carrington a Past District Grand Master. And we exchange with this paper, too. Ugh!" But there is no need to invoke "fancy" in describing a fact. A reference to the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book" for 1889 will show that his lordship was District Grand Master of New South Wales, and that his appointment to that office was dated the 10th January, 1888. Therefore, we were quite right in describing him as "P.D.G.M. New South Wales," not only because he formerly held office as D.G.M., but also because in describing his lordship's installation as Grand Master of a Province under the Grand Lodge of England, it was the proper thing to give him the title which pertained to him in English Masonry.

We are aware that it is usually considered bad form to indulge in a *Tu quoque*, but we may reasonably be allowed to ask in this case—Where lies the "pitiable ignorance"—with the London *Freemason*, which gave Lord Carrington his correct English Masonic title at a particular epoch in his career as an English Mason; or with the Sydney *Freemason*, which does not appear to have known that his lordship was ever the D.G.M. of New South Wales under the English constitution? As for supposing that we, who gave a full report of Lord Carrington's installation as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, did not know he ever held that office—well, that is too ridiculous a "fancy" to ascribe even to the Sydney *Freemason*.

Bro. Richard Bull, Past Dist. Dep. G. Master under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who was initiated in December, 1841, and on the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada was appointed its first S.G.W., was recently presented with a purse of gold, an illuminated address, and two handsomely-framed portraits, one of which will be hung in one of the rooms of the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, as a memorial from his numerous friends and admirers, of the jubilee anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry. There was a numerous gathering of those desirous of doing honour to the occasion and showing their respect for Bro. Bull, and Bro. J. M. Gilson, Q.C., D.G.M., presided as Chairman. We congratulate our worthy brother on the event, and the manner in which it was celebrated, and we trust he may be spared for many years to be an ornament to that body of which he has been so long a worthy member.

Correspondence.

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

"THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have delayed again addressing you on this subject, after your somewhat severe criticism of my former letter, in the hope that the defence would be taken up by some abler pen than mine.

In your article headed "Provincial Grand Honours," after referring to my letter, you say "We fail to see what bearing they have upon the main proposition that many are the reverse of careful as to the candidates they accept as members." Now, Sir, I contend that

the consideration of the present system of conferring the so-called "honours" is pertinent to and lies at the root of the evil complained of, as I will briefly endeavour to show. As I have before contended these "honours" are conferred too much as a matter of course without any previous enquiry or knowledge as to the recipients, upon the Masters who happen to be in the chair, or the acting I.P.M. in office, at the time when Provincial Grand Lodge meets. It consequently frequently happens that the Past Masters who have done all the work in the lodge during the previous year, or two years, owing to the incompetency of the reigning Master, see these unworthy brethren invested with P.G. rank equal to and frequently even superior to their own. The result is that these Past Masters who are and ought to be the backbone of the lodge become disgusted, and in the large majority of lodges, I fear, afterwards absent themselves from all regular meetings of the lodge, except perhaps the installation ceremony, which further results in the management of the affairs of the lodge falling into the hands of brethren of no experience, and who care little for the future welfare of the lodge or the Craft. They admit candidates as a matter of course, without the least enquiry as to fitness, &c., and in course of time these candidates take office, and year by year, owing to seniority only, rise step by step until they occupy the chair. No brother, if he ever desires it, dares dispute or challenge their fitness, because he well knows that if he does he will not be supported but make himself unpopular and mar his own chance of promotion. These Worshipful Masters on reaching the chair, on being urged to work, will at once reply, "I don't see why I need trouble; Bro. A. B. didn't work during his year of office, but he got the purple and so shall I." The result is that the whole tone of the Craft is destroyed, capable men get disgusted and the management falls into the hands of those who, I fear, joined it for "mercenary or other unworthy motives" only. To remedy the evils it will be necessary to revise the Book of Constitutions, a task I well know the Grand Officers will view with reluctance and alarm, but if we can only once get them to see the vital importance of it, I feel sure they will not shrink from the work it will entail.

I would make the following suggestions for the consideration of your readers and appeal to them to cast aside the natural reluctance which I confess I feel to enter into the lists with you. (1) Let every lodge from time to time have its attention particularly called to the necessity of greater care being exercised to the admission of candidates and to the great importance of the officers of the lodge being in every way qualified to undertake the duties of the offices to which they are appointed, and that there should be no rule or understanding as to succession to office by seniority, but that fitness alone should be the qualification. (2) Let every lodge be visited by a P.G. Officer at least once in every year to report to the P.G. Master as to the work done in the lodge management of business, &c. In large provinces the work could be easily delegated to a number of properly qualified and competent brethren. In the smaller provinces the existing (supposed) visiting officers should be increased by the addition of the Wardens and Registrar, the latter of whom, with the D.P.G.M., Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, should be appointed for a term of years and the D.P.G.M. only eligible for re-appointment, the Assistant Secretary being eligible for appointment to the office of Secretary. This would prevent the least suspicion of favouritism or dislike, and also be the means of keeping the officers of the province in harmony with the times, instead of the old-fashioned "ruts" that permanency on the part of officers who have held office for a number of years involve with the consequent lethargy that follows on all the surroundings. New blood every five or seven years would infuse new life into the provinces, and through it into the lodges. (3) This system of visitation, conferring of P.G. rank on brethren as a reward for work actually done, the modernising of business despatch, and removal of all suspicion of likes and dislikes that permanent officers engenders, will tend to restore the interest the old Past Masters took in the affairs of their lodges, and wean them back to attend the meetings and exercise their proper control, and give their warning, advice, and counsel to the younger brethren, whilst present and future officers will feel themselves put upon their metal to conduct the work to emulate the standard of the Past Masters of days gone by. (4) As it is the "hope of reward that sweetens labour," I would suggest that no brother should be eligible for P.G. rank until he has served as a Past Master of his lodge for a period of not less than three years, and during that time attended the majority of the meetings held. I believe this would have a most beneficial effect. Now when a brother passes the chair and gets P.G. rank within the year, he says "I have now got all that I can ever expect, why should I trouble more?" And no more does he trouble himself in a great many instances, but at once takes his place upon the "shelf," and only comes out on the more showy and important occasions. Let P.G. rank be conferred for work done before and after passing the chair. I heartily concur with the suggestion made by another correspondent in your columns that there should be District or Provincial Grand Lodges for London, and that Grand Lodge offices should not as now be nearly entirely monopolised by London brethren. Let every P.G.M. be annually or periodically in rotation allowed to nominate from his past officers, who have served in an office not below the rank of P.G. Deacon, a brother to the M.W.G.M. for office in Grand Lodge, and there will then be the further direct inducement to P.P.G. Officers to continue to take an active

interest in the affairs of the province and lodges. Now, we Past P.G. Officers know that however much time we may devote or money we may subscribe we can never hope to get office in Grand Lodge unless we are born with "handles to our names or silver spoons in our mouths," or join a crack London lodge, become much "in evidence," and thus manage by some good fortune or other to "catch the eye" of those who place the lists for final selection and approval. It ought to be otherwise.—Yours fraternally,

P.P.G. OFFICER.

THE CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 658, SYDNEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am delighted to note in the *Freemason* of today that the unsatisfactory state of affairs, not to say injustice, arising out of the position of the above lodge, has at length been rectified, and that the loyal brethren who have stuck so persistently to their guns have carried the day. Truly, it is a long lane that has no turning.

Let me remark that I took a lively interest in the dispute, from the fact that, up to a certain point, the case of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752—the only English lodge in Melbourne—was identical with that of the Cambrian Lodge in Sydney. That certain point was the abstraction of the warrants belonging to both lodges, at the instance of the majorities at the informal meetings of the members, not a majority of the members on the rolls of the two lodges in question be it noted.

At that point the divergence commences. In the case of the lodge in Melbourne, Sir William Clarke, the M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, ordered the immediate restoration of the warrant, which was accordingly done; whereas in Sydney Lord Carrington, the then M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales, did not interfere.

I have no doubt whatever that the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, now that this happy consummation has been achieved, will work side by side in the same fraternal and harmonious manner as do the brethren of the Combermere Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Finally, permit me to congratulate Bro. G. Robinson, P.M. Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, and his devoted little band, on the result of their labours, a result only, however, gained through persistent "pegging away," whilst, too, being at the disadvantage of being 13,000 miles distant from head-quarters.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Cockermouth, January 9th.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a report of a meeting of the Order in your last issue, notice is called to the want of information as to the meetings of the various conclaves of the Order. May I suggest that the authorities should arrange for the meetings to appear weekly in the *Freemason* under the head of Masonic Meetings. The hour of meeting could be stated by the Secretary sending a copy of the summons to the office of your paper.—Yours fraternally,

P.S.R.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel obliged by your correcting a mis-statement appearing in your issue of to-day's date. On page 22 in replying to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," the Secretary of that Institution is reported to have said that "The Benevolent Institution stood in a different position to the Boys' School and the Girls' School Offices, in which there was no man who was a Mason but the Secretaries."

Perhaps you will permit me to state that at a no more recent date than the 1st July, 1882, I had the honour of being initiated into the Craft.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. S. PEACHEY, S.W. 1194.

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THE LEICESTER MASONIC LIBRARY.

In a very complimentary letter to you about this library contained in your issue of December 12th. Bro. G. W. Bain writes thus: "There is a curious little book entitled 'Songs of Free Masons,' issued at Darlington, supposed to be unique and entirely unknown to Bro. Hughan, and certainly never heard of by me in the district which I have fairly hunted." Within the last few days, through the kindness of Bro. Bain, I have been enabled to fix the exact date of publication of this curious little book. It contains 12 songs printed on 16 pages. The first four only are numbered; while nine have distinctive titles: Thus—I. The Master's Song, II. The Warden's Song, III. The Treasurer's Song, IV. The Secretary's Song, Senior Deacon's Song, The Steward's Song, The Tyler's

Song, The Fellow Craft's Song, The Enter'd Prentice's Song. The three remaining ones are simply called songs, the last being the familiar one sung to "God Save the Queen." The song in this collection called The Fellow Craft's song, begins "Hail Masonry! Thou Craft divine!" It is similar to one on page 244 of the 1874 edition of Reeves and Turner's "Text Book of Freemasonry," and also to one on page 13 of a collection of songs at the end of Lewis's "Perfect Ceremonies of Craft Masonry" (1878). The greatest difference occurs in the sixth and last verse of all three versions, and it was from this verse that I obtained a clue to the date of publication. The verse runs:

"Then in our Songs be Justice done,  
To those who have enrich'd the Art,  
From Adam down to Beaufort's time,  
And let each Brother bear a Part;  
Let noble Mason's Healths go round,  
Their Praise in Lofty Lodge resound."

The Beaufort mentioned in the third line is evidently Henry, Duke of Beaufort, who was M.W.G.M. from 1767 to 1771. Thus the date is fixed within a small limit, but Bro. G. W. Bain most kindly informed me that he has in his library "what is said to be the first book printed in Darlington. It is dated 1771, and was printed by John Sadler." (John Sadler is the printer's name affixed to the book.) Hence we obtain the exact date of 1771 as that of the publication of this collection of songs. Bro. G. W. Bain adds "These facts intensify the value of the book and place it in a unique position."

HENRY S. BIGGS, Chaplain 523,  
One of the compilers of the Leicester Masonic  
Library Catalogue.

## Reviews.

### MASONIC CALENDARS.

#### SUSSEX.

The first to be published for 1892, issued in the month of December last, is the "Masonic Almanac" for the Province of Sussex, by authority of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., the Prov. G.M., the D. Prov. G.M. being the Rt. Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P. The name of the editor does not transpire, but doubtless we shall not err in crediting the indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. V. P. Freeman, with that duty. At all events the work is well done, in accordance with all that emanates from that active and well managed province. The special features of its compilation have been noted several times in the *Freemason*, so that we need only now state it has been edited on the same lines as its immediate predecessor, and is brimful of information respecting the *personnel*, statistics, finances, officers and the Charities in connection with Sussex, all being most systematically arranged in a very handy form, and should be much prized by the Fraternity, so ably provided for by this neat and correct little annual. There are 27 lodges in Sussex, with 1311 members; 9 chapters and 245 companions; and 8 Mark lodges.

#### BERKSHIRE.

Singular to state, the next in order of publication is for a province also favoured by having one of the Royal Family to preside over its interests, and is called "The Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar for 1892." It is compiled and edited by Bro. John T. Morland, M.A., the D. Prov. G.M., and is its first appearance, the printer and publisher being Bro. G. J. Cosburn, of Newbury, from whom copies may be had, post free, for 1s. 3d., though it contains some 150 pages of closely printed matter. The province is not a large one (13 lodges and 537 members), yet it undoubtedly has one of the best Masonic directories published in England, and the editor has struck out a plan and a path for himself which reflects the greatest credit on his ingenuity and skill, the handsomely printed register being literally a guide to the province, not only with respect to its present condition, but also as to its past history. The "Sketch of Freemasonry in Berkshire, 1725-1891," is a model of its kind, and with valuable tables extends to some 26 pages, and in that respect is far ahead of any other directory, even for the large provinces. The particulars thus afforded are both valuable and interesting, and should alone lead to this excellent annual being largely subscribed for by brethren out of the province; whilst so numerous are its other features respecting the local lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies, that we shall not be surprised to hear of a second edition being called for, as the brethren in Berks naturally will at once secure copies for themselves, so that unless the edition is unusually large it cannot fail to be soon exhausted. The register of members of the Province of Berkshire and of the Mark Province of Berks and Oxon, with the Masonic bodies to which they belong, is arranged on quite a new system, and we are glad also to note the complete list of subscribers to the Central Masonic Charities and the "Mark Benevolent Fund." Bro. Morland assuredly will receive a hearty welcome into the corps of editors of English Masonic Calendars, and will be placed in the front rank by all who know how to appreciate his industry, zeal, and accuracy as the compiler of this most useful Register and Calendar.

## Ireland.

### ENNISKILLEN.

**Tyrone and Fermanagh Preceptory.**—This flourishing encampment held its usual quarterly convocation in the preceptory chambers of the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th December. Amongst those present were six knights representing Omagh, Castledearg, Victoria Bridge, Ederney, Newtown Stewart, and Enniskillen. The usual business having been transacted, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Sir Knights Wm. Teele, J.P., Preceptor; A. Anderson, Constable; C. E. Irvine, Marshal; R. A. Miller, Chap.; J. L. Carson, Std. Br.; W. F. Jones, P.P., Treas.; W. Purdon, P.P., Reg.; H. Roulston, Sub-Marshal; A. R. Nelson, Capt. of Guard; and Wm. Ritchie, Sentinel. A pleasant little supper wound up the proceedings.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Royal Jubilee Lodge (No. 72).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. W. R. Russell, W.M.; J. Reid, S.W., W.M. elect; and the officers of the lodge. Bro. Ormes was raised to the Third Degree. Owing to the ill-health of the W.M., the duty of Installing Master devolved on Bro. Lewcock, P.M., and in a thoroughly efficient manner Bro. Jas. Reid was duly installed as W.M., after which he appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. W. R. Russell, I.P.M.; J. Braham, S.W.; G. Horton, J.W.; F. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; A. Darch, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Williams, S.D.; E. Weekley, J.D.; J. N. Bute, P.M., D.C.; T. H. Fairhead, A.D.C.; W. Smith, I.G.; J. Davis, Asst. Sec.; J. A. Barton, Org.; C. H. Randall and W. Haswell, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Lewcock delivered the usual addresses in a fluent and impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee, showing the funds of the lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, was read and adopted. On the motion of Bro. Abrahamson, P.M., the sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the brother representing the lodge at the Jubilee Festival. A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Russell, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge during his year of office. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where an excellent banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Russell, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," congratulated Bro. Reid on his accession to the chair, and expressed the best wishes of the lodge for a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Reid, W.M., briefly replied, and proposed "The Health of Bro. Russell, I.P.M.," who had had a very successful year of office, which he had carried through in a highly satisfactory manner.

Bro. Russell, in responding, said he had initiated 11 candidates during his year of office, and was much indebted to the officers and brethren for the assistance afforded him. He was under great obligations to Bro. Lewcock, P.M., who had rendered him valuable aid.

"The Health of Bro. Lewcock, P.M., the Installing Master," was proposed, and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Reid, W.M., then proposed "The Visitors," giving them, in the name of the lodge, a cordial welcome.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., in responding for the visitors, thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for the cordial reception given to the toast and the fraternal welcome they had received. It was a pleasure to the visitors to meet the brethren of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, and they wished the Worshipful Master a successful year of office and the lodge every prosperity.

Bro. Dottridge, P.M. 172, and other brethren also responded.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were then disposed of, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

An excellent programme of music was ably rendered under the direction of Bro. Arthur Weston.

The following visitors were present: Bros. Thwaite, J.W. 2087; Whitford, 1321; Price, W.M. 2096; W. Arter, Org. 1572; Taplay, 1076; Lee, P.M. 1524, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Ellis, W.M. 1314; Upton, I.G. 619; Burgess, 852; Parry, 619; Smith, 1892; Green, 1158; Jones, 1716; Dottridge, P.M. 172; Weston, 101; Pain, P.M. 1339; Dawson, P.M. 1853; Allerding, Rose of Sharon Lodge, N.S.W.; Neale, 1366; Harris, 1807; Goodwin, 619; Crabb, 749; and Geoch and Guino, 2182.

**Old Concord Lodge (No. 172).**—The installation meeting of this old established and flourishing lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when members and visitors attended to the number of 140. Amongst the former were Bro. R. Steele, W.M.; J. B. Evans, S.W.; J. Hancock, P.M., Treasurer; G. King, P.M., Secretary; W. Hunt, S.D.; G. N. Street, J.D.; T. Jordan, I.G.; Carl T. Fleck, P.M.; H. R. Cope, P.M.; J. Evans, P.M.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; T. Whaley, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Hastings Miller, G.S.B.; S. Ellison, W.M. 507; W. W. Westley, W.M. 2345; A. Clark, J.D. 1663; C. Woods, Sec. 2345; T. H. Johnson, P.M. 1603; F. Hilton, P.M. 1624; F. Walden, J.W. 2012; C. H. Grace, S.D. 1026; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; C. Donaldson, Treas. 1963; T. Catling, P.M. 2190; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315; J. Quincey, P.M. 1668; F. Spink, W.M. 1669; F. A. King, 1558; W. T. Warner, J.W. 1297; W. J. Wheeler, I.G. 1366; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; J. S. Terry, P.M. 507; W. Venner, I.G. 901; W. Tucker, S.D. 795; J. S. Favener, S.W. 1044; T. W. Heath, W.M. 1642; P. Blatchford, 704; A. H. Cole, D.C. 1744; T. Jefferies, Stwd. 1744; S. F. Bygrave, S.D. 1658; R. Paul, 2361; Tuttle Lee, 2264; R. Reichenheim, 1622; L. Hollingsworth, 1807; R. Kirk, 1681; J. Ellis, 66; E. T. Ginder, 1563; F. R. H. Simpson, 960; P. Twitcher, 1425; J. Linstead, 901; W. Humfrey, 1305; Arthur Weston, 101; W. D. Schwarz, 1305; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. J. B. Evans was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Steele. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Silas, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Hancock, P.M., Treas.; King, P.M., Secs.; Street, S.D.; Jordan, J.D.; Barrett, I.G.; Norman, D.C.; and Couchman, Tyler. Mr. Davis was then initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M., after which the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro.

Steele, I.P.M. A very satisfactory balance-sheet was unanimously adopted, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, and the usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

Bro. Hastings Miller, G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received. It was some years since he had visited that lodge, and he had thoroughly enjoyed himself that evening. The W.M. had said that the Grand Officers did all they could for Freemasonry, and, speaking personally, he (Bro. Miller) could say that for the past 23 years his life had been bound up in Masonry, and his was not an isolated case. It took a long time to work up to the position of Grand Officer, but when attained it was an honour to the brother and to the lodge with which he was connected.

Bro. R. Steele, I.P.M., then said it fell to his lot to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and he could assure them it gave him very much pleasure to do so. He had known Bro. Evans, the W.M., for some time, and was sure he had been working up for the position, and would perform his duties in a manner that would give satisfaction to all.

Bro. J. B. Evans, W.M., said it was with feelings of the greatest pleasure that he rose to return his sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health, and the kind wishes expressed would stimulate him to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. Of course, a great deal of his success would depend upon the assistance he received from the officers in carrying out their duties, and he hoped and trusted they would assist him in every possible way in the lodge and at the banquet table. While he had their confidence in carrying out the duties of the lodge, he also hoped to enjoy their confidence in other matters necessary to be done for the observance of order and decorum. If he was thus supported he should do all he could—it would be impossible to raise the prestige of the lodge—to uphold its grand position and reputation.

"The Initiate" having been heartily honoured, the W.M. gave "The Visitors" in cordial terms, and warmly welcomed the Go visiting brethren present.

Bro. Hudson, P.P.G.W. Sussex, in response, said he had heard how this lodge received its visitors, and at last he had been enabled to visit it. He was especially pleased to attend, as he remembered the time when the W.M. had not the opportunity of being called brother. He knew, however, that when Bro. Evans entered Freemasonry he would prove an excellent Mason, and in the position into which he had been installed that evening he would do credit to the lodge. He wished the W.M. health and strength to perform his duties, and was sure that 12 months hence there would be even a larger gathering present to congratulate him than there was that evening. It would be a considerable time before he (Bro. Hudson) forgot the installation of his old friend into the chair of the Old Concord Lodge.

Bros. Terry and Lucas having also replied, the W.M. briefly proposed "The Past Masters," for which Bro. Steele, I.P.M., returned thanks.

Other toasts were given, and a successful meeting terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, an excellent programme of music was well carried out, the artistes being Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Annie Wilan, and Bros. J. Gawthorp and Sutton Shepley.

**Domestic Lodge (No. 177).**—The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 8th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. E. A. G. Smith, W.M. elect, by Bro. H. N. Price, P.M. Amongst the members present were Bros. T. B. Goodfellow, W.M.; E. A. G. Smith, S.W.; A. Piper, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M.; G. Treas., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. Barnett, jun., S.D.; C. Riechelmann, Org.; G. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B., I.G.; T. H. Hobbs, D.C.; T. Morris, Stwd.; R. Salmon, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Harry N. Price, P.M.; R. Harvey, P.M.; P. J. Chapman, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; P. Bowman Spink, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; D. Plenderleith, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; C. Bigby, 1298; H. E. Pollard, P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Biggs, P.M. 77, P.P.G.D.C.; G. P. Painter, W.M. 1613; A. Wood, 1185; H. Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Morris, P.M. 1273; G. Goble, P.M. 1273; C. Sims, W.M. 1203; D. J. Taylor, W.M. 1791; J. S. Anthony, 1693; T. Rose, W.M. 1641; A. Ford Lloyd, 1585; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; C. W. Bennett, 1637; W. Harris, W.M. 1662; A. J. Millington, S.D. 1227; H. Murrell, J.W. 30; J. T. Davies, 1348; W. Brownwood, S.W. 180; J. King, 1622; E. G. Mansell, 879; W. Bonwick, J.W. 2030; H. Clay, 198; S. H. Basing, 1607; C. C. Piper, W.M. 2030; F. J. Deaton, 25; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. G. Clark was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. T. S. Smith passed to the Second Degree. Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. E. A. G. Smith as W.M. in an able manner, enjoyed by all present. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. Piper, S.W.; J. Barnett, jun., P.M., J.W.; G. Everett, P.M.; G. Treas., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; W. E. Wigmore, S.D.; G. Gardner, P.M., J.D.; T. H. Hobbs, I.G.; T. N. Morris, D.C.; Jas. Stephens, P.M., Stwd.; W. S. Andrews, A.D.C.; and A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. On the motion of Bro. G. Everett, P.M., G. Treas., the sum of 25 guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Goodfellow, I.P.M., by the W.M., and was suitably acknowledged.

Lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed, which was well served under the superintendence of Bro. Clemow.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured, and a selection of music rendered under the direction of Bro. Riechelmann, Org., assisted by Madame Riechelmann, Miss Hipwell, and Bros. Joseph Hay and Bob Rae.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were heartily received, after which Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. G. Everett, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Geo. Everett, G. Treas., said he felt very highly the privilege of responding to so important and popular a toast as that of the Grand Officers. It seemed but yesterday they deplored the loss of a member of the Craft, who held the important position of Pro Grand Master. They had now to deplore the loss of a brother beloved by the whole

of the Craft—the late Grand Secretary—whose geniality and courtesy were proverbial, and it would be a long time ere they looked upon his like again. Bro. Ferguson, in proposing the toast, alluded to the fact that Bro. Eve and he (Bro. Everett) occupied their honourable positions through the suffrages of the brethren. They esteemed it a very high honour to hold that position, for they represented about 100,000 Masons, and it was, as he had often said before, the blue riband of Freemasonry. The rest of the Grand Officers felt a pleasure in availing themselves of opportunities of visiting lodges, and displayed a great interest in the Craft and in furthering the great principles upon which the Order was founded.

Bro. T. B. Goodfellow, I.P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said he was sure it would be received with enthusiasm, for Bro. Ernest Smith, W.M., had filled every office he had occupied in an excellent manner. The brethren did not wish him to extol their W.M., for they all knew him so well, and would have an opportunity of seeing him perform the duties of the chair.

Bro. Ernest A. G. Smith, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. It was a proud moment to be in the position of W.M. of this lodge which was so well known. It seemed but a very short time since he occupied a position at the right of the W.M., but he had always looked forward to the time when he should occupy the chair of the lodge. He hoped to do his duty in a manner satisfactory to all, and cherish the traditions of the good old Domestic Lodge.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treasurer, gave "The Masonic Charities," and said they were the most brilliant stars on the whole of their escutcheon. The Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows was well worthy of their support. It was the youngest Institution, but they loved it because they felt there were many men who had done their work well in their time, and had joined the Order not for what they could get out of it, but who, from unforeseen circumstances, had been reduced to the lowest ebb of distress. The present year would be the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the brethren would doubtless heartily support the Festival, as it was the only Jubilee of the Institutions they would see. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was another deserving Institution, and a visit to the Institution to see the girls going through their drill was not easily forgotten. Then there was the Boys' School, of which he was Chairman of the Executive Committee. The clouds which darkened that School had been dispelled, and sunshine was the order of the day. The boys were well fed, clothed, and educated.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. White, P.M., and acknowledged by Bros. Black, P.M. 1273, Poynter, Harris, and Taylor.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters," including the Installing Master, Bro. Price, P.M., and said it was his express wish that Bro. Price, P.M., should install him as he initiated him into Freemasonry, and the I.P.M. kindly gave way.

Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., said he felt great gratification in having his name coupled with the toast. The lodge had upon its roll some 16 or 18 Past Masters, each one being able and willing to do any work required. He also felt gratification in having the honour of installing the W.M., and thanked the Past Masters for allowing him that privilege, for Bro. Ernest Smith, W.M., was an old friend, and also one whom he had the honour of introducing and initiating into Freemasonry six years ago. He considered that as a Past Master he had only performed his duty to the lodge in trying to do his best.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given, the latter being replied to by Bros. Piper, S.W., and J. Barnett, jun., P.M., J.W., after which the Tyler's toast closed a successful and enjoyable meeting.

**Eclectic Lodge (No. 1201).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Capt. Harvey Lyon, W.M., presiding, and the following Past Masters and visitors being among others in attendance: Bros. J. Mander, P.M.; Chas. Chaufourd, P.M.; A. T. Freeman, P.M.; J. Armden, P.M.; J. L. Barrett, P.M.; W. H. Munday, P.M.; R. Lloyd, P.M.; J. H. Watts, P.M.; Richard Glasspool, P.M.; and J. A. Gartley. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Gaskins, P.M. 1897; John W. Harvey, P.M. 25; W. Cowen, J.W. 1673; W. A. Stimson, 201; G. Stephens, 1185; T. Cope Allengam, 858; T. W. Robinson, I.G. 1580; W. H. A. Mundell, J.D. 1328; Watson Osmond, P.M. 1297; Alfred Moore, 91; W. D. Child, S.D. 1457; Henry J. Prangley, W.M. 1397; A. Schubert, 704; R. E. Bennett, 1637; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; J. W. Norris, 733; Edward Dalzell, P.M. 2000; R. Pellam Stevens, P.M. 901; George Mullin, 332 (I.C.); and Charles Long, P.M. 1545.

The lodge was in mourning in consequence of the death of Bro. W. H. Paddle, P.M., and unfortunately Bro. A. E. Taylor, P.M., Sec., was absent on account of a death in his family. His duties were taken by Bro. Barrett, P.M. The W.M. initiated Messrs. Solomon Gabriel, David Spratt, Peter Bastendorf, and Joseph Thomas Mead, and afterwards installed Bro. Wm. Alfred Surridge, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. The new officers were Bros. Captain R. Harvey Lyon, I.P.M.; L. V. D. Anley, S.W.; J. H. Haworth, J.W.; J. Mander, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; H. P. Anley, S.D.; R. Touden, J.D.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., D.C.; W. Parker, P.M., A.D.C.; A. Reside, I.G.; C. J. Richardson, P.M., Org.; A. T. Foreman, P.M., and S. H. Lloyd, Stwds.; and W. Potter, Tyler. The W.M. announced that he was Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and solicited assistance. After some other business lodge was closed, and banquet followed at Freemasons' Tavern.

The W.M., after proposing "The Queen and the Craft," gave "The M.W.G.M.," and stated that the Craft were all pleased that his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the eldest son of the Grand Master, was about to enter into the bonds of wedlock. The subject was one which was in the mouths of every one at present, and all Masons wished the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire a happy and prosperous union with his cousin, the Princess May.

The W.M., in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referring to the death of Col. Shadwell Clerke, said that one note of sadness was on the happy proceedings of the evening when they thought of the great loss the Craft

had experienced by the death of the Grand Secretary, who was a brother that brought great zeal, knowledge, and experience to bear on the discharge of the duties of his office. Long might the Craft continue to produce such members of light and leading to guide the destinies of the Order.

Bro. Lyon, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said there was a lot he could say on that occasion. He would not say all things, but he must say one of them, and that was it had given him great pleasure to place his old friend, Bro. Surridge, in the chair of the lodge, not only because he knew his sterling worth, but also because he felt the onerous duties of that post would be well performed in the future. He felt he had a most excellent successor. If there was anybody in the world whom he honoured as an old friend it was Bro. Surridge. During the 24 hours of the day no unbecoming thought rose in Bro. Surridge's mind; the common gavel was never necessary for him, and the chisel had been well used on his behalf. He wished him a happy year of office, a successful term in the chair, and he was sure that evening was a good augury of a brilliant future.

The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast, which was most heartily received, said he felt the onerous duties which fell upon a W.M. It was much more difficult to speak now when called upon to respond to the toast of his own health when proposed in such complimentary terms by the I.P.M., and responded to with such great cordiality by the brethren. It might not be generally known that two of the founders of the lodge were two of his oldest and best friends. Apart from other considerations the brethren might imagine how honoured he felt in being chosen by the brethren to fill the chair which they had occupied with so much dignity. He found it difficult to express himself adequately, and to tell the brethren how much he felt the honour they had conferred upon him, and how much he felt the kindness with which they received this toast. He begged, them however not to set up for him too high a standard in anticipation by making him feel that there was too little of attainment. He would promise to do his best. He asked for the Past Masters, especially the I.P.M., and the officers generous and punctual attendance and cordial co-operation. Given those, he confidently promised with what means he possessed to attain to some little measure of success in his office in 1892.

The Worshipful Master in giving "The I.P.M.," said that whatever anticipations had been formed of Bro. Lyon, they had been fulfilled. If he entered on his office with esteem and affection, he left it with these qualities in greater force. Through his year of office he had made it his aim to promote the good of Freemasonry in general and of the Eclectic Lodge in particular. He then presented Bro. Lyon with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Lyon, I.P.M., in replying, said he felt he had not earned this jewel. He admired it very much indeed, and he trusted he should wear it in the lodge on future occasions. He had enjoyed his year in the chair very much indeed. He knew that many shortcomings were attributable to him, but he had had a good year of work, and he had endeavoured to do his best. He had been most ably supported by a most zealous and kindly list of officers, and he thanked them very much. He could assure the brethren that anything he could do he should only be too glad to perform. He should be happy to assist the W.M., but he felt that he would not require assistance.

The Initiates responded to the toast drunk in their honour, and Bros. Stephen Cooper, Osmond, and other brethren replied to the toast of "The Visitors." In the course of their remarks, while congratulating the W.M. on his attainment of the chair, they stated they were pleased he had not forgotten the great object of Freemasonry—Charity. They were pleased to find he was going up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," and said he could not allow the occasion to pass over without mentioning the lamented circumstance of the death of Bro. Paddle, P.M., a most accomplished worker in Masonry, and a most esteemed and worthy brother.

Bro. Dr. Lloyd replied, after which the W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers of the Lodge." He confidently relied on the assistance of the officers to enable him to perform the duties of his office for the year efficiently.

The S.W. responded, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. E. Dalzell, Alfred Moore, J. H. Watts, H. J. Prangley, A. T. Foreman, P.M.; and Watson Osmond, P.M., contributed to the enjoyment of the evening with singing and recitation, and Bro. Schubert gave some exquisite violoncello solos.

**Chiswick Lodge (No. 1012).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when a large number of brethren attended. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; R. Wimpey, S.W.; T. Walden, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. C. Dickey, S.D.; W. Kenyon, J.D.; E. Wavell, D.C.; Louis Lee, Org.; H. Clark, B. Hartzthorne, G. Everett, P.M., G. Treas.; W. P. Dowling, P.M.; R. Harvey, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. Nanson, 1349; P. Cronin, 1512; J. H. Jarvis, P.M. 1627, P.P.G.S.; R. Buckler, 1364; G. Davis, P.M. 1642; H. Bright, 1512; A. Love, H. Gane, W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; E. Coleman, W.M. 145; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P.; P. Monson, P.M. 1194; R. Walker, 1227; H. T. Cooper, P.M. 1567; G. Thomas, P.M. 1194; P. Blatchford, 704; F. Osborne, J.W. 1287; C. P. Bellerby, P.M. 2399; E. B. Cox, W.M. 1305; F. J. Mason, 2148; T. Stalebrace, 2148; A. Pringle, P.M. 92; J. Start, J.W. 1743; J. Crouch, 2032; A. G. Duck, S.W. 898; W. A. Shaw, 1708; W. Callaghan, 1599; L. Hollingsworth, 1887; J. Edwards, P.M. 1662; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed. Bro. R. H. Wimpey was then installed in an able manner by Bro. Brown, the retiring Master, and appointed the following officers: Bros. Warden, S.W.; Kenyon, J.W.; Dr. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; G. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Dickey, S.D.; Wavell, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Hartzthorne, D.C.; Louis Lee, A.R.A.M., Org.; Ellis and Millborne, Stwds.; and Petherick, Tyler. The usual addresses were given by the Installing Master, after which the W.M. initiated Messrs. Bell and Thorpe into Freemasonry. The W.M. announced his intention of representing the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously

voted to his list. The I.P.M., Bro. Brown, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he returned suitable acknowledgment. In response to a telegram despatched early in the evening to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. enquiring after the health of the Duke of Clarence, the following reply was received—"Many thanks. Sharp attack of influenza. Condition satisfactory.—ALBERT EDWARD." On the motion of Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., a resolution was passed condoling with Mrs. Shadwell Clerke and family on the irreparable loss they had sustained in the death of the late Grand Secretary as honorary member of this lodge. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from many brethren, including Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.M., and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the customary toast list received due recognition.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the Chiswick Lodge had the honour of numbering amongst its members two Grand Officers—Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., appointed by the M.W.G.M., and Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, who was elected by the unanimous vote of England. They all loved and respected Bro. Everett, and hoped he would be with them for many years. There was another Grand Officer present that night—Bro. Eve—who had honoured them by visiting the lodge.

Bro. George Everett, G. Treasurer, in response for the Present Grand Officers, said the brethren were always good enough to receive the toast with cordiality, which was much appreciated by the Grand Officers. They desired only to emulate those who had gone before in the good work done for the Craft. He wished to congratulate the lodge on the accession to office of the third of his initiates into Masonry in the lodge. Bros. Dowling, P.M., and Brown, I.P.M., had given the greatest possible satisfaction, and he was sure they had installed one in the person of Bro. Wimpey, W.M., who would do honour to the position. What their W.M. had done showed that their lodge would suffer nothing at his hands, and the brethren would heartily wish him a prosperous year of office.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., said with reference to the Past Grand Officers, that their name was legion, but though a large number, they were a distinguished body of Masons. The M.W.G.M. exercised a wise discretion in his appointments, the Grand Officers being men of mark and of position in social life and good Masons. They tried to uphold the dignity and high position of Masonry. The Craft is not what it was some years ago, for it was then comparatively small, but the impetus given by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had increased the numbers, and they could almost be numbered by hundreds of thousands. There was no better Institution in the world than Masonry, making as it did no distinction between creeds or colours. He had met black, yellow, and white Masons, and he did not know but that in the United States there were red men in the Craft. All they acknowledged with reference to religion was that they placed their trust in the Great Architect. They were bound to perform their duties to their neighbours and themselves, and to his mind Masonry taught those duties. They promoted genial fellowship and gave relief and consolation to those who might be reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. Where was the Institution that did anything like theirs in charity? Nearly £60,000 was subscribed last year to the Old People, Girls, and Boys. When in old age they were reduced to poverty it was a consolation to know they could find relief in the Institution of the Order. The children of those who having worked and filled good positions and been struck down, could find relief held out in the Institutions. It was a great feature, and he looked upon the Charities as the brightest gem in their escutcheon.

Bro. Brown, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master" and said he was sure all the brethren were pleased and gratified that Bro. Wimpey had arrived at that proud and important position. The W.M. had worked up through every office and had done his duty to those positions. He wished the W.M. every success, and was sure he would receive the assistance of the brethren in carrying out the duties.

Bro. R. H. Wimpey, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Although his words might be few they were said with the greatest sincerity. Whatever he could do for the lodge during his year or at any time, he would be only too thankful to do.

"The Initiates" having been honoured, "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant meeting concluded with the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. Louis Lee, A.R.A.M., Org., a selection of music was performed by Miss Gertrude Legg, Miss C. M. Stevens, and Bros. W. C. Miller, J. J. Johnson, and T. Spurr.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, W.M.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.W.; Rev. C. J. Ball, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; W. M. Williams, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.M., D.C.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, I.P.W.; and Dr. Belgrave Ninnis. The following members of the Correspondence Circle were also present: Bros. G. R. Cobham, W. S. Hunter, R. Palmer, Thomas T. Colu, W. G. P. Gilbert, F. F. Giraud, E. H. Ezard, Col. Martin Petrie, W. Masters, T. Charters White, F. W. Levander, W. T. Warner, and G. Gregson. Visitor: Bro. N. J. Stanger, 171.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the lamentable death on Christmas Day of the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the only honorary member of the lodge, and the Secretary was directed to convey to his family the sincere and respectful sympathy of the brethren of the lodge. It was further decided that the lodge members should wear mourning for the period of three months. The report of the Audit Committee and balance-sheet was adopted, and will appear in the printed Transactions of the lodge. It shows a total income during the past year of £1528 9s. 1d., and expenditure of £1324 9s. 6d., and a satisfactory result of all the lodge's various undertakings. Six lodges and 33 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, as follows: Golden Light Lodge, No. 760 (S.C.), Porchester, S.A.R.; Masonic Literary Society, Toowoomba, Queensland; Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, Kent; Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, Cornwall;

Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, Nelson, New Zealand; and North Australian Lodge, No. 796, Brisbane, Queensland; Bros. H. H. A. Russell, 103, Indroopelly, Queensland; the Hon. John Douglas, C.M.G., Dist. G.M. (S.C.), Queensland; T. D. Fraser, Brisbane, Queensland; E. Horton, 932, Rockhampton, Queensland; C. J. Leeson, Croydon, Queensland; W. Alexander, P.M. 1315, Perth, Western Australia; N. G. Benson, P.M. 1093, Coonoor, Madras; G. B. Williams, 1832, and W. T. Cole, 882, both of Kimberley, South Africa; Col. A. G. Yeatman Biggs, C.B., Meerut, Bengal; A. W. Saukins, 2220, Rondebosch, and A. J. Stigling, Malmesbury, Cape Colony; Surg.-Capt. W. Kiddle, W.M. 2277, Cyprus; F. Müller, Turin, M. Wolfe, Nanaimo, G.M. of British Columbia; D. Willox, W.M. 128, and D. Young, both of Glasgow; C. Lodder, P.M. 173, Largs, Ayrshire; A. Pemberton, P.P.G.D.C.; A. W. Adams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Tolloday, P.P.G.D.C.; G. A. MacDowall, 2291; S. H. Hare, 1954; G. Randell, W.M. 40; J. M. Jenkins, P.M. 341; W. J. Sharpe, 75; S. Green, P.M. 10; J. M. Davis, 92; H. Steven, Portobello, New Brunswick; A. E. Young, 1842; J. B. Cowan, 111, Hawick, New Brunswick; R. Borg, Past Grand Master of Egypt; and H. J. Rolls. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. E. Macbean, the lodge Steward at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. A telegram from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., thanking the brethren for their congratulations on the 9th November last on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his birthday, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. In the absence of the author, Bro. W. Simpson, P.M., his paper entitled, "Brahminical Initiation, the Noose" was read by the Secretary. The paper, which quoted largely from the sacred books of the East and other authorities, tended to show that the sacred thread with which a Brahmin is invested at his initiation, partook also of the nature of a noose, and detailed the symbolism connected with this subject. The author admitted that the interval of time to be bridged over between the Brahminical Noose and our ritual was enormous, and was careful not to draw any inference, but nevertheless it was felt that the paper was of great interest and value to the Masonic student, and opened up a vista of curious possibilities. The paper was discussed at considerable length by Bros. Rev. C. J. Ball, W. M. Williams, G. W. Speth, and W. H. Rylands, especially in connection with the remarkable account of the meeting between Ben Hadad and the King of Israel in I. Kings, xx, 30-33, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the author.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### CAMBRIDGE.

**Scientific Lodge (No. 88).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Lion Hotel, Bro. Frank Piggott, W.M., P.S.G.D., presiding. The Treasurer's account were showed on audit to be in a very satisfactory condition, and the numerical strength of the lodge is 81. Bro. F. W. Phelps, 813, was elected a joining member. Upon the proposition of Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.S.G.W., it was resolved to vote 15 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in addition to the annual subscription of £2. The D.P.G.M., Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., having been duly escorted into the lodge by the Provincial Grand Officers and saluted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The attendance was limited, owing to the inclement weather and the illness of numerous brethren. Among those present besides the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province were Bros. T. B. Nichols, P.P.S.G.W. of Northumberland; F. C. Wace, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Royston, W.M. 441; Robinson Smith, W.M.; J. Grover, S.W.; W. R. Girling, J.W.; P. H. Young, J.W. 441; F. Dewberry, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. Wareham Harry, P.M. 1001; G. A. Fletcher, P.M. 180; J. Fugier, P.M. 441; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441; W. I. Basham, P.M.; W. I. Pashler, P.M.; Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.S.G.W.; T. Hunnybun, P.M.; and J. V. Pryor, P.M., of 88.

The lodge having been opened, the installation of Bro. William Potter Spalding was duly performed by his predecessor, Bro. F. Piggott, and the charges were given to the new W.M. and the brethren by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. That to the newly-appointed Wardens had to be omitted, as both of them were prevented from attending by ill-health. Subjoined is a list of the officers for the year: Bros. W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.S. of Wks., W.M.; F. Piggott, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; W. B. Redfarn, P.P.G. Purst., S.W.; C. H. Banham, P.G.S. of Wks., J.W.; T. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. L. Rutter, S.D.; B. W. Beales, jun., J.D.; O. Papworth, P.M., P.S.G.W., D.C.; J. H. Moyes, Std. Br.; W. James, Org.; W. Tindall, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.G. Treas., Stwd.; and C. H. Ellis, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Frank Piggott a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services, and thanked him for the Masonic manner in which he had conducted all his duties during the year, adding that the jewel was the brethren's testimony of how they gauged his services as the ruler of the lodge during his successful year of office. Bro. Piggott suitably acknowledged the compliment.

"Hearty good wishes" to the new W.M. having been given from the Provinces of Cambridgeshire, Northumberland, &c., and other visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, the evening being passed in true Masonic harmony and good-fellowship.

During the evening deep sympathy was expressed with the M.W.G.M. in the illness of the Duke of Clarence. The D.P.G.M. pronounced the province to be in a very healthy condition in every respect.

### DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Didsbury Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Although the weather was so unpropitious there was a large gathering of members and visitors, including Bros. C. E. Towell, W.M.; G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; John Walker, I.G.; J.

Ward, Fred. Thomas, and James Sharples, Stwds.; Wm. Sharples, acting as Tyler; W. Wilkinson, Julius Laurisch, Fred. Morgan, Bret, J. Lawrenson, J. Moore, Sayers, and Moss. Visitors: Bros. J. Truelove Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, J.W. 1730; and J. Willcox, 1140.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Harry Shuter, and proving favourable, he was initiated by Bro. Towell, W.M., in a highly intelligent manner. The working tools were presented by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., acting S.W., the charge being delivered by Bro. F. Stretch, acting J.W.

### DUDLEY.

**Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).**—At a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, on the 5th inst., the mother lodge of Worcestershire celebrated a most interesting event, viz., the installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. Edward John Chambers, the Provincial Charity Secretary of Worcestershire, known in his lodge as "Brother E. J.," and in the province as "Charity Chambers," to distinguish him from Bro. Thomas Chambers, who has filled the chair of K.S. in this lodge during the past year, and who crowned a year of excellent work by installing in a most impressive manner his successor, Bro. "Charity Chambers," with the consent of his brethren, desired to make his installation an occasion to give special prominence to the Royal Masonic Charities, and to this end invited all the acting Charity Secretaries of the lodges in Worcestershire, and every brother who has served a Stewardship to any one or more of our Masonic Institutions since he has held the office of Provincial Charity Secretary. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., honoured the lodge and Bro. Chambers with his presence, and he was supported by Bros. A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., D.P.G.M.; G. Taylor, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; and other distinguished officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge; Bros. James Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, and J. McLeod, the distinguished Secretaries of our three Institutions, and a large number of brethren who have so nobly helped to sustain the character of Worcestershire for Charity work, completing a gathering probably unique in Masonry, at any rate, well worthy of imitation. After the ceremony of installation, most impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Chambers, the W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year, giving to each a suitable word of congratulation, after which the P.G.M. rose, and in an interesting speech tendered to Bro. E. J. Chambers his own hearty good wishes and congratulations, eulogising the great interest he had taken in Masonry in general, and in the Masonic Charities in particular.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where covers were laid for 80, all evidently much impressed and delighted with the "Harmonic" Festival of St. John.

The usual toast list was then proceeded with, special prominence being given to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," in which the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the presence of the three Secretaries of the Institutions and coupled their names with the toast.

In responding each narrated to the edification of the brethren present the special features of the work in which they were engaged, concluding with an eloquent appeal to every brother to subscribe to the Charity Organisation Fund.

The Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master each gave 15 guineas to Bro. Chambers' list to be equally divided between the three Charities. Bro. George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., gave 10 guineas to the Benevolent, and a number of subscriptions were promised by brethren present.

### LEICESTER.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The annual festival and installation of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Halford-street. The W.M., Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, P.M. 1007, P.P.S.G.W., presided, and was supported by his officers: Bros. E. Holmes, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Bennion, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., Chap.; R. Michie, P.M., Treas.; H. Pickering, Sec.; W. D. Grant, S.D.; C. Lakin, J.D.; J. Clifton, D.C.; W. H. Noble, I.G.; J. Butcher and M. H. Pearson, Stwds.; and J. Tanser, Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present: Bros. E. C. Stretton, P.M.; S. Cleaver, P.M.; J. O. Law, P.M.; C. Gurden, P.M.; and W. M. Williams. A very large number of members and visitors testified by their presence to the popularity both of the retiring W.M. and the W.M. elect. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England; J. Vaughan, P.M., 86; W. J. Curtis, W.M., W. B. Smith, P.M., A. M. Duff, P.M., J. T. Thorp, P.M., B. A. Smith, P.M., J. B. Waring, P.M., and W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., P.M., of 523; W. H. Grieve, W.M. 818; W. Vial, P.M. 1007, P.S.G.W.; W. J. Freer, W.M. 1130; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M., C. J. Wilkinson, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Wright, P.M. (Mayor of Leicester), J. Harrison, P.M., R. B. Starkey, P.M., W. W. Vincent, P.M., and J. G. Bower, P.M., of 1391; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.M., P.G. Sec., A. H. Burgess, P.M., and J. D. Harris, P.M., of 1560; J. G. Parr, W.M., and W. H. Lead, P.M., of 2081; and T. Coltman, P.M. 1265.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report showing a substantial balance in hand was received and adopted, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. S. Cleaver, P.M. The Stewards' report was received, the deficiency ordered to be paid, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Stewards was passed, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. C. Gurden, P.M. Bro. E. Holmes, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Worshipful Master by Bro. C. E. Stretton, P.M., for installation. The D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G. D.C. England, entered the lodge, and was received by the assembled brethren and duly accorded the honours due to his high rank. The D.P.G.M. briefly returned thanks to the brethren. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Herbert Marshall. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were admirably given by Bro. W. M. Williams, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Herbert Marshall, I.P.M.; C. Bennion, S.W.; H. Pickering, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.M., Chaplain; R. Michie, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Grant, Sec.; C. Lakin, S.D.; J. Clifton, J.D.;

W. H. Noble, D.C.; J. Butcher, I.G.; C. E. Birch, Org.; M. H. Pearson and G. Kinton Billings, Stewards; and J. Tanser, Tyler. The Worshipful Master in most apt terms then presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., who made a very feeling reply. Bro. J. O. Law, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. Bro. W. W. Vincent, P.M. 1391, Prov. Grand Charity Steward, made an earnest appeal to the brethren for a donation towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a sum of 20 guineas was voted to Bro. Vincent's list. A smaller sum was voted to the widow of a deceased brother. A number of letters of apology were received, including one from Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the oldest P.M. of the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the sister lodges of Leicester and the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M., Bro. E. Holmes, presided, who was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, and on his left by Bro. T. Wright (Mayor of Leicester), P.M. 1391, and the I.P.M., Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, while in addition about 80 brethren sat down to enjoy the delicacies set before them prepared by Bro. Tanser, Tyler.

After these had been fully discussed, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured.

When proposing the next toast, "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Worshipful Master spoke in happy terms of the engagement of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, wishing him and his future bride all joy and happiness during their married life, and also alluded most feelingly to the recovery from his severe attack of illness of H.R.H. Prince George of Wales.

The toast was most heartily received by the brethren.

Bro. W. N. Williams, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the D.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a short but telling speech.

This was heartily received, and responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England.

The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., and the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.G. Sec., responded, the latter alluding in very feeling terms to the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

The next toast, "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. T. Wright (Mayor of Leicester), P.M. 1391, in most felicitous terms. He said he had known the Worshipful Master for 16 years, during which time he had enjoyed his friendship. He considered the W.M. peculiarly fitted for the important post to which he had been elected, for he had been trained in a good school, and had learned when to speak, what to say, and how to say it, qualities which were highly suitable to one who filled the chair of K.S. He wished the W.M. a most prosperous and successful year, and an increase in all that is essential for the well-being of the lodge.

The W.M., on rising to reply, was greeted with great enthusiasm, and thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart and with all sincerity for the warm reception accorded to him. He also thanked Bro. W. H. Noble, for the decorations of the banqueting room, and the musical brethren, who had already sung and would sing, for their kindness in adding to the enjoyment of the brethren. In the course of his remarks the W.M. said that the lodge was pre-eminent in the province—first, as the *oldest* lodge, second, as the *largest* lodge; and he wanted it to be pre-eminent in a third way—that all its members would realise the great principles inculcated by Masonry, and carry them out in their dealings not only among themselves, but also with others, so that outsiders might know that there was a great deal of good to be learned from Freemasonry.

The other toasts were "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. T. Wright, and responded to by Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, I.P.M.; "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., to which Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., and C. Gurden, P.M., replied; "The Visitors," to which Bro. W. J. Curtis, W.M. 523, replied; "The Officers," responded to by the S.W., Bro. C. Bennion; and the Tyler's toast, which brought a long and pleasant evening to a close.

Songs, duets, and glees were rendered by Bros. A. Page, C. Page, J. McRobie, R. C. Allen, and W. F. Quinn, while Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, most ably presided at the pianoforte.

### NEWBURY.

**Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Temperance Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Reginald Maples, W.M., and attended by a large number of the members and several visitors. After several of the items on the agenda had been disposed of, Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., proceeded to install the S.W., Bro. F. J. Harrold, as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Harrold having at a previous lodge been unanimously elected to fill that high and honourable position. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Knight in a very complete and impressive manner, eliciting the hearty applause of the brethren. Bro. Harrold's installation was immediately followed by the appointment and investiture of the officers of the lodge for the coming year as follows: Bros. R. Maples, I.P.M.; E. Hill, S.W.; J. N. Day, J.W.; Rev. P. L. B. Braybrooke, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, Treas.; S. Knight, sen., Sec.; J. H. Wilson, S.D.; J. S. Liddle, J.D.; W. Knight, D.C.; H. G. Knight, Org.; J. B. Ingram, I.G.; H. D'O. W. Astley and S. Knight, jun., Stewards; and J. Legg, Tyler. The Worshipful Master, in investing the officers with their special collars and jewels, addressed them individually upon the particular duties appertaining to their respective offices, and upon the symbols attaching to the different positions assigned to them in the lodge. This portion of the afternoon's engagements being over, the newly-installed W.M. addressed the I.P.M. (Bro. Maples) in appropriate terms, and, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Maples expressed his warmest thanks, assuring the brethren that he should always value it as a token of his happy association with the Lodge of Hope, the interests of which he should be glad to serve whenever opportunities

presented themselves. The remaining business on the agenda having been gone through, the lodge was closed, after a sitting of nearly two hours.

Shortly before seven o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Council Chamber in first-class style by Bro. John Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel. The handsome and lofty room, which was specially admired by the visitors, had been artistically decorated with Masonic emblems, &c., by Bro. S. Knight, jun., while the table decorations displayed unusually good taste, being kindly undertaken by Mrs. Harrold. The occupants of the head table were as a matter of fact almost hidden from view by the handsome epergnes and vases, which were filled with the choicest fruits and flowers, the bulk of the latter being from the conservatories of the W.M. A pretty little button-hole *posé* was provided for each of the brethren, who wore their distinctive collars of office, and the *tout ensemble*, when all were seated, was extremely effective and pleasing.

The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. John T. Morland, D.P.G.M.; J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; J. C. B. Tirbutt, W.M. 414; E. M. Challenor, W.M. 945; W. Ravenscroft, P.M., Prov. Grand Mark Sec. of Berks and Oxon; Jesse Miles, W.M. 1428; R. Maples, I.P.M.; George Boyer, P.M.; J. Bance, P.M.; R. Ravenor, P.M.; S. Knight, P.M.; W. H. Belcher, P.M.; H. S. Hanington, P.M.; J. Newbery, P.M.; E. Hill, S.W., and J. N. Day, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs; Rev. P. L. B. Braybrooke, Chap.; G. J. Cosburn, Wm. Knight, Walter T. Graham, A. W. Neate, Beynon, F. C. Fidler, Bevan, Conran, Gilkes, S. Knight, jun., Stickland, Hubert Knight, and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings passed off most successfully.

SHIPLEY.

**Airedale Lodge (No. 387).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Saltaire Institute, on Wednesday, the 10th December, when Bro. C. W. Curran, W.M., was supported by Bros. John Tillotson, P.M., as S.W.; Richard Knight, J.W.; Wm. Oddy, as I.P.M.; John Hey, P.M., Treas.; Henry Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; F. Lister, S.D.; Hy. Telford, J.D.; Israel Cromack, I.G.; A. Swaine, Org.; H. Baumann, as Tyler; Thos. Denby, P.M.; Frederick Ives, P.M.; E. Heaton, P.M.; Chas. Howroyd, P.M.; J. England, Geo. Pickles, L. Arensberg, Jas. Marshall, and Geo. Bycroft. Visitors: Bros. J. Bowen, P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire; William Kingdon, W.M. 600; T. Norfolk, P.M. 600; G. R. McGregor, W.M. 439; A. W. Ramsden, 439; John Ingleby, W.M. 302; E. P. Peterson, W.M. 2321; J. T. Last, J.W. 2321; T. W. Holmes, P.M. 2321, P.P.G.O.; W. Nutt, P.M. 1545; J. W. Barber, P.M., Sec. 1648; and Joshua Hill, S.W. 2330.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Rycroft was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Denby, P.M., Treas. Bro. R. Knight, J.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and was duly obligated by Bro. E. Heaton, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Knight was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. W. Curran, I.P.M.; F. Lister, S.W.; John Hey, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Henry Mitchell, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); Thos. Denby, P.M., Chap.; Geo. Pickles, S.W.; W. Jackson, J.W.; W. Fawcett, I.G.; J. England, Stwd.; and J. Cromack, Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were delivered by Bro. Curran, I.P.M., the Installing Master. Bro. Wm. Oddy, P.M., was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. A proposition for initiation was received, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. presided at the subsequent banquet, which was well served in the lodge refreshment room. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent, several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting with songs.

SOUTHAMPTON.

**Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).**—Owing to a temporary difficulty in the matter of succession of officers, the above lodge has had to fall back upon the Past Masters for the W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice fell upon Bro. T. Walton, P.P.A.G.D.C., who occupied the chair of the lodge eight years ago, and was re-installed on Tuesday, the 5th inst., by Bro. I. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg., in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren. The other Installed Masters present were Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130, P.P.G.D.; L. Steele, W.M., John Adams, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., M. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Patstone, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., A. J. Blackman, P.M., P.P.G.S., and W. Jenvey, P.M., of 359; F. Dunsford, W.M., J. Lemon (Mayor of Southampton), P.M., H. Lashmore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and W. Bowyer, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., of 394; Capt. Elliott, W.M. 797; J. C. Burbage, P.M. 319, P.P.G. Purst.; Edwards, W.M., and W. H. Mitchell, P.M., of 1461; and H. Hussey, E. Warren, Heathcote, P.P.G. Purst., and W. Foster, of 1780.

The officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. Hussey, I.P.M.; C. Furner, S.W.; J. G. Gordon, J.W.; Geo. Watson, Treas.; C. Alexander, Sec.; C. E. Isted, S.D.; J. W. Bailey, J.D.; E. Warren, P.M., D.C.; E. J. Burrow, I.G.; Broadway, Org.; E. Drysdall and R. Prowse, Stwds.; and W. Vane, Tyler. Before the close of the lodge, Bro. B. Tanner, who has been Director of Ceremonies of the lodge since its consecration, was elected a life member on his retirement from that office. Bro. Burrow handed to the I.P.M. a large coloured portrait of Bro. E. Warren, well-executed by Bro. S. Line, matching the portraits already hung in the large room, and explained that it was subscribed for by brethren who were initiated by Bro. Warren during his year of office as Master. The I.P.M. handed over the portrait in a few appropriate sentences, and added that a Past Master's badge and collar had already been presented to Bro. Warren, and the picture was purchased with the balance remaining. Bro. Warren having suitably acknowledged the gift, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the I.P.M. for his services during the year, and a Past Master's jewel was voted him from the lodge funds.

Following the closing of the lodge, the installation banquet was held, an excellent repast being served by Messrs. Broadway and Fenely (Dartnall's). The newly-installed

W.M. presided, and, dinner being over, the usual Masonic toast list was gone through and many complimentary references were made to the Master on his assuming the rule of the lodge for the second time.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by the Mayor.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. M. Emanuel, and duly honoured and responded to, and other toasts followed.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

**St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Bradney, W.M.; T. Skett, S.W.; F. T. Beck, J.W.; R. A. Willcock, P.M., Treas.; E. F. Coleman, Sec.; E. Berry, S.D.; C. A. Newnham, P.M., D.C.; T. C. Bigwood, I.G.; Wm. Skett, Stwd.; Wm. Twist, Tyler; J. Beattie, I.P.M.; R. Gibson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Stanger, P.M., P.G.R.; G. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G.S.; S. Parkes, P.M.; W. Bywater, P.M.; J. Bates, P.M.; H. Callisch, W. E. Allen, R. M. Lord, J. Bigwood, A. Orme, D. Henderson, John N. Lester, Thos. Knight, S. Dean, H. M. Lord, A. C. Smith, A. C. Skedmore, M. Howell, and A. M. P. de la Haye. Visitors: Bros. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.M.; E. Lay, P.M. 560; E. W. Taylor, W.M. 726; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526; W. A. Nokes, W.M. 1838; H. Hall, S.W. 526; J. Seddon, 526; and H. Harley, 526.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.M., having been saluted by the brethren, expressed his pleasure at being once more with them. He then alluded with deep feeling to the loss Masonry had sustained by the sudden death on Christmas Day of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., a brother personally known, respected, and beloved by him. He had been present at the last sad ceremony in Norwood Cemetery, and it had made a lasting impression on his mind. Bro. J. Bradney having installed Bro. T. Skett as W.M., the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. F. T. Beck, S.W.; E. F. Coleman, J.W.; R. A. Willcock, P.M., P.G.W., Treas.; Edwin Berry, Sec.; H. Allen, S.D.; T. C. Bigwood, J.D.; C. A. Newnham, P.M., P.G.T., D.C.; W. Skett, I.G.; T. E. Lowe and Richard M. Lord, Stwds.; and W. Twist, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Just before the close of the lodge, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, P.G.M., congratulated Bro. Bradney on the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the W.M., Bro. T. Skett, on the able manner in which he had begun his year of office in the lodge—a lodge which stood first and foremost in his province, not only in the cause of Charity, but also in that of ritual. Bro. R. A. Willcock, Treas., assisted by Bro. T. Lowe, had deservedly earned the best thanks of the lodge by placing it in a sound financial position—the balance in the bank being £64—considering the low state in which it had been two years previously.

Bro. J. Bradney, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel by Bro. F. T. Beck, S.W., in behalf of the lodge, for which unexpected token of respect and esteem the brother expressed his thanks in suitable terms.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren partook of a banquet, which was relieved by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and harmony.

Royal Arch.

**Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).**—This old chapter met for the dispatch of business at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 1st instant. Among those present were Comps. W. J. Collens, P.P.G.S.N. Kent, M.E.Z.; Capt. W. Williams, H.; Birch, J.; Radcliffe, S.E.; Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Larcombe, P.S.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj., D.C.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; Pearce, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Nash, and Heming. Among the visitors were Comps. Harlow, M.E.Z. 247; Chapman, 1642; Cryer, 1572; and C. Hooper.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., in a most impressive manner, installed Comps. Capt. Williams, as Z.; Birch, as H.; and Radcliffe, as J. The following appointments and investitures took place: Comps. Collens, S.E.; Stevens, S.N.; Heming, Treas.; Larcombe, P.S.; S. Cochrane, 1st A.S.; Capt. Walls, 2nd A.S.; Mapleton, D.C.; H. J. Lardner, Stwd.; and Goddard, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a handsome Past Principal's jewel. Comp. Mapleton was elected to represent the chapter at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of money voted from the funds to head his list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Graves, P.Z.; Stevens, S.N.; S. Cochrane, 1st A.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served under the management of Comp. Madell.

The usual toasts followed. The M.E.Z. presided most genially, and during the evening Comps. Weeks, Nash, Harlow, and others entertained the companions by their dramatic and vocal efforts. The proceedings, which were throughout most successful, terminated at an early hour.

BIRMINGHAM.

**Elkington Chapter (No. 1016).**—The installation meeting of this very successful chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. F. C. Taylor, M.E.Z.; E. T. Burton, P.Z.; W. F. Tolladay, H.; E. P. Cole, J.; J. H. Hawkes, P.G.P. Soj., Treas.; G. Shread, S.E.; Wm. Hillman, P.P.G.J., S.N.; J. T. Harcourt, P. Soj.; T. N. Bladon, P.P.G.O., Org.; P. House, P.Z.; N. Thwaites, F. Hobday, S. Eaton, H. A. Clulee, E. A. Smith, H. Woodhill, W. H. Brooks, and T. C. Waite. Visitors: Comps. J. T. Collins, Prov. G.H.; F. G. Swinden, Prov. G.S.E.; D. Simms, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Fenn, M.E.Z. 1031, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; Councillor Wm. Price, P.Z. 587; A. E. Hart, A.S. 482; W. E. Kenway, 139; and J. W. Rylands, 587.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. John Palmer, 1180, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was exalted to the Supreme

Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. F. C. Taylor, M.E.Z., Comp. E. P. Cole, J., giving the historical lecture; Comp. W. F. Tolladay, H., the symbolical; and Comp. J. H. Hawkes, P.Z., the mystical lecture in his usual able manner. Comp. J. T. Harcourt acted as P.S., and carried out the duties of the office in a splendid manner. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Comp. W. F. Tolladay being installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. Wm. Hillman, P.P.G.J., Comp. E. P. Cole as H. by Comp. T. N. Bladon, P.P.G.O., and Comp. G. Shread as J. by Comp. E. T. Burton, P.Z. The installations of the three chairs were worked with exceptional ability, and in a most charming manner, which afforded great pleasure to all who had the privilege of hearing the ceremonies. The following officers were then invested by the M.E.Z. for the ensuing year: Comps. J. T. Harcourt, S.E.; S. Eaton, S.N.; J. H. Hawkes, P.G.P.S., Treas.; H. A. Clulee, P. Soj., Rev. R. Rigden, 1st A.S.; E. A. Smith, Reg.; F. Hobday, S.B.; H. Woodhill, Std. Br.; W. Hillman, P.P.G.J., D.C.; T. N. Bladon, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Brooks and T. C. Waite, Stwds.; and A. Dalley, Janitor. The presentation of a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. F. C. Taylor was unavoidably deferred until the next convocation.

A well-served banquet followed, presided over by Comp. W. F. Tolladay, M.E.Z.

After the toasts of "The Queen" and "The First Grand Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Three Grand Principals, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Lord Leigh, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred in feeling terms to the death of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.

Comp. J. T. Collins, Prov. G.H., responded. The M.E.Z. next submitted the toast of "The M.E.G. Superintendent, Lord Leigh, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," it being honoured in a cordial manner.

Comp. J. T. Collins, Prov. G.H., responded, and referred to the long services of the Grand Superintendent, and said that, although he did not come amongst them as frequently as in times past, he was none the less interested in his province.

Comp. F. G. Swinden, Prov. G.S.E., also responded, and spoke of the 25 years' services Comp. E. Worrall had given as Prov. G.S.L., and mentioned that it was intended to make a presentation to that worthy companion, and announced that at the last Prov. Grand Chapter Comp. E. Worrall was appointed Prov. G.J.

Comp. J. Fenn, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, also responded.

The toast of "The Principals of the Elkington Chapter" was proposed by Comp. H. A. Clulee, P.S., who said he felt sure the officers would do all they possibly could to help such good Masons, and to make the year 1892 a happy and prosperous one.

All the Principals responded, the J. replying in a somewhat humorous vein.

The M.E.Z. gave "The Visitors," to which Comp. Councillor W. Price, P.Z., responded.

The toast of "The Exalte" was next proposed by Comp. W. F. Tolladay, M.E.Z., who said they were pleased to receive Comp. Palmer amongst them as an old and honourable Mason of the Forward Lodge.

Comp. J. Palmer, on rising to respond, was received very heartily. He expressed the pleasure he felt in being received into the Elkington Chapter, and thanked the companions for their very cordial reception of him.

The toast of "The Past Principals and Officers" was given by the M.E.Z., who spoke in glowing terms of the Past Principals, and of the splendid manner in which the exaltation and installation ceremonies were performed in the chapter. He also referred to the excellent working of the P.S. and the other officers.

Comp. Hillman responded for the Past Principals, and said it was a pleasure to install such worthy companions as the Three Principals of the chapter. The Past Principals would be always ready to assist at the beautiful ceremonies, and their M.E.Z. deserved the highest praise for arranging one of the most successful meetings it had been his pleasure to attend.

Comp. H. A. Clulee, P.S., responded for the officers. The Janitor's toast completed the list.

During the evening a pleasing selection of music was rendered by Comps. Taylor, Smith, Eaton, and Shread, Comp. T. N. Bladon, P.G.O., carrying out the duties of accompanist.

Letters of apology were received from Comps. Lord Leigh, G. Supt.; the Marquess of Hertford; H. Waldron, P.G.S.E. Worcestershire; G. W. Walker, P.G.S.E. Staffordshire; Lyons Wright, P.Z.; G. Beech, P.Z.; James Cooper, P.Z.; T. R. Arter, J.; J. L. Kennedy, P.Z.; J. Warrilow, M.E.Z. 482; J. Loxdale Warren, P.Z.; Wm. Barber, and others.

The circulars and programmes were much admired, being special designs used in the Royal Arch, and supplied by Comp. George Kenning.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

**Benevolence Chapter (No. 226).**—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H. (hon. member), in the absence of Comp. J. Ashworth, assisted by Comps. S. Scott Young, H., and J. Williams, J., opened the chapter, when there were present Comps. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.A.G.S., P.P.G.H.; the Rev. Dr. Salts, D.D., and about 20 other companions. After the usual routine business had been gone through, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comp. S. Scott Young, as Z.; Comp. R. Pickering, as H.; and Comp. W. Cockroft, as J.; and then invested Comps. Hudson, S.E.; W. Rigg Mitchell, S.N.; Whitaker, 1st A.S.; James Blacka, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Davies, Janitor. The P.S. elect was unable to be present. At the close of the ceremony the newly-installed M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and excellent services, which was seconded by Comp. Pickering, H., and carried with acclamation. Comp. Sillitoe responded, and congratulated the chapter upon having such an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason as Comp. Young to preside over them.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet served in the well-known style of the host and hostess of the Red Lion. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close with harmony.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—

The installation of the Principals of the above chapter, took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 7th inst., in the presence of a numerous assembly, which would have been larger but that many members and invited guests were "down" with the prevalent malady. The ceremonies were ably conducted by Comp. M. Emanuel, the retiring First Principal, Comp. H. W. Bull being placed in the First chair, Comp. S. Dacombe in the Second, and Comp. H. Pearce in the Third. The officers invested were Comps. M. Emanuel, Treas.; C. Bemister, S.E.; S. Dore, S.N.; M. Smith, P.S.; Orchard, 1st A.S.; Captain Bond, 2nd A.S.; and Vare and J. H. Biggs, Janitors. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing First Principal and to Comp. R. Sharpe, who is retiring from the office of Treasurer to the chapter, which he has held for many years.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Windsor, W.M.; Livett, S.W.; King, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Sandberg, S.D.; Cheese, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; Cochran, Folkard, Lyell, Balcombe, Nettleship, Williams, Sandals, Lyle, and F. Reeves.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Lyell having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lyell duly passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. giving the explanation of the working tools at length. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. King having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Livett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 13, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. Leighton, W.M.; D. D. West, S.W.; A. Bourke, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; H. Sadler, acting Sec.; G. Hart, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; F. Buckland, I.G.; J. Tidmarsh, J. Cocks, and J. Corp. Visitor: Bro. H. Tidmarsh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cocks having kindly volunteered to act as candidate, was examined, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. also gave the explanation of the second tracing board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for a Life-Subscribership from the funds of the lodge, and Bro. J. W. Drysdale was successful, and announced as the winner of same. 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Turner, W.M.; Rice, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; T. H. Salmon, S.D.; Barr, J.D.; Pike, I.G.; G. Thompson, Orton, Lord, Wright, Stanley, Hobbey, Hill, H. G. Martin, and W. E. Jeffrey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Thompson having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. G. Thompson was admitted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Turner vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. G. Martin, who rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Lord being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Hill, J.W., that Bro. Rice, S.W., occupy the position of W.M. on Monday evening next—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose the third time, and it was proposed by Bro. Hilton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hill, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Turner for so ably rehearsing the Second Degree for the first time in this lodge of instruction. A Charitable Association was formed, and the officers were appointed. The lodge was then closed with "Hearty good wishes."

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. John Powell, W.M.; J. Bartlett, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M., 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., 1543, Sec.; J. Kruse, S.D.; J. W. Belsham, W.M., elect 733, J.D.; T. M. Lamble, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M., 1425; J. W. Curtis, W.M., 733; J. W. Cuff, P.M., 511; E. J. Keed, B. R. Thomas, M. Rosenberg, J. C. Conway, and G. Kirkman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas being candidate, who was afterwards instructed in the usual preliminaries previous to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Conway being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Chapple was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Gellion was passed for presenting the lodge of instruction with a collar. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—As is customary with this lodge, the meeting immediately preceding the installation meeting of the mother lodge was utilised for the purpose of rehearsing the ceremonies to be gone through on that night. The meeting on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., was attended by all the officers of the lodge. The attendance included the following: Bros. Dormer, W.M., 1571, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec., J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Langford, S.D.; Watts, J.D.; Johns, I.G.; W. Smith, Tyler; Penney, P.M.; Pitt, P.M.; Ives, P.M.; Kemble, P.M.; Carlton, Meadows, Giller, Hampson, Emden, Mansfield, Tibbatts, Davy, Horwill, Young, and Marshall.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Morgan, W.M. elect, having been duly presented by Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, acting as D.C., was duly installed by Bro. Dormer in a very able manner. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the addresses given by Bro. Dormer in a way that augured well for the successful performance of his duties on the eventful night. The newly-installed W.M. having been duly saluted, and the lodge resumed to the First Degree, the officers of the lodge were invested. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the new W.M., Bros. Emden, Tibbatts, and Giller personating the candidates. The W.M. then rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the officers for the ensuing week being already appointed, the W.M. rose for the third time, and having received the "Hearty good wishes" of all present for a successful year of office, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. S. Lea-Smith, W.M.; A. Smith, S.W.; S. M. Southwell, J.W.; G. F. Marshall, Preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; H. P. Hall, S.D.; E. Mansell, J.D.; W. J. Gates, I.G.; W. A. Clark, J. H. Davidson, G. W. Cuthbertson, H. E. Diamond, E. A. de Paiva, and J. G. C. Bull. Visitor: Bro. C. T. Lewis.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board were rehearsed. Bro. Diamond took the Master's chair, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Smith acting as Master elect. Bro. A. Smith, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. Bro. Lewis was elected a member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hide, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; L. J. Powell, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., 169, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, acting Sec.; J. W. Woodard, S.D.; R. J. Williams, J.D.; F. C. Cotton, I.G.; E. Fox, Stwd.; M. Speigel, P.M.; J. Brown, W.M., 2012; W. H. Wimpey, W.M. elect 2012; W. S. Whiteley, R. Reid, F. Barth, W. Hillier, and J. Walden.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wimpey, W.M. elect 2012, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. The W.M., Bro. Hide, then resumed the chair, and rising for the first time, the dues were collected. Bro. F. Craggs, W.M. S34, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A card was received from Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence thanking the brethren for their sympathy during their recent bereavement. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hide for his working for the first time in the chair of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Bros. Bell, W.M.; Audain, S.W.; Heck, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Homewood, I.G.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; Cleghorn, P.M.; Cane, P.M.; Osborne, Flint, Heath, Hobday, J.W., 160; Rowe, Palmer, T. Geering, Bullen, Truman, Densham, Tysall, C. P. Bellerby, and Gunzell.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the candidate being personated by Bro. Flint. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cane, P.M., being presented as W.M. elect, was entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Bell, and the investiture of officers by Bro. Flint. Bro. J. Geering, 2021, and Bro. Hobday, J.W., 160, were elected joining members. Bro. Claude Audain, S.D. 193, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Bell, W.M., for his exceptionally able working. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Schadler, H.; Hill, J.; Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Brack, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Pullen, T. Grummant, H. M. Williams, and G. Thompson.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Third Principal was rehearsed by Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., installing Comp. Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pullen personating the candidate. Comps. H. M. Williams, P.Z. 1366, and G. Thompson, 1507, were elected members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Schadler for rehearsing the ceremony of H. for the first time in this chapter. Comp. Schadler was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be worked. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Grummant for decorating the furniture. The chapter was then closed.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old and distinguished conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights Nelson Prower, M.A., M.P.S.; C. Keyser, V.E.; Heard P.M.P.S., acting 1st Gen.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., acting 2nd Gen.; John Mason, P.M.P.S., P.G. Gen., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., P.G. Gen.; Wm. Lake, P.M.W.S., G.S.; W. A. Scurrah, Robinson, L. Steele, the Rev. J. Fillingham, M.A., and Sir Knt. F.W. Driver, M.A. (visitor).

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, a resolution was unanimously passed—"That in future no banquet shall be held on the evening of the March convocation, as it clashes with the annual festival of the Grand Conclave of England." Sir Knight Heard having submitted the design of a seal which he wished to present to the Premier Conclave; it was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to him for his kindness in furnishing it. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights T. Cubitt, Treas.; Dr. Mickley, Pakes, Purrott, J. N. Frye, and many others. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Sir Knights Mickley and Pakes, who were suffering from indisposition.

The conclave was then closed, and Sir Knight Shirley opened a sanctuary of the K.H.S., and subsequently that of a commandery of St. John the Evangelist. Sir Knight the Rev. J. Fillingham, M.A., was admitted into both Degrees, which were most effectively and impressively worked by those two clever exponents of the ceremonies—Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner.

A banquet followed, and Sir Knight Nelson Prower, as usual, presided in a manner that very few Masonic chairmen can excel. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## BRO. JOHN WHILE, P.M. AND P.Z., 228.

The Craft in the Metropolitan district will be distressed to learn that a well-known figure among them—Bro. John While—has been lying ill at his residence, 36, Barrington-road, Brixton, for the last three months. He had a very serious illness in the winter of 1890-91, when he was incapacitated for work for several months by that very trying season, and the weakness caused by that long and painful malady was never completely overcome during the subsequent months in which he had no summer. Bro. While attributes the breaking up of his health to hard work in his earlier years, and to the devotion with which he applied himself to his calling as a newspaper reporter. There is no doubt that Bro. While very faithfully performed his duties to his employers, and those duties entailed upon him some arduous and trying work, as he had been engaged on most of the exciting occurrences in the Metropolitan area for the last 30 years. These include the greatest accidents, political events, like the Hyde Park riots, Socialist movements, criminal acts, important inquests, hospital and poor law enquiries. In these he took great interest, and as far as regards the operation of the poor law, he has been instrumental in bringing about great improvements and removing many abuses. He became a volunteer when that movement was revived in 1859, saw the first and last of Wimbledon, and was a regular attendant at the annual competitions of the Volunteer Artillery at Shoeburyness. After a life of such activity, it may easily be conceived that close confinement to his bedroom must be more distressing and painful than it would be to one who has not moved about so much; and the brethren of the Craft, and companions of the Arch, as well as his colleagues in the reporting business, will be only too glad to hear of his speedy restoration to health. Bro. While was one of the brethren present at the installation of the Prince of Wales in April, 1875, and while representing as W.M. the Lodge of United Strength, he also provided some of the newspaper accounts of the ceremony.

## Obituary.

## BRO. ARTHUR PROUDFOOT, W.M. 201.

Influenza has claimed another victim. Bro. Arthur Proudfoot (head of the firm of Proudfoot and Chaplin, solicitors, 24, John-street, Bedford-row), went to Birmingham to spend the Christmas vacation with some friends, and on Christmas morning was attacked with influenza, and acute pneumonia supervening, he succumbed on Saturday, the 2nd inst., and was interred in St. George's Cemetery, Hanwell, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There are brothers and brothers in the Craft, and Bro. Proudfoot acquired Masonic tenets readily and squarely, almost instinctively his sterling qualities as a man enabling him to grasp the high aims of the pioneer minds. His genial kindness made his presence felt almost like electricity, causing a sparkle and brightness in a lodge of a most gratifying order. Bro. Proudfoot was initiated in the Jordan Lodge on November 19th, 1880, filled every office in the lodge, and was installed as W.M. on the 22nd January, 1890. He proved himself such a thorough ruler in the Craft, and correct exponent of the ritual in every degree, as well as a sincere friend to every member of the lodge, that at the expiration of his year of office he was unanimously re-elected, and again installed in January, 1891. The members of the Jordan Lodge deeply deplore his loss, and many of them assembled at the cemetery to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory, and amongst the many wreaths sent by sorrowing friends was one sent by the lodge, bearing the square and compasses, with the lodge number in the centre. Bro. Proudfoot was also a member of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, and a companion of the Mount Edgecumbe Chapter, No. 1446.



In consequence of the lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the banquet of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, following the installation of Bro. Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, has been postponed from Monday next until Monday, February the 15th.

The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex has ordered that the lodges and chapters in that province shall go into mourning for the late Grand Secretary for a period of three months.

Friday, the 8th inst., was the 28th birthday of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and though it was celebrated at Sandringham, there were no festivities owing to the recent death of Prince Victor of Hohenlohe.

The annual Masonic ball for the benefit of Charities belonging to the Order took place on the 8th inst., in the Victoria Hall, Dewsbury, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large and fashionable company attended.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bros. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., Lord George Hamilton, and W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Friday, the 8th inst.

Lady Clarke, wife of Bro. Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, has given £500 for the purpose of raising a permanent church in St. Peter's District, Staines, and Bro. Sir Edward Clarke himself has arranged to provide for the endowment of the building.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., arrived in Southampton Water on board the Union steamship Scot on Friday, the 8th instant, and was met by Lady Randolph Churchill and his son. His lordship is reported to have said he had had a pleasant voyage home, and had thoroughly enjoyed his trip to Mashonaland.

The Grantham Hospital Ball, which is always one of the most popular gatherings in Lincolnshire Society, was held last week in the Guildhall, Grantham, and, in spite of the prevalence of influenza, attracted a numerous and brilliant attendance. The hall was very tastefully decorated, and many of the gentlemen present wore their hunt coats.

A serious accident occurred to the Hastings express train which was due at the London Bridge Terminus about 5 p.m., on the 7th inst. As it was passing the Borough Market junction the carriage next the front break-van left the rails, and was followed by other carriages, the result being that one passenger was killed and about a dozen more or less seriously injured.

The medals of the Geological Society, which are held in high estimation in the world of science, have been awarded as follows: The Wollaston medal to Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen, the Murchison to Professor A. H. Green, and the Lyell to Mr. George H. Morton. Those and the other awards will be presented at the anniversary meeting on the 19th instant.

The news from the provinces is to the effect that influenza has broken out in fresh places, and still holds its ground in others. It has made its appearance, though in a mild form, in Birmingham. It is greatly on the increase in North-West Norfolk and in Flintshire, but especially in Mold it is worse than at any time since its appearance. It also prevails in Dorsetshire, parts of Kent, in Guernsey, Liverpool, &c.

There was a reception at the Mansion House on Saturday afternoon last by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress, when the latter distributed the prizes awarded by the French Government to English pupils learning the French language. M. le Comte de Florian, acting Chargé d'Affaires, was among those present, and Bro. the Lord Mayor, after alluding in graceful terms to the sympathy existing between France and England, stated his belief, amid great laughter, that French was the most poetical language in the world, with the exception of his own native Welsh.

At a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, held at Knutsford on the 7th inst., addresses of congratulation and good wishes were adopted to the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence, and Princess Victoria. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton presided, and there was a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. At a subsequent meeting an address was voted to the Prince of Wales by the Mark Masons of Cheshire. It was announced that the brethren of the province had promised 1000 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which celebrates its Jubilee this year.

Telegrams from various parts of the Continent report that the influenza is rapidly on the increase. Four hundred fresh cases were reported at Leghorn on Wednesday. At Mantua the epidemic is assuming alarming proportions, and the death rate has increased at Savona. Mukhtar Pasha, the High Commissioner of the Porte at Cairo, is suffering from the disease. A Paris telegram received on Thursday says that 118 pupils of the Military School of St. Cyr are suffering from the malady. M. Sebillot, Chief of the Ministry of Public Works in Paris, has been obliged to relinquish his duties. The epidemic is rather severe at Bourg (Aix), and the neighbourhood. All the department of the Eastern Pyrenees is affected, especially Prades, where numerous persons have succumbed.

MASONIC CALENDARS.—Mr. G. Kenning, of 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, has issued the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book for 1892," and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket-book for 1892" (new series). These handy little volumes have during a long period been found useful companions for members of the great Masonic body of this country, whether they be at home or on their travels. The "Freemasons' Calendar," compiled by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund. The "Cosmopolitan" has reached its 22nd year of publication, and, like the other little book, contains a world of useful information in Masonic and public matters, the whole conveniently arranged for reference. Both, also, are published at low prices, and thus far have well deserved the popularity they enjoy.—*Morning Advertiser*.

"How I do wish I were a man," once said an American lady to Max O'Rell. "Madame," replied the witty Frenchman, "you are ever so much better as you are."

The Duke of Cambridge returned from Sandringham to Gloucester House on the 7th instant, and on Saturday, the 9th instant, his Royal Highness left England for Cannes, where he will make a somewhat prolonged sojourn.

The Supreme Council, 33°, has issued an order for Rose Croix Masons to wear mourning for 60 days, in respect to the memory of the Grand Chancellor of the Order, the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The annual ladies' banquet and dance of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, which was to have taken place to-morrow (Friday) evening at Freemasons' Tavern, is postponed owing to the decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

Advices from Rangoon of the 7th instant are to the effect that Major Yule's column had carried Sadon by assault after a sharp fight, in which the Tsawbyva was taken prisoner. The losses on both sides were few in number.

At the installation meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, held on Wednesday evening, Bro. Sheriff Harry S. Foster was appointed Senior Warden, but, much to the regret of the brethren, he was unable, through illness, to be present to be invested.

It is semi-officially announced in St. Petersburg that, notwithstanding the failure of the crops, the Imperial expenditure for 1892, both ordinary and extraordinary, will be covered without recourse being had to new taxation or a fresh loan.

The lifeboat Christopher Waud, Bradford, belonging to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Broadstairs, was launched on Wednesday morning at 6.30, and rescued the crew of six men from the brigantine Douse, bound from Poole for Shields, in ballast, in a strong E.N.E. wind and a heavy sea. The rescued men were safely landed at Ramsgate.

The influenza has broken out among the Guards at the Chelsea and Wellington Barracks, the 3rd Grenadiers and 1st Coldstreams being quartered at the former, and the 2nd Coldstreams and 1st Scots Guards at the latter. Two of the ordinary barrack rooms at Chelsea have been converted into a temporary hospital, and as the Guards' hospital in Rochester-row is completely filled, it is intended to send a number of the men now there to the Albert Hospital at Woolwich.

On Saturday last at the Epiphany Sessions of the County of Middlesex, Bro. Littler, Q.C., who presided in the absence through indisposition of the Earl of Strafford, moved, and Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, Deputy Chairman, seconded, a resolution for the presentation of congratulatory addresses to her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales on the approaching marriage of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale with the Princess Victoria of Teck. The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The following is a New Year's greeting sent by the author of "Three Men in a Boat," which runs as follows: "May your lovers become your husbands, and your husbands remain your lovers. May you never be troubled by yearnings after the unattainable, nor feel called to a mission you are unable to fulfil; but may you find fragrance in the flowers that grow beside your pathway, and may your duties be your delights. May the laughing sweetness of your springtime, and the strong sunshine of your summerhood, make ripe a great harvest of love for you to gather in the autumn of your lives, and, thus, may you have a happy year!"

At the annual meeting of the Imperial Academy of Sciences, recently held at St. Petersburg, Professor A. W. Williamson, F.R.S., LL.D., of University College, London, was elected a corresponding member. Professor Williamson was born in 1824, and studied at the Universities of Heidelberg and Giessen, where he was a pupil of Leibig, and subsequently at Paris. From 1849 to 1888 he was Professor of Practical Chemistry in University College, and in 1855 became, in addition, Professor of Chemistry. He examined in chemistry for some years for the University of London, and was appointed Member of the Senate in 1875. In 1876 he was appointed Chief Gas Examiner to the City of London. He has been President of the Chemical Society and of the British Association (1873). His name is chiefly known in connection with his discoveries concerning etherification and the constitution of salts.

I have sometimes wondered what good was accomplished by Masonic writers. I met a good brother in the ante-room the other night who complained that a certain lodge was not noticed as often as its prominence demanded. He said when that lodge was not mentioned, he found nothing in the paper of interest to him. The fact that every lodge in the city was doing work, and the Masters and Secretaries felt sufficient interest in the matter to report their proceedings, was not a matter of interest to him. It reminds me of that good Christian soul, who in offering his prayers to the throne of Grace, besought a blessing "on me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." What is the use of reporting prosperity and harmony throughout the jurisdiction? What good does it do to print editorials, or preach sermons? What good is all this effort to propagate morality? But somebody reads them, and somebody gives attentive ear to preaching—hence the word is not lost.—*Australasian Keystone*.

The news of the death of the Duke of Clarence was received in the City with the profoundest sorrow. Early on Thursday morning there were at the Mansion House large numbers of persons anxious to obtain the latest information, and after 10 o'clock the telegram from the Prince of Wales announcing the sad news was posted on the wall outside. This was received with the greatest consternation, and men of all ranks united in expressions of sympathy with the Royal Family. The news spread with marvellous rapidity, and caused great sensation. For some time people seemed unable to believe it. Every one wanted to read the telegram for himself, and at length the pressure was so great that this became impossible, but when the flags at the Mansion House and most of the public buildings were hoisted half mast, and the bells of the City churches began to toll, all doubts were dispelled. By this time the early editions of the evening papers, containing the sad announcement, arrived in the City, and were eagerly bought. Crowds of men were to be seen discussing the calamity, and the deepest sorrow was expressed, especially for the Princess of Wales and Princess May.

The M.W.G.M., his Excellency the Earl of Jersey, is rusticating at the vice-regal residence, Hill View, Moss Vale, for the summer, hence should not be asked to perform any Masonic functions during the period of his absence from Sydney. He has been exceeding kind in acceding to the many demands made upon his busy time, and is entitled to that rest which all good workers require during the summer months.—*Sydney Freemason*.

The Burgomaster of Brussels is an inventive person. He has instituted in the park a competition, open to all sculptors of the city, in which the material used is to be snow. A number of artists began on Tuesday morning, and by the evening many figures were completed, including a colossal one representative of Charity. Some of the artists have placed a number of nursemaids and soldiers on the public seats. The park was lit up by the electric light and opened to the public last evening. The proceeds of the entrance fees charged are to be devoted to charitable objects.

Tewfik Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, died at the Helouan Palace, Cairo, on the 7th inst., of influenza, following lung and other complications. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Abbas Pasha, who has been at once formally acknowledged by his Suzerain, the Sultan of Turkey. The state of affairs in Egypt is likely to remain unaffected by the change of ruler. From the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" it appears that his Highness was Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, which has its headquarters at Cairo.

Pulmonary consumption, as is well known, is more common in Ireland than in England, and more common in Dublin than anywhere else in Ireland, but as yet no hospital specially devoted to this cruel disease has been established on Irish soil. A resolute effort, however, is now being made to supply this defect, a large and influential Committee having been formed for that purpose. It is intended to open in the Bank of Ireland two separate accounts—the one to be called "The Building Fund" and the other "The General Fund." The hon. secretary to the movement is Miss Florence Wynne, 115, Lower Bagot-street, Dublin.

We had the pleasure of visiting Bro. John Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro. Robertson's record, as a Grand Master, has no equal in the Dominion of Canada, or the United States. The territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada covers a vast amount of space; its lodges numbering over 425, have all been visited by him during the administration. We had the pleasure of visiting the Lakeside Home for little children, a new and elegant building which Bro. J. Ross Robertson had erected at his own expense of over \$25,000, and which he formally presented to the Trustees on September last. This is a magnificent gift from a munificent citizen and Freemason.—*American Tyler*.

It is a melancholy fact that no Duke of Clarence has transmitted the title to his descendants. Lionel Plantagenet, the first, had no son. Thomas Plantagenet, the second, fell at the battle of Beaugé, and left no issue. The third, the "false, fleeting, perjurd Clarence" of Shakespeare, was murdered and attainted, and thereafter the title remained obscured until it was revived for the third son of George III., afterwards William IV., who also died childless. It will be long, we doubt not, before a title with such a chain of melancholy memories attaching to it will be again revived.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and Miss Gladstone, accompanied by Mr. Armistead, left Pau shortly after noon on Wednesday for Toulouse, whence they will travel to Carcassonne and Nîmes. Before their departure M. Léon Say and the Mayor, together with the local officials and the members of the Municipal Council, called upon them and bade them farewell. The party arrived at Toulouse at half-past four in the afternoon. They were met on the platform by the Mayor and the Prefect, who bade Mr. Gladstone welcome to the town. After the usual introduction, Mr. Gladstone drove to the hotel, where rooms had been reserved for him. The party left for Carcassonne at eight o'clock on Thursday.

"An oracular and conceited Master of a lodge," says one of our contemporaries, "can do a good deal of harm in the exercise of his ignorance and his obstinacy." The proposition admits of no gainsaying; but in our judgment there is about as much risk in pushing a weak man into the east who will be altogether under the influence of a "power behind the throne." If an inefficient and hesitating sort of a brother is called to the Master's place, somebody will lead and control him. It may be the Secretary, or the Wardens, or one of the Past Masters, or a very positive member on the floor. It is better to elect the well-qualified Master having positiveness of character who will not put on airs or rule arbitrarily, and yet one who will show an independence of bearing, always most desirable in a presiding officer.—*Australian Keystone*.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book, the official publication of the United Grand Lodge of England, as well as the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, which gives details in regard to foreign Grand bodies and outside Degrees, have just been published for the current year by Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street. It is at all times difficult to say much in praise of the contents of such works—they are generally of a matter-of-fact, dry character, but very much depends on the way these dry facts are put together, and there is always room for praise or the reverse in this direction. In the works under notice there is evidence of care and attention to detail, and members of the Craft may confidently rely on them as being as accurate and reliable as such works can possibly be, while in a general way it may be urged that the two books give every information it is possible the Craft Mason or the member of any of the higher Degrees may require within their scope.—*Evening News and Post*.

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### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers, was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., in the chair. There were also present Bros. G. Everett, G. Treas., G. Corble, J. S. Cumberland, F. R. W. Hedges, J. Terry, J. G. Stevens, James Brett, H. Massey, R. J. Taylor, W. H. Lee, G. W. Speth, Charles Keyser, C. H. Webb, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

After the reading of the minutes of meetings of Council, and other Committees, Bro. Scurrah's motion, "That a sum of £15 be granted to Mrs. West for apprenticing her son, Algernon Sackville West (left the Institution, Midsummer, 1890), under the 89th by-law," was called on, but as Bro. Scurrah was not in attendance it fell to the ground. But the opinion of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, on the point involved in the motion was read, and the opinion was decidedly adverse to it. It was stated that the opinion of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., was to the same effect.

The Court then adopted the recommendation of the Council, and placed 38 approved candidates for the April election, and declared 20 vacancies.

It was announced on the agenda paper that the 94th Anniversary Festival will be held on the 29th June, 1892, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire, and that the services of brethren as Stewards representing lodges or provinces were very earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### FESTIVAL OF THE HOLBORN CYCLING CLUB.

This enterprising and important association of Metropolitan cyclists, well known in Masonic circles from the fact that it contains on its large muster-roll a larger number of enthusiastic Masons than any other similar organisation, met on Saturday evening, January 2nd, for their ninth annual celebration in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant.

The company, numbering over 200, were presided over by Bro. C. O. Burgess, their Vice-President, supported by Colonel Savile and many other eminent and celebrated cyclists. The five crowded cross-tables were headed by Bros. Captain Harbert, G. F. Barnes, James Rowe, F. E. Bennett, and L. Smeed, and the company included representatives of the Anglo-American, Covent Garden, Strand, Holborn, Manchester, New Cross, Polish National, and many other lodges, and among them we observed Bros. G. H. Foan, F. Kedge, W. Kedge, E. C. Mulvey, W. S. Lincoln, George Reynolds, T. C. Seary, Lane Campbell, A. Cogliati, N. Dukas, H. Keen, E. J. D. Bromley, W. Hoggins, F. E. Bennett, C. H. Duncan, C. G. Sherwood, Jas. Woodward, G. F. Barnes, W. Harbert, Jas. Rowe, L. Smeed, the energetic Secretary, Bro. Herbert Reynolds, and a host of others.

Telegrams having been read from Bro. Gainsford Bruce, Q.C., M.P. (the Chancellor of Durham), and Bro. Vernon Smith (ex-President), regretting absence, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman, followed by the toast of the evening, "The Holborn Cycling Club," which was impressively given in well-chosen terms, and enthusiastically received by the company, and responded to by Bro. HERBERT REYNOLDS, who, amid a scene of the greatest excitement and delight on the part of the audience, was presented with a beautifully and elaborately emblazoned gold match-box as a souvenir of his two years' Secretaryship of the club.

After a musical interlude this presentation was acknowledged by Bro. HERBERT REYNOLDS in a terse and telling speech; and the CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of "The Riding Officers," alluding in remarks of well-earned laudation to the efforts of Bros. Capt. Harbert and G. F. Barnes in keeping up the high reputation of the club.

This was responded to by Bro. Capt. HARBERT, who was presented by the executive with a beautifully and artistically illuminated address, elegantly designed and executed by Bro. Jackman, of the Anglo-American Lodge, and accompanied by a heavy gold watch-chain, for which Bro. Harbert returned thanks in eloquent and epigrammatic terms, also thanking the Chairman for the graceful and complimentary way in which he had referred to Mrs. Harbert and himself.

Another presentation of a clock to Mr. Jackson followed, and afterwards the toast of "The Executive" was proposed by Bro. F. KEDGE, and responded to by Bro. L. SMEED.

The toast of "Kindred Clubs and Visitors" was responded to by Bro. LANE CAMPBELL and Colonel SAVILE; that of "The Ladies" by Bro. G. F. BARNES; and "The Press" by Messrs. NAIRN and SWINDLEY. Bro. T. C. SEARY then proposed "The Chairman" in an admirable speech.

Bro. C. O. BURGESS (who received a splendid ovation, with musical honours and the celebrated "Holborn rocket"—a sort of conurbation of cheering fireworks, a speciality of this genial club), briefly responded.

The musical programme, under the direction of Bro. F. E. BENNETT, was the strongest and most entertaining we remember to have seen in any social gathering in athletic circles, and the great success of this festival is a strong proof of the advancing prosperity of the Holborn Cycling Club.

### FUNERAL OF BRO. T. H. SMITH, D.P.G.M.M. WARWICKSHIRE.

The funeral of the late Bro. Thomas Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Warwickshire, took place on the 7th instant, at Old Handsworth Church, Birmingham. Amongst those present were Bro. Beech, G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec. The Lodge of Light was represented by Bros. Pritchard, W.M., J. Wood, W. Short, J. Ansell, A. Coleman, and A. H. Hebbert; the Prov. Grand Chapter by Comp. Swinden, P.Z.; the Chapter of Fortitude, the Bedford Lodge (Mark), and the Howe Preceptory by Comp. Arter, M.E.Z.; the Grosvenor Chapter by Comp. W. G. Hills, M.E.Z.; the Prov. G.M.M. of Warwickshire by Bro. Podmore, P.G.D.C.; the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge by Bros. David Rose, P.S.G.W., Wright Wilson, P.G. Sec., and R. B. Morgan, P.P.G.I.W. and Sec.; the Home Lodge (Mark) by Bro. Rev. Trevor Parkins, P.G.C.; the Athol (Mark) Lodge by Bro. Felix Jones; the Charity (Mark) Lodge by Bros. E. Mallard, W.M., and the Rev. W. H. Poulton, P.G.C.; the Vernon Chapter by Bro. Wootton, M.W.S.; the Prov. Great Priory of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire by V.E. Sir Knight J. L. Warren, Prov. Sub-Prior; Bros. Dr. Parkes, Capt. Rodgers, J. Jacobs, J. C. Onions, and Price; the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey by Bro. Murray Haynes.

Apologies for absence were received from Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M.; J. T. Collings, D.P.G.M.; Farndale, Fisher, A. Keen, W. G. Madeley, and H. Creamer.

### The Theatres.

The long looked for event has at last taken place. The production of "Henry VIII." has kept all play-goers on the tiptoe of expectancy of something grand, and they have been rewarded. Never has our leading actor placed on the Lyceum a more beautiful and more complete play, both as regards scenery, dresses, and acting. Some people, we believe, consider Bro. Irving's Cardinal Wolsey to be one of his very best characters. We are inclined to think that for his model in making-up he has taken the leading divine of the Roman branch of the Catholic Church in our land. His features are sharp and his skin like parchment. Wolseys have usually been represented as stout and coarse men. We are sure Bro. Irving's delineation meets with warm approbation. Fortune has smiled on him ever since he became lessee of the Lyceum. He can point to one unbroken line of prosperity. He occupies a position which he deserves and which all willingly accord to him, for he has mounted to the top of the histrionic ladder by sheer ability and hard work. His finest part in "Henry VIII." is the great speech commencing "Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness," and concluding with the remorse that he had not served his God as faithfully as he had his king. Miss Ellen Terry's Queen Katherine, is a work full of sweetness and true nobility of character. Her death scene at Kimbolton is the copingstone in the play. Bro. Terriss, as Henry VIII., looks the part, but he seems scarcely to realise that he is acting the part of a king. The costumes, processions, and scenery are done in the usual lavish style of the Lyceum management. The greatest scenes are those of the Palace at Bridewell, the Hall in York Place, in which Wolsey entertains his guests and where the king meets for the first time with Anne Boleyn, the coronation of Anne Boleyn, and the vision of angels in Katherine of Arragon's death-bed. The music of Mr. Edward German is admirable. "Henry VIII." is less a play for acting than former productions of Bro. Irving's, but as a piece to please the eye he has never yet excelled the magnificence in which he has mounted this play.

I remember well Miss Kate Rorke giving a matinee at the Gaiety in 1889, for it was the day of the installation by Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., of Bro. Admiral Sir Edward Ingfield as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and I gave up a portion of the Masonic ceremony in order to see Mr. Sydney Grundy's play, "The Mousetrap," in which Miss Kate Rorke was interested and was to play a leading part. It is a wonder that Mr. Grundy's play has lain so long dormant, but we suppose either the author or Miss Rorke has had good reason for leaving it until 1892 before presenting it to the general public. Considering how difficult it is to get a new title to a play, it seems a pity that Mr. Grundy should have monopolised another name and now called "The Mousetrap" "A Fool's Paradise," either title being equally suitable. The main plot of this very clever and interesting piece refers to the slow poisoning of a husband by his wife. One could spend the whole evening listening to Bro. Hare alone in the dialogue Mr. Grundy has written. Miss Kate Rorke adds yet another to her repertoire—already a strong one—of delightful creations. She is simply perfect in her acting. "A Fool's Paradise" is so good in every way that a long run may be anticipated for it. It is just one of those plays which when one sees once one wants to go again and again. Bro. Hare has mounted it in the most superb manner at the Garrick.

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