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## THE JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

At length we are within a few days of what may be regarded as the principal event of the current year. The Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows will be celebrated at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Wednesday next. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, has very kindly undertaken to preside, and the Board of Stewards which will support his lordship, after making allowance for numerous withdrawals and a few deaths, already exceeds 1400 in number, about 600 of them constituting the London contingent, while the remaining 800 hail from the Provinces. What will be the result of the efforts made by this Board remains to be seen. The prospects, however, are most encouraging, and it is both possible and probable that the amount announced at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be very closely approached, if, indeed, it is not exceeded. But in a short time this point will be determined, and, therefore, there is no need for us to indulge in speculations as to the amount which the celebration of Wednesday next will bring forth. We know the aggregate of the lists will be a large one, and if a few words of exhortation from us at the last moment are at all likely to make that aggregate still larger, it is manifestly our duty to utter them.

What we are anxious to impress upon our readers is that the question to be solved next week is not one of mere rivalry between two Institutions which during the periods they have been respectively in existence have done good service to the Craft of Masonry. The effort to surpass what has been declared to be a brilliant result is natural and laudable, but what concerns us most is whether, at the present time at all events, the Benevolent Institution is not in greater need of funds than either of our other Masonic Institutions. Notwithstanding the repeated, and on more than one occasion the very substantial, augmentations which have taken place during the last ten or a dozen years in the number of annuitants on the two Funds of this Charity, there are at this moment about 140 candidates—the precise number is made up of 69 men and 70 widows—who have been approved worthy of being elected to the benefits of this Institution. All of them are advanced in years, all have seen better days, but are now in a state of extreme poverty and distress. Their age prevents them doing anything towards earning a livelihood, and in the majority of cases their relations are as poor as themselves. Thus, though many contributions will be forthcoming on this particular occasion, either because it happens to be the Jubilee Festival, or because the Executive is striving their utmost to cut the magnificent record which was established in 1888, the great point to be urged upon the brethren and lodges both in London and the Provinces is that an enormous aggregate of donations and subscriptions is needed, because there is such a large number of poor brethren and widows awaiting election, and the proportion of vacancies to candidates is so small that in the ordinary course of things it would be impossible to admit more than one-fourth of the number on the list for ballot in May next to the benefits of the Charity. However, as we pointed out last week, the Committee of Management, on the mere prospect of a large result, have already resolved to increase the annuitants on the Male Fund by 10, and those on the Widows' Fund by an equal number. This is a bold and perfectly justifiable, and therefore a commendable, step on the part of the Committee, but even this increase will still leave between 80 and 90 unprovided for. Hence, what we desire to see realised is that the Jubilee on Wednesday shall yield so abundant a crop of donations and subscriptions that the Committee, after making the needful provision for the year's expenditure, will find a large sum at their disposal which will be available for investment, and which, by increasing the permanent income of the Institution very considerably, will admit of a still further increase in the number of annuitants without at the same time too seriously increasing the responsibilities of the Institution. If a result is attained which will enable this to be done, then the Committee of Management, instead of contenting themselves with creating 20 additional vacancies, will have it in their power to create 40 or even 50 vacancies without risk of being considered rash in their proceedings; while, at the same time, the list of unsuccessful candidates in May next will be reduced within manageable compass. Therefore it is that we earnestly exhort our readers to render all the assistance in their power to the Chairman and Board of Stewards for the approaching Jubilee, to the end that the Masonic Benevolent Institution may at length find itself in a position to cope successfully with the heavy demands which for several years past have been made upon its resources. We desire to see the list of approved candidates reduced to such moderate dimensions that when once the name of a brother or widow is placed upon it, he or she may stand a chance of being admitted to the benefits of the Charity within a reasonable time. With a large subscription list on Wednesday next there is good reason to hope that this very material point will be gained.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BISLEY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 2317.

The consecration of this chapter was postponed in consequence of the illness of Comp. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Superintendent, but owing to the continuation of his illness and contemplated residence for a time in the Riviera, it was decided by him that there should not be any further postponement, and in accordance with his request, Comp. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of Kent, and acting G. Scribe E., attended on the 8th inst. and performed the ceremony of consecration in a most able and impressive manner. He also installed Comp. Rev. J. Cater as Z., and Comp. H. Tyler, Prov. G.J., installed Comps. J. B. S. Lancaster as H., and E. H. Gale-Crowdy as J. Owing to the prevailing epidemic, a number of illustrious companions were absent, but among those present were Comps. J. H. Askham, Prov. G.P.S. of Hants; H. Miller, P.Z.; W. Vincent, P.Z.; and G. White. The officers present who were elected and invested were Comps. C. Pulman, P.Z., Scribe E.; Major G. Collins, Scribe N.; C. F. Passmore, P.S.; and J. H. Askham, P.Z., as D.C.

After the chapter closed the companions dined together at the Brookwood Hotel.

The customary toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., and replying on behalf of "Grand Chapter,"

Comp. PHILBRICK said that, while he deeply sympathised with the founders in not having their Grand Superintendent with them, he could not altogether regard his own attendance in the light of a favour to the Bisley Chapter. He simply felt that he was only carrying out that grand principle of Masonry—doing what he could. Certainly there were some difficulties which presented themselves, but he thought that the founders had proved equal to the occasion, and from this fact coupled with, might he say the "audacity" of their M.E.Z., he could anticipate a prosperous future for the Bisley Chapter.

Comp. H. TYLER replied for "The Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He alluded in feeling terms to the sickness of the several officers of the province, and expressed great pleasure in being able to contribute, he felt in a somewhat inefficient manner, to the success of the day's proceedings. He cordially wished for the newly-consecrated chapter every success.

The toasts of "The M.E.Z.," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were duly honoured.

The companions separated feeling that what had appeared to be almost insuperable difficulties had vanished, and that they had been greatly favoured under the existing circumstances.

## REASONS FOR MASONIC SECRECY.

If the secrets of Masonry are replete with such advantages to mankind, it may be asked, why are they not divulged for the general good of society? To this it may be answered, were the privileges of Masonry to be indiscriminately dispensed, the purposes of the Institution would be subverted, and our secrets being familiar, like other important matters, would lose their value, and sink into disregard.

It is a weakness in human nature, that men are generally more charmed with novelty, than with the intrinsic value of things. Innumerable testimonies might be adduced to confirm this truth. The most wonderful operations of the Divine Artificer, however beautiful, magnificent, and useful, are overlooked, because common and familiar. The sun rises and sets, the sea flows and reflows, rivers glide along their channels, trees and plants vegetate, men and beasts act, yet these being perpetually open to view, pass unnoticed. The most astonishing productions of nature on the same account escape observation, and excite no emotion, either in admiration of the great cause, or of gratitude for the blessing conferred. Even virtue herself is not exempted from this unhappy bias in the human frame. Novelty influences all our actions and determinations. What is new, or difficult in the acquisition, however trifling or significant, readily captivates the imagination, and insures a temporary admiration; while what is familiar, or easily attained, however noble or eminent, is sure to be disregarded by the giddy and unthinking.

Did the essence of Masonry consist in the knowledge of particular secrets or peculiar forms, it might be alleged that our amusements were trifling and superficial. But this is not the case. These are only keys to our treasure, and having their use, are preserved; while, from the recollection of the lessons which they inculcate, the well-informed Mason derives instruction, draws them to a near inspection, views them through a proper medium, adverts to the circumstances which gave them rise, and dwells upon the tenets which they convey. Finding them replete with useful information, he prizes them as sacred; and convinced of their propriety, estimates their value from their utility.—*American Masonic Register, 1820.*

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Being for some years a member of a Freemasons' lodge, he applied for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when it was discovered that his subscriptions fell three months short of the qualification necessary to be placed on the list of Candidates.

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The next meeting of this Committee, with the addition of those Brethren who, in the meantime, may have signified their wish to join, will be held here on MONDAY, 7th March, at FOUR o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.

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To Correspondents.

Several reports and communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

There is good reason for anticipating that the formidable body of brethren which constituted the Board of Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be very closely approached, if it is not equalled, in number by the Board at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday. The former mustered 1475 brethren and ladies, the latter is already, on the eve of going to press, nearly 1420.

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A few references to past events will show how marvellous is the progress which our Masonic Charitable Institutions have made of late years. At the Jubilee Festival of the Girls' School, at which the late Bro. the Earl of Yarborough,—then Lord Worsley—presided, the Board of Stewards numbered 57 members, and the donations and subscriptions amounted to £1000. What amount of success attended the Boys'

School Jubilee in 1848 has not yet been discovered. The minutes contain no reference to the subject, and as yet at all events no reports in the press of the event have cropped up. It is unlikely, however, that the total exceeded that of the Girls' School Celebration ten years previously. In 1888, the Institution for Girls celebrated its Centenary under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, and the 1475 Stewards had the satisfaction of raising a total of donations and subscriptions considerably exceeding £50,000. Now there is a talk that even this large amount will be surpassed on Wednesday next.

The musical arrangements for Wednesday next at the Covent Garden Theatre, are very simple, and may be briefly described. There will be no concert as in ordinary years, but the band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, will, by permission of the commanding officer, perform a choice selection of music during the evening.

There will be a large muster of ladies present at the banquet, and we have no doubt the arrangements made for their entertainment will, as usual, give every satisfaction. The main body of these fair guests will dine in the Crush Room, while those for whom accommodation cannot be found there will dine in the boxes in parties of ten, two boxes being made into one in order to allow of this being done. Those who dine here will certainly have a unique experience.

The *Standard* of the 18th instant has the following: "The late Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, of her Majesty's Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of England, late of Clifton Lodge, Upper Norwood, who died on the 25th December last, aged 55 years, leaving personalty sworn under £12,252, devises his real estate in county Galway and elsewhere to his elder son, St. John Gervase Shadwell Clerke, in whose favour the testator exercised his power of appointment of the settled family estates, of which his brother, Colonel Holt Clerke, was tenant for life. He bequeaths to his wife, Mrs. Mary Bayley Clerke, £100, his household effects, a further legacy of £1000, and the income for her life of the residue of his property, subject to the payment of £100 a year each to his two sons during the lifetime of Mrs. Clerke, on whose death the residuary estate is to be in trust as to one-fourth thereof each for the testator's two sons, and as to the remainder for his daughter, Henrietta Frances Beresford Clerke."

In reference to the above, we are informed that the personalty is actually valued at £10,500, and produces, as at present invested, about £420, on condition of the widow paying £100 per annum to each of the sons and providing a home for the daughter. This would leave about £220 a year for the widow and daughter. It is more than probable, however, that the trustees will re-invest the money in securities suitable for trusts, and should this course be adopted the widow's income would be reduced to £115 a year for herself and daughter. We are further informed that the rumour that there was a marriage settlement is entirely without foundation, and that the legacy of £1000 above mentioned is included in the total.

We are authorised to state that Stewards and visitors attending the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are cordially invited to inspect the Boys' School, at Wood Green, on any day which may be convenient to them. On production of card, they will be shown over the building, and will have an opportunity of seeing the improvements which have been made by the present management. Convenient trains to Wood Green Station from King's Cross (suburban) G.N.R., and to Green Lanes Station from Liverpool-street G.E.R., at all hours during the day.

## Correspondence.

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

### A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I warn the brethren against a man calling himself "Dawson," and stating he is a jeweller, and that he belonged to the Newstead Lodge, No. 47, Nottingham. He wears plated spectacles. I shall be extremely obliged if, on "Dawson" calling, a telegram is sent to me to say where he is.—Yours fraternally,

EDGAR GOBLE,

Prov. G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight.  
Fareham, Feb. 15.

## WHEN TO BALLOT FOR A CANDIDATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The consensus of opinion expressed in recent correspondence in your columns reveals a general wish that more care should be taken in the selection of candidates for initiation. When a name is first submitted is undoubtedly the best time to consider whether the person proposed is desirable or otherwise.

Supposing there are objections, which to one brother are serious and to another brother are frivolous, and in the belief that they are not considered sufficient on which to oppose the admission of the person proposed, the name is placed on the summons for next meeting of the lodge. Then comes what may be taken as a little pressure, for I understand that it is a common custom to ballot for and to initiate the same night. The proposer tells his friend to be in readiness to be initiated at such and such an hour and evening. In the premises where the lodge is held, perhaps the nominee is introduced to members of the lodge then assembling, and it is taken as a mere matter of course that his initiation will be proceeded with after the formality of the ballot has been gone through.

Thus, from a feeling of honourable delicacy, and an unwillingness to place the brother who proposed the candidate in an awkward and unenviable position, the ballot is allowed to pass, notwithstanding the faint whisperings of the "still small voice" that a mistake is being made.

Now, I do not say that any member should be induced to vote for or abstain from voting against a candidate against whom he has what, in his judgment, are real objections. But I do say that this custom of the ballot and the initiation taking place on the same evening diminishes the value of the ballot as a safeguard, which should never, under any circumstance, be reckoned as a mere formality.

To propose at one meeting, ballot at the next, and initiate at the next after that, would not, to my mind, be an unreasonable delay, for there can be no necessity for haste in a matter of this kind. In the case of any one going abroad there might be a reason for shortening these intervals, but for those permanently residing in a town or city there can be no need for haste.

It frequently occurs that those who do not or cannot attend lodge regularly never hear of a proposal, and only learn from the lodge summons of a candidate coming forward. They may know more about him than any member of the lodge, yet, when it has gone so far, they hesitate to put the veto to his admission. Then, again, it often happens that the fact of a candidate being proposed by a Past Master of the lodge is reckoned as being beyond cavil or reproach.

Notwithstanding "the divinity that doth hedge" a Past Master, the youngest member of the lodge has a perfect right to speak out, and be listened to with respect, on any matter affecting the welfare of his lodge.

ROUGH ASHLAR.

## Reviews.

### MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE FOR 1892.

This is an excellent publication, ably edited by Bro. Charles Bullock, Prov. Grand Secretary, and its usefulness is so apparent, that the brethren, thus so thoughtfully catered for, should soon clear out the edition. There are two special features in this year's issue—a capital portrait of Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the esteemed P.G.M., which will be highly valued by the members of the province, and five pages of closely-printed matter, devoted to "Noteworthy Events in Hertfordshire Freemasonry." The annals begin with 1739, and are brought down by easy stages to the year 1891. The first Calendar for "Little Herts" was edited by Bro. T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, in 1876, and subsequently the handy publication has been issued by the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which all should be, as it is not fair to place such a burden on any private brother, however willing and able, as many are. Full particulars are afforded of the 21 lodges and other Masonic bodies, and having now attained its majority, as respects the number of lodges, it seems fair to drop its old title of "Little Herts" aforesaid, and select a name more in accordance with its size, dignity, and importance.

### MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT MARK MASONS' HALL, AND ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS FROM 1856. 1892.

This very handy and very useful publication, carefully edited by the Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, is now in its seventh year of issue, is published by the authority of the General Board, and is always heartily welcomed by the students and supporters of Mark Masonry. The present annual must have entailed a lot more labour in its production than its predecessor for 1891, as the Calendar gives under each month all the engagements in connection with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and the days of meeting of all the lodges, chapters, and councils which assemble in the commodious Mark Masons' Hall, thus rendering the handsomely got-up Calendar indispensable to members of such bodies. This year has also the names and particulars of the annuitants (male and female), and complete list of pupils (boys and girls), so that the new features are additions of considerable utility. The roll of Grand Officers from 1856 is a capital compilation, and as it includes the Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters of all provinces (and districts), this meritorious publication is virtually a condensed history of the rise and progress of the Mark Degree. As a trifling sum will secure copies from the editor, those who desire them had better not delay their application.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 15th inst., but the banquet was postponed until the following month owing to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. On that occasion Bro. Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, P.G.S., was installed in the chair by the W.M., Bro. H. Homewood Crawford, who very ably performed the ceremony. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. H. Crawford, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Charles Belton, P.M., P.D.G. D.C., S.W.; Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, P.M., P.D.G.W. Madras, J.W.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., P.G.S., P.G.D., Treas.; Bradshaw Brown, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; T. Poulton Griffin, P.M., G.S., S.D.; Joseph Rock, P.M., J.D.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; Richard Creed, I.G.; and E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P. Prov. G. Stwd., and Thomas Dinwiddie, Stewards.

At the meeting on the 15th inst., the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Alderman Dimsdale, who, after opening the lodge, requested Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.M. and Treasurer, to perform the ceremony of raising, which was efficiently done. The other business was to elect a Grand Steward for the ensuing year, and the J.W., Bro. Major-General Gadsden, was unanimously chosen. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, was elected an honorary member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was excellently served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

The W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of Grand Officers, members, and visitors, among whom were Bros. W. B. Beach, R.W. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; E. K. Bayley, J.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; G. Prior Goldney, City Remembrancer, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Dr. Tuttle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; T. P. Griffin, G. Stwd.; John Dimsdale; F. Gordon Brown, P.G.S.; G. R. Steel, P.G.S.; E. Fenner, P.G.S.; H. H. Crawford, P.G.S.; Shaw Brown, P.G.S.; Admiral Markham; G. Findlay, P.G.S.; Dr. Zacharie; Walter Ebbetts, P.G.S.; Stevenson Hoyte, G.S.; F. W. Kingdon; C. H. Shoppee, P.G.S.; Lister Lane; Lennox Browne, V.P. Bd. Gen. Purposes; Heather Bigg; Gabriel Lindo; Dr. Medwin, P.G.S.; Arthur Oswald; Dr. Robson Roose; Robert Gresley Hall, P.G.S.; R. V. Somers Smith; H. Cowell Boyes; B. Emanuel; and J. Hampton Hall.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, that of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed his sorrow at the loss that had been sustained by the Royal Family and the country at large, by the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, remarking that in no portion of the community was greater sympathy felt than amongst Freemasons.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." They had to deplore, he said, the loss during the past year of the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir Robert N. Fowler, and more recently the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, whose genial face and kindly smile they sadly missed at their meeting. Both the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were members of No. 1, and they had present one of the oldest and most respected Provincial Grand Masters in the person of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, to whom they offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. Beach, in reply, remarked that the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, had done much to promote the prosperity of the Craft. Unfortunately death had made great havoc in their ranks. The death of the Duke of Clarence was a great blow to Masons and the nation. He (the speaker) paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Clerke, than whom, he said, a better Mason never lived. He concluded by complimenting the lodge on its excellent working.

Bro. Crawford, I.P.M., said he had a peculiar pleasure in proposing the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Alderman Dimsdale." They had been initiated together, but he had the honour of preceding him (the W.M.) in the chair of that lodge. Both owed their initiation to Bro. Gooding, and that night Bro. Gooding had taken an important part in the lodge ceremonies. He (Bro. Crawford), in common with all present, regretted the loss of Bro. Alderman Fowler, who if he had lived would have hailed with great pleasure the installation of his friend Alderman Dimsdale in the chair of the Grand Master's Lodge.

Bro. Dimsdale, in reply, first offered his thanks to Bro. Gooding for so efficiently performing the ceremony of raising, which, he said, was worthy of No. 1 Lodge, and concluded by assuring the brethren that it would ever be his endeavour to maintain the position of their ancient lodge.

"The Visitors" toast was then given, and replied to by Bros. Findlay and Admiral Markham.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by the W.M., and Bro. H. H. Crawford, I.P.M., replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was replied to by the S.W., Bro. Chas. Belton, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

An excellent programme of music was provided by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Henry Parker. During the dinner the string band of the London Rifle Brigade rendered several selections of music under the conductorship of Bro. Hiram Henton, and special mention must be made of the charming part singing of the Meister Glee Singers.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 3).—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when there was a good attendance to witness the installation of Bro. Henry S. Wellcome as W.M., the presence of numerous

"Savages" conducting to rather than detracting from the harmony of the evening. The members present included Bros. Dr. S. R. Lovett, W.M.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; G. Low, P.M.; Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; J. Larkin, P.M.; J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B.; A. H. Larcome, P.M.; G. Connell, P.M.; W. C. Clark, P.M.; G. Phillips, P.M.; A. G. Sandberg, S.D.; E. F. Fox, I.G.; R. Sebastian Hart, Org.; S. Cochrane, P.M., D.C.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., A.G.D.C., &c.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Kempster, G. Stwd.; Walter J. Ebbetts, F.R.I.B.A., P.G. Stwd., W.M. 2190; F. T. Rushton, P.G. Stwd., P.M., &c.; Dr. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., &c., P. Prov. S.G.V. Essex, Vice-Pres. B.G.P., P.M. 2108; Henry Pritchard, P. Prov. G. Treas. Middx., W.M. 263; Dr. Paul, Ph.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M. 2394; Surgeon T. H. Parke, A.M.D., M.D., LL.D., &c.; A. Clark, W.M. 2397; Elias Jessurun, 2397; Thomas Catling, P.M. 2190; W. J. Fisher, S.W. 2190; Franklin Clive, 2190; W. Nicholl, 2190; E. J. Moffat, American Deputy Consul-General, 2190; Major Henry Van der Weyde, 2190; F. H. Cheeswright, 2190; Phineas S. Abraham, M.A., M.D., &c., 2190; James McLean, 2190; J. Y. W. MacAlister, 2190; Major Frigout, American Vice Consul-General, P.M., &c., 2397; W. H. Kiby, W.M. 1963; Preceptor Clarence Lodge of Instruction; F. Bull, S.W. 1965; Alison Lister, 1965; Neil S. Campbell, of Ceylon; J. W. Drysdale, S.D. 263; A. W. Gerrard, 1415; W. T. Childs, 1692; W. D. Young, 2146; E. Wallace, 907; W. Evans, 103; E. J. Jones, 134; Henry Jones, 2398; C. R. Ellis, 2398; R. W. Steggles; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; B. Younger, 1257; S. White, 1657; P. Gardiner, 657; and others.

Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.S.G.W.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; and Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D., were prevented from being present through illness, but sent greetings and congratulations to the installed W.M.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, candidates for initiation and passing had their respective Degrees conferred upon them. Bro. Dr. S. R. Lovett next installed Bro. H. S. Wellcome as W.M. in an able and impressive manner, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Dr. A. G. Sandberg, S.W.; E. F. Fox, J.W.; G. Low, P.M., Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Cox, S.D.; J. Cooper, J.D.; F. Feller, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M., D.C.; R. Sebastian Hart, Org.; and Potter, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Lovett, I.P.M., and the lodge was afterwards closed.

A *recherché* repast was enjoyed at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., responding for "The Grand Officers," said it was repeating an old phrase to say that, for the toast so kindly proposed and so warmly welcomed, the Grand Officers returned sincere thanks. It was to them a very great satisfaction to be present at the installation ceremony of one of the most ancient lodges of the Craft. They had no politics in the party sense of the term in Freemasonry, but they were the most conservative people in the world, because they kept to their old traditions, and they were the most democratic Institution, because they turned their king out at the end of a year and put a new one in, and showed their loyalty by exclaiming *vive le roi*. The W.M. had alluded in touching terms to the times they had lately passed through, and were still passing through. Honoured names in the Craft had fallen before that which was the common lot of humanity, but, thank God, they could still keep amongst them those whom the W.M. had mentioned, and those to whom the Craft owed so much. The name of Lord Lathom was a household word in Freemasonry, and those who were privileged to be present and hear the address of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe in Grand Lodge must have felt that no body had expressed its sense of the terrible loss which they as a nation sustained, and its condolence with those afflicted in high places, in more expressive or in a more becoming manner than the United Grand Lodge of England. The rest of the Grand Officers were always well received in assemblages of brethren, and it was always a pleasure to be amongst those who worked the ceremonies of their Craft in a manner which redounded to their honour, and in a lodge which had in the past attained the foremost rank of prosperity and success. It was not always that antiquity had a dry root, and he was glad to see that at the next meeting the W.M. would have the Three Degrees before him. This lodge had in it elements of vigour and vitality, and the presence of an initiate, and the fact of a passing meant work for the W.M., which he was quite sure would be discharged as the lodge would require. This sign of life (not of horror) they felt was a very great thing in a lodge which had such claims to antiquity and such claims to their respect as the Lodge of Fidelity. He hoped the lodge would continue to go on and prosper, and he was expressing the hope of the Grand Officers when he wished that this lodge would prosper exceedingly. They felt in placing Bro. Wellcome as W.M. the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, and knowing no distinction of country or creed, they all met there on terms of that brotherhood which had made Masonry a great Institution in the past and would ensure its perpetuity in the future.

Bro. Dr. S. R. Lovett, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that in Bro. Wellcome, they had a good brother in Masonry and a good cousin in nationality. He believed that this was the first time a brother from the other side of the Atlantic had been called upon to preside in that lodge, and he hoped it might not be the last. From what they had seen of the W.M. in the various offices, they were sure he would carry out the trust reposed in him, and they wished him long life, health, and strength in the performance of his duties.

Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, W.M., returned thanks, and said he appreciated the honour of presiding, and also the honour of becoming a member of that lodge. He believed it a great honour to be a member, and only those who were true and trusty should be admitted. As the Grand Registrar had said, the antiquity of the lodge was a mark of very great distinction, and he felt proud to occupy the office of W.M. There were traditions connected with the lodge which it would be his careful study to preserve as far as his own powers went. He was sure that individuality in lodges, so far as it did not disturb the ritual, was a good thing. He would endeavour to do his work to the best of his ability during his year of office. He only knew a few weeks since that he was to be the W.M., and during that

time he had travelled thousands of miles, and had had little time to prepare himself.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and said that Bro. Dr. Lovett, I.P.M., had done splendid work during the past year. As an expression of their regard for him, he had to present the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel voted to him.

Bro. Dr. S. R. Lovett, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for drinking his health so cordially, and also for the jewel, which he should wear with pleasure and he hoped for many years amongst those whom he respected and revered. He considered the year he had been Master one of the happiest of his life, and he thanked all who had conduced to make it so.

"The Visitors" was next given in a hearty manner, and was responded to by Bros. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., A.G.D.C.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.G. Stwd.; Ebbetts, P.G. Stwd.; Rushton, P.G. Stwd.; Lennox Browne, Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; A. Clark, P.M.; T. Catling, P.M.; and others.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were followed by the Tyler's toast, which closed a pleasant gathering.

During the evening the following brethren contributed excellent musical items: Bros. Allison Lister, Franklin Clive, Nicholls, and Cheeswright.

**Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; H. F. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; W. J. Coplestone, Sec.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; E. Newland, J.D.; H. Hewitt, D.C.; H. Scharian, I.G.; Philips and Banks, Stwds.; A. Walkley, Tyler; Fisher, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Richards, Iredale, Worth, Chambers, Wilkins, Lomer, Lucas, Ponchen, May, Bennett, White, Segar, Blanch, Gerbert, Bowles, Stokes, Collins, Cartwright, Heinemann, and Dyne. Visitors: Bros. Braithwaite, 304; Clarke, 1475; H. W. Coplestone, 704; Nottingham, W.M. 2206; Fackington, 1793; F. Page, 2182; Barker, P.M. 1767; S. Page, 2182; Lewis Bryett, P.M. 1828; and Cimmett, P.M. 15.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. before proceeding expressed his deep regret to announce officially the severe loss the Craft has sustained by the decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, P.G.M. of Berkshire, the eldest son of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which melancholy event had cast a gloom over the whole country, as well as amongst the Craft. He therefore asked permission of the brethren to place upon the minutes a resolution to the following effect: "That this lodge desire to express to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. their most respectful sympathy and condolence with him on the sad bereavement which had befallen the M.W.G.M. by the decease of his eldest son, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, P.G.W., and P.G.M. Berks, and to assure him that as Freemasons they felt most acutely the loss that he and the Craft had sustained by that sad event, and fervently hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to bestow upon H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. that strength of heart and body which is so necessary to support him under such a severe trial," which the brethren in solemn silence endorsed. It was also resolved that a vote of condolence and sympathy be passed with the widow and family of the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., feeling that by his decease the Craft had sustained a loss, which, though not irreparable, was still of great importance to the brethren at large, the late Grand Secretary having been taken away in the full tide of his usefulness and prosperity as a Freemason, after having secured the goodwill and respect of the brethren in every rank of the Craft. The S.W., Bro. H. F. Williams, was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year, Bro. G. Butt was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. Walkley was re-elected Tyler. The Auditors appointed were Bros. Lomer, Wilkins, White, Dyne, and Bennett. The lodge was then closed.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. J. M. Scarlett, P.P. G.W. Essex, W.M., being the Installing Master, and Bro. H. B. Harding the W.M. elect. Among the members present were Bros. A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; Harry Hunt, P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; J. B. Brown, T. E. Newman, W. G. Hiller, A. Pope, W. Jarvis, E. J. Harrison, G. W. Hooker, B. Bridgwater, T. Henton, P. Faber, W. Taylor, F. Simmonds, F. W. White, C. Horst, G. E. Walker, E. H. Bury, J. Amand, and others. The visitors were Bros. G. T. Chretien, S.W. 1328; C. Prebble, 1603; J. P. Parkes, 1538; G. Glover, W.M. 1677; S. Burghope, P.M. 74; H. A. Sheppard, 1677; R. P. Upton, J.D. 1328; J. Bailey, P.M. 1805; R. Gillard, S.D. 901; R. Baker, P.M.; W. Hancock, S.W. 2191; W. H. Woods, 176; and J. G. Cobb, W.M. 2278, P.G.S. Herts.

The installation ceremony was rendered with excellent effect by Bro. Scarlett. Bro. Harding, W.M., having been placed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. J. M. Scarlett, I.P.M.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, Treasurer; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; A. Cox, S.D.; J. A. Blount, J.D.; A. Fearhead, I.G.; D. C. Ritchie, D.C.; and C. H. Stevenson and C. Hiller, Stwds. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. Scarlett, I.P.M., the presentation being acknowledged by him with thanks to the brethren for the appreciation they had shown of his services. The balance-sheet was read, and proved of a most satisfactory nature. In addition to leaving a considerable balance to his successor in the general fund of the lodge, the Benevolent Fund showed a very considerable amount. Later in the evening the fund was referred to by the Secretary, Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., with pardonable pride, he having been mainly instrumental in bringing it into existence.

The business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which reflected credit on the manager of the hotel, Bro. Palmer.

The usual toasts were given by the W.M., and were varied by songs and recitations from Bros. Stevenson, Hiller, Bury, Upton, the I.P.M., and others.

The toast of "The Immediate Past Master" was received by the brethren with much cordiality, and that of "The Visitors" was also, according to usual custom, very heartily received.

Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.G.S. Herts, replying, expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting his mother lodge once again.

The Kingswood Lodge, of which he was the W.M., was one of several vigorous offshoots of the Islington Lodge, and they felt interest in the welfare of the parent lodge.

Bro. W. Hancock, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the brethren who were under his Preceptorship perform the duties of their respective offices so creditably to themselves and the lodge.

Other visitors replied. "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were toasted, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The W.M. is to be congratulated on the first meeting of his term having proved such a pleasant and successful one.

**New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 12th inst., the Installing Master, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, I.P.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; Hiram Henton, P.M., as S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W., W.M. elect; Borrett, S.D.; Makeham, J.D.; Mounter, I.G.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Kemble, P.M. 1591; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; Manuel, Metham, Ferrari, J. D. Graham, acting I.P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M., Treas.; Li Calsi, P.M., Organist; Carlo Grassi, P.M., Steward.; F. W. Cash, P.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; Grahame Turchen, P.M. 173; A. T. Dealer, W.M. 871; Walden, Badelino, Cassagnol, Bruschi, Targetti, Fiori, Barbagli, Guffanti, Cesari, Waters, Meffan, Firminger, Howard, Peria, Pedroni, Abba, Peroni, Wyatt, Inelini, F. J. Perkin, J.W. 63; H. A. Leighton, 1539; Luigi del Oro, 571; J. Kowe, 2191; I. W. Poole, 1539; W. J. Altoid, 1539; J. Simpson, 77; W. Brockman, 1541; C. J. Smeadow, 2191; F. Reynolds, 72; A. G. Sout, 72; Walter Martin, 879; E. Liebmann, 1120; and G. Whiteman, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report read and adopted. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Hiram Henton, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, to receive the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the W.M. elect was then installed, and after investing Bro. J. H. Meyer as I.P.M., the banner of the W.M. (argente three falcons close, gules), on the field of which was embroidered the appropriate motto of the Faulknors—*vive ut vivas*—was then unfurled. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed. The working tools were presented and explained by Bros. J. D. Graham, P.M.; F. Cash, P.M.; and Carlo Grassi, P.M. The Installing Master addressed the W.M. and Wardens. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Borrett, S.W.; H. W. Payne Makeham, J.W.; W. Cowley, P.M., Treas.; J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Mounter, S.D.; C. Guffanti, J.D.; A. Cogliati, I.G.; H. Henton, P.M., D.C.; H. W. Walden, A.D.C.; C. Grassi, P.M., and E. Peroni, Stwds.; Li Calsi, Org.; A. Bruno, Asst. Org.; and G. Whiteman, Tyler.

After the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M., Bro. John Faulkner, in responding, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He would do his utmost to make the working of the lodge as near perfection as possible, and he knew that he had a loyal body of Past Masters and officers to assist him in carrying out his duties.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," whom he had much pleasure in presenting with a Past Master's jewel voted to him by the brethren as a mark of respect; and also "The Health of the Installing Master," who had so ably performed the ceremony that evening.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Meyer, in thanking the brethren for the jewel, and the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, said that, although he had only been able to work the First Degree, he was able to leave a larger cash balance in hand than any P.M. of the lodge had done before him. He would do all he could for the lodge, and, although he could not return thanks in the beautiful English which the Installing Master would shortly employ, his heart was true to Freemasonry, and he took the opportunity of thanking Bro. McIntyre North for undertaking the duties he could not do as W.M. during the past year, and also for installing his successor that evening.

The Installing Master, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, thanking the brethren with a humorous reference to and illustration of beautiful English, said that, to descend from the sublime to the ridiculous, he must thank in the ordinary vernacular the I.P.M. for his flattering allusion to his services during the past year, and return the compliment by thanking the I.P.M. for the opportunity he had enjoyed of occupying that dear old chair for another year. Acting as W.M. at the last lodge meeting, it had been his melancholy duty to express from the chair the heartfelt sympathy of his brethren with the M.W.G.M. in his bereavement, and also to allude to the death of the dearest and truest friend man ever had—his old friend Duncan Cumming—who had many a time occupied that chair when it belonged to the old club, and they could quite understand that the old chair was not only endeared to him (the Installing Master) by the reminiscences of five-and-thirty years, but was hallowed by the memory of many dear friends, who after occupying that chair had gone before to their last home. Again he had to thank the I.P.M. for the opportunity of installing the W.M. Bro. Faulkner and himself had worked up to and passed the minor offices, and the able and well-known manner in which he discharged his duties would leave the Past Masters very little to do during his year of office. It was with feelings of particular pride and gratification that he (Bro. North) was able that evening to complete what had been practically two years of office, and during which time he had installed his two immediate successors. Standing now as one of the Past Masters he could assure the younger brethren that if they had the love of Masonry at heart they would find that every year of office would increase their knowledge of the usefulness of the Order, and if when weary unto death with the strife of this world they came to the lodge, the beautiful ceremonies would make them forget their troubles, and they would return refreshed to their daily avocations better men, better soldiers in the good cause, and with renewed courage to face the dangers and difficulties of their mundane existence.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of

the Visitors," said that he was face to face with one of the first difficulties of his office—he had to decide as to whom he should ask to respond to the toast. The I.P.M. suggested that he should take the first and last, but unfortunately the first had been called away. He would therefore propose the toast coupled with the names of his old friend, Bro. Milbourn, whose attainments in Freemasonry were so widely known, and Bro. E. Liebmann, who, as a young Mason, had given earnest proof that he would be a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Milbourn, after alluding to the well-known hospitality of the New Cross Lodge, and to the able manner in which the ceremony of the evening had been performed by the Installing Master, expressed his extreme gratification at being present at the installation of his old friend as W.M. of his mother lodge. He had watched his Masonic career, and he found he always carried out every duty in the most perfect manner. He was also glad to find that he was going up on behalf of his lodge as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., when he prophesied that the sum subscribed would even exceed the 50 and odd thousands which had been subscribed on a previous occasion.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," alluding to the great services of the Treasurer and Secretary. After thanking the Past Masters generally for the able manner in which they always came forward, expressed his gratification that Bro. Henton, P.M., who assisted him when he was initiated, had presented him and been by his side during the present ceremony.

The Treasurer, Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., after returning thanks for the recognition accorded him for his past services, said that the large balance in hand this year was owing to the exceptional number of initiation fees (11) they had received, and trusted that they would be equally lucky this year.

Bro. T. Grumant, P.M., Secretary, after a humorous jubilation on his return to office, and an expression of the satisfaction he felt at the friendly feeling the brethren (whether they were from the far north or sunny south) had for him, congratulated the brethren that they were now, thanks to past labours, in a position to subscribe to the Charities. When he was Steward last year they placed £10 10s. at his disposal, and he went up with a list of upwards of £100. They had again put £10 10s. on the W.M.'s list, whom he trusted would be equally successful.

Bro. H. Henton, P.M., D.C., after thanking the W.M. for the kind manner he had referred to his duties as D.C., had also in his mind the occasion of the W.M.'s initiation, and as the oldest P.M. of the lodge he would always do his best to forward its interests.

Bro. Carlo Grassi also replied, and, alluding to a casual remark in the Secretary's speech, said that the term foreign should never be heard in a Masonic lodge. They were all brethren who (of whatever country, creed, or clime) looked up with reverence to the Great Architect of the Universe, which Great Being he believed disregarded our petty distinctions of frontier, creed, and race, and looked only to see whether they obeyed or disregarded the divine command laid down for their guidance, and which was the great light of our universal Brotherhood.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Borrett, S.W., and Makeham, J.W., and the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

During the evening Bro. Luigi del'Oro gave an admirable display of skill on an instrument in appearance like a large accordion, but with the compass and sweetness of a moderate organ. Chevalier Li Calsi gave a pianoforte solo, songs were sung by Bros. Grassi, North, and Meyer, Bro. Milbourn gave a humorous recitation, and an instrumental programme was arranged for the next lodge meeting, in which Bros. Li Calsi, Hiram Henton, Liebmann, and others promised to take part.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**—The regular meeting of this well-known South London lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. There were present Bros. H. G. Martin, W.M.; J. H. Pullen, S.W.; S. J. Derham, J.W.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; T. Pickett, W. Castle-dine, T. E. Webb, P.M.; S. W. Ballard, J. Parr, W. Dawson, F. Hilton, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; J. Dunn, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; George Thompson, J. H. Reap, H. Potter, W. F. Nelthropp, W. Shaw, J. Hay, L. Meyer, A. Salmon, W. E. Jeffery, F. Williams, P.M.; R. Brambleby, J. Ellison, G. Plomer, and G. W. Niblett. The visitors included Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1744; J. Eisenman, 185; H. S. Windsor, 24; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; T. Grumant, P.M. 1559; T. H. Salmon, 1475; W. Hilyer, 1922; H. Harpelt, 15; J. D. Ickey, 2329; H. Wood, 101; C. H. Cox, 1839; C. Zimmermann, of Berlin; A. J. Martin, P.M. 188; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. J. H. Reap. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. G. W. Niblett, R. Brambleby, and G. Plomer. Bro. J. Ellison, 1744, was elected and admitted as a joining member. It was unanimously resolved that 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward for the R.M.B.I.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for dinner, which was prepared in excellent style by Mrs. Venables.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. referred in sympathetic terms to the sad death of the Duke of Clarence.

Bro. Jeffery, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt sure that all the brethren were grateful for the good working of the W.M., and the very great interest he took in the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, stated that he was quite overcome by the flattering reception that he had received, and that all his knowledge of Masonry had been derived from Bro. Rose, P.M., the founder of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. observed that from the great interest they appeared to take in the ceremony, they would later on give a good account of themselves, and the new members replied in suitable terms.

The next toast was "The Visitors," the W.M. remarking that he was always delighted to receive visitors, and they had some distinguished ones that evening.

Bro. Stiles, P.M., in reply, stated that he supposed he had been first called to respond on account of his

well-known modesty. It was his first visit to the lodge. The working was excellent, and he had had a Masonic treat in witnessing the good working of all the officers.

The toast was also responded to by Bros. Eisenmann, Ickey, A. J. Martin, P.M., and C. Zimmermann, the last named remarking that he was not surprised at the lodge having so many initiates, having regard to the working and the profuse hospitality of its members.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that they were only too pleased to render every service in the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. Jeffery, I.P.M., replied. The next toasts were "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," who responded; and later "The Officers," to which Bro. Pullen, S.W., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, after a very pleasant evening had been spent.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. Rev. Geo. Thompson, Hamlyn, Jeffery, Hay, Hewett, Plomer, Brambleby, Hilton, and Derham.

**Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday, the 15th inst. The members present were Bros. M. R. Webb, J.P., W.M.; A. B. Hudson, I.P.M.; J. Larkin, S.W.; E. F. B. Fuller, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; G. Rawlinson, S.D.; J. Shotton, J.D.; S. Croft, I.G.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; Alderman Renals, P.M.; and W. W. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. Dr. S. R. Lovett, P.M. 3; J. G. Langton, P.M. 96; J. Forsyth, P.M. 869; C. W. C. Webb, P.P.G.D. Sussex; J. Wayte, I.G. 2096; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; S. H. Soper, P.P.G.D.; J. M. Langstead, 256; D. F. Cocks, 256; W. K. Burton, 1329; W. Potter; H. M. Hegart, P.P.G.D. Herts; J. P. Harding, W.M. 2168; J. Ramsey, P.M. 162; G. Harlow, P.M. 2147; A. T. Pearce, P.M. 1572; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; T. D. R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Whaley, P.M. 172; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; H. S. Wellcome, W.M. 3; C. Lee; C. Miller, P.M. 25; Lovett King, 2190; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the correspondence read, including apologies from several members and visitors for non-attendance. Bro. John Larkin, W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. F. B. Fuller, S.W.; G. Rawlinson, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; J. Shotton, S.D.; S. Croft, J.D.; W. W. Thompson, I.G.; E. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

The delivery of the usual addresses by the Installing Master concluded the ceremony, Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., mentioning as a matter of interest that this was the 113th occasion on which he had performed a similar function. Lodge was closed in due form, and a *recherché* repast was followed by the customary toasts.

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

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the W.M. had expressed the heartfelt sympathy not only of this lodge but of the entire Order with the M.W.G.M. in the sad bereavement he had sustained. With reference to the irreparable loss the Craft had experienced in the death of the late Col. Clerke, they prayed that the Grand Master would be inspired by the Great Architect to replace that loss by appointing the most suitable brother to the office that could be found in Freemasonry. The brother on his right (Bro. Hogard), who was a far older and far more capable Mason, would be able to respond in a more suitable manner for the Grand Officers. He could lay no claim to oratorical ability, and his services had been of a personal character, being confined to initiating, passing, and raising his son in his mother lodge, and installing and enouncing what in his judgment, and he was sure in theirs, was a fact, that Masonry was not confined to what was called the "Fourth" Degree, but it was that which made them practice benevolence and Charity. It was a source of unutterable joy and unspeakable satisfaction to him that his son and brother Mason was in perfect accord with him in the duties of the Order. It had been their privilege to serve the office of Steward at each of the Charities every year since the date of their respective initiations, and they proposed forwarding each Charity so long as they remained in the Craft, and until the Great Architect called them to the Grand Lodge above to give an account of their stewardship.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., also replied, and said that the Grand Officers, however exalted their position, were at all times willing to assist in the cause of Masonry and Charity. Last year the Earl of Lathom took the chair for the R.M.I.B., when the magnificent sum of £29,000 was raised. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, as his first public duty in Masonry since his appointment as Deputy Grand Master, had undertaken the Chairmanship of the R.M. Ben. Inst. Jubilee Festival, for which, under the energetic action of Bro. Terry, the Secretary, 1416 Stewards had been enrolled to that date. He need not tell them what was expected when they remembered that this was the Jubilee year, but he believed they would be disappointed if £50,000 was not announced. For the rest of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren sincerely for the hearty way the toast had been received.

Bro. M. R. Webb, I.P.M., then rose and said he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his estimable successor, "The Worshipful Master." It had been his privilege to know Bro. John Larkin for many years, both outside Masonry and in connection with it, and he could say that a more kindly hearted and friendly gentleman he had never come across. With regard to the characteristic of Charity, he could tell them that their W.M. was a very high official in connection with all the Charities. He only hoped that through the coming year the W.M. would receive the same kind consideration and support that he (the I.P.M.) had from his officers during the past 12 months, for he was well deserving of it.

Bro. John Larkin, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind sentiments he had expressed in his behalf, and the brethren generally for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He could only assure them that anything conducive to the benefit of the Aldersgate Lodge would have his best efforts, and nothing should be wanting on his part to fulfil his duty. He had been connected with the Aldersgate Ward for over 40 years, and he should feel it a proud position to represent it as Worshipful Master of the

Aldersgate Lodge. The W.M. then said he was sure they would all drink "The Health of the Installing Master" with a bumper toast. Unfortunately Bro. Sir John Monckton's health did not permit him to stay, but he (the W.M.) took it as a great compliment that that distinguished Mason had attended to install him.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that, although their lodge was small in numbers, they always tried to make a goodly gathering at the installation ceremony, and on the present occasion they were privileged with a large number of visitors.

Bros. Harding, Soper (ex-Mayor of Brighton), Forsyth, and Copestick responded in appropriate terms.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that Bro. Webb, I.P.M., was well known and highly respected in the Ward of Aldersgate, and had during the past year discharged his duties as Master of the lodge in a most satisfactory manner. It was with much pleasure that he affixed to Bro. Webb's breast a Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge, and he hoped that when the I.P.M. looked at it he would think of the pleasurable time he spent as W.M. of that lodge.

Bro. M. R. Webb, I.P.M., having thanked the W.M. for the complimentary terms in which he had proposed the toast, said it was on that occasion his pleasing duty to thank the lodge for the double compliment paid him—firstly, for the more official compliment, though none the less appreciated, of the handsome Past Master's jewel; and, secondly, for the kindly souvenir in commemoration of the most important event in his life. It was seldom that a W.M. had that event take place during his year of office so as to create a double call upon the brethren. That call was responded to in a handsome manner, and he should always preserve the souvenir as a mark of their extreme kindness to him. It was his duty as I.P.M. to give his warmest thanks to the officers who assisted him so very ably during his year.

Bro. Alderman Renals, P.M., also briefly responded. Bro. White, P.M., Treas., and Bro. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec., acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" was followed by the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. Lovett King a selection of music was performed, in which the following artistes assisted: Madame Isabel George, Miss Greta Williams, Mr. Adams Owen, and Bro. Charles Chilly.

**Creaton Lodge (No. 1791).**—This distinguished lodge celebrated its 14th installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 11th inst. There being a large quantity of business to transact, the W.M. called the lodge at three o'clock. The brethren present were Bros. A. J. Taylor, W.M.; A. S. Wolter, I.P.M.; A. Love, S.W., W.M. elect.; T. S. Melville, acting J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; J. Sansom, D.C.; F. W. Woodard and G. B. Johnston, Stwds.; J. Williams, P.M.; J. Nielson, P.M.; D. Ferguson, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; C. Rawley Cross, P.M.; and many other members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. George Everett, P.M., G. Treas.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; C. J. Rich, P.M.; G. D. Crawford, P.M. 700; J. Brown, P.M. 2012; H. Gilbert, P.M. 1828; W. Seaman, 704; J. H. Richardson, 1632; W. Truman, 957; H. Clark, 2012; T. Rose, 1563; and many others.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet and Auditors' report having been read and approved, Bro. C. Williams was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and the explanation of the tracing board. The W.M. then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. A. Love as his successor, which he performed in a most commendable manner. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bro. A. J. Taylor, I.P.M.; G. E. Higginson, S.W.; H. Cotton, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; L. Cox, S.D.; F. W. Woodard, J.D.; G. B. Johnston, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; H. B. Jupp, Asst. Org.; R. N. Larter, D.C.; and J. Fryer and P. G. Sturges, Stwds. The newly-installed Master then amply proved his efficiency for the appointment, by the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony of initiation, the candidate for that honour being Mr. A. G. Madder, after which four lay members were elected to serve on committee for Benevolent and Charity Funds. It was then proposed by Bro. C. R. Cross, P.M., that 50 guineas from the Charity Funds be placed upon the list of Bro. A. J. Taylor, I.P.M., who is representing the lodge as Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. Bro. G. B. Johnston, I.G., seconded in a very appropriate and forcible speech, and it was carried unanimously. The I.P.M. then gave the three addresses, closing the installation ceremony in a manner which evoked great praise from all present. The Secretary then announced that Bro. Higginson, S.W., had kindly presented a very handsome banner for the J.W.'s chair, to complete the set in the lodge. As they could see it was a very handsome one, and would be a great adornment. Also that Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., had presented an artistic oak enclosed inkstand for the Secretary and Treasurer's table. A vote of thanks to be recorded in the minutes was accorded to these brethren for their valuable gifts, in responding to which the I.P.M. made special mention of the valuable and untiring assistance he had received from the Secretary, and which had so materially facilitated his year of office.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent banquet was provided, and on the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but expressive words, making reference to the much lamented loss sustained by the M.W. Grand Master.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to in a very eulogistic manner by Bro. George Everett, P.M., G. Treas., who expressed his great pleasure in witnessing such excellence in the management and working of the lodge, which had so impressed him that should he again become founder of a lodge, he should certainly take the Creaton Lodge for his model; it was an excellent lodge, named after an excellent Mason.

Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., then asked the brethren to join him in drinking to "The Health of the W.M."

This was most heartily responded to and acknowledged. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who stated the extreme pleasure it always gave the Creaton Lodge to welcome a goodly contingent of visitors.

The following brethren responded: Bros. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., P.Z. 177; Crawford, P.M. 700; Gilbert, P.M. 1828; and Rich, P.M.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who said it was a most pleasing duty, and, in very choice language, placed a handsome Past Master's jewel upon Bro. A. J. Taylor's breast.

Then followed the toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and that of "The Officers," both of which were responded to.

Between the toasts an exceedingly well-arranged programme was rendered by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Feathersby, and Bros. J. Budd, J. J. Cantle, and J. Kift.

A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was concluded by the Tyler's toast.

**Brixton Lodge (No. 1949).**—This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Saturday, the 6th instant, when there was a good attendance, notwithstanding that several members and visitors were absent owing to illness. The members present included Bros. W. Kirkland, W.M.; A. Jones, S.W.; R. Poore, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Sec.; J. J. Newland, S.D.; J. Hicks, J.D.; G. Daunt, D.C.; E. F. Gye, Org.; R. Bowman, P.M., Stwd.; H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. Evans, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Newland, F. A. Powell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Mon.; J. Arnold, B. Bramble, C. Lamb, W. G. Daker, Geo. R. Langley, W.M. 2381; R. Kingsbury, P.M. 1668; C. Reeve, P.M. 1816; A. R. W. Powles, 1901; T. S. Newall, 860; J. W. Stevens, 2234; S. Burridge, S.W.; E. A. Thomson; G. M. Moore, jun., 1535; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and Bros. Haine, Gaulder, Joseph, and Farnell were passed to the Second Degree. A very satisfactory balance-sheet was adopted, after which Mr. F. Daw was initiated. Bro. R. Poore, P.M., Treas., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. A. Jones as W.M. in a highly creditable and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed, those present being invested: Bros. J. Bott, S.W.; J. J. Newland, J.W.; R. Poore, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; J. Hicks, S.D.; Daunt, J.D.; Inglis, I.G.; R. T. Bowman, P.M., D.C.; E. F. Gye, Org.; D. Hamilton, Stwd.; and Potter, Tyler. One of the first duties of the W.M. was to present Bro. Kirkland, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar and jewel in recognition of his able services as Master during the past year. On the motion of Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs. Shadwell H. Clerke in the irreparable loss of her husband, and the same was directed to be conveyed to her by letter.

Lodge was closed and a banquet followed, which was presided over by Bro. Kirkland, I.P.M., the W.M. having been obliged to leave owing to domestic affliction.

The usual loyal toasts having been disposed of,

Bro. Kirkland, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he was sorry to have to propose it under such unfavourable circumstances, for Bro. Jones, W.M., had the misfortune to lose his dear mother a short time ago and his wife and children were still ill, although progressing favourably. He was sure it was a great disappointment to the W.M. not to be with them. In Bro. Jones they selected a worthy brother to be W.M., and one with whom they had been associated for some years. He knew the W.M. to be well up in the ritual and landmarks of the Order, and the members would not regret having elected him. He was but expressing the feelings of all when he said their W.M. had the sympathy of all the members, who trusted he would be long spared to be with them.

"The Initiate" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Daw, after which

Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., proposed "The I.P.M.," and said it was unusual for a brother to be in the chair on two successive installation nights. On the present occasion Bro. Kirkland appeared as I.P.M., and they wished him a successful year in that office.

Bro. W. Kirkland, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. Lovegrove had told them of three distinguished brethren who were born on the 6th February, the date on which they had met, but he (the I.P.M.) would let them into another secret, which was that although he had passed through his year of office as W.M. he had not yet seen his tenth birthday—for he was born on the 29th February. He thanked them all most sincerely for the manner in which they had received him and for their support and assistance during the past year.

Bro. G. R. Langley, W.M. 2381, in acknowledging "The Visitors," returned thanks for the cordiality of their reception. He thanked the Brixton Lodge for permitting a lodge of instruction to be worked under it, and as the Secretary it was his duty to thank the mother lodge for the large amount of support received from the members. Taking the year through the average attendance had been 18, which was good for a suburban lodge, and it showed that if they were not giving the brethren knowledge they were interesting them somewhat. They were also proud in respect to the Benevolent Association, and it was some little credit to the Brixton Lodge that in a few years that Association had sent up £1500 to the Charities. He congratulated the I.P.M. on the creditable year he had had, and was pleased to say the officers who were working up were the most regular attendants at the lodge of instruction.

Bros. Powell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Mon.; Kingsbury, P.M.; and others also replied.

"The Installing Master, Treasurer, and Secretary," was next given by the I.P.M., who thanked Bro. R. Poore, P.M., for having performed the installation ceremony. He should have been pleased to have done it himself, but had been too busy, and could not give the time necessary to do it anything like it should be done. They were indebted to Bro. R. Poore, P.M., for having performed the ceremony in such a grand and impressive manner. With Bro. Poore, P.M., as Treasurer, they were in a better financial position than they had ever been in the past, which was in a great measure due to him. Bro. Lovegrove, P.M. and Sec., was the father of the lodge, and was always willing to give them the benefit of his advice and experience, which they hoped would be extended to the latest successor to the chair.

Bro. R. Poore, P.M., Treas., returned thanks. As regarded the installation ceremony, it was one thing he certainly took a delight in, for any Past Master must look upon it as a great privilege to be the Installing Master. It was not his wish however that he should be so, for he would rather see a W.M. install his successor, but under the circumstances the I.P.M. had explained, he undertook the

duty. With regard to the Treasurership, the I.P.M. had been pleased to extol his virtues, but it was within their recollection that Bro. Kirkland, I.P.M., was Treasurer for some time, and although they had made a great improvement during the past year, the I.P.M. was the one to commence the career of success.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec., responded, and referred to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. They owed a great deal in that lodge to the late Grand Secretary, and he hoped that during the present Mastership the members would endeavour to make the Brixton Lodge second to none in the South of London.

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

Bro. Arter presided at the pianoforte during the evening, and several brethren assisted in the musical programme, including Bros. Cranch, Court, and Gye.

**Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. A large number of members sent apologies for their absence in consequence of professional engagements, among them being Bros. Lennox Browne, F.C.M., P.M.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M.; W. Ernest Dring, P.M.; H. Naunton Davies, P.M., Steward; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.; and others. The following officers, members, and visitors were present: Bros. J. Brindley James, P.M., W.M.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., as I.P.M. and Sec.; Deputy Inspector-General Matthew Coates, M.D., R.N., P.M., as S.W.; Deputy Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N., P.M., J.W.; Jacob Pickett, M.D., S.D.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.B., J.D.; Anthony Nutt, I.G.; N. E. Yorke Davies; Alfred Heald P.M. 163; A. J. Phillips, 463; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn J.W., 2369; and C. M. Simpson, M.D., 1056.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read, when Bros. Herbert G. Blackmore and Lewis Lewis were raised to the exalted Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Bros. Montague Cheale, Frank Reid, Edward Stock Bell, and Clifford Luxmore Drew were passed to the Second Degree, which ceremony was performed in an able way by the W.M. Bro. Surgeon-Major William G. Black, F.R.C.S. Ed., M.R.C.S. Eng., (S.C.), was elected a joining member. The founder's jewel was approved, and much admired by the members. After other formal business had been gone through, the lodge was closed.

In the after-dinner speech, the Worshipful Master alluded in most feeling terms to the much lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, stating it was only two months ago at that festive board he alluded to the happy event of the Prince's engagement to Princess May of Teck.

The sad loss Masonry has also experienced in the untimely death of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was an hon. member of the Æsculapius Lodge, and who only last October consecrated the lodge in so beautiful a manner that it will for ever remain in the memory of those who were present, was also mentioned.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERSHOT.

**Panmure Lodge (No. 723).**—The installation of Bro. C. F. Roelich as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., Bro. R. Eye, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas., very impressively performing the ceremony. There was a large attendance of brethren of the lodge and visitors, including Bros. W. Sowdon, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. S. Hickley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Glasspool, P.M.; J. H. Ashham, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C. Surrey; W. L. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Lehmann, P.M.; C. Bateman, P.M.; A. Savile, P.M.; S. Rowe, W.M., and W. Blyth, P.M., of 1780; Leslie, P.M.; and others.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Savile, I.P.M.; W. W. Allingham, S.W.; W. Ridge, J.W.; R. Eye, P.M., Treas.; J. Youd, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Reeves, S.D.; T. Wells, J.D.; F. J. W. Savile, I.G.; E. Holderness and J. J. Kennett, Stwds.; and W. Burns, Tyler. Ten guineas were voted to each of the Masonic Charities.

A banquet followed, a *recherché* repast being served by Bro. Stone.

BIRMINGHAM.

**Forward Lodge (No. 1180).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, New-street, when Bro. J. T. Harcourt was installed into the chair of K.S. There were many distinguished brethren present, including Bros. R. Barber, P.G.S.B.; F. Fowler, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Moffatt, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Hawkes; G. N. Milward, P.G.S.B.; E. Pritchard, P.P.A.G.P.; J. Rooker, 925; T. Clulee, I.P.M. 564; J. Evans, 1246; W. G. Hiron, W.M. 1431; T. Bott, P.M. 1031; W. Shilcock, W.M. 473; A. Woods, W.M. 925; J. H. Simpson, P.M. 1520; W. G. Smith, S.W. 473; G. H. Middleton, S.W. 1016; G. H. Thomas, 71; W. Blower, 1520; and W. Francis, 1792.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. W. Hillman, P.P.G.P., in a most impressive manner, which contributed very much to the enjoyment of those present. The charges to the W.M. and Wardens were given by Bro. Hobday, P.M., and Bro. Cole, P.P.G.P., respectively, and that to the brethren by the installing Master.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, after which the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were proposed by the W.M., who spoke in very feeling terms of the great loss the Masonic brotherhood had sustained in the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and he asked the brethren, as a mark of respectful sympathy, to receive these toasts in silence.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed, and, in alluding to these distinguished brethren, the W.M. said he had had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge and seeing the manner in which the Pro G.M. presided, and he could assure the brethren that everything was carried out in a splendid manner and in a truly Masonic spirit.

The toast of the P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Leigh," was next proposed by the W.M., who, after alluding to the affection in which his lordship was held by all the Warwickshire brethren, said he considered it a privilege that Lord

Leigh was still able to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and said he was very proud to have such a distinguished array of Prov. Grand Officers at his installation, and he considered it an honour conferred not only upon himself, but also upon the lodge. The splendid work done by these distinguished brethren would always endure them to the hearts of Warwickshire Masons, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose their health, especially as there were several P.P.G. Officers amongst the Past Masters of the lodge.

This toast was replied to by Bro. Moffatt, P.P.G.R., and Secretary to the Board of Charity Stewards of the province. After speaking of the pleasure he had experienced during the evening both in the lodge and banqueting room, he made a strong appeal to the brethren on behalf of the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and hoped they would strengthen his hands as Charity Steward by assisting him to the best of their ability, so that the Province of Warwickshire might be worthily represented on that occasion.

Bro. E. T. Pritchard, W.M. Lodge of Light, also responded, and congratulated the brethren on having elected so worthy a Mason to the Master's chair.

Bro. E. A. Smith, S.W., then gave the toast of "The W.M. of the Forward Lodge," and said he considered that the toast of the evening, for all knew what a splendid Mason he had always proved himself to be, and were assured that he would leave his mark upon the records of the Forward Lodge. It was within the recollection of all how well and worthily he had filled every office that had been assigned to him, and he could assure the W.M. that it was with the utmost pride and pleasure that the brethren had elected him their W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the S.W. and brethren for the hearty manner they had drunk his health, and assured them that he would look back upon that night as one of the proudest and most eventful of his life. He impressed upon the younger brethren the necessity, if they wished to rise in the Craft, to make themselves perfect with the grand Masonic ritual, so that at any time they were called upon they would be able to take part in the ceremony.

The Worshipful Master in very felicitous terms then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters of the Forward Lodge," and said how pleased he was at being installed by the father of the lodge, who gave so much of his time and ability for the benefit of the brethren. The impressive manner in which the ceremony was performed would never be effaced from his memory, and made him feel more than ever the responsibilities that rested upon him as W.M.

The Installing Master, in reply, spoke of the satisfaction it gave him to install one who had so well and worthily worked his way up, and he could assure him of the support of each of the Past Masters.

The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was that of "The Visitors." He said he felt proud at having such a noble array of visitors, and he could assure them they were heartily welcome.

Several distinguished brethren responded, including Bros. Rooker, Shilcock, Clulee, who congratulated the brethren upon the happy choice they had made in their present W.M., and also upon the splendid working they had had the privilege of witnessing in the lodge room.

The toast of "The Officers" then followed, and was responded to by Bro. Stephens, J.W., who assured the brethren he felt proud in serving under such a W.M.

Bro. Grove, I.G., also responded, and assured the W.M. that each and every officer had made up their mind to make his year of office a happy and successful one.

The Tyler's toast then followed.

The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. T. Harcourt, W.M.; T. W. Siddaway, I.P.M.; E. A. Smith, S.W.; R. G. Stephens, J.W.; Rev. R. Rigden, Chap.; E. P. Cole, P.P.G.P., Treas.; F. Hobday, Charity Steward; H. H. Clulee, Sec.; E. W. Kitching, S.D.; H. Read, J.D.; W. Hillman, P.P.G.P., D.C.; T. N. Bladon, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. W. Grove, I.G.; J. C. Grinsell and W. H. Cooper, Stwds.; A. W. Butcher, Std. Br.; and J. G. Trevitt, Tyler.

BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; J. T. Last, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap. and Charity Representative; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; J. Morton, as S.D.; J. Thornton, as J.D.; S. Robinson, I.G.; G. Root, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and R. S. Hird. Visitors: Bros. A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1510, P.P.G.D.C. Salop; C. Dean, S.W. 1034; J. Coates, S.D. 302; O. Lamb, J.D. 1648; J. Tilley, 603; H. T. Galpine, 600; W. Smith, 1018; and Wm. Sparke, 1211.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. Bland, Hirst, and J. A. Drake, and proved unanimous in their favour, and Messrs. Hirst and Drake, being in attendance, were initiated, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bros. Bailey, P.M., and Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P., the working tools being explained by Bro. Last, J.W., and the charge given by Bro. Niven, S.W. Several current accounts were directed to be paid, and apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several of the officers and brethren, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall for refreshment, the W.M. presiding.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, "The Initiates" was proposed by Bros. Fearnley and Morton, and responded to by Bros. Hirst and Drake respectively.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Auty, I.P.M., who gave them a very cordial welcome to the lodge.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Akeroyd, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and several other visitors.

Bro. Akeroyd proposed "The W.M." in felicitous terms, and complimented the lodge on the Masonic lectures which the W.M. had introduced, and which had afforded the

brethren so much interest and instruction, and upon the capable manner in which the ceremonies of the lodge had been conducted.

The W.M. briefly responded, and acknowledged with pleasure the assistance which he had received from his officers.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, Bros. Holmes, Akeroyd, Tilley, Coates, Lamb, Fearnley, and Miles contributing harmony in the shape of songs, solos, and recitations.

#### DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—The regular meeting was held at the Didsbury Hotel on Saturday, the 13th inst. There was, as usual, a large gathering of members and visitors. The chair was taken by Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., there being also present Bros. G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; J. Sharples, Stwd.; W. Sharples, acting Tyler; W. W. Wilkinson, J. Laurisch, R. T. Sayers, J. Lawrenson, R. Fitton, H. Shuter, A. R. Brett, J. Ward, A. W. Moore, and F. Morgan. Visitors: Bros. J. Willcox, 1140; H. R. Box, 1633; N. F. Clegh, 1345; J. M. Hogarth, P.M. 1473; J. Clayton, 703; H. Sward, 993; and W. W. Farquharson.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. H. Shuter was passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. There were several matters of importance brought before the brethren, and all being brought to a satisfactory issue, the lodge was closed. A donation of 10s. was sent to the editor of the *Chronicle* on behalf of the Balacava heroes, many of whom are in great distress at the present moment.

#### DUNMOW.

**Roslyn Lodge (No. 1543).**—A meeting was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. C. Sams, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; W. Rivers, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. M. Welsh, P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; R. Marsh, S.D.; W. Chapman, J.D.; F. J. Carter, I.G.; F. Warner, Tyler; D. Millbank, I.P.M.; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Rattray, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. C. Lyle, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Clapham, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Mackenzie, J. G. Pegram, E. Piper, C. Bint, P.P.G. Stwd.; and A. Bradridge. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Megram, P.M. 1024; C. M. Chapman, 2136; and W. J. Waylett, 2136.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rattray, at the request of the W.M., explained the second tracing board. Two gentlemen were balloted for as candidates for initiation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Rattray was carried, and acknowledged by that worthy brother. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, the W.M. alluding to the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence in most feeling terms of sympathy.

The toast of "The P.G.M., Lord Brooke, M.P.," was received most heartily. In the course of his speech the W.M. referred to the high esteem he was held in, and also how Lady Brooke had endeared herself to all classes, both from her amiability and kindness to everyone, but more especially from her exertions in raising "Lady Brooke's Fund" to assist the poor folks during the present influenza epidemic which had been most severe in Dunmow and the villages around.

This was received with much applause.

"The Prov. Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Snell, who thanked the W.M. for his remarks referring to the Prov. Grand Officers willingness at all times to do what they could to advance Freemasonry in the province whenever called upon.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said he was a good Mason, and that whatever he took in hand he did well.

The Worshipful Master, in responding for himself and his officers, said with their help he hoped to have a good year of office, and as there would be two initiates next time, he hoped they would deserve all the good things that had been said about them and reflect credit on the lodge, but he depended on the Past Masters to keep them right, as they had not the advantages which would be attained if they had a lodge of instruction near to attend.

Bros. Wright and Chapman responded for "The Visitors."

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

The pleasure of the evening's entertainment was much added to by songs and recitations by Bros. Marsh, McKenzie, Pegram, Chapman, and Piper.

#### GUERNSEY.

**Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84).**—A most interesting meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at the Masonic Hall, and the presence of an unusual number of Past Masters and old members significantly emphasised the character of the proceedings. The lodge having been opened by the I.P.M., Bro. Hamel, the Secretary produced a telegram which he had received from the W.M., Bro. Major Giles, regretting that important business in London prevented his attendance that evening. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wilkins, P.M., referring to the great loss which the nation at large, and more particularly the Craft, had sustained in the sad death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, proposed that the following Past Masters: Bros. Balfour Cockburn, Edward Ozanne, and Rev. P. G. Pickering, should at once prepare an address to the Grand Master, expressing the respectful sympathy of all the members of the lodge in the terrible affliction which had fallen on his Royal Highness and his Royal House. This was seconded by Bro. Hamel, and at once approved and carried. Lieut. Kempson was then initiated, the charge being most excellently and impressively delivered by Bro. the Rev. P. G. O. Pickering, Chap. The Secretary then requested that the W.M. would call upon Bro. Stickland, P.M., to carry out a ceremony, notice of which had been purposely omitted from the summons, as it was desired to be a pleasing surprise to the oldest and most respected brother of the lodge. Bro. Stickland, P.M., having desired Bros. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., and Bro. Laine, P.M., to present Bro. Guilbert, P.M., in the East, proceeded in most eloquent and fervid terms to eulogise the long and zealous Masonic career of this respected brother. It was, he said,

a most unusual thing for that lodge to give testimonials, and therefore the value of that presentation was all the greater, and it was most significant of the high position that Bro. Guilbert held, and had always held, in the esteem of the members of the lodge, that in 1867 Bro. Guilbert had received a Past Master's jewel for his valuable services in the chair. He (Bro. Stickland), as the oldest member of the lodge, felt it a great privilege that he had been selected to perform this, one of the most pleasing duties that had ever fallen to his lot, to present his old and valued personal friend and brother, on behalf of the members of the lodge, with that handsome Past Treasurer's jewel. Bro. Guilbert, P.M., responded in a few words, thanking the lodge generally, and apologising for his inability to express adequately his grateful acknowledgments, but he was quite overcome by surprise and emotion. After a few minor matters had been satisfactorily arranged, the lodge was closed.

We may add that the Past Treasurer's jewel to which allusion has been made above is not merely very beautiful, but is singularly appropriate, the ribbon being embellished with the arms of the island, enamelled in proper colours, and the circular medallion being attached to the ribbon by vine branches, richly painted. This exquisite piece of work was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning from a design suggested by Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.M.

#### KEYNSHAM.

**St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).**—The installation meeting was held at the Public Hall on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when the following were present: Bros. C. Pfeiffer, W.M.; J. S. Naish, I.P.M.; C. J. E. Grubb, W.M. 68, as S.W.; B. Reed, J.W.; P. H. Shrapnell, Sec.; D. Stallworthy, S.D.; J. Byerley, J.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.S.G.D., D.C.; R. G. Parminter, 1388, Org.; J. Stoate, Tyler; S. J. Lewis, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Hobkirk, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Brightman, C. Stokes, O. W. Wiltshire, H. J. Andrews, E. Bradshaw, S. Mackenzie, A. Holborn, S. F. Andrews, W. Collett, C. Burford, R. Thomas, V. Russell, A. M. Ordish, H. Southwell, S.W. 68; and T. H. Rontree. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; R. F. Geary, P.M. 68, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Galpin, P.M. 68, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. J. Tonkin, S.D. 1755; J. J. H. King, 1039; H. W. Makepeace, 1388; and J. T. Hallam, P.M. 326, P.P. J.G.W.

After some formal and preliminary business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Charlie Pfeiffer, W.M. elect, was re-installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. The W.M. at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Naish, I.P.M.; B. Reed, S.W.; R. H. Shrapnell, J.W.; A. J. Gay, P.M., Treas.; O. W. Wiltshire, Sec.; D. Stallworthy, S.D.; J. Byerley, J.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, D.C.; K. Fipettes, I.G.; Tidman and Hayes, Stwds.; and James Stoate, Tyler.

Some business of a charitable nature was afterwards gone into, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together at the Lamb and Lark Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

We are sorry to add that illness prevented the P.G.M., Lord Dungan, from being present.

At the banquet which followed the installation, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft" in suitable terms, and in submitting "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," feelingly alluded to the death of the Duke of Clarence.

The W.M. next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

In rising to respond, Bro. R. C. Else, Dep. Prov. Grand Master and P.G.D. of England, the Installing Master of the day, was enthusiastically received. Bro. Else replied as follows: I am exceedingly sorry that I have to leave early and thus interrupt your programme, but I have to go into another part of the province to-morrow to perform a similar function. I have to thank you very much for your very kind reception, and for coupling my name with the toast of the Grand Lodge of England. We are all of us aware that after the death of our own truly beloved Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, it pleased the Grand Master to appoint the Earl of Lathom in his place, and we could not possibly get a better Pro Grand Master. With regard to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, we are not so well able to judge in this part of the province, but it is believed that his Royal Highness has made a judicious and wise selection. As regard the officers of Grand Lodge, I have to ask the officers to attend from time to time and see their work. Before leaving you this evening I desire to refer to the wise selection made by this lodge in re-electing my old friend Bro. Charlie Pfeiffer as its W.M., and a better man, I am sure, they could not have found. I do not know any one who is more thoroughly imbued with the principles of Freemasonry by doing his best to practice out of the lodge those duties he learns within it. I trust this second year of office may be a very happy one. One word of advice, though I hardly think it necessary in this lodge of St. Keyna, in selecting the ashlar to be fashioned into good Masons, be careful of the quarry from which the ashlar is chosen. Nothing conduces more to the welfare of the lodge than the quality of its members. I congratulate you on the move you are about to make in getting premises of your own, and I hope the members will be able to successfully carry this out, as I am sure it is for the welfare of every lodge to have a hall or room of its own.

Bro. Gay, P.M., proposed the next toast—that of "The W.M."—which was received with enthusiasm. He said they had heard what the Deputy said about him, which they could all endorse, and he needed only to add that he was a good Master, an excellent worker, and always at his post to time.

The Worshipful Master suitably replied at some length, referring to the pride he experienced at being re-elected and promising to use every effort to maintain the prestige of the lodge and the quality of its members. He would endeavour to deserve their renewed confidence.

Bro. Gay, P.M., proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Naish," and in doing so spoke to the fact of Bro. Naish being instrumental in the lodge sending £80 to the Boys' School.

Bro. Naish returned thanks in appropriate terms.

Bro. Hobkirk, P.M., submitted "The Visiting Brethren," which was duly acknowledged by Bros. Geary, P.M. 68; C. J. E. Grubb, W.M. 68; and Galpin, P.M. 68.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers," "The

Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast brought the list to a close.

Bro. Shrapnell kindly accompanied the musical brethren on the piano with his accustomed ability, and altogether a particularly pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.

In consequence of severe wintry weather and so much illness about, many apologies were received for non-attendance.

#### LANGPORT.

**Portcullis Lodge (No. 2038).**—Bro. C. S. Payn was recently installed as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. E. O. Louch, the I.P.M., assisted by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M. The officers for the year were appointed and invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. E. O. Louch, I.P.M.; W. Gough, S.W.; H. Pittard, J.W.; Rev. M. C. Goodford, M.A., Chap.; W. B. Paul, Treas.; A. Reynolds, Sec.; H. H. Bonning, S.D.; C. B. Foley, J.D.; G. A. Cox, D.C.; W. Rowe, I.G.; R. H. Vereker, Org.; C. K. Poulter, Stwd.; and W. H. Gillett, Tyler. Brethren from Taunton, Weston-super-Mare, Seaton, and Yeovil were present at the ceremony.

The usual banquet was subsequently served at the Langport Arms Hotel by Bro. G. Barling. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the menu gave every satisfaction.

#### MANCHESTER.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 1170).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Bro. R. W. Routley, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Buckley, S.W.; T. Shorrock, P.M., acting J.W.; W. Brooks, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; L. Suthers, S.D.; H. Black, J.D.; Thos. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Ogden, P.M.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M.; Leybourne, P.M.; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The choice of W.M. for the ensuing year fell unanimously upon Bro. W. H. Buckley, S.W. Bro. W. Brooks, P.M., was elected Treasurer; Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., Charity Representative; and Bro. Sly, Tyler.

The installation will be held on the 18th April next.

#### MANSFIELD.

**Forest Lodge (No. 1852).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. R. F. Vallance, W.M.; J. Greenwood, J.W.; T. Fisher, Treas.; W. F. Sanders, Sec.; J. Humble, S.D.; D. Williams, J.D.; A. H. Bonser, Org.; H. C. Aves and C. Scott, Stewards; W. M. Meggitt, I.G.; R. Watkin, Tyler; J. Linney, I.P.M.; G. G. Bonser, P.M.; H. J. Hobson, P.M.; J. H. White, P.M.; E. Martyn, W. F. Jolly, F. Gregory, B. Adams, H. Smith, W. Cooper, D. J. Paterson, A. Parker, R. Norman, C. J. Neale, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Bishop, 107; H. George, 1601, P.S.G.W.; A. Lawson, 1435, P.P.G. Treas.; F. Farrands, W.M. 1405; E. W. Kidd, W.M. 411; Joseph Page, W.M. 2017; Rev. J. Raine, W.M. 1434; A. Loft-house, W.M. 402; and J. Sands, 411.

The retiring W.M., Bro. R. F. Vallance, installed his successor, Bro. J. Greenwood. The ceremony was conducted in a most able manner, and elicited high praise from the numerous brethren present. Bro. J. Greenwood invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. F. Vallance, I.P.M.; J. H. White, P.M., S.W.; J. Humble, J.W.; T. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; J. Linney, P.M., Sec.; D. Williams, S.D.; W. M. Meggitt, J.D.; G. G. Bonser, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Butler, P.M., Org.; C. Scott, I.G.; H. C. Aves and H. Smith, Stwds.; and R. Watkin, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel.

#### MELTON MOWBRAY.

**Rutland Lodge (No. 1130).**—INSTALLATION OF THE MARQUIS OF GRANBY, M.P.—The installation meeting of this lodge was, by dispensation, held in the Colles Memorial Hall on Friday, the 12th inst. The gathering was presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Freer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and there was a considerable attendance of officers and brethren, amongst the visitors being Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; the Hon. Paulyn Hastings, W.M. 779; W. M. Williams, P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Vial, P.M. 1007, P.S.G.W.; W. G. L. Rolleston, W.M. 1560; W. J. Curtis, W.M. 523; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M. 1391; J. B. Waring, P.M. 523, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. B. Laxton, P.M. 1007, P.P.G.O.; T. Worthington, P.M. 50, P.P.J.G.D.; C. K. Morris, P.M. 1265, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Keep, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Raven, W.M. 1007; E. Holmes, W.M. 279; J. Griggs (ex-Mayor of Loughborough); and others.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and duly confirmed, Bro. W. W. Vincent, P.M. 1391, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. G. Charity Steward, submitted the claims of the R.M.B.I., and the lodge voted £10 10s. thereto. A ballot was taken for Bro. the Rev. R. Blakeney, 2328, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain North and East Yorkshire, who was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., S.W. and W.M. elect, then received the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a thoroughly efficient and impressive manner by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Partridge. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Freer, I.P.M.; W. F. Hill, S.W.; C. L. Ferneley, J.W.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; G. T. Willan, P.M., Treas.; J. Fletcher, P.M., Sec.; M. Shelbourn, S.D.; E. F. Knight, J.D.; A. H. Marsh, P.M., D.C.; J. McCraith, I.G.; E. Jeeves, P.M., Stwd.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts as audited were presented and approved. Bro. W. J. New, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., referred to the excellent manner in which the duties of W.M. had been carried out by Bro. Freer during the past 12 months, and proposed that a suitable Past Master's jewel be provided and presented to him, which met with hearty approval. The newly-appointed W.M. proposed the thanks of the brethren to the Installing Officer, which was suitably acknowledged. Before closing the lodge apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M.; Bros. W. Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., Prov. G. Sec.; and the Worshipful Masters of Lodges 50, 1265, and 1330.

A most *recherché* luncheon then followed, provided in an admirable manner by Bro. J. Selby at the George Hotel. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master" was proposed in suitable terms.

Bro. the Marquis of Granby, in reply, expressed his thanks for the great honour he felt had been conferred upon him, stating his desire to promote the interests of the Craft, and his intention to attend and carry out the duties of that lodge in which he took an especial interest, his family having been bound up with the Craft generally in that province and that lodge in particular for many years. After alluding to the great pleasure he felt at being placed in such a responsible position, and the gratification for the honour done him, he stated his intention of trying to act up to the great and worthy objects inculcated in the various charges to which he had listened.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was responded to by Bro. Partridge, D.P.G.M., who expressed the satisfaction he felt in being permitted to install such an esteemed and highly respected nobleman of the county, and looked upon that gathering as an augury of success for the coming year, confidently anticipating a substantial increase in numbers and prosperity.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" having been honoured, the toast was acknowledged by Bros. New, Freer, and Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the latter of whom alluded to his being one of the founders of the lodge (along with the worthy host, Bro. Selby), and to the happy choice of its name, having regard to the present W.M. being an honoured member of the Manners family.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. E. Holmes, W.M. 279, who acknowledged the special pleasure he felt as a native of Melton in responding in that lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—Upwards of 100 of the members of the above lodge and visitors from other lodges attended its meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, to meet the esteemed W.M., Bro. W. Busbridge, and assist him in carrying out his heavy night's work. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for the Rev. Canon Scott, the Rev. Green, and Messrs. Denton and Oxley, and proving unanimous, the candidates present were initiated. There was a full choir, the cultivated and trained singing of which added immensely to the solemnity of the occasion. A candidate was then passed, and after certain other lodge business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. Penfold, P.M., responded for the toast of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing spoke of the strength of the province with its 60 lodges, and of the wonderful progress it had made during the 28 years his lordship had ruled over it, and assured the brethren that every officer felt it a pleasure, an honour, and a privilege to serve under such genial gentlemen and excellent Masons as Earl Amherst and Bro. Eastes.

Bro. Col. E. Hughes, M.P., I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke highly of Bro. Busbridge's splendid working since he had filled the chair. Such success could only be achieved by constant study, and he felt sure that under their Worshipful Master's gavel they would have a prosperous and memorable year.

The Worshipful Master heartily appreciated the kind reception of the toast by the brethren, for it was very cheering to find that one's efforts to give satisfaction were recognised. He was aware of the great responsibility attached to the high office he held, and desired above all things to promote harmony and good feeling in the lodge. He especially urged the brethren to attend at the next meeting, which would be a most interesting one, the object of which he would not then mention.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers." The singing and reciting were above the average, and the whole affair was most enjoyable.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmunds, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; E. Denton, P.M. and Treas., P.P.S.G.D.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset; G. H. Letton, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472, P.M. (Hon.); Rev. Horsley, M.A., Chap.; W. C. Taylor, S.W.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.W.; C. Clapham, S.D.; J. J. Collins, J.D.; D. K. Somers, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; C. Scantlebury, A.D.C.; J. H. Bull, Asst. Org.; J. Farrier and Taylor, Stewards.; and C. Warren, Tyler; and J. M. Collough, W.M., W. Webber, P.M., J. H. Roberts, P.M. and Treas., S. E. Southgate, I.P.M., J. Sanderson, P.M., R. J. Naylor, P.M., G. F. Taylor, S.W., W. Lawson, J.W., G. Grant, G. H. Porter, I.G., G. Lematre, M. Bell, and A. Fenn, of 700; F. Anderson, 1536; R. Johnson, 2399; F. McKenzie, 2310; T. Blackmore, 1327; W. Forder, 1239; G. W. Carter, 358; G. F. Gunter, 1076; L. Chasteauf, W.M., W. Barnes, I.G., and T. Clarke, of 13; T. H. Cameron, W.M. 1597; W. Downes, 65; H. Kinnipple, 65; J. Wallingford, P.M. 90; Lieut. W. Simpson, 1933; J. Hunter, J. Wheatley, 2299; F. Carbett, 1993; and L. Sudworth, 871.

SELBY.

**St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).**—The annual festival and installation meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Crescent. The lodge having been opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. J. F. Watson, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. W. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., for benefit of installation. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Staniland, at the close of which the newly-installed W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. H. Eggleston, I.P.M.; W. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. J. Richardson, J.W.; Cheesman, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Hudson, P.M., Sec.; W. Sykes, S.D.; S. M. Scott, J.D.; G. Buckingham, I.G.; Cargill, Org.; Rev. H. Greeves, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chaplain and Charity Representative, and W. Rawling, Tyler.

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

The following visitors were present: Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Todd, 236, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Balmford, P.M. 236; E. Purnell, W.M. 236; Stoyles, 1436; Briggs, 1311; A. Blackburn, 1311; Nash, 1513; Mabin, W.M. 1542; Anderson, P.M. 630; N. Shaw, 630; and J. Loam, 630.

SOUTHEND.

**Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. B. Thomas, W.M.; A. Vandervord, S.W.; C. W. Barnard, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; F. J. Cumine, S.D.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; R. J. Smith, I.G.; B. Fearnside, Org.; J. A. Hobday and W. Tyler, Stwds. A. W. Martin, P.G.T.; Tyler; J. F. Harrington, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. Elam, G. Reed, W. M. Peacey, J. Pritchard, G. Brown, H. O. Grenfell, J. R. Brightwell, A. Prevost, L. Warren, J. V. A. Mason, G. F. Vandervord, H. Brown, jun., H. Coghill, and W. T. Darke. Visitors: Bros. C. Walton, S.D., G. Palmer, P.M. 781, W. Taylor, and J. Burdett, of 160; G. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., R. Cleghorn, R. Setterfield, and H. Brewer, of 1817; G. Moss, P.M. 1851, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; and W. H. Judd, 1734.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. F. D. Onslow, E. G. Fletcher, and E. H. Taylor were balloted for, and being unanimously elected, were afterwards initiated. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. G. R. Dawson, P.M., for his kindness in presenting to the lodge a portrait of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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

TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 10th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., W.M.; Lieut.-Colonel R. Cuming, S.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., acting J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the by-laws were read. Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., &c., having been elected to represent the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., a notice of motion to vote the sum of five guineas to that Institution was given by the Secretary. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Capt. Perry, J.W.; and others. A sum of money was voted to the "Raymond Thrupp Testimonial Fund." The lodge was then closed.

The usual banquet followed. A few toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

**St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thomas Skett, W.M.; Fred. T. Beck, S.W.; E. F. Coleman, J.W.; R. A. Wilcock, Treas.; Edwin Berry, Sec.; Harry Allen, S.D.; T. C. Bigwood, J.D.; C. A. Newnham, D.C.; Wm. Skett, I.G.; T. E. Lowe, and Richard M. Lord, Stewards; Wm. Twist, Tyler; J. Bradney, I.P.M.; R. Gibson, P.M.; G. H. Stanger, P.G.R., P.M.; J. Beattie, P.M.; W. Corke, P.M.; John N. Lester, Sidney Dean, A. C. Skidmore, Thos. Knight, W. B. Mears, Herbert M. Lord, W. Howell, A. C. Smith, and P. de la Haye. Visitor, Bro. Jas. Seddon, 526, P.P.G.C.

The lodge, which was draped in black, in consequence of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was opened, and Bro. C. A. Newnham, P.G.T., after enumerating the names of many brethren who had lately died in the Province of Staffordshire, adverted to the sudden and unexpected death of the Provincial Grand Master, who, only at their last meeting had been amongst them as a visitor, full of life and health. He then proposed a resolution to the following effect, which was passed unanimously: "The W.M., officers, and brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, most deeply regret the great loss the Province of Staffordshire has sustained by the death of the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D. They beg to record their high appreciation of his earnestness and zeal in the cause and progress of Freemasonry, and offer their condolence to his relatives in their great and sudden bereavement." It was afterwards decided to send a floral tribute to the funeral of the late P.G.M., and also that the brethren should meet at the Star and Garter, to receive the other brethren of the province previous to joining in the funeral procession. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

**Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern on the 9th instant. Among those present were Comps. E. A. Harris, M.E.Z.; Hardy, H.; Francis Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cheshire, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Rivers, S.N.; Frye, P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Nathan Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; and Cleghorn, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following elections unanimously took place: Comps. Hardy, M.E.Z.; F. Smith, H.; Capt. T. C. Walls, J.; Davis, S.E.; Rivers, S.N.; Harfeld, Treas.; Frye, P.S.; Steadman, 1st A.S.; Blankney, 2nd A.S.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Ellborn, P.Z.; and Staley, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet ably catered for by Comp. Madell.

A few toasts followed, and were given briefly, but to the point, by the M.E.Z.

During the proceedings Comp. F. Smith and others entertained the companions by some excellent vocal and instrumental selections.

DARLINGTON.

**Chapter of Vigilance (No. 111).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when there

were present Comps. T. Watson, Z.; Dr. Hill Drury, H.; and H. A. Massingberd, J.

The minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed, and Comp. Dr. Hill Drury, P.Z. 52, Z. elect, was then inducted into the chair of First Principal. Comp. H. A. Massingberd was then installed into the chair of H., and afterwards Comp. C. H. Backhouse was installed into the chair of J., the ceremony in both cases being carefully performed by Comp. Hill Drury. The rest of the officers were invested as follows: Comps. W. C. Barron, S.E.; E. Cowper, S.N.; B. Beckwith, Treas.; Rev. R. Coulton, P.S.; J. R. Wilkes, 1st A.S.; C. H. Sharpe, 2nd A.S.; R. Luck, P.Z.; P.P.G.J., D. of C.; F. Tovey, P.Z., Org.; and T. Prince, Janitor. Ten guineas were then voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a brother proposed for exaltation.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquetting room to celebrate the annual festival.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there was a heavy night's business to get through. There were present Comps. W. Brown, Z.; M. Corbett, P.Z., H.; William Richardson, J.; Robert Whitfield, P.Z., as S.E.; Robert Stewart, S.N.; John Boznan, Treas.; R. H. Holme, P.S.; W. Dalrymple, 1st A.S.; B. G. Nichol, as 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. Jackson, J. J. Holme, John Spearman, P.Z. 481; R. W. Cummins, Z. 24; and others. The ballot was taken for five candidates, viz.: Bros. T. W. Bagnall, 48; J. K. Sinton, 48; W. C. A. Holzappel, 48; R. B. Carnegie, 2260; and A. C. Kayll, 2260; all of whom being present, except Bro. J. K. Sinton, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. Wm. Brown, Z., assisted by Comp. M. Corbett, H., in a portion of the ritual. The mystical lecture was also given very impressively at the completion of the ceremony by the First Principal.

The proceedings closed, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment room for a short time.

Mark Masonry.

BRADFORD.

**The Old York Lodge (T.I.).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., when Bro. T. Norfolk, W.M., was supported by Bros. C. Jacob Schott, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; T. H. Pattinson, S.W.; T. E. Greenough, J.W.; F. D. Harrison, M.O.; M. Hayes, S.O.; Joseph Wilson, as J.O.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; Geo. Martin, J.D.; J. Pratt, as I.G.; S. Whiteley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; John Hill, Tyler; J. Ingleby, S. A. Auty, and J. B. Fearnley.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Communications from Grand Mark Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge were read by the Secretary, when, on the motion of Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas., in a few well-chosen remarks, seconded by Bro. Schott, P.J.G.W., it was resolved—"That a vote of condolence and sympathy be passed and recorded on the minutes on the much regretted death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Past Grand Warden." The ballot was taken for Bros. Walter Moxon, Sec. 600; Joseph Clifford, 600; and Joshua Hill, S.W. 2330, which resulted in their favour, and the two former being in attendance, they were advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Whiteley, P.P.G.D.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

NEWBURY.

**Porchester Lodge (No. 27).**—On Friday, the 12th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge, which is the oldest in the Province of Berks and Oxon, was held at the Temperance Hall, when Bro. Richard Canning was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Maurice, P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Maples, I.P.M.; W. H. Belcher, S.W.; F. J. Harrold, J.W.; J. B. Ingram, M.O.; H. D. O. Astley, S.O.; E. Hill, J.O.; John Napoleon Day, Treas.; John Bance, Sec.; George Boyer, R. of M.; R. H. Hoskins, S.D.; E. Parfitt, J.D.; H. Knight, I.G.; G. J. Cosburn, D.C.; and James Legg, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., Past G. Stwd., and seconded by Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., "That the officers and brethren of this lodge humbly desire to express their deep sympathy with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and H.S.H. the Princess Mary of Teck, in their heavy bereavement by the much lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire."

At the conclusion of lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, where a banquet was admirably served by Bro. Mees, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Nettleship, S.W.; Langdon, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Rashleigh, S.D.; King, J.D.; Hurst, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Folkard, Fox, Plummer, Bennett, White, Howard, Harvey, Roberts, Purvis, and F. Reeves.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Plummer having offered himself as a candidate, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Harvey having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Harvey was duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first

time. It was proposed by Bro. Nettleship, and seconded by Bro. Westley, that the lodge be called by its proper name, viz., the Neptune—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Westley, and seconded by Bro. Langdon, that Bro. Nettleship be W.M. for Monday, March 7th—carried unanimously. Bro. Nettleship returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. Westley gave notice that the lodge would not be held on Monday next on account of the annual supper, and that Monday, the 29th inst., being Preceptor's night, the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed. 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 11th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. B. Corp, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; F. Noakes, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; W. H. Bourke, S.D.; Jas. Corp, J.D.; Hy. Sadler, I.G.; F. Richmond, C. F. Cox, and Hy. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Richmond having offered to act as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed in a most able manner the ceremony of initiation, and also delivered the charge. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Jas. Corp assisted in working the 3rd Section, and Bro. Hy. Sadler the 5th Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. D. G. Imlay was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 18th inst., and he appointed his officers and announced the work to be the second ceremony, the tracing board, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Curtis, W.M.; Belsham, 733, S.W.; R. Rogers, J.W.; Burton, P.M. 733, S.D.; Middleweek, 614, 1793, J.D.; Hughes, 733, I.G.; Wise, P.M., Preceptor; Turner, Roberts, T. Payne, 2163; J. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when Bro. J. W. Curtis, worked the ceremony of installation in a most efficient manner, Bro. Belsham being candidate. Bro. Belsham resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and Bro. Payne having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first time, and three new members were elected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Rogers, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the able manner in which he had filled the chair. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; Cronin, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (pro tem.); E. Fox, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; H. Pearson, and Flexman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Flexman offered himself as a candidate for initiation, which ceremony was rehearsed in a very able manner. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pearson offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cronin elected W.M. for the next meeting. 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 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Hooper, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Cass, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; T. H. Salmon, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Lord, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; John Morgan, Hubbard, Butcher, Durie, and Daniel Channon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was regularly opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Morgan having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Morgan raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hubbard passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. D. Channon, P.M. 1475, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed and seconded that Bro. Hill, S.W., occupy the position of W.M. the first Monday in March; carried unanimously. The fifteen Sections will be worked on the 4th Monday in March. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. E. Thos. Ginder, W.M.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, S.W.; R. W. Board, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; G. Wedlake, P.M. 121, S.D.; T. M. Lamb, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; J. T. Shapcott, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1295; W. Hillier, J. C. Conway, E. A. Boughton, S. N. Isaacs, and B. R. Thomas.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Boughton being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wedlake being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Isaacs was instructed in his duties leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Gellion was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. Bro. Conway expressed his thanks for the sympathy of the brethren during his illness. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—At a special meeting of the above lodge, held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, it was unanimously agreed by the numerous members present that the meetings of the Ivy Lodge of Instruction be continued and held every Thursday evening at the above address at 8 p.m. Bro. Hardiman, J.W. 217, J.W. 2310, was elected to the chair of K.S., supported by Bros. Burcham Cooper, P.M. 1441, as S.W.; Ingram, J.W.; Gill, J.D.; Bradbury, I.G.; Higerty, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; Hugh James, Richmond, George, and others.

This being the annual meeting, the election of officers was proceeded with, with the following result: Bros. Hardiman, Preceptor; Burcham Cooper, Asst. Preceptor and Treas.; Walter H. George, Sec.; and Hugh James, Gill, Ingram, Richmond, and Bradbury, Auditors. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down in the usual form. After several joining members had been elected, the lodge was closed.

**WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, W., on Monday, the 15th inst. It being the Jersey Lodge officers' night, the work of the evening was carried out by the brethren of that lodge. There were present Bros. G. Harper, W.M.; W. A. Cocks, S.W.; C. Mead, J.W.; J. Tidmarsh, I.P.M., Preceptor; F. Botley, P.M., as Sec.; W. Freemantle, S.D.; C. C. Sanger, J.D.; A. L. Butters, I.G.; J. J. Fewkes, A. Pooley, W.M. 1612; E. C. Porter, P.M.; Timpson, Squire, and L. H. Walker. Visitor: Bro. Mercer, 382.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Walker offering himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The charge was delivered by Bro. C. Mead. The lodge was called off and on, and opened up and closed down in the Three Degrees. A letter thanking the brethren for their kind sympathy with him in his recent illness was received from Bro. Cunningham, J.W. 1612, and the brethren were glad to receive a letter from their esteemed Secretary, Bro. G. H. Gabb, saying that he was nearly recovered from his severe illness, and hoped to be in his place at the next meeting. Bros. Freemantle and Butters were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Squire was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and announced that he would rehearse the third ceremony. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. James Rowe, W.M.; W. R. Jones, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. S. Jarvis, S.D.; H. J. Keen, J.D.; C. Guffanti, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Kirk, J. Sherwood, E. J. D. Bromley, J. Wise, N. Dukas, G. H. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. N. Dukas offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. R. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. John Davies, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; C. Hagen, S.W.; T. Kingston, J.W.; F. Craggs, W.M. 334, Sec. (pro tem.); C. C. Barber, S.D.; G. Kirkham, J.D.; John Arnott, I.G.; W. G. Jennings, R. Reid, W. R. Carpenter, A. Williams, P.M., J. Stonnill, and G. W. B. Rogers.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Reid offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the W.M. and brethren. The 1st Section of the Lecture was also worked in like manner. Bro. Hagen was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. G. W. B. Rogers was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. Kerr, W.M.; W. S. Whiteley, S.W.; W. C. Dickey, J.W.; A. Williams, acting Preceptor; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (pro tem.); J. R. Cumming, P.M., S.D.; G. W. Kirkham, J.D.; H. Bone, I.G.; M. Speigel, P.M.; R. J. Williams, H. Bright, and R. H. Wimpey, W.M. 2012.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Kerr vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. R. Williams, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Kerr having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Kerr re-took the position of W.M. and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Whiteley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. H. Bright was elected an honorary member in consideration of his past services as Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Kerr for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

**QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).**—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Bros. Ridout, W.M.; Godfrey, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Cleghorn, P.M., Preceptor; Greenway, W.M. 1310, Preceptor; Collens, P.M., Preceptor; Cane, P.M., Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; Haines, J.D.; Brett, I.G.; Paul, P.M.; Bullen, Audain, G. J. Keed, Wilby, Landberg, Heck, W.M. 766; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Cleghorn, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture by Bro. Greenway. The ceremony of initiation was also ably rehearsed by Bro. Ridout as W.M. On the W.M. rising for the first time, it was proposed by Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., seconded by Bro. Bullen, and carried *nem. con.*, that Bros. Greenway, Preceptor; Collens, Preceptor; and Wood, Sec., be elected honorary members in recognition of their services, present and past, to the lodge. Bro. Godfrey, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. On the W.M. rising for the third time, Friday, March 11th, was fixed for the annual dinner of the lodge, to take place at the Criterion, Bro. Collens, P.M., Chairman, Bro. Cleghorn, Vice-Chairman. The presentation of a testimonial to Bro. C. R. Bellerby will also take place on that occasion. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, M.E.Z. elect 975, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; and W. R. Hatton, 1642.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hatton being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Chalfont as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, after which the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 12th inst., when there were present Comps. Scott Young, M.E.Z.; Murché, H.; Hill, J.; Stone, S.E.; Pullen, S.N.; Phillips, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; and Voisey, Treas.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pullen personating the candidate. Comps. Hilton, Voisey, and Stone were respectively elected Preceptor, Treas., and S.E. for the ensuing year, who all accepted, and thanked the companions for the honour done them. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Comps. Scott Young and Hill for auditing the accounts. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge on March 2nd was read. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, S.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Neville Green represented Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Brown, H. Garrod, C. J. R. Tjouw, E. C. Mulvey, S. Vallentine, D. D. Mercer, G. B. Chapman, G. R. Langley, Wm. Vincent, S. V. Abraham, J. H. Matthews, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Bunker, G. Coop, C. Dairy, J. Lewis Thomas, Charles Barry, E. Barrett, T. J. Smith, J. Duncan, H. Quare, F. Mills, E. J. Morgan, H. Massey, C. H. Haine, E. M. E. Hamilton, W. H. Rivers, C. Welch, A. E. Bishop, F. M. Newton, Nicholas Hanhart, J. H. Clare, T. W. Oldfield, J. Brindley James, J. Jenkins, T. Day, Geo. Brown, A. H. Nottingham, E. E. Austin, G. Powell, H. Hack, Robert A. Gowan, A. Tilling, T. Rosedale, J. Holland, C. H. McQueen, W. M. E. Pells, E. A. de Faiva, J. Bladon, G. J. Earney, W. L. Crow, J. Sparks, P. Carr, H. G. Martin, C. Woodrow, A. J. Henochsberg, Wynn Westcott, and Henry Sadler (Grand Tyler).

The PRESIDENT announced that letters had been received from petitioners who were relieved at last meeting thanking the Board for the assistance rendered. In the case of a brother who was relieved with £30 to assist him to go to Australia, and who had been seen by Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., as he had an affection of the eyes, Dr. Hogg had written to him (Bro. Grey), stating that the assistance rendered was most timely, and that the brother desired his thanks to be expressed to the Board. The President stated that he, on receiving the letter and finding the poor brother wanted to leave for Australia immediately, authorised the payment of the money at once, and the brother had since sailed.

The brethren then confirmed £200 worth of grants recommended to the Grand Master at the January meeting. There were 23 new cases on the list, which was a most favourable reduction of the ordinary number. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Uitenhage (South Africa), Aldershot, Bath, Whitstable, Liverpool, Italy, Brazil, Eastbourne, Norwich, Rochester, Belper, Devonport, and Ecclehill.

The number of years subscription to lodges was in some cases large. The highest was 34½ years' subscription; there was one of 27 years; one of 25½ years; one of 23; one of 20; one of 17; three of over 10 years each; one of 15½; one of 11½; one of 10; and two of nine.

The total amount voted was £670. This sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £150; three recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each; five of £30 each; and one recommendation of £25. Nine grants were made of £20 each; one of £15; and three of £10 each.

The Board sat for over three hours.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1603.

This flourishing lodge gave its annual ladies' banquet and ball on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant. Notwithstanding the prevailing epidemic, it was well patronised by its members, their fair relatives, and friends, and must be considered a success, which may be attributed to the energy of its managing Committee, who one and all assisted in a praiseworthy manner, and was a source of gratification to the W.M., Bro. H. J. Hazel, as also his presiding officers, Bros. L. Simon and W. Elliott.

The banquet was held in the Venetian Chamber, and was served in a manner which reflected great credit on the management for which the establishment is renowned.

After Grace, the W.M. informed the company that the toasts would be few, and those who were to respond would kindly bear in mind that time was short, also that the ladies were anxious to fill up their programmes for the ball.

The first toast was that of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was loyally received.

"His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master" was next given, and the W.M. expressed the sorrow which he felt sure was reciprocated by all present, at the calamity which had fallen on his Royal Highness's family.

The toast was duly honoured.

The third toast was that of "The Ladies," in giving which, the W.M. expressed the great pleasure he experienced in having such an assemblage of the fair sex, and exhorted the brethren to do their very best to enhance their comfort and enjoyment later on, and called upon Bro. E. C. Windsor to respond.

Bro. E. C. WINDSOR responded in a humorous speech, which was well received.

Bro. H. MAYER, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a complimentary speech, which was received with musical honours.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Mayer for the flattering manner he had spoken of him, also the ladies and brethren for the cordial way it was received, and assured them he would do his best to ensure the comfort of all, at the same time hoping they would give their minds to the objects of the meeting, i.e., the comfort and happiness of the ladies who had honoured them with their presence that evening.

This concluded the toasts, after which an adjournment was made to the ball room, where an excellent programme was arranged by the active Organist of the lodge, Bro. W. Windsor, who also must be credited with contributing very much to the enjoyment of the evening by providing a very efficient band during the banquet and at the ball.

Dancing was kept up vigorously, when all departed well pleased with the entertainment provided for their enjoyment.

It may be added that the W.M. was ably supported in the discharge of his duties by the following brethren: Bros. J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, S.D.; A. W. Cooper, J.D.; W. Lee, D.C.; G. R. Dix, A.D.C.; J. G. Harrington, Stvd.; and other members of the lodge.

A TREAT TO THE HOLIDAY CHILDREN OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

During the Christmas holidays the kind-hearted Lady Mayoress invited the children, who for one reason or another could not go home, to come and spend an afternoon with her own little ones at the Mansion House. Illness, however, prevented the visit from coming off. Not to be thwarted, her ladyship repeated the invitation, and on Saturday last, all being well, some 30 blue-clad maidens were taken by Miss Davis, with several of the staff, to the official residence of the King and Queen of the City, and a right merry afternoon they spent. They stacked their hats and cloaks on the billiard table, sat on all the sofas and easy chairs in the State Drawing Room, danced in the saloon, where they were also entertained by a conjuror and equilibrist, gazed with awe on the Justice Room and the prisoners' dock, ran about in the Egyptian Hall, had tea—such a tea—in the Long Parlour, and by way of a wind-up played "General Post" in the Old Ball Room before saying, with the heartiest gratitude, a tired good-night to the good and kind friends who had marked such a memorable red-letter day in their young lives. Bro. J. H. Matthews, the Chairman of the month, was unfortunately not well enough to be present, but he was represented by his daughter, and Bro. Frank Richardson, as usual, gave his valuable and willing services as an escort out and home.

"OLD MASONIANS."

The third and last invitation concert (ladies' night) of the above Association was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. Owing to illness the President, Bro. Col. Lambert, P.G.S.B., was unfortunately not able to be present, and in his absence the chair was taken by Bro. Boyce.

The evening was a decided success, owing greatly to the varied character of the entertainment. The items of the programme were contributed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Edith Bloomfield, "The letter song" and "Léonore"; Miss Blanche Gough, "Stars of the earth," with violin obbligato, and "Smiles"; Miss M. Elderkin, pianoforte solo, "Polacca

Brillante"; Mr. J. Darlington, "My Secret" and "Sweet Marguerite"; Mr. C. P. O'Doherty, "The Three Beggars" and "The Goodwin Sands"; Mr. W. J. Packer, "The last of the boys"; Mr. Joseph Smith, recitations, "The art of proposing" and "The Nancy Lee"; and Mr. Sewell gave a conjuring entertainment. Many of these obtained well-merited encores. Bros. Eccleshall and Lofts (of the Domestic Lodge) during the evening kindly volunteered their valuable services, which were greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the concert Mr. R. S. CHANDLER announced that a concert in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Association would be held on the 29th April, and trusted that all friends of the Association would be present on that occasion.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) (No. 1).—On Thursday night, the 4th inst., a meeting took place on the occasion of a visit by the G.M., Bro. the Earl of Haddington, and the Grand Lodge Visitation Committee. After the meeting of Grand Lodge, the G.M. was entertained at dinner by Bro. James Crichton, P.M. Thereafter the G.M., accompanied by the Visitation Committee of Grand Lodge, paid a visit to the lodge. There was a goodly gathering of the members.

Bro. Dr. Dickson, the R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by his Wardens and six of the Past Masters of the lodge. Immediately on the entrance of the Grand Master, he was, in terms of a previous resolution, affiliated as a member of the lodge, and the R.W.M. presented to him the jewel of the lodge.

In the course of the proceedings, the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family" was drunk in solemn silence, and the Secretary, Bro. J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, read a telegram which he had received from Sir Francis Knollys in receipt of the message of condolence passed at the funeral lodge held on the day of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence. It was in these terms:

"Buckingham.—Sir Francis Knollys is desired to convey to the members of the Lodge of Edinburgh the heartfelt thanks of the Prince of Wales for the lodge's kind fraternal sympathy on the occasion of his Royal Highness's great bereavement."

A minute was then read in regard to the visitation. It bore that the Grand Master had been particularly struck with the records of the lodge between 1598 and 1670, and had viewed these with deep interest, and complimented the lodge on the great care with which its ancient muniments had been preserved during so many centuries. He was also in every respect satisfied with the manner in which the present Secretary, Bro. J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, and Treasurer, Bro. D. M. Lewis, had kept the records falling to them, and his lordship had no hesitation in recording that in these brethren the lodge had model officers. He was also pleased to learn that the present R.W.M. has in preparation an index to the oldest minute book extant, which would of itself be an historical sketch of the lodge. Altogether he had been much gratified with his inspection of the books of the lodge.

The Right Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary," and presented to him, as historian of the lodge, a jewel bearing an inscription to the effect that it was given in admiration of his invaluable history of the lodge, and the Grand Master fixed it on his breast with, he said, a firm conviction that he and every Grand Master owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which he had assisted them, and promoted the interests of Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Master afterwards proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and presented to Bro. Macdonald, P.M., in the name of the lodge, the jewel of his office.

The Grand Master, in proposing a toast to "The Prosperity of the Lodge," congratulated the lodge in having Bro. Dr. Dickson in the chair.

Several songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN PIGGIN FEARFIELD, W.M. 92.

The death of this worthy brother, who, though W.M. of one London lodge (No. 92), and member of another (No. 29), was a resident in Nottinghamshire, took place somewhat unexpectedly at his house, The Ferns, Stapleford, on Monday, the 1st inst. For some time he had been conscious of a weakness of the heart, and although this had apparently disappeared—the result it was thought of a holiday trip to Norway in the course of last year—about Christmas last the old weakness returned, and he was confined to his room. A week preceding his decease, however, his convalescence seemed so assured, that he was allowed to visit his factory at Nottingham for a short time. But the following day he was infinitely worse, and his condition gave grave cause for alarm. At the close of the week, under the skilful treatment of Dr. Kingsbury, he appeared to have rallied considerably, and his wife and friends indulged in the hope that, provided there was no relapse during Sunday, the 31st ult., he might yet recover. But it was not to be. Unfavourable symptoms made their appearance, the patient gradually became worse, and, early on Monday, the 1st instant, had ceased to exist. The cause of death was heart disease, combined with congestion of the lungs. Bro. Fearfield was born in 1850, and would have been 42 years of age had he lived until the 23rd of June next. About nine years ago he was married, and leaves a widow and two sons. Profound sympathy is everywhere felt for Mrs. Fearfield, who is only just recovering from a severe attack of influenza. Bro. Fearfield was the only son of the late Mr. Joseph Fearfield,

lace manufacturer, Nottingham, and succeeded to his father's business seven years ago last December. This business he greatly developed, and at the time of his death was the owner of the largest warp lace manufactory in the world. On the formation of the County Council a few years back, he was elected a member without a contest, four gentlemen retiring in his favour. This position, however, he soon after vacated on being chosen a county Alderman. In the Volunteers he held the rank of Captain. A larger or more representative funeral has not been seen in Stapleford. Hundreds of people lined the pathway from the house of the deceased to the cemetery, and on all sides there were expressions of sympathy and regret. The funeral procession was headed by the members of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224. Next came a detachment of Rifle Volunteers from Long Eaton and Ilkestone, and immediately in front of the coffin about 150 of the workpeople employed at the extensive lace-making concern so ably conducted by the deceased. During the evening the cemetery was crowded with people desirous of gazing on the floral tribute which had been placed on the grave. By the death of Bro. Fearfield Stapleford has lost one of her best sons, the County Council one of its best members, and his work people one of the best and kindest of employers. Our late brother was made a Mason in the Moira Lodge, No. 92, on the 26th of October, 1886, and in the following year took the leading part in founding the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, of which latter body, owing to the disability of not having previously served as Warden, he became the second instead of the first Master, as he otherwise would have done. Later, Bro. Fearfield became a member of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, and of the Moira Royal Arch Chapter, No. 92. Provincial honours were conferred upon him in 1890, when he was appointed P.A.G.D.C. for Derbyshire. But the Masonic distinction which he most appreciated was the Mastership of his mother lodge, the Moira, No. 92, to which he was elected in November last, and installed on the 11th of December. His ambition was to fill the chair in a manner that would be worthy of the best traditions of the lodge, and no doubt whatever is entertained by the members that had he lived he would have done so.

BRO. G. T. WRIGHT, P.P.S.G.W., OF DERBYSHIRE.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of this old and highly esteemed Freemason, which took place at his residence in Derby, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Bro. Wright, was initiated in the Lodge of Truth, then No. 763, now 521, May 2nd, 1851, and was installed W.M. of the same lodge December 2nd, 1853. In 1854, Bro. Wright laid the foundation-stone of the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, and was presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Truth with a handsome silver trowel upon that occasion. He received Provincial Grand Office in 1856 as Prov. S.G.D. of West Yorkshire. Bro. Wright removed to Derby in 1859, and in that year joined the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, and passed the chair of that lodge in 1868, in which year he resigned his membership of the Lodge of Truth, and was elected an hon. member of that lodge. He was appointed Prov. J.G.W. of Derbyshire in 1876, and was elected the first Chairman of the Charity Committee in 1873, which office he retained until his death. He was indefatigable in forwarding the cause of Masonic Charity, being a well-known and respected figure at the Masonic Elections. In 1885 he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Derbyshire, and was also one of the Trustees of the Derby Masonic Hall. During his year of office as W.M. of the Lodge of Truth, he had the honour of initiating the Marquess of Ripon, who was afterwards elected Grand Master of England. Bro. Wright was a most highly esteemed man and Freemason, and made a host of friends by whom his death, at the age of 65, will be deeply lamented. He leaves a family of five sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

The Craft Abroad.

HYOGO—JAPAN.

Rising Sun Lodge (No. 1401, E.C.).—There was a large gathering of the Craft at the Masonic Hall, on the 25th November, on the occasion of the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when the following officials from the Grand Lodge of Japan attended: Bros. Geo. H. Whymark, D.J.G.W., I.P.M.; R. Home Cook, P.Z., P.D.G.D. China, P.D.G.R. Japan; Robert Hughes, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.D.G.M.; Jesse Gray, P.Z., P.D.J.G.W.; and L. D. Abraham, D.S.G.D.

The impressive ceremony of installation and the work connected therewith was ably delineated by Bro. G. H. Whymark, D.J.G.W., I.P.M. The following are the newly-appointed officers of the lodge: Bros. A. M. Delf, W.M.; Geo. H. Whymark, I.P.M.; F. J. Bardens, S.W.; W. Kerr, J.W.; R. Home Cook, P.M., Treas.; Jesse W. Gray, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Pearse, D.G.S., Org.; J. J. Davies, S.D.; H. A. Ahrens, J.D.; A. Kirby, I.G.; and H. Stean, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the work the brethren adjourned to the banqueting chamber. The interior of the Masonic Hall was very tastefully decorated with roses and other choice flowers, ferns, evergreens, &c.

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We are asked to announce that the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, on Mondays at 8 o'clock.

We learn there will be a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, presided over by Lord Egerton of Tatton, to be held at the Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, on the 27th inst.

The will of the late Bro. Sir Philip Egerton, Bart., of Dutton Park, Tarporley, has been proved in the Chester Probate Court. The real and personal estate passes to the heir, the value of the latter being sworn at £26,750.

It is officially stated that there will be two Drawing Rooms held at Buckingham Palace in the month of May, and that there will also be two Levees at St. James's Palace held on behalf of her Majesty after Easter, the dates of which have not yet been fixed.

The annual dinner in aid of the Drovers' Benevolent Institution was held at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening under the presidency of Mr. Joseph Renew, who, in 1844, assisted with others in founding the Charity. The donations and subscriptions amounted to about £640.

Her Majesty's ironclad Victoria, which a short while since went aground at Platea, arrived at Malta towards the close of last week with Admiral Sir George Tryon on board, and accompanied by the ironclad the Edinburgh and the dispatch vessel Surprise. She was at once placed in the new Admiralty Dock called the Victoria, and will be thoroughly overhauled.

Princess Beatrice has accepted the invitation of Lady Egerton of Tatton to visit Cheshire on the 27th April, when she will open a fête and fancy fair at Stockport in behalf of the Cheshire Girls' Friendly Society. Bro. the Duke of Fife has very kindly consented to preside at the anniversary festival which will be held on the 14th May in aid of the funds of King's College Hospital.

On Saturday evening last Baroness Burdett-Coutts distributed the prizes to the successful members of the Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers. The corps is 1100 strong, and in a very efficient state, and it was announced in the course of the proceedings that the German Emperor intends presenting a specially painted portrait of himself as a souvenir of his inspection of that regiment last year.

At the opening of the Upper House of Convocation, the Archbishop of Canterbury, after referring to the national mourning for the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, moved that an address be presented to her Majesty and a resolution to the Prince and Princess of Wales, expressing the House's sympathy with them in their deep affliction. The proposal was agreed to. Similar votes were passed by the Lower House.

There has been a further marked decline in the mortality from influenza, the fatal cases primarily attributed having decreased from 314 to 183, and those in which it is returned as a secondary cause from 62 to 33, while deaths due to diseases of the respiratory organs fell from 761 to 560. The death-rate from all causes for London has fallen from 30.6 to 24.6 per 1000. Brighton, Croydon, and other large towns in England, with the exception of Nottingham and Newcastle-on-Tyne, show a similar improvement.

The storm with which we were favoured by the Clerk of the Weather on Monday appears to have been of exceptional severity on the East Coast, where the wind amounted to a gale. At Ipswich and Peterborough the snowfall interrupted the train service. At Aldeburgh the destruction of the Norwegian barque which was stranded there in November last was completed. In Essex the snowfall is said to have been the heaviest since the great storm in January, 1881, while in South Lincolnshire the railway traffic was disorganised.

Certain statements which have been made in various quarters respecting Bro. Edward Terry's prospective arrangements are likely to prove misleading. Mr. Pinero's excellent comedy, "The Times," is as popular as ever, and the advance booking is so good, that there is no doubt of its running up to the termination of the season, which will be about the end of June. On July 18th Bro. Terry is pledged to start on a provincial tour, which will last 10 or 12 weeks, but it is his present intention to resume the run of "The Times" on his return to town in the autumn. Therefore, it is not likely that another will be required before November at the earliest. When this occasion arrives it will be found that Bro. Terry's next production is from the pen of a well-known authoress, while the popular comedian will appear as collaborator. The paragraphs about Mr. Walter Pfrith's new play are just a little "previous," as, owing to the above arrangements, it may not be seen before Christmas or early in 1893.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Provo Wallis died at his residence, Pantington House, near Chichester, on Saturday morning last in his 101st year. The deceased was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 12th April, 1791, and his name was entered in the books of the navy from 1795, but it was not till 1804, when he was in his 14th year, that he was appointed a midshipman and went on active service. He took part in the capture of six frigates and one of our present colonies, but the great event of his life was the part he took in the duel between the American frigate Chesapeake, Captain Lawrence, and the English frigate the Shannon, Captain Broke, Wallis being at the time second lieutenant of the latter. The Shannon very speedily captured its antagonist, and Captain Broke being wounded seriously, and the first lieutenant killed, it devolved on Lieut. Wallis to receive the swords of the enemy's officers. The funeral took place with naval honours on Wednesday, Lady Wallis having graciously acceded to the wishes of the service, as conveyed to her in its behalf by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, have been staying for some time at Compton Place, Eastbourne, which has been kindly placed at their disposal by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

The Duke and Duchess of Teck and Princess Victoria, who have been on a visit to her Majesty at Osborne, left the Isle of Wight on Monday, and crossing the Solent on the Royal Yacht Alberta, then proceeded by train to the White Lodge, Richmond.

The promoters of the North London Masonic Benevolent Ball have published a balance-sheet, which shows that the profit amounts to £73 10s., sufficient for 14 Life Subscriptions to the Masonic Charities. We congratulate all concerned on this successful result.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress entertained the new Recorder of the City of London, Bro. Sir Charles Hall, O.C., M.P., the Sheriffs, many of the Aldermen, and the principal Officers of the Corporation at dinner at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening.

The remains of the late Colonel Grant, the distinguished African Explorer, were interred at Nairn early in the present week, the funeral being attended by the neighbours and friends of the gallant officer. The coffin was carried to its last resting place by a detachment of the Seaforth Highlanders, and preceded by two pipers of the regiment. The widow and sons were the chief mourners.

Bro. Emra Holmes, F.R.H.S., a former constant contributor to the "Freemasons' Magazine" and "Masonic Monthly," has received the best thanks of H.S.H. the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck for his poem—"Princess May," which is published in the current issue of the *Gentleman's Journal*. Her Secretary, in conveying the gracious intimation, adds: "Her Serene Highness was deeply touched and is very grateful."

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Tyler and Sheriff Foster paid their annual state visit to the "Leopold Rooms"—the headquarters of the Church of England Young Men's Society—where they were met by Bro. Lord Halsbury, President of the Society, and Lady Halsbury. Last year there were 15,000 young men on the books of the Society, and a substantial increase was reported.

We continue to receive numerous reports of meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges and private lodges which have been convened for the purpose of expressing their sympathy with the Grand Master and the Royal Family on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. For the reasons we gave last week it appears to us unnecessary to give full particulars of each meeting, and we must again ask our correspondents to consider the reports which have already appeared as representing the general feeling of the Craft.

Bro. Lord Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire, has promised to lay the corner-stone of the new porch which is shortly to be erected at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, Chester, by the brethren of the Province of Cheshire, as a memorial to Randle Holmes, the distinguished antiquarian, historian, and Freemason, of the 17th century, who is buried in the edifice. It has been decided to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge in the castle early in the afternoon, walk in procession to the church, hold a short service, and then lay the stone with Masonic honours.

Some sanguine individuals have been making a creditable, if somewhat desperate, endeavour to resuscitate humour, which is no longer considered to exist in its natural form in the British mind. The jest consists of the parodying of the formalities and social functions of Freemasonry. The burlesquers entitle themselves "Bricklayers," and among their many conceits they have devised for the distinction of their officers the titles of "Grand Whitewasher," "Grand Plasterer," "Grand Tiler," and so on, and herein lies the joke, at least the initiated say so. But who shall penetrate their secrets, since they are as sacred as those of the brotherhood at whom their gibes are pointed?—*Court Journal*.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with Douglas Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Bowness, on Friday evening, the 5th inst. The event is looked upon as being the chief ball of the season in Bowness, and is patronised by the élite of the town and district. The hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and there was a brilliant company of about 100 ladies and gentlemen present. The ball began at nine o'clock with the grand march, and a programme of 22 dances was gone through, dancing being kept up with spirit till about five in the morning. A number of songs by several ladies were introduced between the dances. The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were ably discharged by Bros. James Ballantine and Liston Kirkwood. The music was supplied by Mr. Sneddon's quadrille band, while the purveying, which gave entire satisfaction, was in the hands of Mr. Clark, Clydesdale Hotel.

A handsome monument has been erected by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., over the grave in Brompton Cemetery of the late Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Savoy. The memorial consists of a massive recumbent cross tomb of polished red granite, covering the entire grave space. The inscriptions are as follows: "Henry White, Chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and for 30 years Chaplain of the Chapel Royal, Savoy. Born 17th February, 1833. Fell asleep in the Savoy Precincts, 7th October, 1890. 'We cannot all be as cities set upon a hill, whose light cannot be hid, but we can all let our light so shine before men that they may glorify our Father in Heaven. Even in our humblest labours we may shed around us some rays of a life illuminated by the Spirit of Christ. Other lights may mislead or go out, but under the beams of the Everlasting Light we find our path of peace'" (from his sermon on "The Unfailing Light"). At the foot of the memorial are the words: "By his friends for many years, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., members of his sorrowing congregation." A marble bust of Mr. White, executed for the Memorial Committee by Mr. T. R. Essex, has recently been placed in the Art Gallery of the Corporation of London at Guildhall.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, who succeeds Sir Clare Ford as H.M.'s Ambassador to the Court of Spain, will leave London for Madrid on Monday next, the 22nd inst.

Lord Wolverton has consented to preside as Chairman at the 35th anniversary Festival of the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 29th April.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. N. B. Headon, who has been suffering from a severe chill, is now convalescent. His brethren of The Great City Lodge, together with his many other friends, Masonic and otherwise, will be glad to know this.

Bro. J. Frost Creswick, an old P.M. of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, and a P.Z. of Hermes Chapter, No. 77, was on the 10th inst. installed W.M. of the Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183, of which he was a founder and during the past five years the Secretary.

The deferred assembly of fratres of Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia—Third Order—will be held on Thursday, the 25th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing a successor to the late M.W.S.M. The deferred convocation of the Metropolitan College will follow at 5.30.

The officers and brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, held their monthly meeting in the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Friday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. J. Harrold. The visitors present included the Mayor of Chatham, who happened to be staying in the town.

A Cheshire correspondent writes: We are pleased to notify that up to the present date there are 72 Stewards from the Province of Cheshire going to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, representing the handsome sum of £1484. This sum, it is expected, will be much increased, and it is, we believe, mainly due to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec., who has worked loyally in this noble cause.

The annual ball in connection with Lodge Friendly, No. 1513, was held on Tuesday night, the 9th inst., at the Public Hall, Barnsley. The room had been tastefully decorated by Massie and Sons. Messrs. Bennett's band was in attendance, Messrs. Fox had charge of the refectory, and the general management was vested in the Stewards—Bros. W. Senior, W.M., F. C. Browne, C. Fox, J. H. Gratton, P.M., J. Longley, H. B. Nash, B. Smith, P.M., and C. Sugden.

The annual Charity ball of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, took place on the 11th instant, at the Town Hall, Bootle, under the distinguished patronage of his Worship the Mayor of Bootle. The officers present were Bros. S. Hale, W.M.; W. R. Brewster, P.M., and A. Kirkpatrick, P.M., M.C.'s; R. Rawlinson, Sec.; and W. Taylor, Treas. There was a large gathering, and the hall, which was tastefully decorated by Mr. J. Cairns, the Hall-keeper, and lit by the electric light, fitted up by Messrs. Robinson and Co., Bootle, presented a brilliant appearance. His Worship the Mayor kindly granted the use of the decorations. The Charities that will benefit by the proceeds of the ball are the West Lancashire Educational Fund and the Hamer and Alpass Institutions.

On the evening of the 11th instant the members of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, held their sixth annual reunion, concert, and dance at the Rodney Hall, Liverpool. The three Masonic Charities were to benefit by the proceeds, and the success attending the event will warrant the expectation that considerable benefit will be derived. The preliminary arrangements had been made by the officers of the lodge, the following of whom were present, and did everything possible for the comfort and enjoyment of their guests: Bros. W. E. Morton, W.M.; R. Rawlinson, I.P.M.; James Williams, S.W.; John Wylie, J.W.; D. Jackson, Treas.; W. R. Roberts, Sec.; John Morgan, S.D.; Dr. Follows, J.D.; Fred. Jenkins, I.G.; James Edgar, Stwd.; T. Roberts, P.M.; and J. F. Callow, P.M. At the concert, with which the proceedings commenced, the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. E. Morton. The programme was contributed to by Misses Broadfoot, Mawdsley, Iva Clark, and Hughes, and Messrs. T. Morgan, T. Heyes, Ramage, Hudson, and W. Sweetman, an efficient accompanist being found in Bro. Harry Round, jun. At the dance which followed Bro. R. Rawlinson, I.P.M., officiated as Master of the Ceremonies, and the music was supplied by Round's band.

The *Wigan Observer* has the following:—"Freemasons will be interested in Hughan's 'Engraved List of Regular Lodges for A.D. 1734,' in facsimile, which has been kindly presented to the Masonic division of the Wigan Public Library by Bro. James Newton. The frontispiece of the old list is inscribed to 'The Most Noble and Puissant Lord John Lindsay, Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, Visct. Kilberney, Ld. Spinzie Glens, Feneven Town, and Columblinch, Premier El. of Scotland, Grand Master.' The Earl, with two other noblemen, it is stated, 'were admitted entered apprentices and also received fellow crafts as honorary members, in the Lodge of Edinburgh, on August 7th, 1733, under the temporary Mastership of the Earl of Strathmore, then Grand Master of England, by whom his Lordship was introduced to the Grand Lodge on December 13th of the same year. On March 18th, 1734, The Earl of Crawford again attended, and was proposed in the Grand Master's name for successor, by the Deputy Grand Master Batson, in the chair, and was then and there 'saluted as Grand Master elect,' being styled 'Master of a Lodge.' The installation took place at Mercer's Hall on March 30th, so there was not much time lost from Lord Crawford's initiation some seven months previously. Prefixed to the facsimile is an interesting account from the pen of Bro. Hughan of the various lodges engraved upon the list. The book has become a rare one, and is a welcome addition to our Masonic library.—H. T. F."

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