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THE AUTUMN SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

Considering the proportion of candidates to vacancies for the Autumn School Elections, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, and Friday, the 13th and 14th of October respectively, there is little likelihood of the ballot producing any great amount of excitement on either day. There will, no doubt, be some heavy voting, and the friends of the unsuccessful children will naturally be disappointed at the failure of their *protégés*, but there are only two *last* chances at each election, and with a little generous consideration on the part of the Governors and Subscribers towards these particular cases, there is no reason why the disappointment which failure is sure to produce should be otherwise than temporary. For some time past the lists have become so manageable that there ought to be no difficulty in electing every child whose petition is accepted. The following particulars will make this still more clear :

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The election of candidates for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, as aforesaid, on Thursday, the 13th prox. The number of vacancies to be filled is 21, and the number of approved applicants 26, of whom only two will fail absolutely, if they are not placed amongst the successful on this occasion. Of the 26 candidates London furnishes nine, and has a joint interest with certain Provinces in the success of two others, while the remaining 15 are of Provincial origin. The London Girls are No. 1, who began her career as a candidate in October, 1891, and brings forward 53 votes as the result of the two previous ballots; No. 3, who was a candidate for the first time in April last, when she had 1321 votes polled for her; No. 6, who was also a candidate for the first time in April and has 704 votes in hand; and Nos. 8, 12, 15, 21, 22, and 26, whose names have been placed on the list since the last election. Of the two part London and part Provincial cases, No. 5 has claims on Gloucestershire and London, and will start on this occasion with 1884 votes in hand from April last, while No. 19, who is a new case, hails from London and Warwickshire. Of the 15 Provincial candidates Essex and Hants and the Isle of Wight furnish each of them three, those from the former Province being No. 7, who has 1917 votes already standing to her credit from the April election, and Nos. 9 and 18, both new cases. Be it added that No. 7 has only this one chance left her of obtaining admission into the School, but with such an array of votes in hand, it will be only very terrible mismanagement on the part of those in charge of her interests, which will prevent her finding a place among the successful. The Hants and Isle of Wight three are all new cases—Nos. 14, 16, and 24—and the Province has a joint interest with West Lancashire in the success of No. 4, who polled 1734 votes in April last, and with Kent in that of No. 10, who will make her *début* on this occasion. The remaining seven cases derive their claims from Kent—No. 17, who has this only chance of succeeding—Lancashire East (No. 25), Lancashire East and Yorkshire West (No. 23), Oxfordshire (No. 20), Sussex (No. 13), Madras (No. 11), and 2nd Battalion 1st Royals (No. 2). Of these all but No. 2, who brings forward 817 votes as the result of her attempts at the last two elections, are new cases. All the 26 children are fatherless, while in all but eight cases the father had been a subscribing member to some lodge or lodges for nine years and upwards, while in eight instances he had rendered services to one or more of our Institutions, either as a contributor or Festival Steward.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The autumn election of candidates for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Quarterly Court, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 14th October. There are 38 approved candidates, and 24 vacancies to be filled, six of the former having their origin in London and 32 in the Provinces. The London six include No. 6, who has a sister in the Girls' School, and brings forward 637 votes from the April election; No. 7, whose name will be removed from the list on this occasion if he fails to win a place, but who is fortunate enough to have secured 1147 votes towards election; and Nos. 20, 24, 25, and 27, who are all new candidates. As to the Provincial candidates, Devonshire, Kent, and Suffolk furnish three each, the Devonshire three being No. 10, who has a sister in the Girls' School, with 42 votes in hand, and Nos. 16 and 28 new candidates. The Kent trio comprises No. 2, who was a candidate for the first time in October, 1891, and starts with 2121 votes in hand, so that his prospects of success are very considerable, and Nos. 34 and 35; while the three who hail from Suffolk are Nos. 14, 18, and 26, who will make their first appearance in the character of candidates at this election. Dorsetshire, East Lancashire, and Sussex each send up two candidates, Nos. 3 and 4, the former with 89 votes and the latter with 341 votes from the April ballot, hailing from Dorsetshire; Nos. 19 and 32 from East Lancashire; and No. 17, who has this one and only chance of obtaining admission, and No. 33 from Sussex. The remaining 17 are from the following 17 Provinces:

namely: No. 13, with 9 votes to the good, from Berkshire; No. 21 from Bucks and Herts; No. 31 from Cambridgeshire; No. 38 from Cornwall; No. 9, with 7 votes to his credit, from Cumberland and Westmorland; No. 12 from Gloucestershire; No. 36, who has a sister in the Girls' School, from Hants and the Isle of Wight; No. 1, who has been a candidate three times already and has 49 votes to his credit, from Herefordshire; No. 30 from West Lancashire; No. 8, with 45 votes at starting, from Lincolnshire; No. 11, with a credit of 27 votes, from Norfolk; No. 37 from Oxfordshire; No. 22 from Shropshire; No. 5 from Somersetshire, with 541 votes to his credit from the April election; No. 15 from Staffordshire; No. 23 from Warwickshire; and No. 29 from the Mauritius. As regards other particulars, there are five of the boys who have lost both parents, and one who has both parents living, the other 32 being fatherless. In 20 cases the father had been a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges for nine years and upwards, while in 11 cases he had acted as Steward for or contributed to the funds of one or more of our Institutions. In about 20 cases he had held office in lodge, or in lodge, chapter, or Prov. Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Courts at which these elections will be held the chair will be taken at 12 noon, and the ballot will be opened at 1 p.m., or as soon as the general business has been transacted, and close at 3 p.m. precisely.

THE RECENT WORCESTERSHIRE MEETING.

The Province of Worcestershire, though it has but a short muster-roll of lodges, enjoys a very considerable amount of prosperity, and it well deserves its good fortune, not only for the zeal and ability with which its proceedings are conducted, but also because it is always ready to pay honour to whom honour is due. The late Bro. WILLIAM MASEFIELD, on whom, in 1882, his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to confer the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England, and who, a few days later, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter, was for several years Deputy Past Grand Master of Worcestershire, his services in this capacity having been rendered in part during the Prov. Grand Mastership of Bro. ALBERT H. ROYDS, and in part during that of his successor, Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Bart., M.P., the present Prov. Grand Master, while the memory of his services stands a fair chance of being perpetuated by the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, of Moseley, which was constituted in 1884, not very long after his retirement from the active pursuits of Masonry. Our Worcestershire brethren, however, appear to have been of the opinion that a lodge bearing the respected name of Masefield was not a sufficient memorial of his many virtues, and a short while ago it was resolved by the brethren of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, of which Bro. MASEFIELD had been a member for many years, to erect a marble tablet in St. John's Church, Dudley, so that his fame as a worthy citizen and most excellent Mason might be preserved through all time. The tablet has been since erected, and at the annual meeting at Dudley on the 10th instant it was formally unveiled in the presence of a large concourse of brethren from all parts of the county, the simple ceremony being performed by Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., who has held the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master since Bro. MASEFIELD's resignation. Nor was this the sum of the tribute paid to the memory of our late distinguished Mason. Bro. the Rev. W. J. DOWNS, Prov. Grand Chaplain, in the sermon which he preached on the occasion, referred in pointed terms to what Bro. MASEFIELD had done in behalf of Freemasonry. He spoke of him as possessing "rare and noble qualities both as a citizen and a Mason," and "these qualities," he added, "he largely used for the benefit and welfare of the Craft." Moreover, "their late brother was a representative man, and they might well look back upon him as a representative Mason, one, indeed, from whom Freemasonry in the town and neighbourhood received new life and activity;" and "as long as the tablet erected to his memory should occupy its present position, so long would he, though dead, speak to the hearts of all true and faithful Masons." We congratulate our Worcestershire brethren on their appropriate recognition of services rendered by a departed brother, by which their Province has so greatly benefited.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 2437, AT WOKINGHAM.

This new lodge was consecrated on Saturday at the Town Hall, Wokingham, by Bro. J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M. (in charge) of the Province of Berks, assisted by Bros. J. Tomkins, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; L. G. Kirchoffer, P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. J. M. Guilding, P.G.C., as Chap.; J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec., as Sec.; J. P. Stewart, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. Hickie, P.P.G.D.C., as I.G.

The founders present were Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 66, P.G.M. Down; Henry Baker, J.W. 1360; Alexander C. A. Higerty, P.M. and Sec. 1044, P.P.J.G.D. Surrey; H. Creed, P.M. 1101, P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, officiating Secretary of the new lodge; W. S. Jackson, P.M. 1564; J. M. Parsons, W.M. 1564; John S. Tavener, S.W. 1044; Geo. Crammer, Treas. 1360; G. W. Fortescue, 1585; D. N. Heron, 1101; F. Lorne, 104; H. G. Powell, 340; J. R. Rutter, 1360; F. A. Wells, 1899, P.G. Steward;

F. J. Ferguson, P.M. 414, P.P.S.G.W.; T. J. Moncrieff, A.D.C. 1044; and P. R. Hall, P.M. 340.

A large number of visitors were also present.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master very ably performed the ceremony, and Bro. the Rev. J. M. GUILDING gave the following impressive oration:

It is the custom of our Order, that before proceeding to the dedication of a new lodge, consecrated to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, a charge should be delivered to officers and members of the new lodge, reminding them of their great responsibilities, and in conformity with this custom, the duty devolves on me, by command of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to say a few words on the nature and principles of that great Institution to which we belong, which we believe has exercised a mighty influence for good in the past, that is destined to do a great and beneficent work in the future. Suffer me, honoured brethren, with all respect and humility, to remind you of those great moral truths which are the basis of our Order, and upon which your lodge must be ever mindful if it is to flourish and become a pillar of strength to Masonry. It is well for builders to lay their foundations firm and strong, and to ask at the very outset "What mean we by this service?" What is the teaching of the mystic rites in which we are about to engage? What practical lessons may we gather from the impressive ceremonial of this dedication office? It is no idle formality, it is more than a stately and picturesque function. The true Mason is one ever seeking for wisdom and for light, who regards and values symbolism only as a vehicle of truth, who looks beyond the sign to the thing signified. What then is a lodge? And why is the opening of a new lodge a memorable occasion in the history of the Craft? A lodge is a Masonic Temple. Symbolically a Mason's lodge is a representation of the world, which is itself the primary temple of the Most High. "Heaven is Thy Throne, and Earth is Thy footstool." "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all." The idea of a Temple is a spot or space severed and cut off from all profane use (*tempulum*) *c. f.* *tempus*; a division consecrated for the contemplation and observation of Works of God. But it has pleased the Most High to make a further revelation of His goodness to man; to make his habitation as it were in our midst. "In all places where I record My name, I will come unto thee and bless thee." Technically, a lodge is a representation of the Ark of Covenant, constructed by Bezaleel according to form prescribed by God Himself, and which Solomon, our first Grand Master, took as his model in the erection of that magnificent structure, the first Temple of Jerusalem. But there is a personal and practical application of the idea of consecration of which a Mason is ever conscious. The idea of self consecration that he himself (body, soul, and spirit) is a Temple of God and should be kept pure and upright, meet for the Master's use, and when he enters the consecrated portals of the lodge, the visible Temple, he is reminded he must lay aside all mean and base and selfish thoughts and breathe forth a nobler aspiration for light and guidance.

And Chiefly Thou, O Spirit, who dost prefer
Before all Temples the upright heart and pure,
Instruct me, for Thou knowst, what in me is dark
Illumine. What is low, raise and support.

Such then the lessons your lodge is intended to teach. Govern it, my honoured brethren, on these principles and your lodge will be a blessing to its members and an honour to the Craft, and flourish and endure. Realise that it ought to be a Temple of virtue, of Charity, of wisdom, and you will make it one. Make it, I employ you, a temple of fraternal concord. Remember that the Grand Architect of the Universe has made of one blood all the nations upon earth. This is the witness and testimony which we Masons bear to our generation that no difference of class or creed, or politics. No clashing of human interests in the struggle and competition of life shall bind us to the great fact of brotherhood of man, *homo homini lupus* was the bitter sarcasm of Hobbes *homo homini vulpes* might be taken as the principle of modern life; but to the Mason the law of Masonry is supreme, *homo homini frater*. The words of the Jewish King to Jonadab are the rule of conduct he lays down. I care not for class, distinctions, I care not for religious differences. I care not for political controversies. But are you a lover of peace, a lover of truth, a lover of light. Is thine heart right with my heart in seeking these more excellent things? "If so, give me thine hand." Make your lodge also a temple of practical Charity. This is the golden rule of Masonic morals. Do not tell me how a man died; tell me how he lived. Has he done ought to relieve the burden of the weary, to give solace and comfort to the sorrowful. The mystic ceremonies of the consecration will confirm this. Whyfore do we scatter corn and wine and oil and salt? It is to remind us that in the pilgrimage of human life we must bestow our bread on the hungry, our wine to cheer the sorrowful, the oil of consolation to the afflicted, and the salt of friendship to our fellow-men. Lastly, make your lodge a temple of wisdom and moral instruction.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the petition to Grand Lodge, which was recommended by the officers of the Greyfriars Lodge, Reading, and also by the D.P.G.M.

At the close of the ceremony, the D.P.G.M. installed Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.M. County Down, W.M. of the lodge. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. Ferguson, as I.P.M.; Baker, S.W.; Higerty, J.W.; D. M. Heron, Treas.; Creed, Sec.; Moncrieff, Asst. Sec.; Powell, S.D.; J. Parsons, J.D.; T. R. Wells, D.C.; Fortescue, A.D.C.; J. S. Tavener, I.G.; Crammer and Lowe, Stewards; and Stevens, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently dined together. After the repast,

Bro. Lord ARTHUR HILL, the W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was received in the usual loyal way amongst Masons, and was followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Consecrating Officers, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," were then toasted. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he was very much struck with the way in which the Consecrating Officer performed the ceremony that afternoon, ably assisted by the Prov. Grand Chaplain and the other Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. MORLAND, in reply, said it gave him especial pleasure to act as Consecrating Officer for the first time, and wished the new lodge, with its estimable Master, every prosperity.

The I.P.M., Bro F. J. FERGUSON, then gave the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master, the R.W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill," which was received with great enthusiasm, in whom, he remarked, they had a brother known throughout Great Britain and Ireland for the services he had rendered to the State as well as to the Craft, while locally he was well-known for his goodfellowship and the interest he took in the good old town of Wokingham, and in Berkshire generally. The Downshire Lodge was indeed fortunate in having for its first Master such a distinguished brother, and one so well qualified to fill the Master's chair. They might look forward to a brilliant and successful future for the lodge under the rule of its first Master, who, he hoped, would shortly have the pleasure of initiating his nephew, Lord Downshire, after whom the lodge was named.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast, and promised to do all he could for the lodge.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN gave "The Masonic Charities," which was suitably responded to by Bro. S. G. KIRCHOFFER, P.P.S.G.W.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," and in the

absence of Bro. Hermon-Hodge, who had just left to catch a train, Bro. A. WELCH, P.P.G. Reg., responded. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. Hickie, P.P.G.D.C., and some delightful songs and glees were well rendered by Bros. E. Dalzell, F. W. Horscroft, H. Taylor, and G. May.

ITS HISTORY IS ILLUSTRIOUS.

The golden legend of Freemasonry gives inspiration to every student. Far back in the years, at a time unknown to men, there began a system of morality, founded upon the pure principles of righteousness, illustrated and taught by the simplest, yet the grandest symbols known to the human mind. As the tiny spring, hidden in the mountain's craggy summit, bubbles out in a refreshing stream, overruns the rocks and roots that gladly make a way for its current, widens into the brook, dancing and sparkling over its pebbly bed, kissed in grateful delight by the nodding grasses and flowers that line its path, gathers strength and power from every laughing hill-side rivulet, until it is lost in the swell and rush of the mighty river pouring its great volume of waters into the reservoir of the fathomless sea, a blessing to the whole earth, so this system of symbolic morality has gathered strength and power as it coursed its way through the ages of the past, receiving the glad approval of the good of all nations, until it covers the whole earth, a blessing to the sons and daughters of Adam. They call this system of symbolic morality Freemasonry. Its history is illustrious. Its legend is golden.

Men will never know, they can never know, the good that has been done by the simple, common-place, easily understood lessons of Freemasonry. The work of the fraternity is like the work of nature, silent, but irresistible. In the darkness of the inner earth the changing growth of creation goes on, and in ages yet unborn, men will find the treasures that are to-day being conceived in the womb of nature. All this work, the making of the gold and the silver, the storing of the precious stones is done in the grandeur of silence. It is God's history of creation, written by His own Almighty finger. The history of Freemasonry is written upon the imperishable tablets of human souls. The eye of the body may become darkened, but the eye of the soul is always light. The hand of the body, and the busy brain may be pulseless and powerless, but the soul outlasts the hand and the brain. The influence of Freemasonry upon the soul is silent but effectual. Its principles are elevating and ennobling, and the man who comes within the mystic circle finds an atmosphere so rarified that the poison of vice, if not entirely destroyed, loses much of its virulence. Whatever was the bubbling fountain of Freemasonry, or wherever it had its rise, matters not, so long as we drink of its pure waters and bathe in its cleansing stream.

History is but the record of events. Man makes events. Therefore, the lives of men are the pages of the world's life story. Colossal figures rise in every age as marks of certain epochs. They are indexes to the chapter of events that follow. And so the volume of the world's history is marked at each successive age by the doings of a man. The life of Moses is the story of the Red Sea and the Promised Land, the smitten rock and the tables of the Law. The life of Solomon is the building of the temple with its glory and magnificence. Cæsar is the index to Roman history. The life of Columbus is the discovery of America with the marvellous results of the past 400 years. In Napoleon we read ambition, Moscow and Waterloo. The story of Washington is that of American Independence, with all that that independence has done for the world. And so the figures of men appear as the exponents of history.

Along the years of Masonic history appear men whose lives are interwoven with the warp and woof of its symbolism. They have stamped their individuality upon its teachings. They have proved by their acts that having tasted of the purling waters of truth, they have been made better and wiser, and have left their improved and ennobled lives as a grateful tribute to the purity of the stream from which they drank.

Masonic history is illustrious, not only because of the noble characters that stand as exponents of the powerful influence of its teachings, but because of its steady growth. No opposition, no matter how determined, has been able to destroy it. It has rather made the Institution stronger, and it is to-day more deep-rooted in the hearts of its adherents than ever before.

The history of Freemasonry is marked by monuments of the skillful operative workman as well as the imperishable souls of "just men made perfect" by its truth. The great cathedrals of the Old World, with their pinnacles and domes, their turrets and towers, their lofty windows, where the sun steals through, flooding the naves and aisles with a softened and mellow light, as though by its silent presence demanding a reverential acknowledgment of the sacredness of the spot, are the product of operative Masonry. Upon these magnificent structures, the admired buildings of the earth, the square and compass, the plumb and rule have been used, and true to the unerring test of the implements of the Craft, these evidences of an illustrious past stand perfect monuments of a perfect work.

From this operative school, with its wonderful object lessons, was evolved the speculative school in which the same unerring tests of square and compass, plumb and rule are applied to the hearts of men, and those whose spiritual buildings are erected agreeably to their measure, are perfect monuments of a perfect work, whose existence will run parallel with the eternal ages of virtue. The history of Masonry must be taken in its continuity from the operative to the speculative. In the operative school the Apprentice was required to prove his skill as a workman before he could become a Fellow, and the Fellow became a Master only after he had learned the lessons of the tools he had used, and was able to draw such designs upon the trestle board as would deserve the work of the Fellow and Apprentice. It is the same in the speculative school. The Apprentice must be able to appreciate the beauty of the light to which his eyes have been opened, and when he learns the lesson of the open trestle board of the Grand Architect of the Universe, he may ascend the winding stairs, and be taught the beautiful lessons of a wonderful science, which will prepare his heart to meet the responsibilities of life, and receive the sure reward that follows a strict adherence to integrity and virtue.

Masonry has made men better. It has led them to aim at a higher and purer life. It has made them appreciate a nobler manhood. It has made them understand better the problem of living. It has taught them how to die. It has permeated the whole world with its pure principles. It has raised the fallen, and rescued the depraved. It has clothed the naked and fed the hungry. It has built homes for the homeless, and asylums for the sick. It has educated the ignorant, and sheltered the fatherless. It has helped the church to ameliorate the condition of unhappy humanity. Its influence has benefited government in establishing justice and destroying despotism. Its silent work has been felt in the very pulsation of a better morality in the community. Its history is illustrious.—*New York Dispatch.*

CENTENARY OF THE UNANIMITY LODGE,
No. 287.

The brethren of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, an excellent name by the way, celebrated their centenary at Stockport, Cheshire, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. It was undoubtedly worthy of the high reputation they have acquired, not only for the excellence of the working, but also for the lavish hospitality dispensed on this memorable occasion. The Unanimity is undoubtedly favoured in the matter of a popular W.M., Bro. Henry Smith, and the efficiency and literary power displayed by Bro. J. Cookson, the Secretary, P.P.G.T., were worthy of all praise. The event was also favoured in the matter of visitors.

At the opening the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., presided, supported by a large gathering of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. of England; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Marshall, P.P.G.R. West Yorkshire; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Herbert Finch, P.G.R.; James Cookson, P.M. and Sec. 287, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D.; A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; A. Ingham, I.P.M., P.P.G. Steward; John Newton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec. East Lancashire; John Beresford, P.M. 104, P.P.S.G.D.; John Clayton, P.M. 89, P.P.J.G.W.; John Leigh, P.M. 287, P.P.G. Stwd.; John Wakefield, 287, P.P.G.S.; John Marshall, P.M. 61; Jervis T. Hudson, 287; R. W. Baker, P.M., P.P.G.O.; N. Dumville Fairbrother, P.M. 322, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Pritchard, P.M. 323, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Smith, P.M. 323, P.P.J.G.D.; George Roberts, S.W. 287, P.P.G.S.; Charles Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. D. Cheetham, P.M. 093, P.P.G.D.; G. McClelland, P.P.J.G.D.; the Rev. Arthur Symonds, P.G.C.; Jos. Slack, P.M. 323, P.P.S.G.D.; Jonathan Bailey, P.M. 361, P.P.G. Steward; John Turner, P.M. 287 and 1748, P.S.G.D. South Wales (Western Division); S. May, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.; Thomas E. Rigby, P.M. 287; John Hardwicke Marsh, S.W. 1730; Geo. Wild, 344; James A. Cookson, Steward 287; Thomas Aspinall, P.M. 287; J. Herbert Foster, W.M. 1957; R. Blakehurst, P.M. 287; G. S. Smith, P.M.; Charles Hulme, P.M. 322; James Jackson, 1957; John Wakefield, 287, P.P.G.S.; Wm. B. Flower, 1108; John Newton, 1140; Thomas Thorniley, P.M. 287; Jos. H. Monk, 287; Wm. Skilling, Steward 1565; F. G. Brooke, 287; Charles Bullock, 287; George Boothby, P.M. 323; Alexander Allan, 1534; Levi Wilkinson, P.M. 1519; Charles Dawson, P.M. 287; G. J. McKinley, 224; George Gaskell, P.M. 104; W. H. Armit, S.W. 2155; H. G. Small, W.M. 2368; J. Davenport, 1045; P. D. Hayes, 104; Charles Clarkson, P.M. 104; Joshua Preston, 287; John Slack, P.M. 323; G. Stevens, W.M. 323; John Nicholson, P.M. 322; W. Fielding, J.W. 336; H. S. Carrington, P.M. 287; E. Webb, S.W. 1134; Hyde Marriott, 1030; Arthur H. Roworth; C. Turner, P.M. 1011 and 2156; Robert Johnson, 2156; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 2156; George Ibeson, W.M. 295; Cuthbert Blacow, J.D. 2156; G. Bland, P.M. 267; Henry Lomas, I.P.M. 1957; Capel T. Hogg, I.P.M. 1938 and 711; Joseph Gregson Gregory, I.P.M. 999; Geo. L. Mills, 1140; J. E. Rarton, P.M., D.C. 336; C. M. Armitage, 322; Jas. Hudson, W.M. 322; Wm. Lees, 203; Thomas W. Weathered, 104; John Clarke, 287; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the P.G.M., Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, handed the centenary warrant to Bro. Henry Smith, W.M., and in doing so expressed the pleasure it afforded him to entrust the warrant to him, and also to the fact that the brethren had done so well in celebrating the centenary of the lodge. He was pleased to be able to be the means to convey to the W.M. the warrant.

Bro. H. Smith, W.M., duly received the warrant, which was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. NEWHOUSE.

Afterwards the WORSHIPFUL MASTER of the lodge asked the Prov. Grand Master to accept the first centenary jewel of the lodge, which the Prov. Grand Master accepted amid much applause. He returned thanks, and expressed his sense of the high honour done him thereby.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER also presented Bro. H. Smith, W.M., with a second centenary jewel, which was gracefully accepted with a few well chosen remarks. Both the above were the gifts of the brethren of the Unanimity Lodge and were of 18-carat gold, richly enamelled and were specimens of beautiful workmanship.

Bro. JAMES COOKSON, Sec., then gave the following brief epitome of the lodge history: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Unanimity, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren,—This is a day sacred to the founders of the Unanimity Lodge, and to us all of dutiful, not less than of respectful, commemoration. After lives of honour and usefulness, the founders sleep in the dust of mortality. The best eulogium we can pay to their memories will be to imitate their undoubted virtues, and endeavour to avoid their scarcely discernable faults. But upon this day of general Masonic significance, no less than of local pride, the brethren may, perhaps, expect from me some observations concerning the great Institution itself. Preston relates that the office of Provincial Grand Master was instituted, and the first deputation granted by Earl Inchiquin, on the 10th of May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales—but we claim that Cheshire was the first to have a Provincial Grand Master appointed, viz., Col. R. Columbine, two years earlier than the above date.

We, therefore, have just reason to be proud of belonging to the oldest province appointed by the Grand Lodge of England. "Truth is great and mighty above all things." If the history of our Order, as it is called by many, is interesting to any person of good education, it ought to be pre-eminently so to an Englishman. On referring back we find H.R.H. William Henry, then Duke of Clarence, was initiated into Masonry in 1786 at the Lodge No. 86, then held at Plymouth. In February, 1787, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was made a Mason at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, over which his uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, presided as Grand Master. When the Duke of Cumberland died the Prince of Wales was chosen Grand Master on November 24th, 1790, but not initiated into office until May 2nd, 1792. I just mention these facts to show that when our lodge was constituted, as well as at the present time, the flower of the nobility, the greatest excellence and genius amongst the commoners in the three united kingdoms, belonged to it, and played a conspicuous part in its history, so that in fact its history may be said to form no inconsiderable portion of the history of England. We think one of the happiest reminiscences of the brethren of the lodge may appropriately be recorded here. It took place in connection with the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Knutsford, on the 19th September, 1888, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. After the business of the day was ended, and the brethren had attended Divine service at the Knutsford Parish Church, on the kind invitation of Lord Egerton, a visit was paid by a very large number of brethren to Tatton Park, his lordship's seat in Cheshire. The courteous hospitality having been heartily enjoyed, after inspecting the gardens, vine houses, and conservatories, &c., several groups of photographs were taken on the terrace fronting the mansion, in which his lordship was included. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Beresford, the oldest Past Master present, to Lord and Lady Egerton for their entertainment. The Prov. Grand Master responded, and at the request of the brethren all joined in singing the National Anthem, and then dispersed with very pleasant recollections of their visit. My brethren, this necessarily hasty and imperfect sketch, embracing but a few salient points in the history of the Lodge of Unanimity, may yet suffice to impress us all with a sense of the dignity of Freemasonry. May it be our aim ever to unite together in one common bond of brotherhood, of peace, benevolence, and love. Let us endeavour as far as possible to comfort the afflicted, dry the tears of the widow and orphan, and by timely aid in the hour of distress give fresh courage to weary hearts, and then we may rest assured that through whatsoever storms or perturbations it may pass, the life which is thus rounded with duty will find ample sustenance in the assurance of faith, the consolation of hope, and the ministrations of charity; and when mortal visions shall fade from the lustreless eye, on the sight of the departing soul shall beam the glory of the celestial visions—those bright rounds—faith, hope, and charity of the golden ladder stretching from earth to heaven, and then

Though time, exhausted time, shall die,
An old forgotten story;
We shall ascend and reign on high,
In everlasting glory.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said it would be very pleasing to the brethren to have such an interesting record, and he was sure they would vote Bro. Cookson their thanks for having prepared it.

Bro. CLAYTON, P.P.J.G.W., seconded the resolution, which was carried with cheers.

After the anthem, "Behold how good," &c., Bro. the Rev. A. SYMONDS delivered an oration, in the course of which he said: Can we do better than study the history of the past, of which our centenary reminds us? When we remember how many utterly false and mistaken ideas about the history of our Craft prevail, not only in the outside world, but even within our lodges, we may well take into consideration whether it is not worth our while to make ourselves better acquainted with the true facts of our history. Masonry is not an invention of the 19th century; it is not a mere organisation for social purposes, but a living organisation founded upon the very purest principles, and having as its aim above all things the moral and social welfare of its members.

Thanks were heartily accorded to Bro. Symonds for his oration, and the lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers retired. The offertory taken in aid of the proposed new fund of benevolence for the relief of distressed aged brethren and widows realised nearly £8. The brethren partook of a banquet at the Pendlebury Memorial Orphanage in the evening, and there was an excellent attendance. Bro. H. Smith, W.M., presided, supported by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Hon. Alan Egerton of Tatton, and other brethren.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." was drunk with enthusiasm.

HIS LORDSHIP, in reply, said he had had very great pleasure in being present that day. It must have been very gratifying to the W.M. and brethren in the success of the arrangements they had made for that interesting and pleasant gathering. He trusted that the other lodges over which he had the honour to preside would, in course of time, have their centenary and that it might be equally successful and that they might be as happy in having such a chronicler as Bro.

Cookson. It was a very desirable thing that these records should be preserved. He had been struck by the manner in which that lodge had supported the Masonic Charities, which he thought would justify their continued existence. He trusted also that they would foster charitable work and in that way they would show that Masonry had a distinct career of usefulness before it. In this respect he felt highly honoured, and although from ill-health he had not been able to go amongst them so much as he should have liked, yet he should hope always to be able to promote the welfare of the brethren of the Craft generally.

Other toasts followed and were duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings an interesting incident occurred. His lordship wished to take wine with "all past, present, and future subscribers to the Provincial Fund of Benevolence." Needless to say the brethren rose *en masse*, and he appeared greatly gratified. It is to be hoped the future subscribers will remember to carry out their pledge.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in flowing language by Bro. Wm. LANCASTER, the I.P.M. of the lodge, which was received with great applause.

Bro. SMITH, in reply, said: Provincial Grand Officers and brethren all, in the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Officers who have been unable to remain later with us, I beg to tender you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the manner our esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Lancaster, has proposed the toast of my health, and for the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which it has pleased you to receive that toast. Brethren, we are told that "Out of the fulness of the mouth the heart speaketh," but just now I have the feeling that the proverb contradicts itself. My heart is full—full of thoughts of joy and thankfulness, which come crowding up for utterance—but words fail me. I must confess my utter inability to do even scant justice to this most memorable occasion; this day of hope and promise so long looked forward to by our lodge. Brethren, be assured that I am deeply sensible of the high honour you have done me in electing me as you did the centenary Master of your lodge, but more especially have you laid me under obligations which I can never discharge by the more than handsome manner in which since my election you have responded to my appeal to you on behalf of the Masonic Charities. You answered that appeal right nobly, and since then I have never felt so much as a passing doubt about the success of the celebration of our centenary. I am indeed proud this night to say that not so much as even the semblance of a hitch has arisen to mar the dignity and the pleasure of our happy and historic festival. But in the midst of our festivities, let us not be unmindful of the wise and thoughtful providence of those old Past Masters of the Lodge of Unanimity, who, in their care for the morrow, set aside such a sum of money as has enabled us to add so materially to our Charity contributions in this our centenary year, and make our gifts worthy of this auspicious occasion. My connection with the lodge is of too recent a date to have known even their names. Most of them have joined the majority; let us trust the Grand Lodge above. Yet have we not heard so graphically from our esteemed old Past Master, Bro. Carrington, who is one of them happily still spared to us, how they schemed and tried in every way to guard this treasure they had set aside with so much self-denial, and kept their promise inviolate that it should not be touched until this year. Brethren, be assured that though dead they lie in honoured graves—the fruit of their good deeds lives after them. It is not "interred with their bones." Yes! these noble deeds will Phoenix-like rise again from their ashes to live renewed in our hearts. Yes, brethren, these worthy lives are renewed daily by the examples and traditions they have left us in their legacy of brotherly love and charity. Long may these bright examples shine amongst us, and "Our hands be open as the day for meeting Charity." Brethren, though they are not here with us to-night in the flesh, I somehow feel that their spirit is with us, and I would fain ask you to pledge their honoured memory in silent thankfulness. To the Prov. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, and to you all, brethren, let me once more, on behalf of the lodge, offer my expressions of sincere gratitude for your willing help in making our centenary year and festival one of mark and happy memory in our good old lodge—something that shall remain in our minds as long as we live.

"As from the wing no sear the sky retains,"

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The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. W. Baker, P.P.G. Org., and he was supported by Bros. Chas. Turner, P.M. (alto); W. Dumville, P.M. (tenor); and A. S. Kinnell (bass), whilst Bro. Johnson, 2156, accompanied the songs. The proceedings throughout were most successful.

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Frater General J. P. S. Gobin, the retiring Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, saw much active service during the War of Secession, 1861-65. According to the *American Tyler*, "when 'the irrepressible conflict' was precipitated upon the Northern States, and it was realised that war could not be averted, young Gobin tossed aside his law books and briefs, and enlisted as a private soldier. He was one of the most active spirits in helping to organise a military company at Sunbury, Pa., the services of which were offered to Governor Curtin before the attack on Fort Sumpter, and, in recognition of his prompt work and entire fitness for the place, he was elected First Lieutenant by his comrades."

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After taking part in the battle of Falling Waters, he reorganised his command and re-listed as Captain of C Company, 47th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He remained with the Army of the Potomac till January, 1862, when the regiment was transferred to Key West, Florida, whence it was taken on two occasions to Hillon Head in order to participate in the operations against Charleston and Savannah. Subsequently he took part in the St. John's River Expedition, and in Louisiana in the Red River Expedition, and the operations under General Banks, being promoted Major for his services at the battle of Savine Cross Roads and Pleasant Hill. In July, 1864, the regiment was ordered north, and took part in the operations of General Sheridan in the Shenandrah Valley, and having been promoted successively to Lieut.-Colonel and Colonel, was in command of his regiment, and for a time of the brigade to which it was attached, at the battle of Cedar Creek. In the winter of 1864-5 he served with General Homeraks Veteran Corps. He subsequently became Brevet Brigadier-General, and quitted the service in January, 1866. His Masonic career dates from 1859, when he was initiated in the Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, Pa., being exalted to the Royal Arch Degree while home on furlough, in 1865, and was installed K.T. the year following. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Washington, in 1882, and retired on the completion of his three years' term of service in August of the present year.

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The Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425, which was recently consecrated at Duffield by Bro. Haughton C. Okeover, P.G.W. England, Deputy P.G.M. Derbyshire, has started on its onward career under most favourable auspices. His Grace the Prov. Grand Master was unable to preside, but his able Deputy performed the ceremony in a masterful manner in the presence of upwards of 120 brethren, fully one-half of whom were Past Masters, while the W.M. designate was installed in the chair of K.S. by one of the most popular members of the Craft in Derbyshire, Bro. Percy Wallis. With such sponsors at its inaugural meeting, the Ecclesburne should prove a worthy addition to the roll, nor do we think it will be long before its makes its mark locally. Its officers include several efficient Craftsmen, who will see that its duties are properly fulfilled, and the long list of candidates for initiation and joining that was handed in before the proceedings at the meeting in question terminated, conveys the idea that it will be, numerically, a strong lodge when the time comes round for the election of a successor to the present W.M. The lodge has our best wishes for its success.

Our Irish brethren—members of the Israel and other Dublin lodges—who paid a return visit to the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the early days of last week, must have had some difficulty in keeping pace with the demands made upon their energies by their worthy hosts. The visit extended over three clear days, the guests leaving Dublin at 7 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th inst, by mail steamer, and reaching their destination by 9 a.m. on Monday. The programme that followed included breakfast, and then after a five hours' drive in brakes and a four-in-hand for the purpose of seeing the sights of the city and its vicinity, the party adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where luncheon was served. A brief inspection of the Tyne Theatre, during which Bro. Radcliffe recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in various dialects, brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close. The evening was devoted to a visit to St. Nicholas Lodge, where a strong muster of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland was in attendance, and gave their Irish brethren a hearty welcome, after which the banquet.

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The two following days were similarly occupied, and then came the inevitable parting, and our Irish friends, amid the hearty adieux of their English hosts, started for home, where by this time we trust they have contrived to settle down to their normal avocations. Verily, these members of the Israel and other Irish lodges, and their Novocastrian hosts must have been cast in no ordinary mould to be able to go through such a "Newcastle programme," and yet survive to tell the tale of their prowess.

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It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. William Roebuck, who was appointed G.S.B. in the United Grand Lodge of England and G. Std. Br. in Supreme Grand Chapter in the year 1886. Bro. Roebuck had been for very many years a prominent Craftsman, and had won distinction in nearly every branch of Freemasonry. He had also taken great interest in our Institutions, and especially in the Boys' School, of which he was one of the Trustees. The funeral took place at Woking on Wednesday, and among the many memorial wreaths which were hung around the coffin, was one sent by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, on behalf of its Board of Management. We tender our respectful sympathy to the widow of our late brother, of whose Masonic career we shall furnish full particulars next week.

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Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, has very kindly consented to lay, with Masonic ceremonial, the foundation-stone at the Cross Deaf and Dumb School for North and East Lancashire, which is about to be erected at Preston. The day appointed for the ceremony is Saturday, the 1st prox., and the committee in charge of the arrangements are making great efforts in order to ensure the success of the proceedings.

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Our Scottish brethren had a grand gala lodge at Kiiwinning on Saturday last, when Bro. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, M.P., R.W.M. of Mother Kilwinning and Prov. G. Master of Ayrshire, laid the foundation-stone of a new hall for the use of the premier lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There was a very large concourse of brethren present, among whom were deputations from Lodges of Edinburgh (Jersey Chapel), No. Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, Edinburgh, St. John's Lodge, No. 3½, and Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, Glasgow, and many others among the senior of the Scottish lodges, and as the weather was very favourable the ceremony was witnessed by crowds of people, who had thronged from all the neighbourhood round about in order to see so unwonted a spectacle. The proceedings were carried out most successfully, and the event was commemorated in the evening by a cake and wine banquet held under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master at the Conservative Club.

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 to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE PROPOSED NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to point out that the talk about a supposed affront to the Grand Master in the recent debate in Grand Lodge violates a well recognised rule of parliamentary debate. In the legislature it is not permissible on one side or the other to make use of the name of the Sovereign in party discussion. The excellence of this rule needs no demonstration, and the truest way of honouring the ruler of the Craft would be to imitate it. Anyone who has studied his public

acts must feel that he would deprecate his name being used to influence brethren to give up their conscientious opinions.

It is idle to attempt to discriminate between the personal wish of the Grand Master or the recommendations of his Masonic advisers in this matter. The proposal was submitted to Grand Lodge because the constitutions say its approval of such a change shall be obtained. Clearly, then, Grand Lodge has as much right to disapprove as to approve. If it has not, and disapproval is to be interpreted as an affront to the Grand Master, or (what is a much smaller matter) to the Board of General Purposes, the provision in the Book of Constitutions is meaningless, and should be erased without delay. If I may again draw a parliamentary parallel, I would remark that every session a document known as the Queen's Speech is the subject of keen debate, and in the present Parliament an amendment expressing dissatisfaction with it was adopted by the House of Commons. But everyone understands what it all means, and no one thinks of an affront to the Sovereign.

My sole object in troubling you was to protest against a use of the name of the Grand Master, which I deem to be improper, and which should be the more sedulously avoided because his exalted position precludes his protesting as ordinary men could. But I think, with your article in the current number of the *Freemason*, that a little longer notice, and further information would have avoided any difficulties. The sole objection, I imagine, was to the innovation of a title unknown in Craft Masonry, and of a new order of precedence.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD LEWIS, P.M. 686, 2257.

Bristol, Sept. 17th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be glad if you will allow me to reply to one or two points in the letter of Bro. "Peace with Honour," which appears in the *Freemason* of the 17th inst.

I pass by the somewhat unkind and contemptuous remarks made by our anonymous brother with regard to myself. Even were they much stronger I should still be inclined to think that his enthusiasm on the subject—though not sufficient to allow him to sign his letter—had somewhat run away with him, and had expended itself a little on my unfortunate head, being the first object lying in his road.

In my letter of the 10th inst., I intentionally referred to the fact that I had not consulted any brother before writing, so that it might not be inferred that I was holding a brief for the Board of General Purposes.

The statement that the recommendation originated with the Pro Grand Master not the M.W.G.M., is quite correct, and is moreover entirely beside the question. I said that the proposition was the proposition of the M.W.G.M., and this I think is clear from the first paragraph in the Report of the Board of General Purposes referring to this subject. (I may state that I was not present at the meeting of the Board at which this matter was brought forward, being away from town on my holiday. I am therefore in the same position as the majority of the members of Grand Lodge, and take my stand on the Report itself).

The paragraph reads: "The President has laid before the Board a letter received by him from the M.W. Pro Grand Master stating that in the opinion of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the time has come, &c., &c.;" and further on: ". . . the following resolutions, which it is the Grand Master's desire should at the earliest moment be submitted to the Grand Lodge for adoption."

The italics are my own, and show I think that though perhaps I may "know little of the doings of my leaders," I at all events took sufficient care to know something of the subject on which I was writing.

It was proposed that six additional Grand Officers—and, in provinces and districts numbering 100 lodges, six additional Provincial or District Grand Officers—should be annually appointed. The amendment striking out the proposed Grand Chancellor having been carried, a corresponding amendment must necessarily have been carried with regard to the proposed Provincial or District Grand Chancellor; and as this would have militated against the idea of the M.W. Pro Grand Master (the originator of the recommendation, as Bro. "Peace with Honour" insists), who, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, desired six and not five new collars to distribute, I still hold to my opinion that Bro. Fenn was compelled to withdraw the recommendation.

In conclusion, I sincerely join with Bro. "Peace with Honour" in hoping that at the December Communication the proposition—perhaps in a slightly amended form—may be again brought forward, and I venture to express the hope that we may have the M.W. Pro Grand Master present to support the recommendations which "originated entirely" with himself.

Apologising, dear Sir and Brother, for the length of this letter, believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,
F. ERNEST POCOCK, M.D., P.M. 1891.
September 20th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to offer a few remarks to those you have already received anent the unusual hesitation that was evinced not only at the last meeting of Grand

Lodge, but at that of the Grand Mark Lodge, as to accepting the recommendations of their respective Boards of General Purposes.

It entirely arose from no adequate explanation being vouchsafed by the proposer of the resolutions. Many of the brethren present therefore misconstruing the necessarily bald printed notices, asked sundry questions. There cannot be two opinions as to the necessity of more officers being now appointed at the Grand Lodge Festivals, owing to the enormous increase of Freemasonry; but the days have consequently passed when its large quarterly meetings can be expected to accept off-hand, unexpected and unexplained changes, unless the necessary explanation is given at the time. No doubt by now the misunderstanding has passed over, and next December the resolution, if put, will be cordially accepted, and the desirable additional Grand Officers can be appointed and invested at the St. George's Festival of Grand Lodge in 1893.—Yours fraternally,

DE FERRIERES, P.G.D.

Cheltenham, September 17th.

ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I request you to insert the following suggestions in your valuable organ, as for a considerable time it has appeared to me to be a subject worthy of serious and careful attention. From personal observations I am led to believe that no rule exists as regards admission of brethren of inferior Degrees to lodges of instruction, I would therefore suggest that the following be adopted viz., that no brother below the rank of a M.M. be granted the privilege of attending a lodge of instruction. To some this measure may appear harsh, but my reasons must be apparent to every brother who has been a member of an instruction lodge, as young brethren especially will be more likely to violate their O.B. at instruction than in a regular lodge. I would also (with all due respect) impress on the brother preceptors of such lodges the great necessity of strictly confining the various arguments which may occur during labour, to the several degrees to which they relate, and in all cases to act in conformity with the principles of the Order and to enforce by example and precept the tenets of the system.

I have written the above trusting that some more expert brother will set me right in this matter.—I am, yours fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

Kimberley, South Africa, August 29th.

AN URGENT CASE OF A SOLDIER'S ORPHAN.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The late Bro. Sergeant-Major Page, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, died at the District Head-quarters, Bodmin, leaving a large family. A son is a candidate for election for the Boys' School. Votes are earnestly requested in support of this case of a soldier brother's orphan. The Province of Cornwall will, it is to be hoped, "One and All," be able to join heartily in this case belonging to the county regiment, and will be aided by Masons elsewhere, who wish well to their military brethren serving their country and Queen.—Yours fraternally,

OLD MILITARY MASON.

Black House, High Brixham,
September 16th.

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THE SCALD MISERABLE MASONS.

Adverting to the notes on this subject by Bros. Speth and Matthewman, permit me to state that I have a small engraving (11½ inches by 5½, exclusive of the superscription) which is thus described—"SOUTH FRONT OF OLD SOMERSET HOUSE IN 1742. Copied from the View of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons." It bears no date, but was published by "Thos. Hurst, Edwd. Chanse & Co., London." It comprises only about one-fourth in length of the original, so arranged as to show the whole of Somerset House, with a small portion of each house on its right and left, as far as the centre of the second window in both cases. The figures in the procession do not occupy the same positions relatively to the buildings as in the original, whilst the row of spectators in the immediate foreground of the original is altogether omitted. Bro. Jackson, of Leeds, has rendered good service to the fraternity by reproducing this old and curious plate of the Scald Miserable Masons, and collectors will do well to secure copies forthwith.

JNO. LANE.

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RARE SERMONS.

I have lately come across two sermons hitherto unknown to me in any way. Their titles are as follows:
A.D. 1750.

"A Sermon Preach'd before the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at the Parish Church of St. John in the City of Gloucester, on Thursday, the 27th of December, by a Brother. Gloucester: Printed for the Author in the year 1750." The pamphlet is dedicated to "Henry Toye Bridgeman of Princknash, Esq., High Sheriff of the County

of Gloucester, Master Mason, and Master of the Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons Regularly Constituted in the City of Gloucester," and is signed by the author, "J. M." (*Octavo; 24 pp.*).

A.D. 1752.

"A Sermon," &c. [as before], "On Friday, the 27th of December, . . . in the year 1752." The dedication is as follows: "To the Worshipful the Master, the Wardens, and the Brethren of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the lodge at Gloucester Regularly Constituted (at whose request this discourse is publish'd), J. M. Wisheth Eternal Happiness." (*Octavo; 30 pp.*).

According to Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1836," the lodge noted was constituted as No. 171 on 28th March, 1738, and was held at the *Swan, North-street*, from about 1751, when it was No. 157. Its erasure occurred on 27th January, 1768.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

THE MASONIC GUIDE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR 1892-93.

This is the eleventh year of issue of this very useful, comprehensive, and accurate Masonic directory, and is ably edited by Bro. Philip Sansom, P.S.G.W. It is published under most distinguished patronage—his Excellency the Earl of Kintore, who authorises the work, being Governor and Grand Master (*a happy combination*) of South Australia—and the publication has been prepared by special request of the Masters' and Wardens' Association. Beyond doubt the work is (what it professes to be) the Masonic Guide for South Australia. There are several commendable features introduced by Bro. Sansom, which, though partly to be found in some of the Provincial Directories of England, are not so fully exhibited in this country. The "Points from the Constitutions" extend to six pages, and "Masonic Mems." extend to as many more, so that the "Guide" may be well termed a miniature edition of Masonic Jurisprudence, and thus of considerable benefit to Craftsmen generally, who need frequent reminders of the important laws by which they are governed. Some of these Regulations might be adopted with advantage in not a few of the older Grand Lodges, such as the following: Certificates on payment of a fee for Past Masters; lodges must affix a seal to all official documents; every initiate must be presented with a copy of the Constitutions and By-laws; declaration of candidate must be made before proposition. Others are very suggestive, and some are well worthy of adoption generally. A few would not pass in England. "No brother can be appointed chaplain of his lodge unless he is a Minister of Religion." Brethren are eligible for the chair if they have served the office of Master under the Grand Lodge of South Australia, or some other recognised Grand Lodge, or served as Warden of a lodge in South Australia. "A Library of Masonic Lore is a necessity to every Lodge." Life members are not admissible, &c. "Memorable Dates" run to 11 pages, and make most interesting reading. Bro. Sansom is in error as to Egypt, for there is a Grand Lodge of that country recognised by the British Grand Lodges, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and other well known Masons are Past Grand Wardens thereof. It is much to be regretted that the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363 (I.C.), has not yet joined the Grand Lodge. The membership is now 140, but that of the Grand Lodge of South Australia is 2,297, with 38 lodges, and doing real good work. Surely the brethren of No. 363 could do more to promote unity and good fellowship by casting in their lot with the Grand Lodge, having the Governor of the Colony as Grand Master. They may be assured of a hearty welcome, and doubtless an honourable position on the Roll, as of A.D. 1855. *Think it over brethren!*



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 1607).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. The lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. A. J. Saunderson, which proving to be unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was initiated. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. F. W. Rose, S.W., being presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the W.M. elect was most ably installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master, Bro. John Hattersley. After receiving the usual salutations of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Hattersley, I.P.M.; G. S. Denney, S.W.; W. B. Vaile, J.W.; J. R. Large, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. L. Barker, J.D.; T. F. Hodgson, I.G.; J. Lawson, D.C.; F. Carr, P.M., and F. King, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. The W.M. having announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon his list. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. John Hattersley, a Past Master's jewel, remarking that it was but a small token of the affection and esteem which he had won from the brethren during his whole connection with the lodge. Bro. Hattersley feelingly expressed his acknowledgments of the kindness of the brethren to him and of the support which had been accorded to him. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table, where dinner was served in the usual excellent style by Bro. Start. After dinner, The Worshipful Master having given the toast of "The

Queen and Craft," submitted that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and remarked that the popularity of the Craft had considerably advanced since the Prince had associated himself with it. Speaking of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they formed as it were a Cabinet of Ministers almost unique, inasmuch as they possessed the entire confidence of the whole of their constituents. He did not intend to inflict long speeches upon the brethren, believing as he did that there were always two important points in every good speech, viz., the beginning and the ending, and the closer they were together the better as a general rule for everybody.

The toast was received with great heartiness, the brethren joining in the chorus of—"God Bless the Prince of Wales"—solely by Bro. J. R. Large.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.M.'s services to the lodge, which he said were sufficient to commend the toast to the brethren without any words from him. They had known the W.M. for a good many years and had appreciated his sterling qualities, it had been, therefore, no small pleasure to them to witness his career in the lodge, which had that evening been fittingly crowned by his elevation to the chair of King Solomon.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

After a pianoforte solo by Mr. Spencer Dickinson, the W.M., in replying, thanked the brethren most sincerely for their kindly sentiments expressed through the I.P.M. He stood before the brethren well known to every one of them. He had worked up through all the offices leading to the chair, and now that he had reached that position he could assure the brethren that he felt deeply the responsibility which rested upon him. He was exceedingly jealous of the lodge and would endeavour to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. No doubt he would have to make large demands upon the forbearance and charity of the brethren, but he would not shirk any part of his duty. He was anxious for plenty of work. He had one word to say to them, let their candidates for initiation be of the right sort. He had said he was jealous of the lodge, so he was, and no less jealous of the Craft, and he would willingly go through his term of office without one candidate if he were not desirable. The W.M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the Initiate," and observed that they could all appreciate the thoughts which animated him at that moment. He hoped their newly-made brother would strive to become a worthy Mason and remember the beautiful ceremony he had undergone.

Bro. Sanderson briefly and feelingly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that he did not remember the occasion when the Lodge of Loyalty was not well off for visitors. He said they endeavoured to the best of their ability to show in their ritual what they were capable of, and they also did their best to entertain visiting brethren after labour. He saw a number of brethren before him whom he had not had the pleasure of seeing before and many whose faces were more familiar, and to one and all he offered in the name of the lodge a cordial welcome. He was reminded that they had rather a small list of visitors for an installation gathering, it was in fact what was called a "baker's dozen." He offered the Sincerity Lodge in the person of its Junior Warden the heartiest welcome, and this he had the gratification to extend also to the other visitors. They of the Loyalty Lodge were always pleased to see them, and pleased to interchange ideas with them. They would therefore be very happy to hear anything their visitors had to say in general and with regard to Freemasonry in particular. The toast having been pledged with much cordiality,

Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, W.M. 1571, in responding, expressed thanks for the hearty reception accorded to the visitors. In coming to the Lodge of Loyalty the visiting brethren he said were certain of two things, viz., a warm welcome and a Masonic treat in the invariable excellence of the working, and the admirable manner in which the various ceremonies had that evening been worked reflected the highest credit on the Installing Master, the W.M., his officers, and also upon Bro. Fred. Carr, P.M., who in his training ground at Hackney was doing so much to qualify the brethren of the Lodge of Loyalty for the chair, which sooner or later they would have to occupy. Speaking of the W.M. (Bro. F. W. Rose), Bro. Morgan remarked, "A rose," it was said, "by any other name would smell as sweet," but the members of the Loyalty Lodge had secured the right kind of Rose. It was also said that there was "no rose without a thorn," but he (Bro. Morgan) would venture to prophecy that the Rose which had that evening been grafted on to the tree of "Loyalty" would be found to be absolutely without a thorn, and would not fail to shed around the lodge that fragrance for which the rose was noted. In conclusion, Bro. Morgan hoped that there was before Bro. Rose a very happy and prosperous year of office, and that under his Mastership the Lodge of Loyalty might continue to occupy that high position in the Craft which it had for many years held.

Other visitors also responded.

The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Hattersley, I.P.M.," and spoke in high terms of the faithful manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties. There was, he said, just one tinge of regret in their meeting that evening, and it was that Bro. Hattersley vacated the chair he had so adorned. His year of office had been one of the most successful on record, and during that time he had still further endeared himself to the lodge, and he trusted that although Bro. Hattersley had now taken a place in that geological strata which Bro. Newton, P.M., takes so much delight in describing, he would be spared for many years to meet his brethren in the lodge.

The toast was very cordially received, and

The Immediate Past Master, in reply, said his year of office would be dearly remembered by him for the rest of his life. It had been a very agreeable time to him, and he was much gratified at the way in which the brethren had rallied round him on all occasions. Bro. Hattersley concluded by thanking the brethren of the lodge for the very handsome jewel with which they had presented him, and which he should be at all times proud to wear.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," said he thought the Institutions and the Masonic Charities generally formed the great main-spring of Masonic duties as a whole. It was almost impossible to imagine what Freemasonry would mean without these valuable Institutions. They had duties to perform—

duties which that lodge had never been slow to recognise. they, as Freemasons, rejoiced in their freedom, but the W.M. reminded the brethren of the stanzas of Lowell:

"True Freedom! Is it but to break
Fetters for our own dear sake;
And with leathern hearts forget
That we owe mankind a debt?
No! True Freedom is to share
All the chains our brothers wear;
And, with heart and hand, to be
Earnest to set others free!

That was the principle which must ever animate all Freemasons who were worthy of the name. It was the spirit which certainly moved the Lodge of Loyalty to action in regard to Masonic Charity. He coupled with the toast the name of a brother who, by his earnestness in the cause of the Charities, had won the esteem and reverence of the whole Craft, and who had justly earned the cognomen of "Charity Webb."

Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M., in response, gave interesting details of the working of the Institutions, and congratulated the W.M. upon being the first representative of the lodge to take upon himself the duty of becoming a Steward to the Boys' Institution.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were duly honoured and responded to, the W.M. especially expressing the grateful thanksgiving of every member of the lodge at the return of Bro. Arthur J. Clark, P.M., in restored health after his long and serious illness.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. F. W. Stephens, who himself contributed several songs in his inimitable style. A word of especial praise must also be given to Bro. Barry Lindon, who charmed the brethren with his magnificent voice.

Kensington Lodge (No. 1767).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Saturday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. Wiggins, W.M.; Freeman, S.W.; Mackay, J.W.; Barker, P.M., Treas.; Read, P.M., Sec.; Walter, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Barclay, P.M.; Norman, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Pocock, W.M. elect 1642; Roberts, P.M. 1642; Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; and Gartley, P.M.

The lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, which proved unanimously in their favour. Bro. Meyer was raised to the Degree of M.M. in a very able manner by the W.M. The chair being taken by Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., Bro. Freeman, W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed with great proficiency by the Installing Master. The Worshipful Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Mackay, S.W.; Vassie, J.W.; Barker, P.M., Treas.; Read, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Neville, S.D.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Turner, A.D.C.; Rumball, I.G.; Oliver, P.M., Org.; Facey, Stwd.; and Schofield, P.M., Tyler. Two of the candidates for initiation being in attendance, one being the son-in-law of the W.M., were then duly initiated into Freemasonry, the W.M. being subsequently congratulated for his excellent commencement of his year's work. The Auditors' report was received and adopted.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. Linscott.

The customary toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas. Several of the visitors acknowledged the toast of their health.

A marked feature of the evening's entertainment was contributed by Mrs. Roworth, the talented Singing Mistress of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the violin solos of Bro. Roworth, and duets for pianoforte and violin. Songs were also given by Bros. Wiggins, Mackay, Norman, and others, winding up with Bro. A. J. Turner's splendid recitation of "The Quack Doctor."

A most pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Hendon Lodge (No. 2206).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Welsh Harp, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx., had the gratification and pleasure of installing his nephew, Bro. A. H. Scurrah, as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors. The former included Bros. A. A. Nottingham, W.M.; A. H. Scurrah, S.W.; W. W. Langley, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx., Sec.; G. H. Lewis, I.P.M.; W. B. Parsons, J.D.; A. M. Parsons, I.G.; M. Powell, D.C.; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. Eddy, 1425; H. Dickey, P.M., Sec. 1744; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. Akhurst, 145; H. Longman, W.M. 2271; J. M. Langley, S.W. 209; T. J. Dickey, P.M. 180; H. Barnard, 2331; S. Irvine, P.M. 862; H. Sillis, S.D. 957; S. J. Derham, J.W. 1622; F. E. Choveaux, Org. 1622; J. H. Miller, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M. 704; Stanley Spooner, 2191; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, J.W. 1897.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. Jenkins, King, Pemberton, and Griffiths were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., then assumed the chair, and impressively installed Bro. Arthur H. Scurrah as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. W. Langley, S.W.; W. B. Parsons, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.; A. M. Parsons, S.D.; M. Powell, J.D.; J. Hudson, I.G.; F. W. Hearn, Org.; J. H. Dobbs, D.C.; G. H. Stansall, J. H. Gunn, and J. Mason, Stewards. The W.M. performed a pleasurable task in presenting Bro. Nottingham, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge. The gift having been appropriately acknowledged, the lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was enjoyed by the brethren present.

The usual toasts were afterwards given, and an excellent programme of music performed by Bros. Choveaux, Hearn, Derham, and Dobbs.

Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, replying for "The Grand Officers," said that body embraced a large number of brethren distinguished in almost every branch of learning—arts, science, war, the church, law—and the highest in the land were included. If he were to attempt to make a speech commensurate with the importance of the toast, he

should utterly fail. The Grand Officers were deeply grateful for the kind remembrances the brethren always had of them. His own position was somewhat peculiar, as he happened to have more intimate relations with the Grand Officers than some of his colleagues, and he could assure the brethren that if they sometimes made little mistakes, he was certain their intentions were good, and their great object was to benefit the Society of which they were all members. He was glad to be present at their lodge on their installation night. He quite thought from the materials which composed the founders that the lodge would be a successful one, and his expectations had been realised. He now saw a strong lodge, and every prospect of a prosperous lodge. It was always a pleasure to attend lodges at the consecration of which he had played a humble part. He believed he had attended the birth of something over 200 lodges. He had spent a very pleasant evening on the present occasion, and congratulated the lodge on having a W.M. who knew his duty and meant to do it. He thanked his old friend, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., and congratulated him on having installed a brother who would do credit to the lodge and his name.

Bro. A. A. Nottingham, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he did so with very great pleasure, and was sure the toast would meet with that hearty reception always given to Masters of that lodge. They all knew their W.M. so well, that whatever he (the I.P.M.) might say would not alter their opinions, for Bro. A. H. Scurrah was one of those of whom no one could have a bad opinion.

Bro. A. H. Scurrah, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their reception of the toast. If he could only give them as good a response to their call as Bro. Choveaux had just done when asked to play a solo on the pianoforte, he should consider he had done his duty. It gave him an infinite amount of pleasure to be placed as their W.M. He had arrived at that position after waiting patiently for a long time, and should endeavour to do his duty to their satisfaction. He hoped to have plenty of work, so that he might show what he could do. He was pleased to see the lodge in such a flourishing condition, and during his year he should endeavour to keep it so.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., in response to the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to install his nephew into the chair. No greater satisfaction could have been given to him. He was the first W.M. of that lodge, and endeavoured to do the best he could, and some good work had been done, and good members brought in who had proved good Masons. He hoped they would continue to work in that love and harmony in which they had tried to work in the past. He had said before that if the success of a lodge was to be governed by anything, it was by having good men and good Masons in it, for they were then bound to make up a successful lodge of which they would be proud in years to come. Everything he could do to ensure the harmony and increase the prestige of the lodge would be considered by him a labour of love. The members had always received him in a most kindly and fraternal manner, and he hoped they would work together in that friendly way for many years to come. He took that opportunity of thanking the I.P.M. for his courtesy in allowing him to perform the installation ceremony.

Bros. Nottingham, I.P.M., and Lewis, P.M., also replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" gave several visiting brethren an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the admirable work witnessed and the profuse hospitality afforded them.

Amongst those who responded were Bros. Longman, W.M. 2271; Irvine, P.M. 862; Miller, P.P.G.D. Bucks; and H. Dickey, P.M.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" afforded Bro. Stiles, P.M., Treasurer, an opportunity of congratulating the lodge on the substantial progress made in its financial position, and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BUCKHURST HILL.

Lennox Browne Lodge (No. 2318).—The fourth installation meeting of this promising young lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, attached to Bro. A. C. Smithe's, Roebuck Hotel, on the 17th inst., and it was the first time the new hall was used. General satisfaction was expressed with the arrangements for the comfort of the brethren. Bro. Dr. W. Ernest Dring, P.S.G.D., W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Thos. Scoresby Jackson, P.M.; H. Ffrench Bromhead, I.P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Boyer, P.M. 30; Charles C. Black, 29; Harvey Blair, 374; Otto Heffers, J.W. 1457; L. J. Dunham, 1697 and 2262; T. J. Hester, 862; G. W. Clifton, 913; Walter J. Filling, 765; Thomas Whitford, 1321; G. H. Bunting, 180; W. Harvey, 174; A. Cank, P.M. 1065; Ernest W. White, I.P.M. 31; C. Rawle, P.M. 1685, J.W. 2424; Frank Jameson, S.W. 2108; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; F. H. Meggy, W.M. 276, P.A.G. D. of C.; J. J. Bringham, W.M. 2256; C. E. Barnes, W.M. 1592; W. T. Tuck, W.M. 1343; J. Desvignes, 2060; J. Falbot Barnes, J.D. 2184 and 226 (S.C.); H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; George Corble, P.M. 453; John Corble, P.M. 453; J. P. Honner, 453; C. J. Edward, P.M. 1457; Richard Kershaw, 61 and 2261; W. G. Holloway, S.W. 1842; and W. F. Cox, 1327.

Bro. Edwin Purkess, 453, was elected a joining member, Bro. W. S. Bunting was raised, and Bro. George Thurling passed. Bro. Dr. Dring afterwards installed Bro. Lennox Browne, P.P.S.G.W., W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, and Bro. Dr. Dring was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The following brethren received the other collars: Bros. W. Butcher, S.W.; A. Schneider, J.W.; J. Pinder, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Beament, Sec.; H. J. Drane, S.D.; G. Ashton, J.D.; W. Jones, I.G.; J. Snowdon, jun., D.C.; C. Spurgeon, Org.; F. Barnes, W. Baker, and C. Walker, Stewards; and A. G. Young, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Dring, the W.M. accompanying the gift with the expression of the lodge's appreciation of the I.P.M.'s services to the lodge during his year of office, services which he had given ungrudgingly and unremittably, notwithstanding his numerous professional engagements. Bro. Dr. Dring, in acknowledging the presentation, assured the brethren that what he

had done was with the object of benefiting the lodge, and he was gratified to find that it was now in a prosperous condition. He had endeavoured to emulate the example of the other two Past Masters.

Several candidates for initiation were then proposed and seconded, and after some communications had been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a charming banquet, provided by Bro. A. C. Smith, and personally superintended by him. It was served in the lower hall, which being of the same size as the lodge room, afforded plenty of room for seating the large number of brethren assembled, with a fine open space all round the tables for the waiters to move about.

The banquet, thoroughly enjoyed by all the company, was followed by the usual toasts.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" had been proposed and drunk, the W.M. proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In referring to the popularity of the Earl of Lathom, Bro. Lennox Browne said there was no panel on the walls of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall better decorated than that which contained the full-length portrait of the present Pro Grand Master. With respect to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master, he said his lordship was always graceful, and when he presided at the Special Grand Lodge in January, held to pass resolutions of condolence with the Queen, the Grand Master, and the Royal Family on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, he proposed the vote gracefully and classically, with words well suited to the occasion, and without any grandiosity. Having known his lordship for over 20 years, he could say he was another instance of how Masonry developed the man.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred feelingly to the terrible trial through which Bro. Philbrick was passing, in which he was sure the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had the sympathy of all the brethren.

Bro. George Corble, P.G.W., replying, said he was an Essex Mason of 22 years' standing. He stuck to his province and never went further. He was proud of his province, for the way little Essex had come forward in support of the Masonic charities was a fact to be proud of. He remembered when there were only 15 lodges in the province; there were now 30. The Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master did their best to distribute honours where honour was due, and all the P.M.'s of the Lennox Browne Lodge had had office. It was his second visit to this lodge, which he found a very comfortable lodge, not too large and not too small. He hoped it would not become too large, because frequently large lodges ceased to be a happy family.

Bro. Dr. Dring, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." In having elected Bro. Lennox Browne they had done quite the right thing in more ways than one, and in the first place because the lodge had been named after him, and it would seem to be an anomaly that such a lodge should have no other connection with him. In the future, of course, there would be a tie between the god-father of the lodge and the lodge. In the second place the brethren had done the right thing because they had got a brother well known in the province as regarded his Masonic career, and also as regarded his good brotherly qualities; and he hoped that those brethren who would fill the chair in years to come would be well known for their Masonic qualities—not only inside Masonry, but outside, and independent of Masonry, something that rendered them acceptable and worthy of the vote of the brethren. The unanimous vote they gave last May to Bro. Lennox Browne to be their W.M. was the right thing to do. Bro. Lennox Browne would look upon it—he did not say as the best thing, but as one of the highest honours they could confer upon him. Long life, health, and happiness to him, and might they see his face among them for many years to come.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that bashfulness and Lennox Browne had long been strangers, but if he did feel at all bashful it would not be that night, because he did like to think that when 20, 50, or 100 years hence somebody said "Why was that lodge named Lennox Browne?" When the name of Lennox Browne was otherwise forgotten, they would say, "He was one of our Masters;" and therefore he thought the brethren had done the right thing to the lodge in asking him to be its Master. They did not all know it was somewhat by accident he was the god-father of the lodge. In Masonry, as in everything else, a man should be active. He did not seek the honour, he was invited to take it, and he accepted it; but he did really feel it a very great honour, and, differing from the I.P.M., he thought it not one of the greatest honours, but the greatest honour that he should not only be asked to allow his name to be given to the lodge, but to be elected its W.M. He was aware of the difficulty it would be, with his many engagements, to follow in the footsteps of the other Past Masters of the lodge, such ritualists as Bros. Jackson, Bromhead, and Dring; but if those brethren, with their arduous professional duties, could perform their duties to the lodge, it would be hard indeed if he could not spare a few hours for that purpose. If he did not he should feel he had not justified the confidence the brethren had placed in him. If it was possible to have at heart one lodge more than another, it would be the Lennox Browne Lodge. He trusted that in 12 months the brethren would say he had proved that by deeds.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Dr. Dring, I.P.M., said if the installation was done to the satisfaction of the brethren, he was well pleased. It was a time not altogether of great delight and satisfaction to go down one step in the ladder of time, but that was his position now. His year of office had been an exceedingly pleasant one. Although some of the brethren put forth a wish that he should go on for a second year; he said no; that was not a good thing for the young men. He had to express his thanks as outgoing Master to those officers of the lodge who had rendered him great and valuable assistance. Those officers who were coming on would appreciate his observations when he said he had received great assistance from them. Not only his thanks, but even to a greater extent the thanks of the brethren generally were due to two officers particularly, the Treasurer and Secretary, who had worked harder during his year than before, as there had been a great deal more to do. As he had already said, he had had an extremely pleasant year, and he thanked all the officers for their

kind assistance, from the Senior Warden down to the Junior Steward.

Bros. Jackson and Bromhead also replied. Bro. L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he could not understand why the lodge, being named after Bro. Lennox Browne, did not have him for its first W.M. Some good reason he supposed existed for it; but the brethren had certainly shown their gratitude and their good sense in now electing him. Bro. Harvey afterwards exhorted the younger brethren to attend lodges of instruction, and said that in No. 9 they had a Past Master, Bro. S. Valentine, who, having been a member 44 years, had only missed 12 attendances. For 30 years he had been the Installing Master in that lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" led to the information that at the next Quarterly Communication in December, Bro. J. Pinder, P.M., would be nominated by Essex for the Grand Treasurership, and the Province would be asked to support him with all its power.

The other toasts were honoured before the brethren separated.

CHESHUNT.

James Terry Lodge (No. 2372).—A regular meeting was held at the Cheshunt Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to congratulate the lodge on its excellent position after two years' existence, and to assist in the installation of Bro. Wm. Metcalfe, upon whom the unanimous choice of the members had fallen to preside over them during the ensuing year. Amongst the members present were Bros. Peter L. Blackmore, P.G.S. of W., W.M.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Wm. Metcalfe, S.W.; H. Trask, J.W.; R. Middlehurst, P.M., Treas.; J. Tydeman, P.M., Sec.; Dr. W. P. Warren, S.D.; H. E. Cole, J.D.; F. Godfree, I.G.; F. C. Smith, P.M.; G. Holdsworth, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Lewis, P.M. 1327; J. T. Simmons, Stwd. 1327; G. F. Rossiter, 907; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; G. Fagg, 30; W. West, 172; W. R. G. Emerson, Org. 45; E. A. Hick, P.P.G.R. Salop; W. H. Bickel, W.M. 1327; J. Hitching, S.W. 2346; F. M. Bilby, P.P.G.S.B.; S. M. Banker, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Houston-Charman, 1068; G. Clark, 1766; W. A. Sproat, 1327; W. Gilbert, 1327; G. J. Holdsworth, 1327; J. Mark, S.D. 1327; M. A. McInery, P.M. 2346; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, J.W. 1897; and others.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and routine business, Bro. Neil Mackenzie was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. T. Jones, 1602, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., then assumed the chair, and in the presence of a numerous attended Board of Installed Masters, installed Bro. Wm. Metcalfe as W.M. in his well known impressive manner. The officers invested were Bros. Peter L. Blackmore, I.P.M.; Henry Trask, S.W.; Dr. W. P. Warren, J.W.; Richard Middlehurst, Treas.; Joseph Tydeman, Sec.; H. E. Cole, S.D.; Frederick Godfree, J.D.; G. S. Metcalfe, I.G.; R. F. Brickdale, D.C.; W. G. Tydeman, A.D.C.; F. E. Abbott, Org.; Thomas L. Bennett and George Worboys, Stwds.; George Young, Tyler; and B. Mitchell, Asst. Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected to serve on the Herts Charity and Finance Committee. Five gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, foreshadowing a plentiful supply of work for the W.M. and his officers. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; G. E. Lake, Deputy P.G.M.; C. E. Keyser, G.D.; F. Sumner Knyvett, Prov. G. Treas.; T. S. Carter, P.P. J.G.W.; and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, where the members propose to remove the lodge a year hence. This quaint old hostelry, which has entertained a long roll of Royal guests, fully maintained its traditions, and provided the brethren with a sumptuous banquet.

The usual toasts were afterwards given and heartily received.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the Worshipful Master gave "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," whom he referred to as the sovereign of the Craft, and the Prince of good fellows.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed the pride felt by the lodge that evening in seeing amongst them Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., the honoured father of the lodge, and one of the most popular Masons in the Craft. He was pleased to take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Terry for the excellent manner in which he had installed him as W.M., assuring him that it would always be his boast to say that he was installed by Bro. Terry.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., said he rose at once to respond, for there were many toasts to be proposed, and time and trains waited for no man. On an occasion like this he ventured to think the honour intended to be conveyed was to the W.M., who richly deserved the encomiums which would be passed on the admirable manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past two years, and they looked forward with confidence to see him perform the duties of W.M. and uphold the prestige of the lodge. He was glad to be present with them again. He had had a very arduous year, and came down to them that day a cripple, but he hoped to be well again by the next time they met, and without the dreadful pain he had recently been suffering from.

"The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Halsey, M.P.," was next given by the W.M., who said that their Prov. Grand Master, who was absent from England, was one whom they all honoured, and under whose beneficent rule Freemasonry had flourished in the province.

"The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured, Bro. Blackmore, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," referring to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Metcalfe, W.M., to Freemasonry in the past, and the confidence of the members that under his ruling the lodge would maintain its present high position.

Bro. W. Metcalfe, W.M., returned thanks for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast, and expressed his determination to fulfil the duties of his high office to the best of his ability. He then submitted "The Past Masters," and referred to the very prosperous year of office the I.P.M. had had, remarking that it was extremely difficult to follow so good a Mason and such an excellent worker. On behalf of the lodge he presented Bro. Blackmore, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which, although a valuable one, was but a small expression of the good feelings of every member of the lodge towards him.

Bro. P. L. Blackmore, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the handsome jewel which he should be proud to wear as a memento of a very pleasant year of office.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" were afterwards given, the Tyler's toast terminating the proceedings which ere throughout of a very harmonious and pleasant character.

Amongst the brethren who rendered assistance in the musical arrangements were Bros. E. G. Twyman, H. Brown, W. T. Imbrey, W. Emerson, A. Martin, and others.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—Under particularly pleasant auspices the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. For the office of W.M. the choice of the brethren had fallen on Bro. F. J. Budd-Budd, who has for some years been a quiet but most energetic member of the lodge. He was installed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. G. Wilson, assisted by Bro. G. Mitchell, P.M. The other officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. R. G. Payne, S.W.; J. Luxford, J.W.; E. A. Head, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. M. Betchley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Brown, P.M., P.G.S.B., D. of C.; D. Wood, S.D.; C. F. W. Stannard, J.D.; C. M. Wilson, I.G.; S. R. Schofield, Org.; W. H. Dixon and F. Walder, Stwds. All the officers named were present except the Organist, and, in addition to those already given, there were present Bros. T. Smith, P.M., J. Cooper, J. Saker, A. Brandt, J. E. Lark, W. W. Gale, and E. Wilson. The visiting brethren included Bros. J. G. Sims, St. John's; H. J. Sturgeon, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; H. W. G. Abell, W.M. elect Southdown; H. Packham, W.M. Burrell; J. Howe, W.M. Ockenden; W. F. Wilkinson, W. Wright, P.P.J.G.W.; and G. Holman, W.M. Pelham. In recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, Bro. Wilson was presented with a massive Past Master's gold jewel.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren, some 35 in number, sat down to a magnificent banquet, admirably served and carried through in a style which did infinite credit to the house and its proprietor. Under the genial presidency of the W.M., whose portrait adorned the tastefully got-up menu, the usual Masonic toasts were cordially honoured.

The musical programme was exceptionally pleasing, and the company was delighted with the whole of the items rendered by the Lewes Orpheus Glee Union, consisting of Messrs. W. N. Barnard, A. Barnard, J. Farncombe, C. R. Wells, and E. T. Hall, with Mr. Percy J. Starnes as accompanist.

The proceedings were of an exceedingly enjoyable character.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The last meeting, for the season, of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst. Members present: Bros. S. Wheeler, W.M.; J. C. Goslin, J.P.M.; F. Dunstan, S.W.; A. Robertson, J.W.; J. Lawrence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. Daye, Sec.; W. Kite, S.D.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J.D.; P. Bick, D.C.; G. Roberts, A. Russell, and W. J. Harvie, Stewards; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. E. A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Standard Bearer; W. Davey, T. Kingston, J. Exton, F. Goslin, J. Collins, G. Lerner, D. Rutven, P. Lodge, and A. F. Holland. Visitor: Bro. A. J. Perriam. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. Wheeler, W.M. Bro. Holland was then passed in a very impressive manner. Four gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, several letters from brethren were read expressing regret at being unable to attend.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an ample repast.

After grace the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with enthusiasm, then followed that of "The M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was loyally and heartily honoured.

The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed the great pleasure the brethren had at the last meeting (August) in having the company of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and after eulogising this distinguished brother expressed a hope and wish that the lodge would have the pleasure of his presence on future occasions.

Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br., in returning thanks, said for the information of those brethren who were not present on the last occasion, that our most highly esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master remarked that he was highly gratified at being present, and congratulated the W.M. upon the very able, excellent, and efficient manner in which he worked the First and Third Degrees, and thought the W.M. was an old P.M. until informed it was the first time he had worked those Degrees.

Bros. Lawrence and Smith also responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Goslin, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." in a few well chosen remarks, congratulating him on his work for the day, and remarked while they had such W.M.'s the Lebanon Lodge could not fail to progress and prosper.

In responding to "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Perriam expressed regret at not being in time to see the working, and said he was highly pleased on the previous occasion, and hoped to have the pleasure of visiting the Lebanon Lodge again.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and called upon each to respond, which they did in a few pithy sentences, and received the approbation of all the brethren.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," which was duly responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens; also the Treasurer, who expressed a wish that the brethren would enable him to fill the bag he had the privilege of carrying, and hoped they would support the Masonic Charities in the future as they had in the past; and the Secretary, whom the W.M. had thanked and praised for his valuable services, expressed his pleasure at having given the W.M. every satisfaction.

The Tyler's toast brought this very happy meeting to a close.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 12th instant. Among those present were Bros. T. Grant, W.M.; H. Bond, S.W.; J. Spooner, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Sec.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G.O., S.D.; R. W. Rice, J.D.; R. W. Simpson, I.G.; J. Miles, D.C.; C. Smith, Stwd.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dare, P.M.; and H. Sapsworth, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Charman, P.M. 1068; A. Grant, 127; C. J. Packington, 1793; and P. L. Whillets, 2032.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. G. Loosen was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Reynolds and Gardiner passed to the Second. The ballot having been duly taken, Messrs. G. Chumley, W. Scott, A. Thompson, and J. Nicholson were inducted into Craft mysteries. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which he performed the three ceremonies. The audit report was read and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Figg and Crozier.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Gedda. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given by the W.M. with commendable brevity, and duly honoured.

The Secretary responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," stated that the manner in which the W.M. had performed his work that night had given them all unequalled pleasure. Bro. Grant had been a most punctual attendant at the lodge since his introduction to it, and had won the esteem of every member.

The Worshipful Master having responded, he gave "The Initiates," who severally replied.

In acknowledging "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Charman, P.M. 1068, paid a high compliment to the lodge for its working capabilities. He said that he had visited many lodges abroad, but nothing he had yet seen came up to the excellence of No. 1656. He was also struck with the thorough harmony that prevailed among the members, and he was altogether delighted with that his first visit to the Wolsey Lodge.

"The Past Masters" toast was coupled with the name of Bro. H. Sapsworth, who duly replied in a humorous vein.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Bond, S.W., and Spooner, J.W., acknowledged the latter pledge.

During the evening Bros. Packington, T. Grant, Jehu, and A. Grant instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Bushy Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A regular meeting of this, the youngest lodge in the Province of Middlesex, was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M., was supported by the following members: Bros. G. R. Langley, Prov. Grand Steward, I.P.M., Sec.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master in Charge; Howard H. Room, Prov. Grand Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., P.M.; Arthur Blenkarn, S.W.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas.; G. Castle, S.D.; H. Hooper, P.M., J.D.; C. Fruen, P.M., I.G.; S. H. Latham, D.C.; J. Galbraith, Stwd.; Cutler, Newland, Barton, Williams, Leighton, F. Potter, H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., and J. Joel. Visitors: Bros. O. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1897; J. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec. 1897; R. Langley, J. Castle, and Braxton Smith.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the Installation meeting read and confirmed. The W.M., having passed F. J. Potter and H. W. Weston to the Second Degree and delivered the lecture on the tracing board, proceeded to raise Bros. Barton and Williams to the degree of M.M., giving the traditional history.

The lodge was closed, and after an excellent repast the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master in Charge, replied for "The Grand Officers," and expressed the pleasure it invariably afforded the members of that body to return thanks for the compliment paid them. It afforded him great pleasure to be present that evening and witness the excellent progress made by the lodge. He congratulated the lodge on the working of the W.M., for he could conscientiously say he had never seen the ceremonies better rendered and seldom equalled. The officers had rendered excellent assistance, and all knew their work well, from the S.W. to the I.G. He hoped the lodge would continue its successful career, and perform as good work in the future as it had during its short career.

Bro. H. H. Room, Prov. Grand Secretary, responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," said the lodge possessed excellent specimens of the Prov. Grand Officers in Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., whom he thanked for valuable assistance and advice; Bro. J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., who had rendered excellent service to Masonry; and last, but by no means least, Bro. Langley, Prov. Grand Steward, who would no doubt receive the promotion he so well deserved. The progress of the lodge had been remarkable, and was owing to the fact that the members were one and all enthusiastic in the cause of Masonry, and that the membership had been confined to worthy candidates, who were well known and respected. So long as the lodge was conducted on those lines, so long would it continue to prosper, and occupy a foremost place on the roll of the Province of Middlesex.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was next given in complimentary terms by Bro. Langley, I.P.M., who alluded to the fact that the W.M. was the son of the first Master of the lodge, and said the members were all pleased to see the chair occupied by him.

Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M., having returned thanks, proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. He was particularly pleased to see Bros. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C., and Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., who were Past Masters of his mother lodge, of which he was proud to say he was now the Junior Warden.

The Visiting brethren responded, expressing their hearty appreciation of the working witnessed, and their enjoyment of the hospitality provided for them.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who said he was convinced that had it not been for the efforts of the first Master of the lodge, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., their lodge would never have become an accomplished fact. Its success was due in a great measure to the efforts of Bro. Langley, I.P.M., who acted as Secretary during the formation, and who had been untiring and indefatigable in his efforts to enhance its prosperity. He (the W.M.) took this opportunity of personally thanking the I.P.M. for his kindly and valuable assistance rendered, and to whom he owed the knowledge of the ritual he had acquired.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D., said it had afforded him the greatest pleasure to do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge and to witness its prosperity. He should be happy to do anything in the future with the same object and thanked the members for the kindness with which he had invariably been received.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed, and assured the members of his desire, at all times, to further the best interests of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast subsequently closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bro. Braxton Smith kindly rendered several tenor songs in a delightful and artistic manner that was keenly enjoyed by the brethren present, and Bros. Leighton, Barton, and Weston, Mus. Bac., also rendered valuable assistance in the musical arrangements.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. B. Thomas, W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.W.; C. W. Barnard, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; F. J. Cumine, S.D.; E. J. Bowmaker, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; R. J. Smith, I.G.; J. A. Hobday, S.W. 160, Steward; A. W. Martin, P.G.T., Tyler; T. Hood, P.M., P.G. Reg.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. V. Mason, F. D. Onslow, W. Elam, L. Warren, H. Brown, jun., E. G. Fletcher, A. Prevost, W. T. Darke, J. Pritchard, C. H. Bowmaker, T. A. Browning, and F. J. Wood. Visitors: Bros. H. Pettitt, 160; D. Mitchell, 1339; R. Cleghorn, R. Setterfield, and Berry, 1817.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Brewer was elected a joining member, and Bros. T. A. Browning and F. J. Wood were passed. Bro. T. Hood, I.P.M., was congratulated by the W.M. on his appointment as Prov. G. Reg. The W.M. undertook to serve as Steward on behalf of the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I.B. Two candidates for initiation and a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled, amongst whom were Bros. S. Wills, W.M.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; F. S. Hex, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Chap.; T. H. Wills, P.M., Treas.; John Taylor, P.M., Sec.; W. Hersey, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Winget, J.W.; G. West, S.D.; J. Risdon, J.D.; J. D. Beer, I.G.; C. Hill, Stwd.; T. E. Newton, Tyler; R. Scholes, J. G. Turle, O. Clarke, W. Nosworthy, Rowland Garrett, Halls, F. Crocker, Sanford, J. Gianfield, J. D. Dinham, and R. Holman. Visitors: Bros. W. Wakeham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Taylor, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Beckett, I.P.M., H. R. Beer, J.W., A. Westley, and C. Rossiter, all of 328; F. Crowe, 2189, P.P.G.O.; and Jarvis, P.M. 862.

After opening the lodge and confirming the minutes, the Treasurer's audited balance-sheet was presented and duly passed, a large sum having been voted to the great Masonic Charities and other Charitable purposes during the year. The W.M. elect, Bro. Hersey, was then presented and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and able manner, and eloquently delivered the beautiful charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Wills, I.P.M.; W. Winget, S.W.; George West, J.W.; J. Risdon, S.D.; J. D. Beer, J.D.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; F. S. Hex, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Treas.; John Taylor, P.M., Sec.; R. Pickard, D.C.; J. C. Dinham, Org.; C. Hill, I.G.; Nosworthy and J. G. Turle, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. In a felicitous speech Bro. John Dodge, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. S. Wills, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and referred to the able manner the lodge affairs had been ruled by the W.M. during his year of office, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to wear the jewel with honour to the lodge and credit to himself. Bro. S. Wills briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for their kind expression of their esteem.

The names of three candidates for initiation were proposed, and sundry lodge matters dealt with, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria and Albert Hotel, where the annual banquet was provided by Bro. J. Hoare, and gave much satisfaction to all the brethren.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and Craft," which was received with the National Anthem.

The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and in proposing this toast he referred to the deep interest our Grand Master always takes in all matters pertaining to the Craft, to the heavy bereavement which His Royal Highness and the nation at large had suffered in the recent visitation of the G.A.O.T.U., who had taken away one whose life was so full of promise.

"The Grand Officers" followed, and in giving the toast of "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of the Province," the W.M. spoke of the progress of Masonry in the Province of Devon, and referred to some remarks of the P.G.M. as to some lodges permitting "arrears" of their members to accumulate for years; such lodges could not expect to be honoured with Provincial Collars.

Bro. J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R., in proposing the toast of "The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Hersey," alluded to the W.M. as his Masonic child, it having been his privilege to

propose the W.M. as a candidate for initiation, and he rejoiced to see him in that proud position.

In his reply the W.M. said he hoped the officers appointed would assist him in every way, and he would endeavour to discharge his responsible duties to the best of his abilities.

Other toasts followed, "The Installing Master," "Past Masters," "Visitors," and "Officers," a most successful Festival being concluded with "Auld Lang Syne," Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. arranging the musical portion with his usual skill.

Royal Arch.

Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).—A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Comps. John Davies, M.E.Z.; E. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 77 and 177, V.P. Board of Benevolence, H.; G. Wright, J.; T. W. Allen, P.Z., S.E.; Chas. J. Davison, S.N.; J. W. Belsham, P.S.; C. G. Hatt, 1st A.S.; T. Jobson, 2nd A.S.; T. Sheppard, Janitor; G. March, P.Z.; T. Haynes, J. Cox, F. Thomas, C. E. Betts, A. Arrowsmith, Wm. Burton, S. Sidders, and Frank West. Visitor: Comp. H. Dehane, P.Z. 890.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Somerville, 177, was balloted for, and Bro. James Rae, 1897, was proposed. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and after several communications were read, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and heartily received.

Comp. March, I.P.Z., in proposing "The M.E.Z.," alluded to it as the toast of the evening, remarking that all the companions had the utmost confidence and kind-heartedness for the M.E.Z., having known him from the lowest office to his present proud position. He possessed qualities and abilities that would enable him to go through his duties and year of office with satisfaction to himself and credit to the chapter.

The M.E.Z. thanked the companions, and said he would certainly do his duty to the best of his power and ability. The chapter since leaving St. John's Wood was gradually extending, and in the course of time would be in the gratifying position of being able to take its stand with any chapter in London, more especially as it was managed in a business-like manner, giving satisfaction to its 33 members. He knew for his own part that he found the office of M.E.Z. most agreeable, surrounded as he was by such pleasant and genial companions.

In proposing the toast of "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. said they were both good and true Masons. Comp. Cottebrune, so well known for his good work and geniality, had endeared himself not only to those present, but far and wide in the Masonic world. Comp. Wright had always wished to belong to the Westbourne Chapter, and he (the M.E.Z.) had no doubt Comp. Wright would be as good a Principal as had ever entered it.

Comp. Cottebrune, who was in one of his most genial moods, in the course of an excellent speech, said that the office he now held was one that he had held a good many years ago, and offered if he stood in the way of any coming on Principal to give way, as he considered himself a utility man, always ready to advance the welfare of the chapter of which he had been a member from its commencement, and when he saw such smiling faces, he thought the M.E.Z. might consider it as a feather in his cap, and go home and sleep soundly, having done his duty.

Comp. Wright also responded in appropriate and well chosen words, hoping as time went on he would be found equally a utility member as Comp. Cottebrune.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the "The Visitors," alluded to Comp. Dehane in very flattering terms, both as an exponent of the R.A. Ritual, and for the interest he always took in Freemasonry, being ever ready to teach, and teach well, those who desired to learn. He was regularly at his post at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, and no companion who attended there regularly would fail in being able to take any position in a chapter and be able to do the duties pertaining to it.

Comp. Dehane, who was received with much warmth, expressed his thanks for the reception they had given to the toast of the visitors. The M.E.Z. had paid him personally a great compliment, which was still more enhanced by the kind way the companions had received him as their guest. As regards the Chapter of Improvement all would find a welcome there, as their highly esteemed M.E.Z., I.P.Z., and several others present could testify.

In giving "The P.Z.'s," the M.E.Z. alluded to them as the back-bone and real cause of the present unprecedented success they were having; they were always ready, and never appealed to in vain.

This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, Comps. March, Allen, and Cottebrune were coupled with the toast.

"The Officers" was responded to by Comp. Davison, followed by the Janitor's toast.

Comps. Davies, Hutt, Davison, Burton, Wright, and West by their recitations and songs added to the pleasantness of the evening.

CROYDON.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th instant. Among those present were Comps. James Costello, M.E.Z.; Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z. 141, H.; Nelson Prower, M.A., M.E.Z. 1745, acting J.; Capt. Wals, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; and Comp. Capel was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The S.E. reported that he had duly forwarded the vote of condolence passed at the last convocation to the widow and family of the late Comp. Felix Weiss, M.P.Z. elect, at the time of his death. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. A. Gowan, J.; Alliston, S.N.; and E. J. Hoare, P.Z.

The convocation was then closed, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet. The list of toasts received full justice at the hands of the M.E.Z.

Comp. H. H. Shirley, P.P.G.A.S., responded at length and in suitable terms to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

JERSEY.

La Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).—The quarterly meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, St. Helier's, when there were present Comps. Thos. Leet, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Binet, acting H.; Captain J. C. Barrette, J.; P. G. Hamilton, P.Z. 244, P.G.S.E., acting P.S.; H. Ahier, S.E.; H. Becker, S.N.; Geo. Rogers, Janitor; L. Polick-Hespiradoux, P.P.S. 244; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Much disappointment was felt by the companions owing to the absence of the candidates for exaltation that evening. Routine business, therefore, having been transacted, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, a letter was read from Comp. the Rev. C. Picot, M.E.Z., in which he expressed his regret for inability to attend through indisposition.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by Comp. T. Leet, who proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The M.E.G.Z. and Grand Chapter of England," and "The Grand Superintendent of Jersey, Comp. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, and the Prov. Grand Chapter."

The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, when there was a goodly gathering of companions and visitors, amongst the latter being Comps. G. Charman, Z. of the Bulwer Chapter, No. 1068, Egypt; H. Austin, P.Z. 177, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. Poupard, J. 9; J. K. Gwyn, 145; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Hawkins, P.Z. 569, P.P. G. Sof.; E. W. Warner, 1793; and J. Piller.

The chapter having been opened, Bro. Francis H. Scroggie was duly exalted, after which Comp. Higerty, P.Z., most impressively installed Comps. A. J. Simmonds, as Z.; J. R. Barns, as H.; and R. R. Monyer, as J., the whole of the ceremonies being rendered in a perfect manner, calling forth the marked approval of the whole of the companions. Comp. Stedwell was again invested as Treasurer; Comps. R. W. Forge, as S.E.; G. Trinder, as S.N.; G. Alciatore, as P.S.; J. Taverner, as 1st A.S.; Frank Chapman, as 2nd A.S.; and A. Walkley, Janitor.

The outgoing M.E.Z. was presented with the usual P.Z.'s jewel, after which the companions adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, provided by Comp. Barton, at the King's Head Hotel, a pleasing programme of music being afterwards gone through.

Comp. Lee responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Comps. Hawkins, Poupard, and Gwyn for "The Visitors."

Mark Masonry.

Chiswick Lodge (No. 357).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held, as usual, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, the 15th instant. The officers and brethren present were Bros. G. W. Thomas, W.M.; W. C. Dickey, S.W.; W.M. elect; C. P. Bellerby, J.W.; George Gardner, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Dr. Hartthorne, S.O.; J. W. Martell, S.D.; E. Chamberlain, I.G.; Cuthbert Wilkinson, D.C.; Louis Lee, Org.; Dr. Lawrence, P.M.; Adam Pringle, P.M.; H. C. Wilkinson, R. J. Manlove, R. J. Husband, and C. W. Bennett. The visitors were Bros. W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., and G. T. Westfield, 139, P.A.G.D.C. Essex.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A dispensation having been procured for the purpose of installing Bro. W. C. Dickey, he not having passed the chair of a Craft lodge, it was read by Bro. George Gardner, acting Secretary, and the ceremony proceeded with in a most able and efficient manner, showing that the attendance of Bro. Geo. Thomas at lodges of instruction have been marked by success. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. George Thomas, I.P.M.; C. P. Bellerby, S.W.; in the unavoidable absence of Bro. George Everett, Bro. Dr. Lawrence was invested as J.W. for him; George Gardner, P.M., was invested for the fifth year in succession as Treasurer; Dr. Bernard F. Hartthorne, M.O.; George Thomas Ewens, S.O.; W. Adam Dowling, J.O.; John L. Mather, P.M., P.G.T., D.C.; J. W. Martell, R. of M.; Robert T. Manlove, I.G.; Louis Lee, R.A.M., Org.; H. C. Wilkinson and R. J. Husband, Stewards; and Edward Mallet, Tyler. The Auditors' report was presented, which proved that the lodge was in a highly satisfactory financial position. Communications were read from Bros. Col. A. B. Cory, C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., and many others, regretting their inability to attend.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to a *recherche* banquet, after which the W.M., having provided talent, under the direction of Bro. Louis Lee, R.A.M., Org., the following programme was got through between the toasts: "The Moorish Maid" (Gouida); "The Nipper" (Chevalier); Solos—selections from "Carmen" (At my window); solo on one-stringed liddle, "Lost Chord" and "Mission of a Rose" (Cowan); not forgetting the W.M.'s daughter, Miss F. Dickey, who performed a solo on the pianoforte in a masterly style for one so young and the first time in public.

This lodge bids fair to establish itself one if not the one of the new province of Middlesex, and we understand that several of its members are destined to figure prominently as its officers.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Baker, W.M.; J. Hart, S.W.; Jas. Corp, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; M. B. Evans, S.D.; M. M. Taylor, J.D.; H. Inray, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, A. Leighton, J. J. Dixon, E. Dixon, F. W. Crohne, J. G. Jeffery, A. Gooding, C. J. Frost, and H. R. Layton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. A

ballot was taken for Bro. H. R. Layton, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was welcomed as a joining member. Bro. A. Leighton offered his services as candidate, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The charge was delivered by Bro. H. H. Nuding. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jas. Corp worked the 3rd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. John Hart was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting; he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would consist of a rehearsal of the ceremonies of passing and installation and an explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was closed in due form.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, P.M., W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; J. Banks, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., Treas.; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; R. Rogers, J.D.; A. Salmons, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; P. Cronin, and J. Patterson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on for social discussion and balloting for Benevolent Institution. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Davies. The W.M. having risen, the S.W., Bro. Reid, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 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 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Rice, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Niblett, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; T. H. Salmon, J.D.; Chabot, I.G.; H. G. Martin, W. Price, C. Plant, Pack, Shelvey, Sercombe, Fisher, Broadway, and F. W. Bate.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Bate having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bate raised to the Sublime Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by Bro. F. W. Bate. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bro. T. R. Cass, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Monday in October. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Wedlake, P.M. 121, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, W.M. 733, S.W.; E. Thos. Ginder, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; G. Weaver, J.D.; G. Gosshawk, I.G.; and J. Cuff, P.M. 511. Bro. Joseph J. Hough, 733, was a visitor.

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. Hough being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge most ably. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down. Bro. Hough was elected a member and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for the next meeting, officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wedlake for the able manner in which he had presided as W.M. for the first time in this lodge. A letter was read from Mrs. Ferris thanking the brethren for their sympathy. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. P. Upton, S.D.; H. J. Kimbell, sen., J.D.; G. T. Chretien, I.G.; J. Duncan, W. Rapley, J. Amand, and E. G. Young.

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

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; C. G. Hatt, S.W.; E. E. Gellowski, W.M. 534, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.D.; Joseph Cox, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; Lewis Beale, W. B. Neville, H. Wake, W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1603, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beale acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Williams, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Hatt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. Clare, W.M. 865, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; W. J. Gardener, J.D.; C. E. Betts, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Sid. Br. Middx.; James Sims, P.M.; T. C. Dyer, C. C. Barber, and R. Kew.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barber acting as candidate. Bro. Gardner was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. H. Tucker, W.M. 144, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M. Sec. (*pro tem*); J. Brown, P.M., S.D.; L. J. Powell, J.D.; J. Sims, P.M., I.G.; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; and W. C. Deckey.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Cummings offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed—inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third degree. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; Braik, H.; Stone, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; W. Dawson, S.N.; T. Grummant, P.S.; G. Thompson, Loader, Jeffery, Ingle, Salmon, Lazenby, Evans, Lightfoot, Horley, Eckersall, Wishart, and H. G. Martin.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Comps. Lightfoot, 1329; Ingle, 79; and Horley, 2096, were elected joining members. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Salmon personating the candidate. Comp. Braik, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Stone for so ably rehearsing the ceremony of J. in this chapter. The chapter was then closed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the next meeting.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas., M.E.Z.; G. March, P.Z. 733, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196, S.N.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; R. Larchin, H. 862, 1st A.S.; and J. Cruttenden, 779.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden being the candidate. The officers remain the same for the ensuing two weeks. A sum of money was voted for a charitable purpose. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

YORK.

Ancient Ebor Priory (No. 101).—A chapter of this Priory of Malta was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Frater Donald Grant, the E.P. of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, was installed as Prior. He afterwards admitted Frater Cochrane, Atlay, Cheeseman, and Hollander into the Order of Malta, Frater T. B. Whythead, P., acting as Conductor.

Amongst those present were Frater J. T. Seller, P.; A. T. B. Turner, P.; C. L. Wright, F. W. Halliwell, James Smith, and others.

The members dined together, under the presidency of the Prior.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).—This old and distinguished council met at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 16th instant. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G.O., W.M.; Wm. Vincent, S.W.; George Graveley, acting J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A. G.D.C., Sec.; E. Sweeney, S.D.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.G.S., I.G.; Nelson Prower, M.A., Org.; W. G. Lemon, I.P.M.; and R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. An important resolution passed at the last meeting, bearing upon the future financial position of the council was unanimously confirmed, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy to the Grand Council for approval. Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; E. L. Shepherd, J.D.; Major Penrose Dunbar, and others sent apologies for non-attendance. Bro. W. Vincent was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. George Powell, Treasurer; and Bro. E. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, to dine under the genial presidency of the W.M.

A few toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The President's and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs were occupied by Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Bros. E. Letchworth, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office.

The other brethren present were Bros. William Vincent, T. W. Whitmarsh, Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, David D. Mercer, George Read, J. H. Matthews, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, E. C. Mulvey, George R. Langley, G. Coop, Charles Dairy, S. H. Goldschmidt, A. F. Casperd, J. Duncan, Charles Sheppard, H. Massey, Arthur Blenkarn, E. C. Symmons, E. Willoughby, E. Edward Gellowski, H. Hooper, Wareham, Dr. George Mickleby, H. F. Bridges, Nathan Salmon, Charles Cobham, and C. Beaumont.

This was the first evening that the Board met at five o'clock instead of six p.m., the resolution of Grand Lodge in June, which was moved by Bro. Robt. Grey, having been confirmed by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of September 7th. The attendance of brethren, as will be seen from the above list, was small, but all expressed themselves pleased with the new arrangement.

The list of candidates for relief was also small. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the August meeting to the amount of £170. There were only 16 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London District, and at Grays (Essex), Ipswich, Chelmsford, Rochford, Jamaica, Truro, Bromley (Kent), Wigton, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Madras, Haverfordwest, Sunderland, and South Shields.

Two of the petitions were dismissed, and four were deferred for further information. The remaining 10 were awarded a total of £245. One petitioner received a recommendation to Grand Lodge for £50, and one was recommended to the Grand Master for £40. Two were recommended to the Grand Master for £30 each; four were relieved with £20 each; one with £10; and one with £5.

The Board rose at 20 minutes to 7 p.m.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 16th inst. Bro. E. G. Harwood presided, supported by Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, Vice-Chairman; James Newton, Sec.; and brethren representing the following lodges, all of which were represented at the previous meeting: Nos. 993, 381, 288, 219, 1773, 210, 1219, 645, 1011, 126, 581, 1129, 935, 116, 1504, 345, 128, 1634, 1178, 215, 283, 1134, 1145, 64, 152, 1723, 163, 999, 1218, 1129, 1064, 2363, 1519, 1948, 1634, 2320, 369, 191, 268, 286, 1147, 274, 173, 269, 317, 2056, 277, 1009, 221, 1161, 2193, 1253, 815, 2322, 300, 266, 42, 1868, 1723, 348, 1633, 1392, 1459, 992, 344, 350, and 633.

The minutes of the meetings held respectively on 11th March and 13th May were read and confirmed, as also were the minutes of the Finance Committee held 27th May and the 6th inst. Six petitions were before the Committee, and all were adopted for the Education Board, which would receive due consideration.

MASONIC CRICKET MATCH.

After the serious cricket of the annual festival, at Scarborough, the match arranged for Thursday, the 15th instant, was about the greatest contrast that could be imagined. It will be remembered that last year a match was organised by the Freemasons in aid of the Hospital and Dispensary, and the venture was so successful that a match on similar lines was again got up. The conditions were that the players should be Freemasons and should be dressed "in ye olde style," viz., in top hats and braces. Some of the costumes were remarkably correct, though the play, in the majority of cases, was little less than a libel on the cricket of the good old days. There was a good show of spectators, and the cricket was at least interesting. Bro. Sir Charles Legard's eleven—though that gentlemen was not playing—went to the wickets first, Bros. Sir George Sitwell and the Rev. F. Holt, bowling to Bros. W. Plews and D. Fletcher. The former scored at a tremendous rate, and, when the first wicket fell at 44, he had scored 41 of that number, whilst when he was bowled by Bro. Holt at 59, his score stood at 55. Matters went badly afterwards, and six wickets went down for 78. The last player—Bro. D. H. Thompson—had spared no pains to make his attire correct, and his stay at the wickets caused peals of laughter. The ninth wicket made a prolonged stand, Bro. Fletcher being at last persuaded, after considerable discussion to retire lbw, the innings closing at 145 for 116. The opposing team, however, entirely eclipsed their performance, the first wicket falling at 68. Bros. Moody and Holt played very free cricket, but their captain, who came next, retired after putting together 53. Wickets afterwards fell fast, Bro. Dr. Foley, a substitute, dismissing the four last batsmen.

Bro. Sir George and Lady Ida Sitwell held an "At Home" on the ground, for which a large number of invitations were accepted. Madame Schipek's Orchestra from the People's Palace played selections during the afternoon.

"TRUTH" AND FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY.

The *Broad Arrow* prints the following letter from a correspondent, in reference to a communication which appeared in last week's *Truth*—

"SIR.—Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to say a few words on a paragraph which appeared in *Truth* of 8th September? The editor of that curious journal alluding to the influence of Freemasonry as affecting promotion and discipline in the Army, says: 'A sergeant of a certain corps, of which a large proportion of officers and sergeants are Masons, was, the other day, brought into the barracks by the military police hopelessly drunk. A corporal or a private would have fared badly in such a case. The sergeant was merely admonished; a few days later he

was promoted to be company sergeant-major.' Without dwelling on the vagueness and puerility of these remarks, it is perfectly clear that the information was derived from a very unreliable source, it being self-evident that the sergeant himself would not take the trouble to furnish this information, and equally certain that no Mason would feel called upon to correspond with *Truth* on this, or possibly any other, subject. It is therefore fair to assume that *Truth's* informant is our aspiring corporal, who may have been anxiously waiting to step into the Bacchanalian sergeants' shoes, and who may or may not have been in possession of accurate information on the subject on which he is so ready to enlighten the editor of *Truth*. As to a private or corporal faring badly in such a case, I wonder if the editor of *Truth* is aware of the fact that soldiers of all ranks, particularly the rank and file, are now-a-days, as a rule, merely 'admonished' for drunkenness, if not on duty, the tendency being to deal leniently with all comparatively venial offences. But the culminating point, in *Truth's* opinion, is reached when a few days later the sergeant in question was promoted company sergeant-major. *Truth* continues: 'About the same time a company sergeant-major who had failed to obtain his first-class certificate, was promoted to warrant rank. As I understand it, this is distinctly contrary to Queen's Regulations, and the only explanation of it is—Freemasonry.' The latter part of this paragraph condemns the whole, and shows its utter worthlessness, besides displaying the inability of the writer to deal with the subject fairly and without prejudice. So, on the principle that 'any stick will serve to beat a dog,' he declares that the only explanation is 'Freemasonry.' *Truth* will possibly be surprised to learn that during the past two or three years many N.C. officers who are not Masons have been promoted to warrant rank without the supposed requisite first-class certificate. I am, I believe, perfectly right in saying that the particular N.C. officer to whom *Truth* refers is not a Freemason, but that he obtained his promotion (ostensibly, at all events) for service in the field. *Truth* proceeds: 'From what I know of Freemasonry, I see no reason to doubt that such things have occurred, or that they will occur again, and the only way to prevent them is to exclude all the lower ranks of the Service from participating in Masonic rites.' This is meaningless twaddle. I should be glad to know how and why the lower ranks of the Service are to be excluded from 'participating in Masonic rites,' or the rites of any other order to which they may belong. But the weakness which the writer exhibits is surpassed by the dexterity he displays in not attacking Masons as a body, but only that portion of the Masonic community which happens to belong to the lower ranks of the Army.—Yours, &c., "H. G. D. "Dover, 13th September."

Scotland.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. KING STEWART AS PROV. GRAND MASTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

There was a large assemblage of the Masonic fraternity in Hamilton on the 8th inst., to mark the importance of the installation of Bro. Robert King Stewart of Murdostoun as Prov. Grand Master of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward). All the lodges in the province and some of the neighbouring provinces were represented in goodly numbers; indeed, the large hall of the County Buildings was taxed to its utmost capacity.

There was a large deputation present from Grand Lodge, including the M.W.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington; Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, G.S.W.; Col. J. Campbell, G.J.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; D. Reid, G. Cashier; Colin Galletly, G.J.D.; G. C. H. Macnaught, G.B.B.; G. Dobbin, G. Bard; Major F. W. Allan, G.S.B.; Lieut. G. B. Wishart, G. Marshal; J. M'Naught Campbell, G.I.G.; J. M. Markin, Dumbarton, R. J. Jamieson, President of G. Stewards; J. Muir, V.P., and W. Phillips, G. Stwds.; and others.

These and the officers from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Glasgow, Lanark (Middle Ward) and Lanark (Upper Ward) were entertained to dinner by the new Provincial Grand Master in the Commercial Hotel, and thereafter joined the members of lodges, who had meantime formed in processional order, and with torchlight and band music marched to the County Buildings, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Col. J. Clark Forrest.

The ceremony of installation was performed in an exemplary manner by Lord Haddington, who congratulated the province in having selected as their head a good man and a good Mason.

At the close the newly-installed P.G.M. addressed the assembly, and thereafter the brethren were entertained to cake and wine.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC (S.C.)

On Saturday evening, July 30th, a very interesting and important ceremony to Freemasons took place in the Masonic Temple, St. Andrew-street, Pretoria. This was the consecration and dedication of the above Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Acacia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 231, having

been opened, a deputation retired to introduce the Consecrating Officer, Comp. John Edward Green, P.Z., and the other acting Provincial Grand Officers.

The Consecrating Officer then proceeded to appoint the new office-bearers, and afterwards to consecrate and dedicate the newly-inaugurated Provincial Grand Chapter.

This ceremony concluded, he then invested as Grand Superintendent, Comp. Dr. T. P. O. Mathew, and subsequently the office-bearers, as follows:—

- Comp. J. H. Hartley, P.Z. ... Prov. G.H.
- " A. Newman, Z. ... Prov. G.J.
- " C. M. de Wet, H. ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " Robert Baikie, H. ... Prov. G.S.N.
- " J. Kincaid, P.Z. ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " J. W. Cooper, J. ... Prov. G.P. Soj.
- " J. Finck, H. ... Prov. 1st A.G.S.
- " B. Danziger, P.H. ... Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
- " J. Munro, J. ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " M. Hanson, P.H. ... }
- " E. Maxstead ... Prov. G. Janitor.

At the close of the proceedings the companions sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Comp. H. Burger, to which ample justice was done.

Various congratulatory speeches were made, expressive of the good feelings with which Scotch Royal Arch Masonry is regarded in the Transvaal, and the wish that success may attend the newly-inaugurated Provincial Grand Chapter, which is the first Provincial Grand Masonic Institution in the Transvaal.—*Transvaal Advertiser*.

Obituary.

BRO. VALENTINE DAY, W.M. 862.

We regret to announce the death on the 9th inst. of Bro. Valentine Day, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862. The sad event occurred at his residence, Woolley Lodge, Chestnut-road, West Norwood, and on Friday, the 14th inst., the remains were consigned to their last resting-place in Norwood Cemetery, several members of the lodge being amongst those present to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of our late brother. Bro. Day was a Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, when he took a goodly list of between £90 and £100. Bro. Day had been ailing for some time past, the cause of death being heart disease.

COCOAOPOLIS AND COCOA.

Those who desire to know more of the process by which Messrs. Fry's Cocoas and Chocolates are manufactured, should read the article in the *British Journal of Commerce* of the 10th inst., bearing the above title, and written by a contributor who signs himself "Lesser Columbus." The article is laudatory, but not more so than the subject justifies, and while it serves to convey an excellent idea of Messrs. Fry's factories in Bristol, is not too crowded with statistical matter, but that it can be easily understood and appreciated by the general reader. After a preliminary flourish, in which the city of Bristol has its full share of pleasant chatter all to itself, the writer finds his way into one of the factories—"the handsomest commercial building in a city of stately warehouses and factories"—and describes what he saw on the various floors and the cellars beneath. Here and in other factories the "thousands of sacks filled with the cocoa-nibs" which are kept in store in great warehouses, are converted into cocoa and chocolate, being first roasted, then shut into huge hoppers, freed from their outer shell, ground, and compounded with the necessary quantity of pounded loaf sugar, and then placed in huge "revolving pans and worked by unceasingly revolving granite rollers into paste." This paste is then drawn over a legion of rollers and granite cylinders, being flattened and rolled out by some beautiful machines, and makes its next appearance in a perfect chocolate stage. The next process is making the different kinds of sweetmeats and the blocks of plain chocolate for drinking. In one of the departments devoted to this are to be seen "great crowds of neatly-dressed and cheerful-looking girls occupied in covering the different kinds of creams which lie in little moulds before them with the brown chocolate. In another, what is called the 'French' department, a number of experienced white-capped and aproned chefs are busily engaged in pouring into hundreds of little spaces the myriad compounds of gelatinous and sugar-clogging substances, which are so much easier and pleasanter to eat than to describe." Elsewhere great piles of cream undergoing the process of cooling, and then again in another part is carried on the manufacture of "Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa," which is "really the essence of all that is good, all that is best, all that is most nutritious in the cocoa separated by extraordinary methods from its inferior constituents, and made to form, in its compressed sense, the purest and most perfect nutriment in a given small space, brought together by the ingenuity of man." Having given some idea of the manner in which this "Concentrated Cocoa" is prepared, "Lesser Columbus" describes the packing room, "where men are engaged in filling tins of cocoa in its various forms ready to be despatched to all parts of the world, and the department in which hundreds of girls were at work filling tins and bags, packets and boxes with the differently shaped and differently confectioned morsels of delight." The article concludes with "a few dry facts" as to the firm itself, its constitution, its establishment, its ramifications, and the numerous awards, which at different times and in different countries have been awarded to its manufacturers. The article, we repeat, is well worth reading, containing what will surely enlighten without bewildering what is known as the general reader.

During the last few years the quantity of butter imported into this country has, according to certain returns published by the Board of Agriculture, increased from 304,722 cwts. to 376,211 cwts., and from Sweden from 67,821 cwts. to 234,987 cwts.



The death is announced of Bro. William Herbage, who for some years had been connected with, and was a Past Master of, the Israel Lodge, No. 205.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held at the Conservative Club, Eccles, to-morrow (Saturday), at half-past three o'clock, and subsequently proceed to lay the foundation-stone of St. Andrew's Schools, Eccles. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, will perform the ceremony.

The Richmond Horse Show, which was to have been held on Wednesday, will be opened to-morrow (Saturday), when the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, with the Duke of Teck and their daughter, the Princess Victoria Mary, and the Mayor and Corporation will be present. A silver horse shoe will be presented to the Duchess as a memento of the occasion.

Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord Chancellor of England, is staying at Deal Castle, where he intends making a sojourn of some weeks; and Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, is at his seat at Oldbury-place, Ightham, Kent. Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has been invited to become President of the Sunday Concert Society.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire have been staying at Hardwick Hall, one of the Duke's ancestral seats, it being the first time for nearly a century that it has been visited by a Duchess of Devonshire. They will pay a longer visit later in the year, and will entertain a succession of shooting parties in October and November, after which they will proceed to Chatsworth.

Over 1300 persons were present on Sunday last in the galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, which were thrown open to the public through the instrumentality of the National Sunday League. The galleries at Grosvenor House were also, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, again thrown open, and visited by several hundreds of people.

At a meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, held on the 8th inst., Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Pocock was initiated in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in 1878, and has thus served a 14 years' apprenticeship before attaining to the chair in his mother lodge.

It is expected that her Majesty's staghounds will commence forest hunting next month preparatory to the opening of the regular season in November. It is generally supposed that this will be the last season of the pack, but many landowners and tenant farmers are believed to favour its continuance, and steps are being taken to present a petition to the Queen against the disestablishment of the Royal Hunt.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in Peterborough Cathedral to the late Bro. the Rev. Dr. Magee, who only a short time before his death was translated from the See of Peterborough to that of York. Upwards of £800 has been already subscribed, and the committee have accepted the design of Mr. Pearson, R.A., for the cenotaph, while Mr. James Forsyth, sculptor, of Hampstead, has been commissioned to execute the work.

We are pleased to state that Bro. James Smith's new work is nearly ready for issue, entitled "History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries," now denominated Dumfries Kilwinning, No. 53, with an introduction on the Ancient MS. Charges (the property of the lodge), by Bro. Wm. James Hughan, P.G.D., &c. This volume will embrace an account of the transactions of the Lodge from 1686 to the present day; with a frontispiece, showing fac simile of a page of the first Minute Book; copies of two Ancient Charges, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, and other interesting information valuable to the Craft.

MASONIC BAZAAR AT HAWICK.—A three days' bazaar in aid of the fund for building a Masonic Hall for Lodge St. James, Hawick, was opened in the Exchange Hall, on the 15th instant by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master of Scotland. The Grand Master, who arrived by the mid-day train, was accompanied by a Grand Lodge deputation, including some of the chiefs of Scottish Masonry. The visitors were met at the station by the two local lodges, who escorted them to the Exchange Hall for the opening ceremony. The hall was fitted up to represent a street in Jerusalem, and the stalls, which were artistically arranged, were loaded with useful and ornamental articles. Lord Haddington, in opening the bazaar, which was attended by the leading Masons of the district, congratulated the Province of Roxburgh and Selkirk on the progress made in recent years. The ladies, by providing a rich and abundant collection of goods, had shown their faith in Masonry and in Masons, and indications were not wanting that their enterprise would be attended with success. On the call of Bro. Elliot, Wolflee, the Grand Master was thanked for his attendance, as was also Bro. Dr. Middleton, P.G.M., for presiding.

We understand that Messrs. M. B. Foster and Sons, Limited, the celebrated mineral water manufacturers, have devised a method of obtaining absolutely pure water, and supplying it for general table consumption at a price that will bring it within reach of all. This is a step in the right direction, for water, unlike many beverages on which much scientific thought and experience is expended, is an absolute necessity, and in these days it is an equal necessity that it should be free from all suspicion of impurity. Messrs. Foster have devised a unique plan that gives a chemical purity to the fluid by boiling, a mechanical purity by filtration, and a crisp, palatable quality to the water by aeration. Boiling kills any possible bacteria in the water; filtration eliminates all solid matter, if any; aeration makes the pure water, crisp, and palatable. The process is, we believe, completely unique. It has never in its combination been tried before, and we believe that the "Forester" brand of pure water will be the one recommendation of doctors should the dread cholera visit England; and under any circumstances it is the purest and best beverage extant.

The Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction will resume its weekly meetings on Monday evening, October 3rd, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The new Empire Ballet, "Round the Town," suggested by Mr. George Edwardes and produced by Madame Lanner, will be presented on Monday next. The music has been specially composed and the incidental popular airs arranged by Monsieur L. Wenzel.

Spiers and Pond, Limited, notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 19th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s. per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending the 31st March, 1893, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st October next.

A meeting of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock, Bro. E. G. Harwood in the chair, supported by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Vice-Chairman, John Chadwick, Sec., and other brethren. Four candidates were adopted, two for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and two for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The County Palatine of Lancaster, Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and the consecration of the Clarence Mark Lodge, No. 447, will be held in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 6th prox. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Past G.M., Prov. G.M., will preside, and will be assisted by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Her Majesty has been pleased to order that the sister and brothers of Lord Barnard and the sisters and brothers of the Earl of Glasgow shall "hold and enjoy the same rank, title, place, pre-eminence, and precedence," as if, in the one case, their father, the late Sir Henry M. Vane had survived the late Duke of Cleveland, and succeeded to the title of Lord Barnard, and in the other case, as if their father had succeeded to the earldom of Glasgow.

Following the usual summer vacation, the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 581, resumed its meetings on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester. The position of W.M. was assumed by Bro. W. Bee, P.M., 1459 P.P.G.S.; that of S.W. by Bro. F. G. Berry, W.M. elect, 44; and that of the J.W. by Bro. G. T. Lenard, Treas., 1077, upwards of 30 members and friends taking part in this, the initial meeting of the season. The business, which was of a formal character, lasted an hour, when the lodge was closed.

DICKENS AND THE FREEMASONS.—On a visit to the Workhouse of St. George's in the East one of the paupers took him aside, and said: "I beg your pardon, sir, but I have seen better days." "I am very sorry to hear it, said Dickens." "Sir, I have a complaint to make against the Master." "I have no power here I assure you, and if I had"—"But allow me, sir, to mention it as between yourself and a man who has seen better days, sir. The Master and myself are both Masons, sir, and I make him the sign continually, but because I am in this unfortunate position, sir, he won't give me the countersign."

It is evident, from the decisions arrived at by the General Conference of Freemasons of France, that Freemasonry, as understood in this country, is defunct on the other side of the Channel, and that, like most other French institutions, it has become a mere political reflex of, it need hardly be said, the most extreme Radical proclivities. Henceforth all the members of the Council of the Order must undertake in writing that they will leave instructions for their civil burials in case of death, and every Freemason who shall become a candidate for the Legislature must sign an agreement to vote the separation of Church and State, the suppression of the Budget of Public Worship, and the withdrawal of the French Embassy to the Vatican. All this is utterly alien to the spirit of Freemasonry, which, in this country, has neither political nor religious bias. A Mahomedan might, at a lodge, sit next to a Protestant, a Catholic, a Jew, or a Parsee, a Socialist might dine with a Tory, and all might be equally good Freemasons. It is lamentable to see that our neighbours—even in an institution of which brotherly kindness, charity, and a broad tolerance are distinguishing features—cannot abate one iota of their political rancour. Every man must give up his own opinion in favour of that of the majority, under pain of expulsion, and the leading point of their tenets appears now to be a hatred of religion.—*Evening Standard.*

THE ALHAMBRA ALTERATIONS AND DECORATIONS.—The partial re-construction of the Alhambra was entered upon eight weeks ago, and completed on Monday last. Important structural alterations have been made, but the re-decoration of the entire house has been the most marked feature. In re-decorating the grand lounge and stalls, the Alhambresque style has been somewhat intentionally disregarded, in order to get a lighter and more elegant effect. The whole of the decorative tone is therefore kept cream, white, and gold, with a little grey blue to relieve it, and it now looks much lighter and loftier. The fronts of the balconies and proscenium have been entirely re-decorated, and the private boxes draped with amber brocatel. The foyer has also been re-decorated in the same light manner. But the great alteration has been in the grand circle balcony, which has been advanced six feet, giving additional seats and passage room, and a much improved view of the stage. The theatre has been re-carpeted and upholstered in colours and material to suit the general scheme and a complete system of electric lighting, entirely new, with electroliers of special design, have been placed round the balcony fronts, upwards of 120 new electric lamps having been fitted in front of the mirrors in the grand circle and stalls. The whole of the work has been carried out without closing the theatre for a single night, thanks to the admirable organization of the establishment.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Travellers and Emigrants—Those who cross the seas change the climate, but they do not change the constitution. The altered condition of life, the exigencies of travel and other causes render the traveller and emigrant peculiarly liable to diseases and accidents when far from efficient aid. With these associated remedies at hand they may be said to have a physician always at their call, and they may be certain that situations will be constantly arising in which they will require a ready resource in time of need. The directions for use which accompany each box and pot of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, are written in plain and simple language, and are applicable in all cases.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—The management have secured the services of Senorita Otero, a celebrated Spanish singer and dancer, who will make her debut on Monday next.

We are asked to state that the Creaton Lodge of Instruction is now holding its meetings at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., instead of at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, as heretofore.

Messrs. Protheroe and Morris, whose sales during the season of plots of land at seaside places contiguous to London have been so successful, will offer on Tuesday next some attractive plots at Leigh-on-Sea, on the West Cliff Estate, overlooking the Channel, and close to the railway station. This, we believe, is to be their last sale for the season.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., having kindly offered to present a Welsh goat to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, to take the place of that which was accidentally killed last week, and which was the gift of the Queen, the gift has been accepted with very great pleasure by the regiment.

The Birkbeck Bank will be deservedly better and stand higher in public estimation after the crisis it has so successfully passed through. Between the 2nd instant, when the London and General Bank and the Liberator Building Society stopped payment, and the 15th instant, when the run came to a close, the withdrawals reached £1,578,005, and the receipts £250,738, the difference being met by the sale of a portion of the Bank's Consols. On the 16th inst. the sum paid in exceeded £50,000, and the manager, Mr. Ravenscroft, is in hopes that the Consols will be speedily replaced.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., accompanied by the Sheriffs and several members of the Court of Aldermen, attended in State the usual St. Matthew's Day service in Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Wednesday. There was a large congregation, and the sermon was preached by an "Old Blue." The Civic dignitaries afterwards proceeded to the Court Room of Christ's Hospitals, where the lists of Governors of the Royal Hospital were handed to his lordship, and by him delivered to the Town Clerk, to be preserved among the City Archives.

At the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 16th inst., a meeting was held for the purpose of making arrangements for a grand Masonic reunion in Liverpool. It was decided that the reunion should take place on the 30th November, in the Masonic Hall, with his Worship the Mayor as president. Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Nine years ago a Masonic reunion was held in Liverpool, and the proceedings then passed off in a very successful manner. Hopes are entertained that the forthcoming reunion will be one of the most successful and pleasing events of the season. Among the patrons are the Earl of Lathom and Lord Skelmersdale.

The Mason who wants to reject a candidate for reasons personal or foreign to Masonry, not only abuses the "silent powers" vested in him, but forfeits respect and confidence as a Mason. If the candidate is worthy to be a Mason, personal considerations should not influence the exercise of ballot. To act otherwise is to employ a dangerous power to gratify personal spleen against a helpless party, whom he stabs in the dark where he is protected by law, and the petitioner is wholly defenceless. While the secret ballot is a bulwark to Masonry it should not be changed into the assassin's dagger, or the footpad's bludgeon to strike at the character of the unprotected and unsuspecting.—*John D. Vincil.*

THE LATE BRO. SIR F. BURDETT'S WILL.—Probate duty has been paid on £69,304 13s. 4d. (the gross value being £80,613 1s. 11d.), as the value of the personal estate of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, late of Foremark, Derby, Ramsbury, Wilts, and Ancaster House, Richmond, seventh baronet, J.P. and D.L. (High Sheriff 1880), Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons, Middlesex, who died on May 31st last, aged 79 years, at 6, Chesham-place, and of whose will, dated July 17, 1891, the executors are the Hon. Henry Dudley Ryder, of 59, Strand, banker, and Mr. William Joseph Jarrett, of 16, Lincoln's Inn Fields, solicitor, to each of whom, for the executorship, the testator bequeaths £100, and he bequeaths to them in trust, to devolve as heirlooms with the baronetcy, the presentation plate and chest presented to him by the Freemasons of Middlesex, the shield and address presented to him by the inhabitants of Richmond, the silver goblet given to him by Sir Henry Peek, the centre piece given to him by his sister, Mrs. Ramsden, a gold repeater watch given early in this century to the testator's late father by his brother, Sir Francis Burdett, the fifth baronet, the pictures at Foremark and all pictures and miniatures relating to the Burdett family and the Jones family. His jewellery and the books, pictures not otherwise disposed of, and household effects at Ancaster House Sir Francis Burdett bequeaths to his wife, Dame Mary Dorothy Burdett, with one-half of his plate and plated articles not otherwise bequeathed. The remainder of the effects at Ancaster House and the indoor and outdoor effects at Foremark and Ramsbury he bequeaths to his son, now Sir Francis Burdett, eighth baronet, subject to the payment by him to Lady Burdett and the testator's daughters, Maie Georgina and Maud Clara Francis, of the amount at which the said effects are valued for probate. A sum of £20,000 charged upon the family estates, and formerly belonging to Mrs. Trevenion, is to be in trust as to one moiety thereof for the testator's two said daughters, and as to the other moiety for Lady Burdett for her life, and subject to her life interest for his two said daughters, in trust for whom he leaves all the residue of his personal estate. He leaves all his real estate to his son, and trusts that his "dear boy Frank," if Lady Burdett does not live at Ancaster House, will allow her to live at Foremark or Ramsbury until he marries, and that he will not marry without her full consent and approbation, for he may rest assured that her judgment is good. The testator desired that he should be buried at Foremark, and that his funeral should be unpretentious. He expressed the hope that if his son when he married should live at Foremark, the ancient home of the family, he would allow his mother to live at Ramsbury.—*Illustrated London News.*

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