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NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It seems to be only a short while since that we were congratulating the executive, the Secretary, the friends and supporters of the Charity, but more especially the noble Chairman of the day and the Craft generally, on the magnificent success of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The total of the Returns reached £69,000, and nearly three-fourths of the London lodges, and with a single exception the whole of the Provinces into which the Craft outside the London district is mapped out, took part in raising this sum. No such result as this was ever heard of before, and it will be necessary that we should become a great deal richer and more enthusiastic in support of our Institutions ere we hear of its like again. But though this happened so recently, we find ourselves once again within what it is the fashion to speak of as "measurable distance," of the day when it will be necessary to make the usual appeal to the lodges and brethren in this country for that assistance in the shape of voluntary contributions without which it is impossible, or next door to impossible, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be carried on. The Committee of Management, with an eye to the future, as well as to the present maintenance of the Charity which has been placed under their charge, have caused to be invested in India Three per Cents. £50,000 out of the proceeds of the Festival, and as it is known that there was a very large amount of what is known as Association money included in the total raised, the payment of which will be necessarily spread over the next two or three years, there is small reason to doubt that the balance of the contributions received will about suffice for the requirements of the current year and no more. Until the recent large investment above mentioned, the permanent income of the Institution, consisting of the grants by Grand Lodge (£1600), and Grand Chapter (£150), and interest on Government Stock, &c., amounted in round figures to about £4000, against which there had to be reckoned the sum disbursed in annuities and half-annuities, amounting to about £15,000, and a further £2500 required for expenses of management and maintenance of Asylum at Croydon. Thus, prior to the Jubilee, the sum which had to be forthcoming annually from the donations and subscriptions of the lodges and brethren in order to make up the amount required for annuities and expenses ranged from about £13,500 to £14,000. Since the Jubilee the permanent income has been increased by £1500, and the permanent expenditure by £720, that is to say, £400 for the 10 newly-created male, and £320 for the same number of widow-annuities. Thus the present income may be set down at about £5500, and the fixed expenditure at about £18,250, so that the total to be raised annually in order to establish a balance between receipts and outlay, and leave a small margin in hand for contingencies, is little, if at all, short of £13,000. The question, then, which we have to consider now is—what prospects are there of this sum, or any near approach to this sum, being obtained at the Festival in February of next year? We fear the answer we must conscientiously give is not very encouraging. In the first place, the services of a Chairman have yet to be obtained, and when the worthy Secretary takes up the official Calendar and glances through the list of Prov. Grand Masters, there is in nearly every case a valid reason why each of these distinguished brethren should ask to be excused in respect of this particular Festival. Three of them presided at this year's Festivals, and two are engaged to preside at the School Festivals of next year, while of the remaining number, we find that in nearly every instance their respective Provinces contributed so handsomely at the recent Jubilee that, with due regard to their own necessities, and the calls made upon them by the other Institutions, they (the P.G.M.'s) are fully justified in declining the proposed honour and responsibility. A Prov. Grand Master who volunteers his services as a Festival Chairman very naturally relies for support on the lodges and brethren under his charge, and it is hardly necessary for us to add that the latter invariably sustain him with all the means at their disposal. But, as we have pointed out already, in nearly every case the Provinces did so well in February, that a little breathing time has become not merely desirable, but necessary. As for the London section of the Craft, our remarks apply with equal force to what they did at the same Festival. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that Bro. TERRY should have failed as yet in his efforts to obtain a Chairman. As regards the number of brethren who have volunteered to act as Stewards, we fear it is woefully short of what it usually is about this period of the year. Four weeks before Christmas the Board, in ordinary years, musters at least 100 brethren, but on inquiry we find there are only some 60 who have sent in their names, so that a good deal remains to be done in order to bring together anything like a fairly numerous Board. However, if there is any

brother who is capable of making up a leeway it is the indefatigable Bro. JAMES TERRY.

We are, of course, prepared for a substantial falling off both in the number of Stewards and the total they will be able to realise. The Schools, though they received a fair measure of support, unquestionably suffered by the enthusiasm with which the Benevolent Institution was backed up both in London and the country. The Jubilee, as we have said, realised £69,000, while the Girls' School received £10,000, and the Boys' School, £12,000. The same kind of thing happened in the year of the Girls' Centenary, when the favoured Institution received over £51,000, while the Benevolent Institution, whose Festival fortunately preceded the Centenary, received £15,000, and the Boys' School less than £9,000. Again, in the year that followed, the Girls' School obtained less than £5,500, by the hands of only 150 Stewards, while the other Institutions were well up to the average. But as with the Girls' School, so with the R.M. Benevolent Institution, much of the good resulting from a bumper Festival is undone if the Anniversary next ensuing shows a large falling off. We are, therefore, anxious that the Returns in February next, though we anticipate they will be much below the average, shall yield sufficient, or nearly sufficient, to clear the year's expenses; otherwise, the Committee of Management will find themselves under the necessity of selling some of their newly-purchased Stock, in order to make good the deficiency. However, we are sanguine enough to hope that between now and Christmas, a goodly addition will be made to the Board of Stewards, and that when next we call attention to the subject, we shall have better news to lay before our readers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held at Rothsay House, Newmarket, on the invitation of the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, on Friday, the 18th inst., for the dispatch of Masonic business. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, presided, supported by the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England, and the following P.G. Officers: Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.S.G.W.; G. F. Rogers, P.J.G.W.; Rev. L. R. Tuttiett, P.G. Chap.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; W. B. Sheppard, P.A.G.D.C.; P. H. Young, P.G.S.B.; and A. J. Elworthy, P.G.P.

Altogether about 80 brethren attended, including the following Grand Officers: Bros. G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; and Hamond Le Strange, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Glass, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; J. Hodges, P.M. 1592; R. P. Clowes, J.W. 2201; H. Welham, P.M. 1224; Rev. Griffiths, 1592; and others.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Amptill, P.G.M. Beds.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec. (Mark); and others.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on November 20th, 1891, and of two Special Prov. Grand Lodges held on February 8th and May 6th, 1892, were read and confirmed.

Upon the roll of Prov. Grand Officers being called, it was announced that several of them were absent through ill-health.

The roll of lodges was next called over, and reports were made as follows: No. 88, represented by Bro. W. P. Spalding, W.M., present number members, 80; No. 441, by Bro. J. Royston, W.M., members 67; No. 809, by Bro. J. Grover, W.M., members 56; No. 859, by Bro. F. O. Carr, W.M., 156; No. 1492, by Bro. R. L. Thornton, W.M., members 23; No. 2107, by Bro. W. B. Sheppard, W.M., members 36. Total, 418.

The Auditors' report of the Treasurer's accounts, which was of a very satisfactory character, was adopted.

Bro. W. Bray, P.M. 809, P.P.G.S. of W., was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Col. B. W. Beales.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as under:—

Bro. C. Geldord, P.M. 859	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Jennings, jun., P.M. 2107	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. R. Tuttiett, J.W. 2107	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. H. Gray, P.M. 859	...	...
" W. Bray, P.M. 809	...	...
" Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Sheldrick, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Hunnybun, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. W. Whitehead, P.M. 809	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. E. Greef, S.W. 441	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. Dewberry, P.M. 441 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. L. Rutter, S.D. 88	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. L. Thornton, W.M. 1492	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. O. Carr, W.M. 859 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. A. Dawson, S.D. 2107	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. P. Gray, 88	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Bull, Std. Br. 441	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Worledge, S.D. 859	...	...

Charity jewels were presented by the PROV. GRAND MASTER in suitable terms to Bros. G. Carrick, J. R. Green, and E. W. Harry; and Charity jewel clasps to Bros. Andrew H. Moyes, Oliver Papworth, and S. H. Sharman, each having served a fourth Stewardship.

The sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses, on the motion of Bro. S. H. SHARMAN, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., seconded by Bro. J. ROYSTON, W.M.

A sum of 15 guineas was also voted to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions, to be paid through the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association, on the motion of Bro. Rev. J. H. GRAY, P.P.G. Chap., seconded by Bro. T. JENNINGS, jun., P.M.

The ninth annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association was received. It showed that £376 had been collected in the province during the year, which was given to the Benevolent Institution on the occasion of their Jubilee Festival, the Stewards being Bros. A. H. Moyes, O. Papworth, G. Carrick, S. H. Sharman, G. F. Rogers, J. R. Green, and E. W. Harry. Two boys have been elected during the year—one is now in the School and the other goes in in January. The Committee congratulated the province on their Senior Warden, Bro. Oliver Papworth, being re-elected on the Board of Management of the Boys' School. The voting strength of the province gradually increases, and in April next (if there should be no candidate) will be nearly, if not quite, out of debt.

The P.G.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the out-going P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Col. B. W. Beales, which was seconded by Bro. J. A. DIMMOCK, P.P.S.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. proposed, and the D.P.G.M. seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. John Bonnett on his retirement from the office of P.G. Secretary, through ill-health, after serving for eight years.

Bro. Oliver Papworth has performed the secretarial duties for the past two years, and, as shown by the list given above, has now been appointed to the post of P.G. Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 70, assembled for banquet at the White Hart Hotel. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and speeches of a congratulatory character followed. These, however, had to be limited in extent, owing to many of the brethren having to catch early trains.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Douglas. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was a great success in every way. The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers were summoned to be present, and all Master Masons were cordially invited to attend. There was a large number of brethren present.

The circular convening the meeting and the minutes of preceding Prov. Grand Lodges having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called, all being represented, and the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then said: "Brethren, since the Provincial Grand Lodge met last, we have to deplore one or two vacancies in our ranks. I would call special attention to the death of the Duke of Clarence. We all know what a leading member of the Body he would have been had he survived. He and his father took the greatest interest in everything connected with Freemasonry, and we may well, therefore, deplore his sad death. Perhaps what comes nearer to our minds is the loss of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Clerke. Most of us knew him pretty well. He was here several times, and I can assure you that he took the very greatest interest in this province in particular. Individually, he was my private friend as well as a Masonic friend, and I can bear witness to the good work that he did both in giving good advice Masonically, and in private friendship. The local deaths have been Bro. Nattan and Bro. Laughlin. I do not think I need dwell on their deaths. The death of Bro. Nattan was a great shock to us all, more particularly in Douglas; perhaps we feel his loss more than the other four put together. I now wish to say a few words to you as regards admissions to Freemasonry. I have spoken about this before; but I think there is a tendency in some places to try to get as many members into the lodge as possible, without thinking of the qualities of them. I do hope that all the Masters and Wardens of lodges will think very seriously before they give their *imprimatur* to the election of any new members, unless they are quite satisfied that they will do credit to the lodge. The mere question of numbers is nothing at all, and I do think that the great thing is the qualification of members, and to be sure that everything is done to the credit of Masonry. Support it in every way, and do not bring it into disgrace. I am afraid I am always talking about the Benevolent Fund and Charity, but I still repeat my text, and advise those who have not done so to subscribe to the Benevolent Fund and the Charities. I am glad our own fund stands as it does, considering the small resources at our disposal. I hope during the year to go round from lodge to lodge. I promised to visit a lodge last night with my officers, and the only reason I did not do so was that I had such a bad cold, that if I had gone out last night I was advised I could not have been here to-day. Although my loss would not have been irreparable, I thought you would not like our annual meeting to be held without the Provincial Grand Master being in his place. I hope in the future the Secretaries of the lodges will be more expeditious in sending their returns. As to some of the lodges there has been great complaint, and the trouble and inconvenience caused by the delay is very great. I would esteem it a great favour if the returns were sent in with greater speed. The new officers that I have appointed this year are Bros. Walter J. Brown, F. C. Poulter, C. T. C. Callow, Watterson, and Spencer. I hope these appointments will meet with your approval. I think I know them all, and I flatter myself that the selection is very good. I would only ask them to continue the same efforts and zeal as their predecessors have shown in the cause of Provincial Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

Replies to the votes of condolence passed on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., were submitted—the brethren all

standing to order—from her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and H.S.H. Princess May of Teck, and, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. NESBITT, were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A letter from the widow of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, acknowledging receipt of vote of sympathy, was also submitted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Encouraging reports were submitted from the Committee of General Purposes, and the Charity Committee, and both reports were unanimously adopted.

The Provincial Grand Secretary's report was of a most gratifying description.

The annual address of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, is always eagerly anticipated, and this year Bro. Nesbitt gave a most exhaustive address on the year's working, but we greatly regret that the space at our disposal will not permit of our presenting our readers with even a summary of it.

The report was most heartily received.

A collection having been made on behalf of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, the following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:

Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M. 1004	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Charles Morton Challender, P.M. 2050, 2164	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Edward Ferrier, P.M. 212 (I.C.)	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. William Morris, P.M. 1075	...	
" Alexander Bruce, 2049	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Harrington Quayle, P.M. 2049	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Walter J. Brown, P.M. 1242	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Frank J. Johnson, P.M. 1242, 2197	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Arthur W. Moore, H.K., P.M. 1004	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Arthur W. Brearey, P.M. 1242	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. C. Poulter, P.M. 1242	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John C. Corris, P.M. 2164	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John Craine, P.M. 1075	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William Colquhoun, P.M. 2050	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Thomas Whiteside, P.M. 1242	...	
" John A. Mylrea, H.K., Org. 2049	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Charles T. C. Callow, P.M. 2049	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" George Watterson, P.M. 2164	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Frank W. Spencer, W.M. 2197	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Thomas Cubbon, 1004	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" William H. Kitto, S.W. 1075	...	
" Frederick R. Rowe, I.G. 1242	...	
" Charles Morrison, P.M. 2164	...	
" Robert D. Cowin, S.W. 2197	...	
" George L. Trustrum, J.W. 2358	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Gorry, Tyler 1242, 2050	...	

The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers were then saluted by the assembled brethren.

The Charity jewel was unanimously voted to Bros. Nesbitt, D.P.G.M., and Killely, P.M., the former having served three Stewardships and the latter two.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at the Granville Hotel, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER gave that of "The Chief of Masonry in the Isle of Man, Bro. Goldie Taubman." In Major Taubman they had the connecting link between the Grand Lodge of England and the subordinate lodges, and from the manner in which he had discharged his duties they had reason to be proud of him. He thought the success of that day's meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge a good augury for the future.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in replying, paid a highly eulogistic tribute to the services and ability of his Deputy, who had always been at his post and never missed a meeting of any description since he (the Prov. Grand Master) received his patent of appointment in January, 1886, and whose services, tact, and judgment had been chiefly instrumental in placing the province on its present satisfactory basis, financially and otherwise. The Prov. Grand Master also spoke very highly of the retiring Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Hannay, and of the excellent services he had rendered.

Bro. the Rev. R. B. BARON gave the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." As he entered the lodge room he could not fail to see that the Prov. Grand Master was well supported by his officers, and he was also to be congratulated upon having so able a Deputy as Bro. Nesbitt. One and all, the Prov. Grand Officers seemed determined to work hard, and to show off the benefits of Masonry, particularly from a charitable view, as exhorted to do last year by Bro. Ferrier. The toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Nesbitt, Hannay, and Hodgson.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in response, said that what he had done was a labour of love, having Freemasonry at heart, and believing in its active principles of benevolence and Charity. Whatever ability he possessed was at their disposal in the future.

Bros. HODGSON and HANNAY also responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. HODGSON, and responded to by Bro. WHALLEY, who said, in reply, that he thought that the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was conducted on business principles.

Bro. the Rev. E. FERRIER proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He only wished to say that he proposed the grand principle which ought to animate every heart, and that was doing something for the eternal good and welfare of their brethren. That every Mason should act up to, and they were much encouraged by the sum which they had heard the Isle of Man had subscribed, and was still subscribing, for those less fortunate than themselves. Every man, no matter what his position, should endeavour to leave the world better than he found it. They should all strive to set a good example, and strive to rise together and not trample one another under foot. They should all rise to that higher and better level, the God-like nature, the love-like nature of their God and Master.

The toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Nesbitt and Challender, the latter of whom and Bro. C. T. C. Callow had lately qualified as a Life Governor.

Bro. HANNAY then gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Theatre to the concert given by the Tynwald Lodge in aid of the Provincial Charities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 31st ult., and was followed by the usual banquet, at which from 40 to 50 brethren took part. Bro. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., was in the chair, and was supported by Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.

The following were appointed as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Charles Naylor	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. E. Durell	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Richard Peek	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
" C. J. Renouf	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. A. C. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. E. Malet de Carteret	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. Brée	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Oldridge	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. W. Hambling	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Curry	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Coutanche	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. F. Luke	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Capt. Hew Stevenson	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Hadley	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. D. Tocque	...	...
" T. B. Cummings	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" M. J. Bradley	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" P. Le Boutillier	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Vautier	...	...
" A. C. M. Querée	...	...
" A. de Carteret	...	...
" P. W. Davey	...	...
" T. H. Wakley	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. Rogers	...	...

A handsome testimonial was voted to Bro. P. E. Sohier, the retiring P.G. Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Master was appointed special Steward for the province at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, towards the funds of which a substantial donation was voted.

CONSECRATION OF THE BECTIVE MARK LODGE,
No. 452, AT KESWICK.

A good number of the Mark Masters of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland assembled at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, on Thursday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of being present at the consecration of a new Mark lodge, under circumstances that are somewhat unusual, as it is just 20 years past of the 30th of March when a similar ceremony was performed in the same place, a lodge bearing the same honoured and revered name, but on the roll No. 147, was duly dedicated to Mark Masonry, there being only one Mark lodge under the English Constitution in the province—Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle, but like unto all that's human, it was doomed to change, and about 10 years ago it became numbered with the past, although every effort was tried to prevent it. From what we witnessed on Thursday we have a firm and well-grounded hope that the Mark will become a prosperous Degree in Keswick.

The ceremony of consecration was ably performed by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 229, Deputy Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Peacock, P.M. 229, Grand Steward, P.P.S.G.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.S.G.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, P.G. Chap.; Rev. James Anderson, P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.W.; James Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Stwd. England, P.G. Sec.; Jas. Stout, P.M. 421, P.J.G.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 229, P.G.S.O.; J. J. Little, W.M. 282, P.J.G.D.; Dr. Chas. Gore-Ring, G. P. Abraham, Thos. Usher, P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; J. O. Scott, P.M. 151; P.P.G.S.O.; the Rev. W. Cree, 195; and H. D. Cook, 213, P.P.G. Org. The officers designate were Bros. Dr. Charles Gore-Ring, W.M.; George Perry Abraham, S.W.; John Wilkinson, J.W.

Previous to the elements of consecration being applied, Bro. the Rev. G. B. ARMES, P.G. Chap., delivered a long and eloquent address on "The Ancient History of Mark Masonry," which was attentively listened to.

The lodge was then duly dedicated to Mark Masonry.

Eight candidates were balloted for and accepted, and seven advanced to the honourable Degree; two joining members were also balloted for and accepted. The ceremony of advancement was performed by Bro. Dalrymple.

Bro. Dr. Gore-Ring, W.M. designate, was presented to Bro. Gardiner, and he was installed in the chair of A. in a most impressive manner, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Abraham, S.W.; J. Wilkinson, J.W.; W. Hodgson, M.O.; Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, S.O.; G. Booker, J.O.; J. F. Hope, Treas.; J. Gibson, Sec.; H. S. Wilson, S.D.; J. Swinburn, J.D.; J. Williamson, I.G.; and Crowden, Tyler.

Bro. Dr. GORE-RING said that previous to closing the lodge it gave him much pleasure to move that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Col. Sewell and the other members of the Craft that had so ably assisted him to consecrate the lodge, and that the same be recorded upon the minutes.

Bro. ABRAHAM seconded the proposition, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Letters and wires of congratulations were read from Bros. G. J. McKay, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. (Craft); T. A. Argles, P.M. 195, P.P.S.G.W.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Sec. (who also stated that he had been advanced in the old Bective Lodge over 20 years ago); John Wakefield, W.M. 216, P.G.M.O.; Ed. Loach, P.M. 283, P.J.G.O.; J. Lowery, W.M. 421, P.G.R. of M.; G. Starkey, P.P.G.D.C.; and Spencer Broadbent, P.S.G.D.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at Bro. Dr. Gore-Ring's invitation, subsequently dined in the hotel. The usual toast list followed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Drill Hall, Wolverhampton, on the 14th inst. The P.G.M., Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, presided, and was supported by brethren from all the lodges in the province. Among those present were—

Bros. J. F. Pepper, Prov. S.G. Warden; J. Webberley, Prov. J.G. Warden; Rev. W. Prosser, Prov. G. Chaplain; C. A. Newnham, P.G.O., P.G. Treas.; Major G. W. Walker, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Bellyse, P.G.M.O.; J. Candelent, P.G. J.O.; Sergt.-Maj. Woods, P.G.D.C.; W. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; W. Twist, P.G. Tyler; Major J. B. Morgan, P.P.G.M.O.; Major E. Pritchard, P.P.G.S.O.; J. F. Chapman, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Jenkins, P.P.J.G.D.; Herbert Windle, P.P.G.I.G.; Walter A. Parker, P.P.G. Stwd.; and several brethren of private lodges.

Apologies were received from Bros. J. B. Piercey, P.P.J.G.W.; Major E. H. Thorne, Past Grand Stwd., P.P.S.G.W.; Major F. Walton, P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

After the minutes of the annual meeting held at Wolverhampton, on the 12th day of October, 1891, were read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. J. F. Pepper, P.S.G.W., as Deputy Prov. G.M., who was then obligated and invested by the P.G.M. and placed on his right, after being proclaimed and saluted.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said that he could not let the opportunity pass without sincerely thanking the P.G.M. for appointing him his Deputy, and at the same time to say how much he appreciated the high honour conferred upon him. He certainly did not expect or desire further promotion in Masonry, but remembering the many kind favours he had received from the P.G.M., he felt it would be ungrateful to refuse an office to which was attached some work and responsibility. He reminded the brethren of the increase of Mark Masonry in the country, and hoped each of them would do his utmost to ensure its success in Staffordshire. He would be pleased to do his best to promote its prosperity, and felt sure all the brethren would render him any assistance or information he might require in the discharge of the duties of his office.

The roll of lodges and officers was called and responded to, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer presented his accounts for the year, which were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the proposition of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. B. MORGAN, acting P.S.G.W., Bro. C. A. Newnham, P.G.O., was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following officers for the year:

Bro. Major J. B. Morgan	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Windle	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Major E. Pritchard	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Bates	Prov. S.G.O.
" S. Jenkins	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. Prosser	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. A. Newnham	Prov. G. Treas.
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" J. F. Chapman	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. A. Parker	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Sergeant-Major J. Woods	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. G. Bennet	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. W. Willmore	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. R. Strange	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. B. Wheway	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Twist	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER invited discussion on any subject the brethren would like to bring before Provincial Grand Lodge, and also their opinion as to the advisability of holding the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in different parts of the province, instead of always at Wolverhampton, as heretofore, when it appeared to be the general desire that the meeting should be moveable.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

"EARLY GRAND" FREEMASONRY, SCOTLAND.

Late last century, and early this, what is known as the "higher" or "additional" Degrees were worked in Scotland, under the supposed but fictitious authority of lodge warrants. The presence of the Craft charter was sufficient to regularise any meeting for the conferring of the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and other ceremonies. The Grand Lodge, in 1800, objected to such Degrees being worked, and then, to obtain some kind of authority, certain brethren in the South of Scotland petitioned the "Early Grand Encampment" of Ireland, and obtained warrants for that purpose, the first, it is believed, being dated in the year 1802.

This subordinate Body became independent some 20 years later, by consent of the Irish Body, and later on, we understand, the Royal Arch Grand Chapter has become quite separate from the Knight Templar, though still practically one organisation. We mention these facts with caution and reservation, as it is difficult to get at the real state of matters, and Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, who knows more about the points involved, and the history of the Society than anyone else in England, declines to be "drawn" on the subject.

It is said that there are nearly a score of Royal Arch chapters under the "Early Grand Chapter" working in the South of Scotland, with hundreds of companions, and possibly about the same number of Knight Templar encampments, with proportionately less members, but still numerous and enthusiastic.

There are now talks in the air about Union with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland as respects the Royal Arch Chapters, and it is to be hoped that sufficient true Masonic feeling will prevail on both sides to lead to such a satisfactory result. The smaller, but older, organisation, has much to gain in the way of prestige from joining the influential and larger body, with head-quarters at Edinburgh (which was never really so powerful and prosperous as now); and the regular Grand Chapter of Scotland may well join hands with its friendly rival, and be completely sovereign in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the country. Honourable terms might easily be arranged, and Peace and Harmony prevail. Bro. R. S. Brown, G.S.E., is a most zealous Craftsman, and the principal officers of the Grand Chapter are conspicuous for their zeal and ability. We say, *Unite and be Happy.*

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Masonic Notes.

We regret to hear that an accident, which might
have been attended with far more serious consequences,
occurred early on Monday morning on the premises
of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea
Rise. About 6 a.m. a loud explosion was heard, and
on the fireman, who is attached to the School, hastening
to learn the cause, he discovered that one of the
boilers connected with the heating apparatus had burst.
The damage done to the premises is considerable, but

fortunately at so early an hour none of the inmates
were up, and the only person who has sustained personal
injuries is the engineer who was in charge of the
apparatus. The work of repair is promptly being
proceeded with, the matter having been brought before
both the House Committee and the General Committee
without loss of time. * * *

The new porch at the Church of St. Mary-on-the-
Hill, Chester, which has been erected by the brethren
of Cheshire to the memory of Bro. Randle Holme,
a prominent Chester Freemason in days long since
gone by, and the foundation-stone of which was laid
with Masonic Ceremony by Bro. Lord Egerton of
Tatton, P.G.M., on Easter Monday, was formally
dedicated on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the presence
of a numerous gathering of Craftsmen, prominent
amongst whom was Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D.,
D.P.G.M., and the leading members of the local and
other lodges. * * *

Sir Knight William Tinkler, K.C.T., who for many
years past has held the office of Vice-Chancellor of the
Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in England
and Wales, and discharged its important duties with
exemplary ability, fidelity, and courtesy, has seen fit
to resign his office, and the Very Eminent the Great
Prior, Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom, has been pleased
to appoint as his successor Sir Knight Major-General
J. C. Hay, C.B., whom we heartily congratulate on his
appointment, and who, we doubt not, will acquit him-
self successfully in his new sphere of duty. * * *

The half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory
of England and Wales will be held at Mark Masons'
Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Friday, the 9th
December. The business to be transacted is mostly
formal, and in the event of a sufficient number of sir
knights offering themselves as candidates, the Great
Prior will hold a Priory of the Order of Malta, under
the banner of the Mount Calvary Preceptory, for the
purpose of installing them. The banquet will be held
at Freemasons' Tavern, and those desirous of being
present are requested to forward their application for
tickets to the Vice-Chancellor, not later than Tuesday,
the 6th prox. Sir Knight the Earl of Euston, Great
Sub-Prior, will preside. * * *

The "oldest Freemason" in the world, or in one of
those countries in which our Society has most firmly
established itself, is continually cropping up. At one
time it is the Craft in England, at another in Scotland,
at another in one of the jurisdictions in the United
States, which is either expressing its very natural pride
at being able to number him among its members, or
sorrowing over his decease. The latest instance that
has been brought to our notice is that of the late Bro.
William Liddle, who recently died in his 103rd year,
and who, on the ground that he was initiated in the
Dunbar Castle Lodge, No. 75 on the roll of the Grand
Lodge of Scotland, in 1821, is declared to have been
the "oldest Freemason" in Britain. We will not
question the claim of our late brother to have been the
oldest in Scotland, but in England there is still living
a Past Grand Chaplain of United Grand Lodge, Bro.
the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, who was initiated in
the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, No. 357, in
1819, the year of its constitution. Therefore, though
in point of age, Bro. Sir J. W. Hayes must have been
the junior of the late Bro. Liddle by some dozen years,
he was his senior by two as a member of our ancient
Craft. * * *

However, if not quite the oldest Freemason in Britain
Bro. Liddle must have been a most worthy member of
our Society. At a banquet held in honour of his centenary
he was presented with a silver snuff-box to mark the
esteem and respect in which he was held by his brother
Masons. In these degenerate days, when the habit of
snuff-taking has almost entirely gone out of fashion,
such a gift to a younger man than Bro. Liddle—say to
a mere infant of 50 or 60 years—would be much in the
nature of a white elephant, with this difference, how-
ever, that a silver snuff-box is portable, while a white
elephant is not. * * *

Bro. Liddle must also have been one of the oldest
examples of the temperance, which is not teetotalism,
if the anecdote recorded of him is true, that when some
time ago a well-known temperance advocate assured
him that whisky was "a slow poison," he replied,
"It must indeed be a very slow one, as I've drunk
whisky every day, more or less, for the past 70 or
80 years, and I'm aye livin' and healthy yet."

Correspondence.

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

TRANSFERS OF OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Alfred Scarth, Secretary of Fidelity
Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, may be interested to know
that there are some instances of transfers of old
warrants in Cumberland, which was a distinct province
between the years 1771 and 1800. The first instance
is that of the present St. John's Lodge, No. 327,
Wigton, the warrant of which was originally issued in
1769 to the Beaufort Lodge, Swansea, South Wales,
forfeited in 1809, and transferred to its present home
the same year, under the sign manual of the Earl of
Moira, acting Grand Master. In the year 1776 there
was a Lodge of Unanimity constituted in Penrith,
Cumberland. This warrant was withdrawn in 1811,
and the following year transferred to Saddleworth,
near Manchester, under the name of the Candour
Lodge, and now No. 337, Uppermill, Yorkshire. I
may add that there is, and has been, another Lodge of
Unanimity (now No. 339) at Penrith since 1813, this
being the very last warrant issued by the "Moderns"
prior to the Union. The next and last transfer from
one province to another is the present No. 264, Nelson
of the Nile, at Batley, in Yorkshire. This warrant
was issued in 1788, at Cocker-mouth, Cumberland,
under the title of the Honour and Perseverance Lodge.
In 1804 the warrant was transferred to Batley under
the new name of Nelson of the Nile. Twelve years
later the lodge was removed to Mirfield, in three years
to Hopton, and three years more saw it back again in
Mirfield, where the Nelson of the Nile remained from
1822 till 1843. Then for another three years Carling-
how was its domicile, and finally back to Batley. After
many wanderings it is now No. 264, as I have already
stated, with a Royal Arch chapter attached.—Yours
fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1016] **CURIOUS MEDAL.**

Bro. Shackles will find an account of the *obverse*
of his 1014 "Notes and Queries" in Bro. George Nor-
man's "History of No. 246, Cheltenham," 1885. It is
a brief article by me on "Lodge Medals and Seals,"
and is accompanied with an illustration. Bro. M. C.
Peck has one somewhat similar, and there is one also
in the Museum of the Grand Lodge. All three are
fine and valuable medals. The reverse, it occurs to
me, was done for its original owner, "Br. Willm.
Coombe," for the others are either plain reverses or
specially engraved. The origin of the obverse has so
far eluded our grasp. Evidently the figures represent
the Royal Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram
Abiff.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

**REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE, GRAND COM-
MANDERY OF ILLINOIS.**

This volume, by our distinguished Frater, General John
Corson Smith, of Chicago (*the "Committee"*), is a very
interesting compilation, and one of the best Past Grand
Master Smith has ever written. He has been a great
traveller in his time, and knows how to describe, as well as
witness, grand sights. With the regular report we shall
have to say but little, as it mainly concerns the organiza-
tion in America, but that little is very favourable, for the
author ably condenses matter of value and importance,
and has presented an excellent digest of the several
reports of the other commanderies in the United States and
Canada. England and Wales also came in for a fair share
of attention, and "the sad news of the distinguished Sir
Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke" is alluded to with regret,
the lamented frater being described as "a peer among
the peers of the realm, not by the grace of any king or
prince, but in the God-given right of his own brain."
The only references to Scotland throughout the work con-
cerns the "Early Grand Encampment," over which Frater
Peter Spence presides, and which has made application to
the Grand Encampment of the United States for recogni-
tion. The subject was referred "to the incoming Grand
Master," who will probably report favourably, as already
this Knights Templar organisation has been recognised by
some of the Grand Commanderies, and exchanges represen-
tatives. It strikes us, however, that this is "putting the
cart before the horse," as the Grand Encampment of the
U.S.A. should be the first to recognise foreign bodies.
The charm to us is the sketch by General Smith of his
journeys and voyages, "Six Months of Absence in Foreign
Lands." The descriptions are both readable and instruc-
tive, the plates which illustrate the paper are accurate and
artistic, and the numerous genial and hearty references to
his friends, especially in Europe, will be much appreciated
by the many brethren who reciprocate General Smith's
good wishes on their behalf. As to the enjoyment, it was
most thoroughly experienced on both sides, and in England
there are not a few waiting for a return of such pleasures,
as they hope the veteran traveller and Freemason will soon
visit these shores again. We shall never be able to keep him
here, however, for he finishes his capital sketch with the
words—

"But the land that I love more and more
Is Columbia, the land of the free."

Bro. T. C. Walls, whose contributions have appeared in recent Christmas numbers of the *Freemason*, and whose Masonic record of work done in almost every Degree in Masonry may be traced in nearly every issue of the *Freemason* for the last 15 or 20 years, has contributed some stanzas in blank verse on Tennyson to the *Islington Gazette*. The verses are of considerable merit throughout but we have only space to quote the last stanza:

"Farewell, thou master mind of imagery poetic;
No more will thy muse startle as with clarion note
The hearts of those who love the beautiful and pure in song.

Within the old Abbey's hallowed fane renowned
Rests thine honoured dust, in silent company
With those whose mighty souls flashed forth rare gems of verse.

No urn sepulchral needst thou to chronicle thy deeds;
The best *memoriam* is the homage of a nation great."



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City, on Thursday, the 10th inst., a large and representative gathering of brethren attending to do honour to the occasion.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. L. Crow, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for candidates for both initiation and joining. Bros. W. M. Dobson and S. J. Tierney were raised, and Bros. J. Lawrence, F. E. Woodbridge, and J. W. Taylor were passed. Bro. H. Tapley, P.M., acting as D.C., as is usual upon this important function of the lodge, and so efficiently and so courteously, then presented Bro. J. H. White, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course and before a Board of 17 Installed Masters Bro. White was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. L. Crow, I.P.M.; F. C. Ward, S.W.; W. H. Ware, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Roberts, Hon. Sec.; C. R. Sayers, S.D.; J. F. Oates, J.D.; C. R. Higgins, I.G.; T. H. Maple, D.C.; J. B. Thomson and R. W. Magub, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turbfield, Tyler. Bro. Crow then gave the addresses, and finished a work at once worthy of the lodge, and eminently creditable to himself, for which he was accorded a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and a copy to be emblazoned on vellum, suitably mounted and framed, and presented to him at the next lodge meeting. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, on which was engraved the thanks of the lodge for past services, and for which he briefly and feelingly returned thanks. Letters of apology for inability to attend, through the late decease of their mother, were read from Bros. J. Dorton, P.M. and Treas., and W. Dorton, P.M., and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Bros. Dorton, conveying the regrets and sympathy of the lodge at their bereavement, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet, was served under the immediate superintendence of the esteemed manager, assisted by Bro. Marchand, both viands and wines being of the choicest.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. B. Holliday, P.M., President of Benevolent Fund; P. McCarthy, P.M.; W. Nevens, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; C. D. Mears, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M.; J. Tytheridge, P.M.; G. W. Buffery, J. B. Llowensky, T. H. Maple, E. V. Crute, J. J. Roberts, J. Reynolds, H. C. Wormold, C. Nicoll, T. Green, R. Brown, W. Stockvis, W. Viney, F. Woodbridge, W. Cramphorne, G. Hiller, P. Yates, B. H. Spencer, T. A. Adamson, and H. Butler, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. C. Powling, W.M., C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec., B. Curtis, S.W., and J. Glading, J.W., of 1472; G. H. Mitchell, P.M. and Treas., 615, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M. 1804; H. J. Nell, P.M. 45; G. Saunders, W.M. 1257; H. Chatterton, W.M. 1183; E. Janson, S.W.; W. G. Shadrake, 1805; J. Dipple, 1598; E. Bowdon, 1107; R. Gates, 77; V. Pritchard, P.M. 1974; F. Tagg, 957; H. Bridges, 957; E. Imrie, 65; T. Best, 169; J. Mills, 1767; and T. Taylor.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Crow, then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said the W.M.'s fiat had gone forth that the speeches were to be short, so that if he did not make a long oration over the virtues and excellences of Bro. White it was not his (Bro. Crow's) fault. He would only say, therefore, that in their W.M. they had one who was worthy of the lodge, and of those who had preceded him as its head.

Bro. White, who was received most heartily as he rose to respond, said that he could assure them that he had during the whole of his Masonic career looked forward to that day with a great deal of interest and pleasurable feelings. During his year of office he should do his utmost for the interest and prosperity of the lodge, and that at the end of his year of office they would give him credit for his endeavours to prove worthy of their choice. He then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," and spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Crow had that day carried out his onerous and important duties.

Bro. Crow, in responding, said he could assure them that from the first time he took office in the Capper Lodge it was not only his ambition to occupy the Master's chair (and in parenthesis he would here say that if he had during the time he filled it done to their satisfaction that was all the reward he desired), but to follow in the footsteps of the many good Masons who had preceded him and install his successor, and he sincerely trusted he had, and indeed believed he had, carried out the duties of that office to their satisfaction. As long as he lived he should always do his best for the interest and welfare of the Capper Lodge.

Bro. Holliday, P.M., in responding for "The Past Masters," said he was the oldest Past Master in the lodge so far as years went. That was the 20th anniversary of his connection with the Capper Lodge, and he was proud of it, and of the lodge. He had himself been 16 years a Past Master, and had seen 16 Masters placed in the chair of that lodge. He was extremely thankful to the G.A.O.T.U. for giving him health and strength to continue a member, and trusted he might be spared for many years to witness the prosperity of the Capper Lodge. He had not missed an installation meeting of that lodge for 20 years, and hoped to see 20 more.

Bros. Tapley, Nevens, Harris, and Mears also responded. Bros. Mitchell, Pritchard, and Powley responded for "The Visitors," and

Bro. Tijou spoke of the arduous work done at the Board of Benevolence, of which he was a member, and if, during the short time he had been on it, they thought he had done his duty, he trusted they would, at the next election, again think him worthy of their suffrages, and support him in his candidature.

Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and "The Officers" were honoured.

Some splendid songs and recitations by Bros. Ware, Tagg, Chatterton, Maple, Turney, and Taylor, added a rare charm to the pleasures of the evening.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both memorable and enjoyable.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This prosperous and rapidly increasing lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. James Dennis, W.M.; Lundie, S.W.; Hearne, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., 141, Sec.; Mecham, S.D.; Millsom, J.D.; Caldwell, I.G.; Burrows, D.C.; Thornley, Steward; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; Foalé, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; and Hopkins (Hon. Org.). Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3; Edward Ayling, P.M. 975; W. Bailey, P.M. 1732; W. Smith, 72; Hatton, 166; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. A. P. Finn and Frank Willis were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. H. Sampson, T. Motherhead, and T. Scott passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. George Reddish, M.R.C.S., and it proving to be unanimous, he was ably initiated.

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

In replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treasurer, said that he had long since come to the conclusion that it was a very difficult matter night after night to invent something fresh with regard to the subject toast. The Grand Officers of England, by reason of there being comparatively so few of them, were necessarily an important factor in the Masonic world. Many of them were by no means ornamental, but discharged onerous duties in various important Committees of Grand Lodge. In conclusion, he could only say what he had said many times before, and which he hoped to live to repeat for many years to come, that he was proud at having been placed by the suffrages of the Craft in 1891 in so distinguished a position as that of Grand Treasurer.

The I.P.M. proposed in brief terms "The Health of the W.M." He said that Bro. Dennis had had plenty of work to do during his year, and he (the speaker) believed that that state of things would continue till he vacated his position by installing his successor.

The W.M. having said a few words in reply, gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Reddish acknowledged the toast in a neat speech. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. made allusion in flattering terms to the presence among them that evening of one who intended to do battle for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1893. Bro. Samuel Cochrane in particular was well known to the members of all the lodges and lodges of instruction south of the Thames. He (the W.M.) believed that Bro. Cochrane stood an excellent chance of winning. The W.M. also mentioned the fact that the lodge was also honoured by the presence that evening of Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., an old member of the lodge and a Past Principal of the chapter in connection with it.

This toast having been warmly received, Bro. S. Cochrane responded. He said that he felt exceedingly flattered by the manner in which his name had been mentioned and by the warmth of his reception generally. He then modestly touched upon his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Ayling, P.M. after speaking upon the working and hospitality of the lodge, spoke in terms of high commendation of the qualities and Masonic abilities of Bro. Cochrane, who he sincerely believed would ere long wear the purple of Grand Lodge.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, Lundie, Davis and others discoursed most excellent music.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The regular meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foa, W.M.; A. Bullen, acting as S.W.; G. C. Bond, acting as J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; C. O. Burgess, acting as S.D.; W. Belsham, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; H. J. Keene, acting as I.G.; R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; S. Hewett, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; A. Bush, W. M. Carter, H. G. Walker, W. V. Morgan, Turner Wilson, T. B. Lake, W. Unwin, J. Middleweek, W. R. Faulks, J. Pullen, W. J. Green, F. Costa, C. Morrell, A. Claubault, F. Hansen, W. Humphrey, C. Liddiard, S. Jacobs, J. W. Davis, W. Nathan, J. Cox, J. Woodward, Homer Price, W. J. Thrussell, E. G. Giles, C. Pullen, G. B. Winter, F. J. Thomson, G. Cannon, J. Wise, and others. Visitors: Bros. B. Holeyman, I.G. 73; S. Keene, P.G.P. 865; G. A. Bergholz, 2191; F. G. Hubbard, 879; J. H. Faulkner, Stwd. 1580; C. G. Sherwood, 2191; J. Rusterholz, 188; S. Walker, P.M. 733; W. G. Mulford, P.M. 1321; W. B. Bengfield, 1579; H. Hewett, 834; W. Hoggins, 1891; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held in October last were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read, which included letters of regret at not being able to be present from Bros. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M. (through illness); Harry S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; W. Hancock, W.M. 2191; R. Rotter, 2191; A. H. Stockley, and many others. Bro. A. Claubault was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. T. B. Lake was passed to the Degree of F.C., and unanimous ballots were taken for the following gentlemen as initiates: Messrs. Charles Pullen, Edwin F. Giles, A. H. Smart, Charles Cannon, and George Winter, and, all being present with the exception of Mr. A. H. Smart, were informed of their unanimous election, and accordingly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, before adjourning to the banquet held in the Prince's Room, expressed themselves as being very delighted with the admirable manner in which the W.M. had carried out his work in the three Degrees.

After the brethren had enjoyed the good things placed before them by Bro. E. P. Bertini, the respected manager of the Criterion, the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The toasts of "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" were well received, and responded to.

Two of the visiting brethren, replying, said that they had visited many lodges, but they had never seen the work of the lodge so well carried out in the three Degrees as had been done that evening.

To the toast of "The Officers," which was well received, Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas., said it was a great pleasure to him to be able to report that the finances stood well; and Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., said he felt he had been well rewarded for the hard work he had had since he had been Secretary; that the lodge was progressing, and in a sound state. The Masters, since he had been in office, had kept him well employed, and he thanked all the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him, and felt sure he should always have their help and good wishes.

The acting Senior and Junior Wardens also replied.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most happy and pleasant evening, to which Mr. Henry Foa (son of the W.M.), assisted by Bros. W. Stephens, T. Middleweek, and W. J. Harris, and Messrs. T. W. Turner and Victor Blin, added much by their admirable singing and recitations. The music was under the direction of Mr. Henry J. Foa.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1642).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th instant at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill. Bro. Lieut. T. W. Heath, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Pestonji Ukarij, 2105, to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. William John Rhae to the Second Degree. He afterwards installed Bro. Frederick Ernest Pocock, P.M., as W.M. Bro. Heath received the collar of I.P.M. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., S.W.; J. H. Rutherglen, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Reuben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Williams, S.D.; J. M. Huish, J.D.; E. M. Lander, D.C.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; and J. French and W. H. Wadham, Stewards. Bro. Parkhouse, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., Bro. R. C. Green, P.M., Sec., that to the Wardens; and Bro. George Davis, P.M., that to the brethren. Bro. Ukarij asked the lodge to accept at his hands the gift of a winding staircase, which the W.M. gratefully acknowledged. The new W.M. then initiated Mr. Frederick King, and his execution of the work was warmly applauded.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and an excellent banquet followed.

Among the brethren present were Bros. J. Woodmason, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Bayle, P.M.; Frederick C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; and George Davis, P.M. Visitors: Bros. George Everett, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. M. Money, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; W. R. Palmer, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex; W. Boucher, P.P.G. Reg. Bucks; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; D. Naoroji, M.P., P.M. 1159; M. Middleweek, W.M. 1793; H. D. Aslett, P.M.; F. Granville, W.M. 2105; P. Ukarij, 2105; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P.; W. C. Williams, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Stephens, P.M.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; E. J. Green, W.M. 860; J. Cochrane P.M.; George Read, P.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.M.; George Weston, J. S. Chough, P.M.; William Weaver, P.M.; J. J. Chapman, Wm. Chambers Leete, W. Craig, P.M.; A. C. Spaul, P.M.; T. Serjeant, P.G.S.B.; E. Edwards, P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; F. Spink, W. J. Mollington, P.M.; J. M. Belsham, W. M. 733; D. Mercer, P.G.P.; J. H. Pearson, W. Hicks, I.P.M. 1694; Henry Walter, Org. 1974; H. Massey, P.M.; W. Morrow, P.M.; and others.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., who was the first to respond as a Past Grand Officer to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," acknowledged his indebtedness to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge for being partly instrumental in placing him in that position. He regretted the absence of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G.T., a member of the lodge, through illness, who was not only a good friend, but a Grand Mason, who recognised and believed in Charity as the very essence and backbone of Freemasonry.

Bro. Fenn, P.G.W., President Board of General Purposes, said Bro. Pocock was his Vice-President of the Board and knew how deeply Lord Lathom entered into Freemasonry. Bro. Pocock knew also the truth of the matter they had at Grand Lodge last time, and not, as the brother who moved the amendment said, the untruth, because that brother said the proposition did not emanate from the M.W.G.M., but was the invention of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Pocock knew that it was entirely brought before the Board in the form of a letter from the Pro Grand Master, and that the Board really recommended it because they thought it would be acceptable to every member of the Craft, viz., the appointment of six extra officers. It showed at all events how deeply interested the Pro Grand Master was in all that interested the brethren, and he (Bro. Fenn) trusted and believed that Lord Lathom would himself preside at Grand Lodge next time, and bring the matter again, or allow the Board to bring it again, under the brethren's notice. As Bro. Letchworth would have to reply to this toast of the Grand Officers after him, he (Bro. Fenn) would like to make his present remarks personal to himself as President of the Board, and he did so that night because he felt himself extremely gratified at

being at Bro. Pocock's installation. As Vice-President of the Board, Bro. Pocock had afforded him great assistance on all occasions, for which he felt very much indebted to him. Several members of the Board were then present, and it was always pleasing to meet them, because he felt that he had their countenance and help on every occasion. He had been now over eight years President of the Board, and his time was nearly up. His next appointment—if he should be re-appointed—would be his last. He would then have served the office for 10 years. When he first accepted it he did not think he should have lived to serve five. When he had served the office 10 years he would be in his 75th year, when it would be time to give up Masonry altogether. Thirty years a member of the Board, 28 years a Grand Officer, he would have done his work in that time, but it would afford him always his greatest gratification that he had been supported by the brethren of the Board. He hoped Bro. Pocock would have a new President, and that he would serve his three years as Vice-President, if so he would act under another President, and it was to be hoped would give him the same support he had rendered to him (Bro. Fenn). He had witnessed the way Bro. Pocock did his work in lodge. Emulation working was a speciality of his (Bro. Fenn's), as he had been President of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement 30 years, and it was a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Pocock do the ceremony of initiation so admirably.

Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., said after the exhaustive observation of the two Grand Officers on his left, little remained for him to say, except to express his appreciation of the compliment and honour done to him by the W.M. in associating his name with that of the Grand Officers. It had afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present, and he regretted that his duties elsewhere prevented him coming earlier, but it was very gratifying to him to see Bro. Dr. Pocock installed in the chair of that distinguished lodge. It had been his good fortune to be associated with Dr. Pocock some time as a colleague on the Board of General Purposes, and during the last nine months officially. He was delighted to hear the manner in which the work was performed by Bro. Pocock in the lodge; it was most impressive, and the W.M. was word-perfect. This was the first opportunity he had had of enjoying the hospitality of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. It gave him great pleasure to be in a lodge in a neighbourhood with which 40 years ago he was intimately connected. His family resided a quarter of a mile from the hall in which he was now speaking—in 1852—long before the houses now about there were built. Between their house in Kensington Park Gardens and Kensal Green there was but one house—a farm house. To return to that neighbourhood was indeed a pleasure. He trusted the invitation he had had would be repeated at no very distant date.

Bro. Lieut. Heath, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." The toast was a difficult one to put after the previous eloquent speeches. Still, Bro. Pocock's goodness recommended it to the brethren, and it consequently required very few words of his. The brethren were aware that the W.M., the S.W. and J.W., and himself were initiated in that lodge together. He (Bro. Heath) was the leader of the party; he was passing on, and they were following. He was pleased to see his worthy and distinguished brother in the chair of K.S. The brethren were quite sure he would fulfil the duties required of him.

The W.M., in reply, said he thanked Bro. Heath sincerely for his kind words. They were old friends, and less than Bro. Heath had said he hardly could have said, from the position they occupied towards each other in the last few years. Nevertheless, he believed what Bro. Heath had said came from his heart. It would not be his (the W.M.'s) fault if the brethren did not have a happy year. Everything that lay in his power to do for the good of the lodge he should do with hearty good Masonic feeling. He anticipated no troubles, and he hoped he would be able to say at the end of his year that his anticipations had been fulfilled. The brethren who had so kindly gathered around him that evening to assist in making this, his initial night, such a success he thanked for coming out in such inclement weather to support him. To the brethren of his own lodge he wished to say that he sincerely hoped the forthcoming year would be one more link, and not by any means the weakest link, in the chain of Masonic love that bound them all together. He knew the brethren had his goodwill at heart, and he trusted nothing in his conduct, either as Master of the lodge or as a brother among the brethren, would be wanting to make that love stronger and heartier at the end of his year than at its commencement.

Bro. Frederick King, replying to the toast of "The Initiate," said he was a little nervous during the initiation, but he was a little more nervous now. He was much impressed with the initiation ceremony; he supposed it was because it was so perfectly rendered. He did not think he could feel more impressed by anything else; certainly he had never been more impressed by anything in his life; and he felt that what he had heard that night would have a lasting and beneficial effect, and that he would be indeed more serviceable than he had been to his fellowmen. He believed that was the object of the Craft, and that was his object in joining it; it was not from a mercenary or selfish object. He trusted he should be a good Mason always.

Bro. Naoroji, M.P., P.M. 1159, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he was very much pleased to hear the kind words which fell from the Past Grand Treasurer about Bro. Cama. He was sorry he was not present. Bro. Cama had achieved a great position in Masonry, and they were all proud of him. Bro. Cama was a Mason not only by initiation and in his heart, but by inheritance; his father was a good Mason; his uncle was a very good and fine Mason; and every member of his family was a Mason. He was pleased that Bro. Cama was so well and so highly respected by Masons in England. The W.M. and all the brethren knew very well what Masonry was and what it did in this country, and he need not say more on that subject; but he might say a word with regard to what Masonry did in India. Notwithstanding all the benefits it was conferring here, it was doing a far greater and more important work in India. Difference as there was between the rulers and the ruled—and unfortunately our English friends there were not making the approaches to the Indians which the Indians desired—but Masonry stepped into the breach, and did that grand work, political, social, and moral, by which the Indians and the English were brought together in brotherhood and good feeling. The brethren might rest assured that Masonry was doing a grand work there in that respect, not merely in Masonry, but a grand political work, by which it was drawing the natives

of India—drawing their hearts and feelings—towards the Englishman. It was only in the lodges they met on equal terms. The English there excluded natives from their invitations to their private houses. The brethren would be surprised to hear that they would not admit natives, however fitted and qualified they might be in England—not even to their clubs. It might be a surprise to the brethren, but it was a fact; and were it not for the important work that Masonry was doing, the breach between the two people would be wider, and therefore he thought the work Masonry was doing by the golden bridge it had thrown over the system of the English and the Indians was far higher than the work it was doing here. Bro. Naoroji concluded by thanking the W.M. and the brethren for their hearty reception of the visitors.

Bros. Cochrane, Spaul, and Money also replied. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Master." Bro. Heath had carried on the work of the lodge during the past year in an exemplary manner, not only the work that took place at Notting-hill, but the work up the river. He was told it was an astounding success, and he believed it would take place again. He had to thank his co-initiate, Bro. Heath, for the admirable way in which he had installed him. Everyone was as much impressed and delighted as he (the W.M.) was. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Heath by the lodge.

Bro. Heath, I.P.M., replying, said he felt now in a new position—on the downward road; he was past. He was reminded very much of being in Scotland two years ago going up Arthur's Seat; it took a long time to go up, but you could get down in 10 minutes. He had been 15 years going up to the chair, but he went down in 12 months. He hoped he had earned the jewel, and that he had done his duty. He had tried his level best to make the lodge a happy lodge. The average attendance had much increased.

The other toasts were afterwards given and replied to at a late hour.

Under the direction of Mr. Francis Lloyd, the music of the evening was performed by Miss Rose Brooke, Miss Greta Williams, M. F. Lloyd, Mr. Henry Bailey, Miss Gertrude Bailey, and the I.P.M.

Welcome Lodge (No. 1673).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C. In consequence of domestic affliction, the W.M., Bro. Harry Godwin, was unable to attend, and his place was taken by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., who is an honourable member of the lodge. The other offices were filled by Bros. Ough, S.W., W.M. elect; Owen, J.W.; Leigh, S.D.; Gates, I.G.; Bartholomew, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec., and Howlett, Stewards; Lane, Tyler; White, I.P.M.; Royle, P.M.; Henderson, Thompson, A. E. R. Brett, Morris, Monckton, George Godwin, T. E. Smith, B. J. Lord, and Harry Rogers. Visitors: Bros. Frederick Ough, 49; Vickers Dunfee, 1827; C. T. Lewis, 1538; Edwin Bare, 1228; Robert J. Cook, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; J. H. Pearson, 1567; A. Bevis, 1567; Percy Monckton, 1827; Reginald White, 1351; and R. King, 211.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Bartholomew presented the Master elect, Bro. Ough, for installation, which ceremony Bro. Sudlow then performed. We have on more than one occasion heard visiting brethren, while returning thanks for the visitors, say that they had experienced a "great Masonic treat," but certainly this expression would be fully justified in describing the manner in which Bro. Sudlow carried out the duties of Installing Master. No work could have been more impressively done. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. Walter C. Owen, S.W.; H. H. Leigh, J.W.; C. E. Barnett, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.V. Surrey, Sec. and Steward; H. J. Gates, S.D.; W. Howlett, J.D.; James Thompson, I.G.; Gilbert Bartholomew, P.M., D.C.; A. E. R. Brett, Steward; and W. Lane, Tyler.

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

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and an excellent programme of music was given by Bros. Reginald H. White and B. J. Lord, and Messrs. A. H. Martin and J. Stanley Goddard.

St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).—The monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Beasley, W.M., there being present, amongst others, Bros. G. I. Barr, P.M.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; J. Funston, P.M.; J. Cox, P.M.; and H. J. Thrower, P.M. Bro. S. G. Kaufman, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. B. Nicholson was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Very re-elected Tyler. It was also decided to present the W.M. with the usual Past Master's jewel at the expiration of his year of office. In consequence of the difficulty recently experienced in providing for the comfort of the members at the Town Hall, a resolution was passed for taking steps with a view to the removal of the lodge. It may be stated that Bro. Shurmer, S.W., is in the chair of another lodge, or he would have succeeded the W.M. in due course. The lodge was in mourning for the late Bro. L. Stean, who was founder and first W.M. of the lodge.

The banquet was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

Derby Allcroft Lodge (No. 2168).—This prosperous lodge inaugurated its seventh festival at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when some 50 members of the lodge, and more than 60 visitors, including several distinguished Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, graced the interesting proceedings by their presence. Amongst the former were Bros. John D. Allcroft, P.M.; T. Gibb, P.M.; J. D. Fitzgerald, P.M.; H. Halliday, P.M.; F. A. Baldwin, M. Itford, W. Short, W. Machie, G. Godfrey, F. Paterson, W. P. Martin, W. Bradford, M. Kuchin, M. Towle, J. Murison, T. Wholey, Nathan Robinson, A. Ingram, H. W. Karn, M. E. Braxton, J. W. Mitchell, A. A. Millward, Emil Hahn, J. H. Lewis, W. Joy, M. Humphreys, P. O. Hirschfeld, John Hyman, Robert Gregory, C. Machie, B. G. Elliott, Walter Barnett, and J. Demetrius. Visitors: Bros. G. Hill, 1607; J. Croager, 30; F. T. Bolton, 1687; W. G. Kent, W.M. 1321; S. V. Abraham, 1017, G.P.; B. P. Lucas, 1489; G. Glover, W.M. 1677; E. D. Richards, 834; S. Johnson, 1319; J. Hambleton,

S.W. 1319; R. G. Robinson, 1531; James Terry, 228, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; F. Robinson, 1765; H. G. Cubitt, W.M. 2020; G. W. Mogford, S.D. 2362; T. W. Mogford, I.G. 2362; W. Harris, I.P.M. 1662; J. Kay, P.M. 742; W. Shurmer, W.M. 2192; A. Salmon, 1622; Chas. F. Bucke, P.M. 1531; W. H. Dixon, 27; R. Walkden, S.W. 1366; J. Malster, 1706; J. H. Montague, I.G. 2030; H. Munday, 569; F. Hilton, P.M. 1475; M. Hyman; P. D. Isaacs, Stwd. 185; M. Isaacs, 2030; A. H. Larcome, P.M. 3; J. Mills, 765; W. F. Bull, P.M. 1707; T. C. Thomas, 1853; J. T. Lee, P.M. 404; H. Cooper, 172; R. H. Kingsbury, P.M. 1668; M. H. Hale, P.M. 27; G. J. Dawson, P.M. 1853; G. W. James, S.D. 1602; A. Williams, 1538; M. Crocker; H. S. Allcroft, 259; A. J. M. Bolton, 862; J. Howell, D.C. 1321; W. B. Elliott, 172; Richard Eve, 1, P.G. Treas.; J. Kilner, 195; W. J. Katho, 1708; J. Schartau, Org. 1539; E. Dadziel, P.M. 1549; and J. Brand, 1706.

The lodge was laid out in the beautiful drawing room of the hotel, which would have gladdened the heart of many an artistic Freemason; the distinguished architect of the building, the late Gilbert Scott, would have been perfectly charmed could he during his life have witnessed such an interesting scene. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Harding, with the assistance of Bros. Lord and Fitzgerald, initiated Messrs. Maldwyn Humphreys and Percy Hirschfeld. The W.M. next installed Bro. Lord, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., who, only five years before, was an interesting subject for initiation. The W.M., Bro. Lord, invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Thomas, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; W. Lawrence, S.D.; J. W. Smerdon, J.D.; Nash, I.G.; S. Garcia, D.C.; and Boden and W. Mackie, Stewards.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a *recherche* banquet was served in a style made famous by the Midland Company's manager, Bro. Towle.

The formal toasts having received due attention, in the course of his reply, on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Richard Eve said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to again visit that much respected and valued lodge, not only on account of the good working always to be found, but for the support the members gave to the grand Masonic Institutions, to which he was bound by hoops of steel, namely—the Boys' School—might that lodge always continue in its good work.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in replying to the same toast, re-echoed the sentiments that had fallen from Bro. Eve, and said he would take the opportunity of thanking the Craft in general, as well as that lodge in particular, for the extraordinary result of the Jubilee Festival held this year in Covent Garden, when the efforts of two members of that lodge contributed, viz.—Bros. J. Percy Fitzgerald and Robert D. Cummings—the sum of 157 guineas, and the combined body of Stewards brought up amongst them no less a sum than £6900, the largest amount ever contributed at any one Charity festival in this country. It was fitting those remarks should be made in that lodge, because the name of Derby Allcroft was ever associated in doing good, and whose Charity knew no bounds, and he ventured to say no more fitting monument to his name could be erected than a Masonic lodge, and during the life of that distinguished brother.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, in reply to the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," said it afforded him an unusual amount of pleasure to respond to that toast, so ably proposed by the W.M., because the lodge was carrying out to the letter the task laid down by its founder six years ago, namely, a dignified rendering of the Masonic ritual, and as far as laid in the power of the members, a due regard of the great Masonic tenet, Charity; large sums had been got together by the Past Masters of the lodge on behalf of those Charities, and he hoped that the spirit of Charity would ever be their principal constellation. Personally he should always take the greatest possible interest in the proceedings of the lodge, and when opportunity occurred—he was practically leading a country life now, London would see very little of him—nothing would give him greater pleasure than to watch with an affectionate eye the progress of the lodge, and to attend its meetings as one of its members.

Other toasts followed. The Schartau Singers, Bros. Dalzell, Brand, Bradford, and Herbert Schatau gave a charming selection of music, and Bro. Hopkins (campanologist) some operatic selections on the silver bells, as given by him before the M.W. Grand Master at Sandringham a few years ago. One of the initiates of the lodge, Bro. M. Humphreys, sang a beautiful ballad, which was encored.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The W.M., Bro. Walter Frewen Lord, presided with an unusual amount of ability for so young a Mason. His remarks on all occasions have been enjoyably brief, and always to the point, and were much appreciated.

Bro. William Short, principal trumpet at the Royal Opera, and a member of the lodge, played a cornet solo, which was re-demanded.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was a large amount of business on hand—four passings and two initiations. The ceremonies were performed respectively by Bros. J. Fletcher, P.M.; F. Stretch, W.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W.; and C. E. Fowell, I.P.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. G. A. Myers, S.W., and the charge to the initiates was given by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, J.W., in a most admirable manner. There were four proposals for initiation in addition to the heavy work in anticipation.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road, when there were present Bros. R. H. Walters, W.M.; I. B. Wilson, S.W.; J. A. Macnab, J.W.; A. B. Booty, Sec.; W. Davey, S.D.; W. A. Bell, J.D.; A. J. Spinks, I.G.; Thos. Linskill and W. H. Turner, Stewards; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; T. Lawrence, P.M.;

G. Thompson, P.M. and Treas.; A. J. Bodman, P.M.; R. G. Howson, P.M.; W. J. Marshall, P.M.; Y. D. Gass; S. H. Cliff, S.D. 1221; W. J. Kaye, B.A., P.M. 1522; J. M. Pratt, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. John Wood was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. R. H. Walters, the ceremony being impressively rendered. Bro. A. B. Booty proposed that the annual Masonic ball be held in February, which was carried. "Hearty good wishes" were then expressed, and the lodge was closed.

After supper, in the banqueting room, the Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations, concluding an harmonious evening with the Tyler's toast.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The annual meeting of this lodge passed off very successfully on Saturday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened in the presence of Bro. H. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M., and a large assemblage of Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren, by Bro. T. Atkinson, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been duly confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Abbott, (late of 917) was presented for installation by the Dep. Prov. G.M., and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in sections by the W.M., Bro. T. Atkinson, Dr. Smythe, P.M., P.G. Chap. England, Prov. S.G.W.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas.; C. Middleton, P.M.; and F. G. Dimery, P.M. The newly appointed officers were then invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. Arthur Butterworth, S.W.; B. S. Bailey, J.W.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; Edward Ellis, Sec.; B. Abbott, S.D.; J. Thornton Jones, J.D.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C., D. of C.; J. Buckley, I.G.; Lewis Howarth, Org.; J. C. Kirk and R. Jones, Stewards; J. H. Newton, Tyler; Tom Atkinson, I.P.M. The formal business of the lodge having been completed, and a candidate for initiation proposed, a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Tom Atkinson, in recognition of the ability and courtesy displayed by him during his year of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a substantial repast, presided over by the newly appointed W.M., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Peace Hall. Present: Bros. J. Constable, P.M., W.M.; G. Kenyon, S.W.; W. Martin, J.W.; A. L. Peace, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; A. Goodhind, S.D.; Y. Barber, J.D.; P. Livingstone and B. Maskill, Stwds.; F. Pine, Tyler; R. N. Bownyee, G. Eland, and others. Visitors: Bros. Mark Scott, 566, P.P.G.W.; W. Chamberlain, P.M., R. N. Bownyee, W.M., and C. Fox, S.W., of 1482; and R. Dayson, P.M., W. Robinson, S.D., and W. Boulton, I.G., of 458.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. introduced Bro. Scott, who gave a most interesting, instructive, and eloquent lecture on "The Architect and Ruler of the Universe," which was listened to with the utmost attention. The lecturer received a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Peace, and supported by the Chaplain.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Club Room, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The 17th annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 14th inst. Since the last installation the lodge room and the various ante-rooms have been further embellished, and the building is now one of the most complete in the province for Masonic purposes. At the last regular meeting, held in October, Bro. John Henry Shonksmith, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and a large number of Past Masters, officers, and brethren assembled at his installation. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, who was assisted by Bro. George Lamb, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., conducted the ceremony.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. E. W. Purnell, W.M. 236; M. Rooke, P.M. 236; J. Loam, S.W. 630; E. D. Shaw, J.W. 630; M. Myers, 80; T. H. Lindberg, 2328; C. E. L. Wright, 2328, P.P.G.S.; R. Hodgson, 566; T. Moyser, 1991; W. Hornsey, 660; D. Young, J.W. 1991; F. Atkinson, 1513; T. N. Latham, S.W. 1991; J. P. Gill, 1991; W. N. Simpson, 236; and others.

Apologies for non-attendance, and tendering "Hearty good wishes," were read from Bros. the Hon. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; J. G. Butcher, M.P.; F. Lockwood, M.P.; Sir Frederick Milner, M.P., P.P.G.W.; G. Ayre, P.M.; J. E. Jones, H. Longford, P.M.; F. Smith, P.M.; Sir J. Terry, J. B. Parkin, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. J. Hughan, P.M., P.G.D. England; and others.

After the opening of the lodge, and the transaction of the ordinary business, Bro. Shonksmith was presented for installation, which was efficiently carried out by the Installing Master and his assistant, the various addresses being impressively given. On the termination of the ceremony, the following were invested with their collars as officers by the W.M.: Bros. W. Storey, I.P.M.; J. L. Spetch, S.W.; W. Sharp, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Chap.; G. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; F. W. Halliwell, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; A. T. B. Turner, P.M., D.C.; A. Archer, I.G.; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O., Org.; F. H. Vaughan and J. T. Chambers, Stewards; T. Dunlop, Tyler; G. Lamb, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., Preceptor; and T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.B. England, Librarian. The financial statement, showing the lodge to be in a very prosperous position, was presented by Bro. J. Blenkin, P.M., who was also elected as Charity Representative on the Provincial Board. The incidental music was effectively given by the lodge quartette, consisting of Bros. Wilson, Bean, Sykes, and Kilvington, conducted by Bro. Child, who presided at the organ.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Royal Station Hotel, where the annual banquet, served in excellent style, was partaken of by a large assembly. The W.M. presided, and in addition to the visitors who had attended the ceremony the following were also present: Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chap. England; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.;

M. C. Peck, Past G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; S. Crum-mack and J. Biscomb, of 236; W. Hall, 1416; G. Manton, W.M., D. Young, S.W., and W. Latham, J.W., of 1991; A. Jones, J.W. 236; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; and others.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which latter Bro. the Dean of York responded, and remarked that Masonry was one of the few things that went on peaceably amidst the irritations of the world. Amongst several reasons given in favour of Freemasonry, the Dean said they were not a religious body, but they struck the right key-note common to all and in accordance with goodfellowship. He also referred to the value of the Charities, and acknowledged the valuable support given by the Prince of Wales and the late lamented Duke of Clarence. He proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Peck replied.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and Prosperity to the Lodge," and spoke of the rapid strides made by the Eboracum and Masonry generally in York during the last few years. He also touched upon the valuable records and curios in the possession of the York lodges.

The W.M. suitably replied, and proposed "The Installing Officers," which was acknowledged by Bros. Whytehead and Lamb.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. J. Kay, Sec., and acknowledged by the W.M.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Spetch, and replied to by Bro. J. Todd, who remarked that York Masons might congratulate themselves on having in No. 236 and No. 1611 such a collection of books and documents as no other lodge could excel.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Chapman, and acknowledged by Bro. W. Sharp.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. John Blenkin, Charity Steward of the Eboracum Lodge. He urged the need of supporting their Charities, and remarked that in connection with a certain charity associated with journalism, one gentleman had recently given £1000, and another £500.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening the following programme of music was given by the quartette, under the direction of Bro. Child, who presided at the piano: (a) solo (b) quartet (c) chorus, "Worthy Masons all" (Traditional); quartet, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" (arr. Bro. W. S. Child), Bros. Bean, Wilson, Kilvington, and Sykes; (a) solo (b) quartet (c) chorus, "Prosper the Art" (Traditional); quartet, "Installation Song" (Bro. W. S. Child); duet, "Excelsior. (Balse), Bros. C. Wilson and Debenham; song, "Oh! Oh! Hear the Wild Wind Blow" (Mattei), Bro. W. Sykes; quartet, "Hail! Smiling Morn" (Spofforth); (a) solo (b) quartet (c) chorus, "Join all in Harmony" (Bro. Howell); quartet, "On the Banks of Allan Water" (Cantor); quartet, "As the Moments Roll" (Webbe). Recitations were also given by Bros. Humphrey, Horner, and Pook.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—This chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. J. Heming, P.Z., Treas., acting M.E.Z.; H. Pearce, P.Z., acting H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Steward, acting J.; W. J. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Samuel Cochrane, 1st A.S.; Capt. Walls, 2nd A.S.; Nash, C. Pratt, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year then took place as follows: Comps. Birch, M.E.Z.; Radcliffe, H.; Stevens, J.; W. J. Collins, S.E.; Larcombe, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Samuel Cochrane, P.S.; Capt. Walls, 1st A.S.; Mapleton, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; Hart, Steward; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Capt. W. Williams, M.E.Z., for his services during the past year. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to every member. A sum of five guineas was voted to an old distressed member of the chapter. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Capt. W. Williams, M.E.Z.; Birch, H.; Radcliffe, J.; Stevens, S.N.; Larcombe, P.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given; but, it being an off-night, and there being no guests present, the proceedings were brought to an early termination.

Ebury Chapter (No. 1348).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. F. Whiting, M.E.Z.; F. Kedge, H.; J. Weeks, J.; P. Parsons, P.Z., S.E. and Treas.; J. Warren, P.Z., S.N.; J. T. Davies, P.S.; Walter Davies, 1st A.S.; S. Wright, 2nd A.S.; J. Potter, Janitor; W. Wills, J. Evans, W. J. Alford, H. R. Hobbs, C. H. Crabb, and C. H. Stone, S.E. 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. C. Crabb, 749, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was exalted in a very impressive manner, the lectures being very ably rendered. The report of the Auditors was received and adopted. The election of officers was next proceeded with as follows: Comps. F. Kedge, M.E.Z.; J. Weeks, H.; W. Davies, J.; Peter Parsons, P.Z., S.E. and Treas.; J. T. Davies, S.N.; S. Wright, P.S.; H. R. Hobbs, 1st A.S.; and W. Wills, 2nd A.S. Comp. J. Potter was unanimously elected Janitor. The M.E.Z. was inducted into the chair, Comp. J. Warren installed Comp. Weeks into the chair of H., and Comp. W. Davies was inducted into the chair of J. The new M.E.Z. invested his officers as elected in a very able manner. Several letters of apology were read by the S.E. for unavoidable absence; he also read a letter from Supreme Grand Chapter granting a dispensation for Comp. Kedge to take the position of M.E.Z. under exceptional circumstances.

The business of the convocation ended, the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, which was much enjoyed.

The M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts in most appropriate terms, and which were loyally received.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Pro G.Z., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said they were deserving of the best thanks of the companions for their admirable services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Whiting, I.P.Z., next gave the toast of "The M.E.Z." in terms of high eulogiums, remarking he had filled the various offices in the chapter in a most exemplary manner, and he was confident he would as ably perform the duties of the First chair. It afforded a great satisfaction to the whole of the companions in his holding that honourable position.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

In reply, the M.E.Z. most heartily thanked Comp. Whiting for such kind and flattering remarks, and also for such a cordial greeting from the companions. Comp. Whiting had prophesied great things for the coming year, but he (the M.E.Z.) could not promise such. However, he would undertake to maintain the dignity and prestige of the Ebury Chapter. In giving such satisfaction thus far to the companions he was doubly delighted, and highly appreciated such a cordial reception.

The toast of "The Exalte" was next given by the M.E.Z., who remarked that as he was so regular and punctual in his attendance in his lodge, and had paid such attention and being so impressed by the beautiful ceremony he had gone through, he was confident he would make a worthy companion of the Ebury Chapter.

The Exalte most suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given in terms of hearty welcome, which was most appropriately responded to by Comp. Stone.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was submitted with great praise by the M.E.Z., who stated that that evening Comp. Whiting had performed the ceremony of exaltation very ably; Comp. Warren had also installed the H. and performed other duties in the same perfect manner; and Comp. Parsons was always most ready and competent to perform whatever was required of him.

Comp. Whiting replied, and said he was deeply gratified to hear such words fall from the M.E.Z. He had conducted the business of the chapter for two years, and was delighted he had given such satisfaction. He trusted the M.E.Z. would have a successful year of office.

Comp. Warren highly appreciated the honour done him and remarked he was very much imbued with Royal Arch Masonry, and trusted the companions who had been elected to the various offices that evening would kindly attend the chapter at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, on Thursday evenings, without which attendance he was sure the companions could not thoroughly perform their duties.

The M.E.Z. next gave, in most complimentary terms, the toast of "The H. and J.," remarking of Comp. Weeks that he had known him for many years in the mother lodge, where he had carried out his duties in a most able manner. He had performed his duties during the past year as J., and was confident the companions had done the right thing in electing him as H. Of Comp. Davies he could not speak with such knowledge, but he was sure that from the esteem shown him by the rest of the companions present, and also from the fact of his having been so recently elected M.E.Z. of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, he would carry out his duties of J. in a most competent manner.

The toast was most cordially received.

In reply, Comps. Weeks and Davies most heartily thanked the companions for the hearty reception, and each pledged himself to carry out the duties devolving upon him to the best of his ability, ever endeavouring to maintain the prestige of the chapter, and emulate those Past Principals who had so ably filled the chair.

The next toast given by the M.E.Z., in excellent terms, was that of "The Officers of the Chapter," giving that measure of just praise that each had fully earned by the performance of his respective duties that evening. He congratulated himself upon having such an array of capable officers.

Comp. P. Parsons, P.Z., S.E., replied that he was grateful for such kind expressions, and it was his delight to do all he possibly could for the chapter. There was one thing he much regretted, that now he was the only founder of the chapter present, through force of circumstances, he was most anxious to see the chapter at the present time flourishing as of old. It had passed through many vicissitudes, but those had given place to better times, and he congratulated the chapter thereon.

Comp. Saml. Wright, P.S., most suitably replied, and said he would emulate his predecessor to the utmost, which was certainly a very hard matter, but, nevertheless, his ambition led him to do it, and he should succeed.

The Janitor's toast closed a most successful meeting.

The evening was enlivened by some capital harmony from Comps. Alford, Davies, and Stone, Comp. J. Evans ably presiding at the piano.

Selwyn Chapter (No. 1901).—An emergency meeting of this newly-constituted and most promising chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. A ballot was taken for present Comps. W. Davies, M.E.Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, H.; John Lightfoot, J.; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Evans, S.N.; H. R. Hobbs, P.S.; W. R. Alford, 1st A.S.; T. Bowler, Janitor; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; T. Grumant, P.Z. and Treas. 1275; L. E. Eagle, H. Hayward, E. Eagle, J. E. Burkmar, and Dr. W. Thomas.

The chapter having been opened, the by-laws as approved by the G.S.E. were read. The M.E.Z. invested Comp. Hobbs with the collar of P.S. A ballot was taken for Bros. Dr. W. Thomas, J. E. Burkmar, J. H. Stevenson, T. W. Gay, J. S. Pointon, E. Eagle, J. Frampton, W. Beecroft, A. Oliver, H. Hayward, L. E. Eagle, and C. A. Adams as candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous, and Bros. Dr. W. Thomas, J. E. Burkmar, L. E. Eagle, H. Hayward, and E. Eagle being in attendance, were afterwards exalted in a very impressive manner. A ballot was taken for the A.D.C., which proved unanimous in favour of Comp. Thomas, who was afterwards invested. A proposition was handed in for exaltation at the next convocation, and a letter of apology was read from Comp. Fraser, who was unavoidably absent through stress of business.

The business of the chapter ended, the convocation was

closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by Comp. Pow, the proprietor, after which the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts in a capable manner, which were as loyally received.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Pro G.Z. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and remarked that very recently they had witnessed their excellent working at the consecration of the chapter.

Comp. Hook, P.Z., next gave the toast of "The M.E.Z." in terms well worthy of the recipient, at the same time commenting on the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties that evening, and he felt confident the chapter would be a great success. As in the lodge, so it would be in the chapter, reflecting the highest credit. His kind and genial manner endeared him to all who came in contact with him, and he wished him long life, health, and happiness.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In reply, the M.E.Z. said he was exceedingly grateful and touched by the remarks which had fallen from the father of the lodge and a founder of the chapter, as he was one of his boys. He felt somewhat nervous for the first time as he had had the honours thrust on so recently, and likewise as he was still suffering from a severe accident. He hoped the next time he should be enabled to work more perfectly, which it was his intention to do as long as he felt he had the kind sympathy and assistance from the companions. He tendered his hearty and grateful thanks.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "H. and J.," stating that as the office was three in one, and the Principals could not be divided, in presenting that toast he was obliged to include himself. For the time he should not include himself, but he presented the toast knowing that it would be received with acclamation. His colleagues had given their lectures that evening in such an admirable manner, which reflected the highest credit upon them. Not wanting for a word, and being the first time they had ever rehearsed it in chapter, it was truly excellent.

Comp. E. Gauntlett, in reply, stated, as one of this corporate body, his resolve was to do his best, and as the M.E.Z. had performed his duties, so he hoped to succeed him in the same manner. He would endeavour to improve upon it next convocation. He heartily thanked all for their kind expressions.

Comp. John Lightfoot, J., in reply said that, as an atom of the one great head, his desire was to further the interest of the Selwyn Chapter. He hoped to emulate the Second Principal in his working. He was delighted to support such colleagues, and wished the M.E.Z. every success in his year of office.

The toast of "The Exaltees" was admirably put by the M.E.Z., and responded to by Comps. L. Eagle, E. Eagle, J. E. Burkmar, H. Hayward, and Dr. Thomas, the latter of whom, in a very highly intellectual speech, thanked the companions for such a hearty reception, and the M.E.Z. for investing him with a collar. The sublimity of the ritual had made a lasting impression upon him, and was beyond his power of expression.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably given by the M.E.Z., and most appropriately responded to by Comps. Vincent and Grumant, acknowledging the terms of praise most cordially.

The toast of "The Officers" was given most commendably and responded to by all pledging to do their utmost for the chapter.

The Janitor's toast closed a most enjoyable evening. Some capital harmony was given by Comps. Hook, Vincent, Hobbs, Lightfoot, Alford, and Stone. Comp. J. Evans was the able accompanist.

SHIPLEY.

Moravia Chapter (No. 387).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Saltire Institute, when Comp. Jeremiah L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.H., M.E.Z., was supported by Comps. John Tillotson, H.; Chas. W. Curran, J.; Wm. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; T. Norfolk, Z. 600, as S.N.; G. R. Macgregor, P.S.; Dr. R. Bates, 1st A.S.; R. Knight, 2nd A.S.; John Hey, P.Z.; John T. Last, D.C.; J. A. Godwin, and Walter Slicer.

The minutes of the regular convocation held in September last were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Joseph Dawson and Louis Arensberg, both of 387, who were duly elected, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. J. L. Atherton, P.P.G.H., M.E.Z., and who subsequently delivered the mystical lecture in his usual able manner. The scroll was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, who were elected as follows: Comps. John Tillotson, M.E.Z.; C. W. Curran, H.; G. R. Macgregor, J.; Wm. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; John Hey, P.Z., Treas.; Dr. Richd. Bates, S.N.; John A. Godwin, P.S.; John Thornton, 1st A.S.; Jas. B. Fearnsley, 2nd A.S.; and W. Slicer, Janitor. A telegram was received from Comp. W. C. Lupton, M.E.Z. 074, conveying "Heartly good wishes" to the First Principal. Apologies were tendered for the unavailable absence of several companions, and the chapter was closed.

After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Atherton, P.P.G.H., M.E.Z., proposed the toast of "The Newly-Exalted Companions," which was acknowledged in suitable terms by Comps. Dawson and Arensberg.

The toast of "Our Visitors" was warmly received by the companions, and suitably responded to by Comp. Thos. Norfolk, M.E.Z. 600, who expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to visit the chapter, and to be permitted to assist in any capacity in the work of the chapter.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Inkerman Chapter (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when Comp. H. B. Harrington was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. F. W. S. Wicksteed, P.Z., as H.; and Comp. S. Sellick, as J. The ceremony of installation was admirably and impressively performed, in the presence of a large assembly of the companions and many visitors, by the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Somerset, Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., assisted by Comp. Col. Long, Prov. Grand H., and Comp. E. White, Prov. Grand J. The following received their collars of office: Comps. E. E. Baker, P.Z., as S.E.; W. H. Webb, S.N.; W. E. Perrett, P.Z., as Treas.; J. P. Capell, as P.S.; Brown, 1st A.S., and Thomas, 2nd A.S.; F. Blackmore, as

D.C.; E. G. Lalonde, as Org.; and E. G. Huntley, as Steward.

The companions afterwards dined at the Masonic Hall, the dinner being provided by Comp. Huntley of the Priory Restaurant.

This chapter holds its meetings on the fourth Monday in January, April, July, and October.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hinds, W.M.; C. C. Stafford, S.W.; E. Clark, J.W.; J. Sims, Preceptor, D. S. Long, Sec.; W. Hide, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; C. Roger, I.G.; and H. J. F. Williams.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. J. F. Williams acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Secretary, and the 2nd under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Stafford, the S.W. of the evening, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be tendered to the W.M. for his efficient services as W.M. in the lodge of instruction for the first time, the same to be entered on the minutes. Lodge was then closed.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Six Sidney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington-road, S.E. Present: Bros. Wright, W.M.; Beecroft, S.W.; Knibb, J.W.; Wise, Preceptor and Treasurer; Wooll, Secretary; Knight, S.D.; Ashdown, J.D.; Green, I.G.; Ball, P.M.; Scott, Richards, Moss, Whitney, and 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. Richards answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richards personating the candidate. Bro. Wise, Preceptor, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wise, Preceptor, announced that the officers were appointed for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time and the Secretary announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Thursday, the 9th prox. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Hotel, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Hill, W.M.; Chabot, S.W.; Barr, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice S.D.; Telling, J.D.; Pack, I.G.; Snell, Shelvey, Reichenheim, Hope, Dean, Newall, Hooper, Reilly, Targett, Bate, Lord, Niblett, Head, and Sly.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Niblett offered himself as candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Niblett raised in due form. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Hilton, assisted by Bro. Rice. The lodge was closed in the First Degree. Bro. Chabot, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Major E. J. Reed, W.M.; L. J. Powell, S.W.; W. R. Hutton, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; H. Barnett, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; A. Eddy, I.G.; G. Gosshawk, Tyler; C. Coleman, W.M. 1425; G. Hill, P.M. 871; L. J. Powell, P.M. 753; and J. C. Conway.

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. Hill being the candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the same brother being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. L. J. Powell answered the questions of the 4th Section of the First Lecture, put by Bro. G. Read, the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 4th Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Hill, assisted by Bro. Read. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A communication was read from the Chiswick Lodge. Next lodge meeting on the 28th being officers' night, Bro. L. J. Powell was elected W.M. for that meeting—officers to be in rotation. After "Heartly good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. D. M. Forbes, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; G. T. Peall, S.D.; R. P. Upton, J.D.; H. J. Kimbell, sen., I.G.; J. Duncan, D. C. Ritchie, H. B. Harding, Lewis, J. J. Sandeman, I. B. Smoothy, R. Loomes, J. M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W. Essex; and Milton Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Lewis being the candidate. Bro. Lewis then answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Loomes, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie being the candidate. Bro. Forbes again took the chair, and the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. Lewis and Sandeman were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the

officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 27th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Sandland, W.M.; A. Winkler, S.W.; J. Rowe, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas.; J. H. Keen, acting as Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; G. C. Bond, J.D.; C. Rotter, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Dukas, C. Morrell, W. Dennis, and J. Sheer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Sheer having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Wise having offered himself a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the usual questions leading to that Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. C. Bond, S.D., was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. The dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. Winkler was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, who appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Neville, S.D.; Lewis Beales, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; J. R. Hubbard, P.M., &c.; H. Guntrip, and John Davies, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Guntrip offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, having been proved, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and that ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The balance-sheet and Auditor's report were read, received, and adopted. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; C. G. Hatt, S.W.; Philip Howard, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; J. R. Hubbard, P.M., &c.; J. D.; W. Fayers, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hatt was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this lodge of instruction on Monday, the 28th inst., Bro. J. Collings acting as Installing Master.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, when there were present Bros. Pinton, W.M.; Adams, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Wible, Sec.; Alford, Asst. Sec.; Sercombe, S.D.; Lawson, J.D.; Frampton, I.G.; Morgan, Org.; Anderson, P.M.; Channon, P.M.; Lightfoot, Park, Parker, Ellinger, Markillie, Maybaum, Scammell, Gay, Lee, Rogers, Aitken, Hobbs, Davis, Mackley, Thomas, and Fisher.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lee being candidate. Bro. Markillie answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lightfoot. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Markillie being candidate. Bro. Pinton resumed the chair, and Bro. Alford worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bros. Parker, Ellinger, and Markillie were elected joining members. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Waldon, W.M.; Baxter, S.W.; Bright, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Hyde, S.D.; Cummings, P.M., J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Hillier, R. J. Williams, Pinchbeck, Clark, and Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinchbeck being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hillier, and Bro. Waldon, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was duly rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Baxter was elected W.M. for the next regular meeting, next week being the Fifteen Sections' working. The lodge was then closed.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. W. H. Armfield, W.M.; W. C. Tebbit, S.W.; J. Rawle, J.W.; W. Hillier, Preceptor; Arthur Jones, Sec.; T. J. Mercer, S.D.; F. S. Priest, J.D.; J. B. Thompson, I.G.; A. W. Lane, P.M.; Ginder, Hussey, Platford, and Rose.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lane, P.M., having offered himself as the candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the lodge was called off and on. Bro. Armfield vacated the W.M.'s chair in favour of Bro. Mercer, and Bro. Lane, P.M., assumed

the office of Preceptor, Bro. Hillier having another Masonic engagement elsewhere. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Armfield having offered himself as the candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, the usual questions were put to him and answered, after which he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the first and second times, the Senior Warden, Bro. Tebbit, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. A. Jones, Secretary, reported upon the votes possessed by the lodge at elections of the Royal Masonic Institutions. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Armfield for his able occupancy of the W.M.'s chair in the lodge for the first time, and suitably acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; W. J. Ferguson, 1506, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; S. Cochrane, P.S. 3, S.N.; J. F. Perrins, P.S. 1839, P.S.; and Jos. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane being the candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Perrins for the very able way he had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time in his life. Comp. Tilt was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier or Original Conclave.—This conclave met at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 7th instant. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights C. Keyser, G.C., M.P.S.; Purrott, V.E.; J. J. Pakes, J.G.; G. Powell, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., acting Recorder; W. A. Scurrell, Lawrence Steele, C.E.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., P.G.G.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S., G.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., G.C.; and Phillips.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a resolution was unanimously passed that the accounts should be audited at the January meeting. It was also announced that the ceremonies of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist would be worked at the same meeting. Apologies from Sir Knights T. Cubitt, P.G.G., and John Mason, P.G.G., Recorder, prevented through illness, from attending, were received; also communications were read from Sir Knights Mickleby, P.M.W.S.; W. Lake, P.M.W.S.; and others, pleading inability to attend.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet. The M.P.S. proved himself to be an excellent and genial chairman. Some notable speeches were made by Sir Knights H. H. Shirley and Nelson Prower.

During the proceedings the M.P.S., N. Prower, and R. C. Fillingham entertained the sir knights.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORY CHAPTER, No. 126.

Mark Masons' Hall was the scene on Friday, the 18th inst., of what, we trust, we may call without any impropriety a great field-day for the members of this illustrious Order. The proceedings commenced as early as 4.30 p.m., when the Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix was duly opened by the Most Puissant Grand Commander in the chair, Bro. Captain Philips, assisted by V. Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, Colonel Burney, E. Letchworth, and Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, members of the Supreme Grand Council, with Ill. Bros. Matthews and Sir George Harris, officers of the Supreme Council.

Three candidates who had been approved by the founders of the Victory Chapter and the Supreme Council, 33°, were then admitted, and perfected by V. Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson.

This completed, the great event of the evening, the consecration of the Victory Chapter, No. 126, commenced. This new chapter has been started under most favourable circumstances, and by the following founders: Bros. Alexander Stewart Brown, 30°; Arthur Roger Carter, 31°; Major-General John F. Crease, C.B., 31°; Charles Henry Driver, 32°; Colonel Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., 30°; Robert Main, 18°; Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, 31°; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, 32°; Frank H. Miller, 18°; and Gordon Miller, 30°. It is needless to state that the beautiful and interesting ceremony lost nothing of its charm or solemnity in the hands of Most Ill. Bro. Capt. Philips, who conducted it throughout.

The chapter having been duly consecrated, the Most Ill. Lieut.-Grand Commander, Bro. Capt. Philips, requested V. Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson to occupy the chair to install Ill. Bro. Gordon Miller, 30°, as M.W.S. of the Victory Chapter. This was accordingly done, and in a style which V. Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson has made peculiarly his own—in fact as the M.W.S. very pertinently stated later in the evening, when proposing "The Grand Treasurer General's Health"—no brother is so capable, no Mason is so bright, and no man in the Craft is more widely known, is more generally esteemed, than our V. Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson.

The officers of the lodge being duly appointed and

invested, the proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

The banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern. We append a list of the brethren present, in addition to the members of the Supreme Council and the founders already mentioned: Ill. Bros. C. H. Driver, 30°; J. E. Le Feuvre, 32°; Balfour Cockburn, 32°; Bros. Charles Belton, 30°; Jabez Church, 30°; R. Main, 18°; Major Carrell, 18°; and others.

Scotland.

THE PRIORY OF THE TEMPLE.

A meeting of the Priory of the Temple in Glasgow was held recently in the Pillar Hall, Queen's Rooms. The office-bearers of the Temple were formally installed, the interesting ceremony being carried through by the Most Noble the Marquess of Breadalbane, Grand Master of the Order.

The following is the list of office-bearers: Colonel John Campbell, Prior; Hugh R. Wallace, Sub-Prior; R. King Stewart, Marischal; Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Chancellor; Sir James R. G. Maitland, Bart., Hospitaller; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, D.D., and Rev. Professor Story, D.D., Chaplains; James Provan, Treasurer; F. W. Allan, Secretary; John Mitchell, Bauceniffer; Charles Baxter, Bearer of the Vexillum Belli; Robert Frame, Chamberlain; Walter Easton, Steward; Emile Berger, Director of Music; Adam Elliot Black, 1st Aide-de-Camp; James Boyd, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; and Walter Ross, Warder.

The new aspirants received were: Alex. A. Speirs, of Elderslie, Dr. S. J. Moore, Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., and R. Barclay Shaw.

The fratres afterwards dined together in the Grand Hotel, under the presidency of Lieutenant-Colonel John Campbell.

Amongst those present were: the Marquess of Breadalbane, J. D. Hedderwick, Lindsay Mackersy, J. Dalrymple Duncan, F. W. Allan, J. M. Ross, Hugh R. Wallace, Professor Story, Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., Adam Elliot Black, James M. Blair, James Fleming, jun., Walter Easton, Henry Lamont, John Sanderson, R. Barclay Curle, Alex. A. Speirs, of Elderslie, Dr. S. J. Moore, and R. Barclay Shaw.

Apologies for absence were intimated from John Graham, Dr. G. Dickson, J. H. Balfour, J. Clark Forrest, Rev. Dr. W. W. Tulloch, and others.

After an excellent dinner, which was purveyed by Mr. Hayward, manager of the Grand Hotel, the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The Marquess of BREADALBANE gave "The Priory of Glasgow and the Newly-installed Prior," which was acknowledged by the PRIOR.

"The Sister Priorities" was proposed by Mr. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, Colonel STIRLING of Gargunock replying.

The other toasts were: "The Chapter-General of the Order," by Frater HUGH R. WALLACE, and replied to by Frater L. MACKERSY, Grand Registrar; "The Church," by Sir A. M. MACKENZIE, Bart., and acknowledged by Professor STORY; "The Retiring Prior," by Major F. W. ALLAN, reply by Frater J. D. HEDDERWICK; and "The Newly-received Fratres," by Sir JAMES R. G. MAITLAND, reply by Dr. S. J. MOORE.

LEEDS MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the submission of the report, &c., was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds, the brethren being hospitably entertained by the members of the Defence Lodge, No. 1211.

The report showed that 30 destitute Masons had been relieved during the past year, 17 belonging to the English Constitution, eight the Scotch, one to the Irish, and four to foreign Constitutions.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Bros. Tudor Trevor, 2067, President (re-elected); T. B. Tomlinson, 1211, Vice-President; Jose Rickard, 304, Treas.; W. W. Clayton, 1311, Sec.; and C. A. Braim, W.M. elect 289, and W. Towers, 306, Auditors.

BRO. STEVENS' LECTURE AT SPALDING.

The Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, at its regular meeting on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Spalding, Lincolnshire, gave a warm reception to Bro. James Stevens, P.M., of London, on the occasion of his attending to lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry."

There was a large gathering of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. H. Harvey, W.M.; W. Fletcher, S.W.; J. E. West, J.W.; B. Fountain, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. C. Bimrose, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; R. G. Ash, S.D.; F. Cabb, J.D.; W. M. Benson, Chap.; G. Lacy Barritt, Org.; C. E. Bonner, I.G.; G. H. Emerson, Stwd.; J. W. Smith, Tyler; E. Hancock, I.P.M.; G. F. Burrell, P.M., P.G.D.C., who ably officiated as D.C.; J. Robinson, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; A. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Jenner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Burdett, P.M.; J. G. Hawkins, F. Lancing, T. Hardy, R. Pick, T. Bloodworth, E. Button, J. C. Harris, H. Burman, G. U. Hensman, B. Lever, R. Longstaff, G. E. Church, J. J. Cochrane, J. B. Plowman, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c. (the lecturer); T. W. Curtis, P.M., S. J. Coupland, W.M., C. E. Ward, P.M.,

P.P.S.G.W., D.C., A. H. Brooks, S.W., and T. H. Savage, I.G., of 985; G. Jarvis, 429; C. W. Smith, I.G. 107; and W. Alves, 438.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER stated that he had the great pleasure of introducing to the brethren a well-known London brother, whose great services to the Craft in connection with the perfection of ritual work in Freemasonry were deservedly becoming recognised. The tongue of good report had reached their lodge, and he believed that the valuable instruction which Bro. Stevens was able to impart would be highly appreciated by them, and conduce to their further advancement in Masonic work.

Bro. STEVENS, after thanking the W.M. for his kindly observations, then commenced an extempore address, which held the brethren closely interested during two full hours. The several portions of the ritual were explained in a manner entirely differing from the stereotyped instruction in common use amongst the Craft, and symbols, of the true meaning of which the majority of his hearers had previously no conception, were interpreted so as to convey a much more correct impression of their value and importance in Masonic ceremonial than they (his hearers) had hitherto entertained. Frequent commendation testified to the instruction and entertainment afforded, and it appears to us a great pity that well-understood circumstances prevent the possibility of such an address being made known more generally through the medium of the press. That, however, as the lecturer himself stated, can never be the esoteric character of his work, necessitating the services of the "outer guard" on all occasions of its delivery. But every member of the Craft should strive to hear what Bro. Stevens so admirably expounds.

At the conclusion of this most interesting lecture, the following resolution, proposed by the W.M., was passed with acclamation: "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded for the very interesting and instructive lecture given by Bro. James Stevens," and the hope expressed that at some not very distant date he would be able to again visit the lodge, and further explain the Masonic ritual and ceremonial.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the dining hall, where a plentiful repast awaited their attention.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the visitors experienced a welcome which they fully appreciated. Harmony prevailed; the lecturer added still more to his popularity by effectively rendering two of his well known Masonic recitations, and altogether the proceedings, both at "work and refreshment," made the evening notable in the annals of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge.

FIRST ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BLACKHEATH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1320.

The above event took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Monday, the 31st ult., and proved to be most successful, through the perfect organisation of the Stewards. The chair was ably taken by Bro. Dr. Wm. St. Michael Raw, W.M. 1320, supported by Bros. F. Hilton, Preceptor; J. Hooper, Deputy Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; E. A. Rice, Asst. Sec.; H. G. Martin, P.M.; T. Grummant, P.M.; J. Loader, P.M.; Kirby, A. J. Martin, P.M.; Stunt, P.M.; Shipton, P.M.; Underwood, P.M.; Walter Davis, P.M.; Fruen, P.M.; C. Coombes, P.M.; Hentsch, P.M.; Porter, Choveaux, Broadway, Head, Snell, T. H. Salmon, A. Salmon, Hayes, Munson, Payne, Hawkins, Sly, F. Bate, F. Temple, Fairer, Evans, Morson, Hobley, Orton, Pike, W. Wright, Hill, Niblett, Derham, Miles Thompson, Pearce, T. Merrett, Barr, Fynes, Pack, Telling, Payne, Neville, Ballard, Beecroft, Turner, and Chabot.

After an excellent supper, provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured, after which

Bro. F. HILTON, P.M., Preceptor, gave the toast of "The President," remarking that the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction felt honoured in having the W.M. of the mother lodge to preside over them. He hoped that it was the first of a long series, and, as the mother lodge had granted the warrant, that each succeeding W.M. would as ably preside over them. This was a meeting of an exceptional character, and Bro. Dr. Raw, whose public engagements were numerous, yet had so kindly consented to take the chair. He wished long life, health, and happiness to their President.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. In reply, Bro. Dr. RAW said he felt it a great honour in being asked to preside upon such an auspicious occasion. He felt quite flattered by the remarks just fallen, and he hoped they were instituting that which would continue year after year, and that he might be spared to partake of the same hospitality. He thanked all for the great honour done him in asking him to preside.

The PRESIDENT next gave what he considered the toast of the evening—"Success to the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction," and stated for a long time the brethren of the mother lodge felt the great need of a lodge of instruction, but now it was an accomplished fact, and under the able direction of such an excellent Preceptor as Bro. J. Hilton, P.M., ably supported by Bro. J. Hooper, Deputy Preceptor, had proved itself most valuable. The lodge had gone on most prosperously, and had established a Masonic Charitable Association, which had already paid to the Charities 55

guineas, and in the course of another year will have sent up 170 guineas. The chief sentiment of their hearts was to assist the Charities to the fullest extent. He would couple with that toast the names of their worthy Preceptor, Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., and Bro. J. Hooper, Deputy Preceptor, of whom no words of praise were more required than to see the splendid results the lodge of instruction had achieved.

In reply, Bro. HOOPER stated the pride he felt in being Deputy Preceptor of such a lodge. During his year of office, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been enabled to take up to the Girls' Institution £64, which delighted him. The lodge of instruction had been really a great success, and he trusted the brethren would still rally round and support it to the best of their ability.

Bro. HILTON, P.M., replied, thanking them most heartily for the proposition which had been so cordially responded to. He attended there that evening under a deep sense of responsibility to the Blackheath Lodge, which had during the Deputy Preceptor's year of office granted the warrant. Fortunately, he had associated with him such an excellent staff of officers—the Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, who had worked so unitedly together in one indissoluble bond in order to make it a great success, and to show that the warrant had not been abused, and that that lodge of instruction had been most useful in every sense of the word, in exercising those Masonic virtues, brotherly love, relief, and truth, to their fullest extent. Brethren who do not attend lodges of instruction cannot fully understand the term brotherly love, until time for calling off from labour, and then be enabled to hold that friendly and brotherly intercourse. Another great advantage was that we might become more cultivated in our language, and what was most important, the perfection of the working. And the virtue of Charity was fully exemplified by the founding of the Charitable Association, through which means the Masonic Charities were so largely supported, and without which they must fall to the ground. That he considered was a bright record, and fully carrying out the trust reposed in them, which he hoped would continue for many years to come.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily given and received.

Bros. WALTER DAVIES, P.M., and FRUEN, P.M., very ably responded, and expressed great pleasure in being present.

In presenting the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary," the PRESIDENT remarked that it would be accepted with acclamation, for they could not have better officers. They had thrown themselves most heartily into the work, and had most ably supported the Preceptor.

In reply, Bro. CASS, Treas., said it was not without fear and trembling that he rose to respond after such flattering remarks, but he would assure the brethren it was a labour of love, and, above all, to enjoy the esteem and confidence of the brethren was to him a source of great gratification. The funds were not large; he hoped they would become larger as time went on. He thought they had achieved wonders in so short a time as 12 months. He could not add more, but so long as the brethren entrusted him with the funds he would administer them faithfully.

Bro. STONE, Sec., thanked the brethren for such a kind reception, and highly appreciated the honour of being again elected to that office. He paid a high tribute of praise to Bro. Rice, Assistant Secretary, who was most faithful and assiduous in any duties that devolved upon him. The Secretary then gave a short summary of the year as follows: There had been 50 meetings, with attendances of 1011, which gave an average of 20, which he considered highly creditable; 151 members had been enrolled in the year, and the Sections worked twice, at the rehearsing of which several young brethren had highly acquitted themselves. A Charitable Association had been formed, with 33 members, and in nine months 50 guineas had been paid to the Institutions—a most creditable performance.

Bro. RICE, Asst. Sec., followed with a few appropriate remarks by saying that he had done his very best, as it was his pet idea, and must confess had resulted most satisfactorily. He assured the brethren that no effort on his part should be spared to make the lodge go on and prosper, and under such an able Preceptor it would never fail.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent songs, flute solos, and recitations by Bros. Derham (flautist), Hilton (reciter), Stunt, Broadway, Ballard, Hopley, Telling, Hawkins, and Stone. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Choveaux.

"OUR BOYS."

On Friday, the 18th inst., the Old Masonians opened the winter season at Anderton's Hotel by giving a concert, to which ladies were invited. The President, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron, Trustee of the R.M.I.B., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. M. Stiles, and others. Nearly 300 ladies and gentlemen honoured the performance with their presence.

At the commencement of the evening Bro. RICHARD EVE made a most appropriate speech, saying how pleased he was to be amongst the Old Masonians. He spoke of the excellent Institution at Wood Green and the good derived there being perpetuated by the Old Masonians. He sincerely wished the Old Boys all prosperity.

The first part of the programme was successfully carried out by Messrs. M. Edenborough, H. J. Grasse, and A. B. Whiteley, the remainder of the evening being given up to a musical entertainment by the "Clapham Blackbirds." Twelve songs—sentimental and humorous—were capitally rendered, interspersed by "quips and cranks," keeping the audience in roars of laughter.

In the interval between the first and second parts the CHAIRMAN announced that the next event would be a "Cinderella" dance on Friday, Dec. 22nd, commencing at 7.30. Tickets—double, 5s.; single, 3s. (including light refreshment)—could be obtained on application to the Secretaries. He trusted all ladies present would avail themselves of the opportunity of a dance with the Old Masonians.

The National Anthem brought to a close an enjoyable evening.

We have to state that a change in the officers of the Association took place at the last general meeting of members. Mr. E. H. Elwins, who has held the position of Hon. Treasurer since the formation of the Association, resigned on account of inability to give the necessary time to the affairs of the Association. Mr. R. S. Chandler, who has served office as Hon. Asst. Secretary (1889-90) and Hon. Secretary (1891-92), has been elected Hon. Treasurer, and Messrs. W. J. Packer and E. A. B. Gough the joint Hon. Secretaries for the ensuing year.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON,

W.M. 1220, Prov. Grand Registrar Cumberland and Westmorland, is the first W.M. of the newly-formed Solway Lodge, No. 1220, at Aspatria, on the banks of the Solway, of which he was virtually the founder, having obtained a transfer of the charter from Silloth, where the members had dwindled down to two, and where it was impossible to carry it on. The lodge is now in a prosperous condition. He was initiated in the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, on the 29th day of April, 1885, and afterwards became a joining member of St. John's Lodge, No. 327, where he filled the various offices up to and including S.W. He was rewarded with provincial honours on the 21st of October last.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, P.G.D., occupied the President's chair; Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were also in their respective places; Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary; and Alfred A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office.

The other brethren present were Bros. S. Vallentine, David D. Mercer, Charles Dairy, Henry Garrod, George Read, George Kelly, S. V. Abraham, George Chapman, E. C. Mulvey, Lord Amphill, William Vincent, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. H. Matthews, William Whittley, George R. Langley, W. P. Brown, John Sedgwick, Charles J. R. Tjou, Charles Frederick Hogard, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. C. Treadwell, Walter Hopekirk, William Fisher, James Bunker, Alderman Frank Green, Sir J. B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, G. Adamson, Frederick H. Gooch, J. C. Radford, H. J. Smith, R. J. Campbell, George A. Read, J. H. Watts, Robert H. Gowan, W. F. Lamonby, G. M. Campbell, J. Newton, F. W. Row, C. H. Webb, Joseph Cundick, R. B. Harding, James Wilson, E. Coleman, C. Coleman, H. Chapman, R. J. Tucker,

J. Cockran Taylor, F. Duan, H. Hooper, Henry F. Williams, R. A. Hargrove, W. D. T. Turnpenny, James Dennis, T. S. Taylor, E. M. Coombe, Geo. Goodes, F. J. Hannan, M.D., J. W. Folkard, Lewis Doerr, Jas. C. Hayes, George J. Reed, W. T. Buck, R. W. Bilby, A. G. Duck, G. H. Lindley-Renton, Geo. E. Grimes, R. E. Joyce, George Gregory, W. J. Bishop, H. Jenkins, F. Voller, John S. Kingston, G. H. Bebnor, E. E. Geflowski, H. Collings, E. Wills, W. Cleghorn, W. O. Surridge, J. B. Cohen, E. Y. Jolliffe, T. Minstrell, W. H. Kempster, M.D., T. J. Dibley, J. Holland, J. Duncan, Edwin Hill, George D. Skeggs, Alf. Harvey, C. W. Peters, H. Massey, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda for the next Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of December 7th was laid before the brethren.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, at the close of the business of the Board of Masters, rose to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Robert Grey, the President of the Board of Benevolence. He said that this particular meeting reminded the brethren that they had come to the close of another year. Looking at each other in the face, that was not what he rose to speak upon. His object in rising was to propose to the brethren that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Robert Grey, their President, for the able and courteous manner in which he had presided over them for the past 12 months. He remembered some few years ago back, when Bro. Robert Grey first occupied the chair of President, that he came among the brethren, comparatively speaking, a stranger, and that they had to wait to see what sort of President he would make. It was not long before Bro. Grey convinced every member of the Board that he was a most excellent President, but that when it was necessary to refer to the laws of the Board, he had them at his finger's ends, and not only did he apply them with wisdom and firmness, but also with courtesy and kindness. He ventured to say that there had been no brother who had come to the Board—and there were many of them who had attended it—whether as a petitioner or otherwise, who had not always received at the hands of the President, attention, kindness, assistance, and forbearance. He had much pleasure in proposing this motion, and more so this year than last year; and why? Because Bro. Grey was the same Bro. Grey now as he was when he first came among them—"the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." In fact they all knew he was a gentleman. He would only say in conclusion that he was expressing the feelings of the brethren that he hoped that for many years it would be their advantage, and Bro. Grey's privilege and pleasure, that Bro. Grey should preside over the Board of Benevolence. He also hoped that for many years he or his successors would have the pleasure as he had now in proposing this vote of thanks to Bro. Grey.

Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, Junior Vice-President, in seconding the motion, said he could not add anything to the expressions of Bro. Brett. What Bro. Brett had said really conveyed the feelings of every member of the Board.

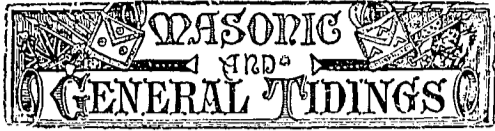
The motion was put, and unanimously carried.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, in acknowledging the vote, said that this Board of Benevolence, they knew, was a Board at which they worked, and did not talk. What they had to listen to there was what was uttered by those who came before them, and that was quite a different matter. Therefore, without wasting their time in saying over and over again what must be summed up in a word—he sincerely thanked the brethren, as he had done before. He had renewed pleasure on this occasion in assuring them that he could not fill the chair of President of the Board of Benevolence with the same amount of pleasure as he did if he had not the assistance of every member who came there. He was pleased to say that many members regularly attended this most important Board. Again he thanked them.

The Board of Benevolence was then opened, and the brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master at the October meeting to the amount of £280. The new list contained the names of 49 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London District, and at Malta, North Walsham, Stockton-on-Tees, Hong Kong, Geelong (Victoria), Havant, Nottingham, Plymouth, Stonehouse, Sunderland, Spalding, Boston, Colchester, King Williamstown, Dover, Halliford, Penrith, Stockport, Oxford, Moss Side, Kirkdale, Lowestoft, Constantinople, Buenos Ayres, Clare, Walton-on-the-Naze, and Great Stanmore. One of these petitions was dismissed, and four were deferred for further information. The remainder of the petitioners were either recommended for grants, or had grants made to them, to the amount of £1040. Two were recommended to Grand Lodge for £100 each, and one for £75. The latter, however, was deferred till after next Grand Lodge. Four were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each. Three were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, three for £30 each, and one for £25. Twelve grants of £20 each were made; one for £15; 13 for £10 each; and three for £5 each.

The Board sat five hours.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole and the Ladies Murray, the Duke of Norfolk and the Ladies Howard, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Sturmont, and Bro. Lord and Lady Saltoun have been staying at Beaufort Castle during the festivities held in honour of the coming of age of Lord Levat. A county ball was given on Wednesday, as well as a dinner to the tenantry, and another ball will be given this (Friday) night.



Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Registrar, has been appointed Legal Assessor to the London Chamber of Arbitration.

Bro. Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Pigott, opened a bazaar at the Fox Court Ragged Schools, on Wednesday last.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife and their daughter, the Lady Alexandra Duff, left Sandringham on Tuesday at the conclusion of their visit to the Princess of Wales.

It is understood that the Princess of Wales will visit the Queen at Windsor on the 12th December, and remain over the anniversary (the 14th) of the death of the Prince Consort and Princess Alice.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Bros. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre and Sir George O. Trevelyan Bart., attended the Cabinet Council, which was held in Downing-street on Monday.

By the advice of his medical attendants, Viscount Folkestone, M.P., eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Radnor, will leave England on Friday, the 2nd prox., for Algeria, where he will spend a considerable portion of the winter.

To-day (Friday) First-Class Staff-Sergeant Charles Williams, of the Medical Staff Corps, will attend by command at Windsor Castle for the purpose of being decorated by the Queen with the medal for distinguished service in the field.

Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford have taken Parkgate House, Ham Common, for a term of years. Her ladyship will leave England next month for Cairo to join her husband, and there she will remain till March, when his command is up, and the two will return to England.

Bro. the Duke of Portland presided at a meeting held at University College, Nottingham, on Tuesday, for the purpose of considering a proposal which has been made to establish a Miners' Orphanage for the Midland Counties. A representative Committee was appointed to report on the subject.

The Earl of Rosebery, K.G., H.M.'s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had an audience of the Queen at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and was privately invested with the riband and badge of the Order of the Garter. His lordship afterwards had the honour of dining with the Royal Family.

Bro. Major Le Feuvre, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, has been gazetted to receive the Volunteer decoration, after 28 years' service in the 1st Hants Artillery Volunteers and the 2nd V.B. Hampshire Regiment. This decoration will be presented next Monday by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The Duke of Northumberland has contributed £100 towards the fund which is being raised for the purpose of securing that the Bath and West of England and Southern Counties' Agricultural Show shall be held at Guildford in 1894. Bro. the Earl of Onslow and Lord Ashcombe have also sent donations to the same fund.

The half-yearly illustrated price book of Spiers and Pond's stores, just issued, compares favourably in size and appearance with the price lists of the largest and oldest London stores. Its 1000 pages are replete with useful information for every householder, and it is, we understand, supplied gratis to applicants.

One of the weights of the clock of St. Paul's Cathedral, which weighs about 800 lbs., fell with a tremendous crash through the timber supports to the staircase of the lower balcony on Tuesday, and the man, who had just completed his work of winding the clock, had a very narrow escape of being killed. Notwithstanding the accident, the clock has gone on recording the time as usual.

The Gaekwar and Maharani of Baroda visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Monday, and were received by the Marquis of Lorne, K.T., and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court. Her Majesty shortly afterwards invested the Maharani with the Order of the Crown of India. The distinguished visitors, after luncheon with the Queen and Royal Family, left the Castle, returning to London by the Great Western line. A guard of honour of the Grenadier Guards, with the colours and band of the regiment, were on duty both on their arrival and departure.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.—We print elsewhere an advertisement of the Canadian Government calling attention to the different provinces of the Dominion, the free grants of land that are offered, and the suitability of the country for settlement purposes. The classes in demand in Canada are those with capital, farmers, and other persons with capital desiring to follow agriculture as a profession, farm labourers, and domestic servants. There are also openings for skilled mechanics who have friends in the country, or who are advised, after special enquiry, to proceed to the Dominion. Reliable information upon all matters relating to Canada may be obtained from the Government Agencies, the addresses of which are given in the advertisement, the persons proceeding to Canada have the great advantage of being helped on their arrival by the Government Agents, who are to be found in every important place, and who are ready to assist them with advice and counsel whenever it may be required. It is not generally known that in addition to the other advantages, settlers in Manitoba, the North-West, and British Columbia, are entitled to a substantial money bonus on proof of having taken up land in either of the provinces named within 18 months of their arrival.

Young lady artist, daughter of Exhibitor at the Royal Academy, artistically colours photographs: Cartes, 1s., 2s.; cabinets, 2s., 3s., 6d. Photographs enlarged up to life-size, and finished in oils, water colour, or monochrome. Ivory miniatures faithfully reproduced from photographs, and most delicately painted. Special care taken with the colouring of regalia. Highest testimonials from nobility, &c.—Mabel Vernon, Craven House, Beaconsfield-road, New Southgate, N.

Prince Henry of Battenberg has very kindly promised to preside at the 48th annual Festival of the German Hospital, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole at the usual date.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough and the Ladies Denson have arrived in Grosvenor-square from their seat in the North, and will remain in London till after Christmas.

Monday being the 52nd birthday of the Empress Frederick of Germany, (Princess Royal of Great Britain), the church bells of Windsor were rung, and a Royal salute fired in the Long Walk.

The Duchess of Teck opened a bazaar at the Athenæum, Enfield, on Saturday last, in aid of the local College Hospital, to which a new wing, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, has just been added.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Harry Nicholls, who has been prostrated by serious illness for so long a time, has so far advanced on his road towards convalescence that his medical advisers have allowed him to seek change of air at Hastings, where, we trust, he will be speedily restored to his usual health.

On Monday next, the 28th inst., the Duke of Connaught will distribute prizes to the 2nd Hants Artillery Volunteers. The function will take place in the Portsmouth Town Hall, and at the same time his Royal Highness will present the new Volunteer decoration to the 57 officers in the Southern Military District to whom it has been awarded.

By the kind permission of Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey, a sale of fancy work was held at 24, Park-lane on Wednesday and Thursday in aid of the Ladies' Art and Needlework Depot, the Sisterhood of Epiphany (Truro), and the restoration funds of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, St. Mary-the-Less (Lambeth), and All Saints', Dulwich.

The Duchess of Teck, accompanied by the Princess May, was present at a meeting in the Oak Room of Hampton Court Palace, on Tuesday, of the Surrey Ladies' Needlework Guild, for the purpose of assorting and packing the work sent in during the year prior to its distribution among the poor at the East-end of London.

The Duke of York has very graciously consented to preside at the festival dinner which will be held early in the spring of 1893 in aid of the Great Northern Central Hospital buildings, Holloway-road. A sum of £27,000 is required for the extension and the necessary furniture and fittings, and of this only £8000 has been promised or received.

By the Queen's command, the band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, and that of the 1st Dragoon Guards played on the East Terrace, Windsor Castle, on Sunday afternoon last from 3 to 4 p.m., several thousands of residents and visitors being admitted to the promenade and taking up position on the terrace overlooking the slopes and the Home Park.

A lecture will be delivered at the regular meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, December 10th, by Bro. George W. Speth, P.M. 183 and 2076, &c., Secretary Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on "The Degrees of Ancient (pre 1717) Masonry." Master Masons only may be present. The lecture will commence at 4.30 p.m., and conclude at about 6 o'clock.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended the annual vocal music competition which is promoted by the London School Board, and was held in Exeter Hall, on Tuesday. Sir John Stainer and Mr. W. McNaught acted as judges, and the Challenge Medallion was awarded to the children of the Fleet Schools. This was duly presented by the Lady Mayoress, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to her ladyship for attending.

To-day (Friday) her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck will open the new wing of the Boys' Industrial School, Hillfield-road, West Hampstead, which has been erected to commemorate the Jubilee of the "Field-lane Ragged Schools and Refuges," established in 1841 by the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury. The new wing will accommodate an additional 40 boys, and includes an infirmary and covered playground. Its erection has cost £1950, of which £1000 remains unsubscribed, and, as the Institution has done good work, we trust this sum will be speedily contributed.

At the meeting of the St. Michael Lodge, No. 175, of Mark Master Masons at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., Bro. J. M. Richards was installed W.M. by Bro. W. Hall, and the officers invested were Bros. Blackwell, S.W.; Ratcliffe, J.W.; Willey, M.O.; T. B. James, S.O.; W. Ellis, J.O.; Taylor, Treas.; W. Hall, Chap.; E. Dunstan, S.D.; Ralph, J.D.; and J. O. Eva, Sec. The visitors present were: Bros. R. H. Reed, W.M. 450; R. Rowe, W.M.; W. Vyell, S.W.; and A. Duncan, J.W. 1544. After business dinner was served at Bro. Blackwell's, Angel Hotel.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to command Sir Augustus Harris to give a performance of Bizet's opera, "Carmen," in Italian, at Windsor Castle, on the evening of Saturday, the 3rd December. Sir Augustus recently visited the Castle to make notes of the stage accommodation, and to make final arrangements with regard to the cast, which her Majesty has approved, and which is as follows: Carmen, Mdlle. de Lussan; Michela, Miss Esther Palliser; Frasquita, Miss Agnes Jansen; Escamillo, M. Dufliche; Dancairo, Sig. Caracciolo; Remendado, Sig. Rinaldini; Morales, Signor Corsi; Zuniga, Sig. de Vaschetti; Don Jose, Sig. Cremonini; premiere danseuse, Mdlle. Riganti; and conductor, Sig. Bevganni. The scenery will be painted expressly to fit the theatre, which will be constructed for the occasion in the Waterloo Chamber. The regular Covent Garden orchestra and chorus will take part in the performance, which in all respects will be made as perfect as it is possible to make it.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For bad legs, bad breasts, scrofulous and scrofulous sores this is a genuine specific. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced its unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon its extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed with lukewarm water, and when the pores are thereby opened the Ointment should be well rubbed in at least twice a day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as this much assists the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter engendered by these diseases.

The annual supper of Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, will take place at the Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, E.C., on Wednesday. Bro. J. C. Stone, W.M. 65, will preside.

The Marquis of Bute was on Thursday unanimously elected Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University, in succession to the Marquis of Dufferin, whose term of office now expires.

At a meeting of Masons held at Johannesburg on the 27th ult., at which 70 were present, it was decided to form a new lodge under the English Constitution, to be called the Gold Fields Lodge. The foundation members elected Bro. S. Hirschfeld, W.M., and Bros. H. A. Reid and A. S. Godfrey S.W. and J.W. respectively.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr. Daniel Mayer (trading as S. and P. Erard, of 18, Great Marlborough-street, London, W.), into the place and quality of pianoforte and harp makers to her Majesty. This warrant is in continuation of those held by the firm of S. and P. Erard since the time of King George III.

A new gymnasium attached to the schools in Stamford-street was opened on Saturday last by Bro. Lord Ashbourne, President of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, who, in the course of his remarks, paid a handsome tribute of respect to the late Bro. the Earl of Milltown, by whom the idea of erecting the gymnasium was started, and whose widow has most generously carried out his intentions.

The Marquis of Breadalbane, Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, accompanied by the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, visited St. John's Lodge, Dundee, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The distinguished visitors were entertained to cake and wine. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Henry Curr, and responded to by the Marquis, who expressed himself as highly pleased with the state of the Muthill Lodge.

By the kind permission of Bro. Henry Irving, a special meeting of the members of the Actor's Association was held at the Lyceum Theatre, on Tuesday, for the purpose of considering a form of "memorandum of agreement," which has been prepared by the council of the association for use in theatrical engagements between actors and managers. Bro. Irving presided, and among those present were Bros. T. N. Bolton, M.P. (honorary member), William Terris, Lionel Brough, and others.

On Monday, December 5th, Mr. Gilbert Dalziel will publish "Ally Sloper's Christmas Holidays." The chief features this year will be "Tootsie's Serpentine Dance," composed by Leopold Wenzel, musical director at the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square; and the large plate by W. F. Thomas, "Sloper's Christmas Dinner." The number will also contain 100 pictures, never before published, and innumerable Christmas stories in prose and verse, all new and original.

HE THOUGHT IT WAS A RITUAL.—In the Shrewsbury County Court, on Monday, the 7th inst., before Judge Harris, Lea, Erskine and Co., of Birmingham, sued Harry Smith, wool merchant, of St. John's-hill, for five guineas, for three volumes of the "History of Freemasonry" ordered by him and returned. Mr. Bishop, plaintiff's traveller, called upon the defendant, who is a Freemason, and showed him a prospectus of the work and also a sample of the engravings and printed matter, and defendant signed a written order for the three volumes. They were delivered and returned without any explanation. The defence was that defendant was led to understand that the work would contain instructions as to the duties of the different officers and the ritual of the lodges, and if it contained what he required he was willing to take it. His Honour gave judgment for the amount claimed.

MASONIC AT HOME.—An exceedingly successful and enjoyable "At Home" was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 15th inst., under the auspices of the Royal Brunswick and St. Cecilia Lodges. The arrangements were of a thorough character, and over 400 guests were entertained in a most liberal manner from eight o'clock till long past the "witching hour." The whole of the lower suite of rooms were engaged, and looking particularly brilliant under a profuse display of floral and other decorations. The guests were cordially received by Bros. Horton Ledger and John Wood soon after eight o'clock, and dancing was quickly in full swing in the music and banqueting rooms, and the saloon, excellent music being supplied by Mr. Gates' band. During the evening light refreshments were served by Mr. J. Sayers, in most *recherché* style. The entertainment was altogether a most encouraging success, upon which the two lodges are to be congratulated.

A MASONIC LOTTERY IN GOVAN.—An audience numbering over 3000 assembled on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in the National Halls, Glasgow, when a concert promoted by Plantation Lodge in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Fund was given. Among the attractions was the "chance" carried along with the admission ticket, it having been arranged that a lottery drawing for a grand piano would take place at the close of the proceedings. Ex-Baile Simons, who presided, closed his speech by saying that owing to the action of a spasmodic Town Council they were prohibited from having the drawing as arranged, but what could not be done in Glasgow would be done in Govan on the following night. At the close of the concert it was stated that the drawing for the piano would take place in the New Halls, Govan. The merry Masons had, however, forgotten to reckon with a well-known official from that aspiring burgh, who chanced to be on the platform, and on Thursday the Secretary of the lodge was informed by Captain Hamilton that steps would be taken to enforce the law of the country regarding lotteries should the drawing take place within his jurisdiction. When the hour arrived on Thursday night the dilemma was got over by several gentlemen engaging a cab, into which they placed the numbered tickets in a box and drove off. It is said the cab went in a westerly direction along Paisley-road, but it is only known to a very few where it halted. When it did stop, however, the drawing took place, and shortly after seven o'clock the winning number was announced in the New Halls.

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