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NEW ZEALAND MASONRY.

Has it never occurred to our worthy New Zealand contemporary—the *New Zealand Craftsman*—that in its efforts to bolster up the self-styled Grand Lodge of New Zealand, it is making itself supremely ridiculous? Has it never even heard or read of statements which are made *ex parte*, and the exceedingly low estimate which is placed upon their value by men of ordinary common sense? It would seem so, for it is never weary of ascribing to that irregular body—which, during the last three years and a half, has made New Zealand Freemasonry a byword and reproach, or, worse still, the laughing-stock of the whole Masonic community—all the highest and best attributes by which all good men and Masons, from time immemorial, have been distinguished, and to those who have not seen fit to cast in their lot with that irregular body whatever as vulgar and contemptible. For aught we know to the contrary, this may be the proper style of advocacy to adopt in behalf of a body for which, though it has done little else during the brief period of its existence, than destroy the harmony of Freemasonry in New Zealand, is charged, as we have said, with the possession of all the virtues. For ourselves, we have no very high opinion of this peculiar style, which we associate with those peripatetic quacks and cheapjacks who consider no praise too monstrous if only they can palm off their worthless commodities on a simple-minded public.

We have said the self-styled Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been in existence for some three years and a half, and that within that period it has very successfully managed to destroy that harmony and good feeling which had previously existed among the lodges and brethren of the three Constitutions then and still located in the colony. It might have been supposed that after such an achievement as this, the said Grand Lodge would have rested awhile on its laurels. It is evident, however, that its appetite grows by what it feeds upon, and it is now ravenous to win further distinction of the same or a similar character. Thus at the meeting of this self-constituted body on the 14th July last, a notice of motion was recommended for adoption by the Board of General Purposes to the effect that a return showing the number of lodges and members working under the New Zealand Constitution be forwarded to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, "accompanied with a respectfully-worded protest against the issuing of any new charters in this colony, as the Grand Lodge of New Zealand possesses supreme jurisdiction of this territory." On the motion of Past Grand Master THOMPSON—formerly District Grand Master of Canterbury under the English Constitution—the motion was ordered to "stand over till the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge," and if the counsels of the wiser members of the Grand Lodge are allowed to prevail, it is possible we may hear nothing further of the matter. But this does not appreciably detract from the arrogance of an irregularly-begotten Constitution in ordering off the premises the Grand Lodges which founded and are still the chief promoters of Freemasonry in the colony. But if we call this conduct of the New Zealand Board of General Purposes in recommending the adoption of this motion monstrous, what words can be found in the English language sufficiently emphatic in which to condemn the attack of the *New Zealand Craftsman* on the authorities of our Grand Lodge, both in New Zealand and in the colony, because they insist that the laws and regulations of Freemasonry as contained in our Book of Constitutions shall be strictly observed. It appears that Bro. GEORGE S. GRAHAM, our D.G.M. for Auckland, North Island, has addressed a circular letter to the members of three lodges formerly in his district, which have seceded from the English Constitution. In that circular he informs them that, having heard they had seceded from English Masonry and joined a lodge or lodges working under an irregular and unrecognised body, and also that they had left their present lodges without paying their dues, and were parties to the detention of the warrants of those lodges, he, "acting under imperative instruction from the United Grand Lodge of England, and in accordance with Article No. 73 of the Book of Constitutions," calls upon them to attend on a certain day at a certain hour in the evening at the Masonic Hall, Auckland, and answer the said charges; and he further informs them that unless they appear as summoned or address an answer in writing to the D.G. Secretary "it will be assumed" that they "plead guilty to the serious Masonic offences charged" against them, and that, being thus contumacious, they will be dealt with in accordance with the law. The circular is a proper one to have issued with or without "imperative instruction" from the supreme authority, while, on the other hand, we have never yet heard of the non-payment of dues, especially under the circumstances existing in New Zealand, and the misappropriation of lodge warrants, which are the property of the Grand Lodge that issued them, being regarded in the light of honourable achievements. Yet, in speaking of this circular, our contemporary

says, "it would be difficult to match this document for stupidity, inconsistency and downright impudence." Our contemporary excuses itself for indulging in this ebullition of splenetic anger on three grounds—(1) the members to whom the offending circular has been sent are not addressed as Masons; (2) notwithstanding this, they are summoned to appear before a Masonic tribunal; (3) they are already condemned before being heard, and that, too, by men who stand towards them in "the double role of accusers and judges." But there is more to follow—a whole page of paragraphs, of which about one-half are occupied with abuse of the Grand Lodge of England and its belongings, while the other half is devoted to the glorification of New Zealand Masonry as exemplified by the character and conduct of some of its members. Thus we are gravely informed that "this arbitrary attempt to degrade Freemasonry" by calling upon defaulting former members to pay up their dues and respect the property of the Grand Lodge of England, proves yet another argument, if one were needed, "in favour of establishing the Grand Lodge of New Zealand;" and then that there is "not much liberty, equality, and fraternity about this circular; not much of the spirit of Charity and brotherly love; it sounds much more like the ukase of a Czar of Russia than what we would naturally expect from the Grand Lodge of England." This is very probably the case—from the New Zealand point of view; but whatever it may become hereafter, the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand has not yet attained the distinction of being the accepted *censor morum* and *arbiter elegantiarum* of all the Masonic communities throughout the civilised world. Then, our contemporary, having for the moment expended its indignation upon conduct so uncharitable and unbrotherly, proceeds to ask, and in a fashion peculiar to itself, to answer the very important question "Of what have these brethren been guilty? For what heinous crime are they to be expelled the Craft?" the answer to these queries being as follows: "The circular says the accused have seceded from their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England and joined a lodge under the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, an irregular and unrecognised body." This statement contains what is known in logic as the "*suggestio falsi, suppressio veri*,"—we have inverted the usual order of the words, for reasons which will be obvious. The circular does contain this statement, but the statement does not constitute the whole of the circular. On the contrary, it is merely the opening clause of the preamble on which the material part—the bill, so to speak—is based. Says Bro. GRAHAM in effect—Whereas I am given to understand that you have seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and joined the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and whereas I am told that on joining the latter body "you left your parent lodge—E.C. without paying the dues you owed thereto"—we can do a little in the way of italicising as well as our contemporary—and are "also charged with being a party to the illegal detention of the lodge warrant, the property of the United Grand Lodge of England, in the face of a request having been made for its return; now therefore, I, acting under imperative instruction, . . . and in accordance with Article 73"—and Bro. GRAHAM, had he chosen, might have added Article 106—do hereby summon you to appear before myself—the D.G.M.—and the officers of the District Grand Lodge on——at——to make answers to the said charges—not of secession merely—which though an offence, and particularly in a case of this kind, is rarely one it is worth while prosecuting the offender for—but of secession accompanied by non-payment of dues to the parent English lodge, and participation in the detention of the lodge warrant. As for the regularity with which "the Grand Lodge of New Zealand" was constituted, we are prepared to accept it when our contemporary is able to specify and quote in full from any authority on international or interjurisdictional Masonic jurisprudence, which is accepted by the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of the world, those laws and that practice "regulating the Creation of Supreme Governing Bodies" to which it so complacently refers. As for the concluding paragraphs in which the *New Zealand Craftsman* announces that "there is a limit to our forbearance," and that "United action is necessary, and will, we understand, be taken to prevent this self-constituted Court of Inquisition from carrying out their threats," we have no particular remark to offer. We do not imagine they will have the effect of deterring our Grand Lodge authorities from discharging their duty towards those of the seceders who may be adjudged guilty of having broken our laws, and of whose connection with the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand our esteemed contemporary appears so very proud.

With the series of seven questions, based on Bro. GRAHAM's circular and the editorial comments of our contemporary, and propounded by Bro. ELIOT WARBURTON in its August number, and the answers thereto severally furnished by it, we shall take the liberty of dealing in some future article.

CONSECRATION OF THE 2nd MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY LODGE, No. 2484.

The 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 9th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren. The founders and several other brethren appeared in the uniform of their respective corps and thus added brightness to the scene. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Col. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Major-General J. Crossland Hay, C.B., P.G.D., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. Capt. Robert Gresley Hall, P.G.S., P.M. 4, P.Z. 29, W.M. designate; Gunner Geo. Cook, P.M. 820, Treas. 2346; Capt. A. S. Hatchett-Jones, J.W. 101, S.W. designate; Lieut. Edward W. Postans, P.M. 34, J.W. designate; Reg. Sergt.-Major Peter Pickles, 650 and 2346; Sergt.-Major Philip C. Rogers, J.D. 901; Sergt. Joseph H. Haine, A.D.C. 1260 and 2346; Sergt.-Major John Dalton Lidbury, A.S. 2346; Bandmaster Henry Harding, Org. 1536; Sergt. Edward H. Ridge, Org. 2346; Lieut. Frederick J. Down, W.M. 706; Sergt.-Major Edward T. Lea, 2246; Sergt.-Major Frank Williams, 2346; Sergt. William J. Boyle, 2346; Staff-Sergt. James Bray, 2346; Sergt. Ralph Bullock, 2128; Sergt.-Major John Chappell, 552, 2346; Sergt.-Major Allenby Daubney, 2346; Capt. C. J. Higgins, 1579; Corpl. Hy. Chas. Johnson, 2346; Master-Tailor James Richardson McGill, 2346; Staff-Sergt. William Richards, 2346; Sergt. Joseph Toon, 2346; and Sergt.-Major Alfred Watson, 2346.

The following visitors also attended:

Bros. H. Mackintosh, A.G.D.C.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Fred. West, Deputy Prov. G.M. Surrey; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P. G.S. of W. Middx.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; C. H. Haine, P.P.A.G.D.C. Sussex; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Geo. R. Langley, Prov. S.G.D. Middx.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. Venn, I.P.M. 901; W. H. W. Casely, W.M. 1580, P.G.C. Her's; W. R. Baggallay, W.M. 1718; L. V. Durett Auley, W.M. 1201; J. Suzart, 65; F. Parker, 1461; G. Scott-Miller, S.W. 2264; R. H. Johnson, 2346; A. Venn, S.W. 4; A. Briscoe, Prov. G. Org. Surrey; F. Hale Forshall, Chap. 34; W. H. Glazier, P.M. 34; A. H. Robinson, 1010; E. J. Wood, 2466; S. A. Calderara, 1489; Vernon Lee, S.D. 1288; R. R. Thompson, 177 (N.S.W.); H. Gardiner, P.M. 2346; Capt. J. N. Stephens, 1718 and 2466; Dr. J. Wayte, J.W. 2006; R. Poore, P.M. 1949; W. Scott-Miller, W.M. 2264; J. Evans, 34; P. E. Montagu, 2182; T. David, 1929; F. Hanson, 2; Barry Lindon, 733; W. Youells, P.M. 34; J. Stevens, P.M. 923; R. W. Brown; Rev. A. W. Oxford, P.M. 4; G. Weldon, P.M. 4, P.G. Stwd.; E. H. Baylis, P.M. 259; J. M. Bastowe, P.M. 1861; G. L. Cooper, 1572; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; and many others.

Lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees and a hymn sung,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: In view of the somewhat lengthy ceremony before us, I will not presume to occupy your time for many moments with any words of my own. We are met here to-day for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, which will hereafter be known as the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge. It takes its name from a corps well known and occupying a high position among the corps of the county of Middlesex. As a very old volunteer myself, it affords me peculiar pleasure that the duty should devolve upon me to consecrate this lodge. At a time when warrants are not granted as a matter of course, and when every petition for a new lodge is very closely scrutinised and examined, it is a matter of congratulation that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant this new warrant, and I congratulate the founders on the fact. I take this opportunity of congratulating the founders on being presided over during the first and most critical period of the existence of the lodge by a W.M. of such experience and ability, who, I feel sure, will most worthily preside over them. With these few words I must express the hope that this lodge may have before it a career of very great success and usefulness. I will now proceed with the ceremony by calling upon the rev. Chaplain to give us the benefit of prayer.

The founders signified approval of the officers named in the warrant, and an eloquent oration was then delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, D.P.G.M. Bucks, in which he emphasised the duty and necessity of order and discipline, whether in military or Masonic life.

The ceremony, which included several anthems, was brought to a happy conclusion, and the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Capt. R. Gresley Hall, P.G. Stwd., was regularly installed by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Gun. Geo. Cook, P.M. 820, Treas. 2346, acting I.P.M. and Treas.; Capt. A. S. Hatchett-Jones, J.W. 101, S.W.; Lieut. Edward W. Postans, P.M. 34, J.W.; Reg. Sergt.-Major Peter Pickles, 650 and 2346, Sec.; Sergt.-Major P. C. Rogers, J.D. 901, S.D.; Sergt. J. H. Haine, A.D.C. 1260 and 2346, J.D.; Sergt.-Major J. Dalton Lidbury, Stwd. 2346, I.G.; Bandmaster Henry Harding, Org. 1536, Org.; Sergt. Edward H. Ridge, Org. 2346, Asst. Org.; Lieut. F. J. Down, W.M. 706, D.C.; Sergt.-Major Edward T. Lea, 2346, Sergt.-Major Frank Williams, 2346, and Sergt. William J. Boyle, 2356, Stewards; and Corpl. J. Saunders, 1923, Tyler.

On the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating and Grand Officers present, and they were unanimously asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned thanks for the honour done them, which he assured the founders they highly prized.

Other business was transacted, and previous to the closing of the lodge, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER intimated his intention of serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

A banquet was served in the newly-decorated Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mantel, and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.

The first toast afterwards submitted was "The Queen and the Craft," which the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said there was a peculiar fitness in proposing at the consecration of a new military lodge.

The next toasts given were "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers."

In replying to the latter, Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., said the exceptional circumstances of seniority—which some people might call a regrettable exception—enabled him to return thanks, not for the first time for this toast, and he responded very heartily that day. He agreed with the W.M. that it was an important toast, because there was no doubt, without saying anything about present company, that there were many excellent Masons involved in it. As regards the proceedings of the evening, it would be a shortcoming if they did not offer a word of congratulation to the new lodge, and more than a word to the W. Master. A quarter of a century ago he was an enthusiastic gunner in the 1st Middlesex, and was the founder and first W.M. of the lodge connected with that corps. The Buckingham and Chandos Lodge—so named after the honorary colonel—flourished well, and he could not express a better wish than that the new lodge might do as well. The Buckingham and Chandos had been a smart, good-working, and charitable lodge, and still possessed its old Secretary, and he hoped that Bro. Pickles, the Secretary of the 2nd Middlesex Lodge, would have as pleasant and lengthy a term of service as the brother of whom he spoke.

In proposing "The Consecrating Officers," the W.M. said that if he was crowded with eloquence he would exhaust it all on this toast, but he would make up for that deficiency by heartfelt utterances in expressing their feelings of thanks for the very kind and impressive way in which the Grand Secretary had performed the ceremony, and he was sure it would remain in their minds and hearts for years to come.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., said he rose at once to acknowledge the extremely cordial manner in which the brethren had received the toast proposed by the W.M. in terms as kind and complimentary as he felt they were undeserved, and, on behalf of himself and those who had so kindly assisted him, he begged to thank them. He could assure them it had afforded him more than usual pleasure to occupy the position he had filled that evening, because, as he thought he said in the lodge, he was probably the oldest volunteer in the room. His captain's commission was dated between 30 and 40 years ago, and previous to that he was a private in the Victoria Rifles, but owing to his Quaker descent he was never much of a warrior, and in 1867 her Majesty was pleased to accept his resignation. He had always entertained the most profound respect for those who had stuck to their guns and raised the volunteer force to its present position, and gained the commendation not only of Sir Evelyn Wood but also of the Commander-in-Chief. He anticipated for this new lodge as successful a career as the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, to which Bro. Sir John B. Monckton had alluded. He had to thank the other Grand Officers who had been good enough to assist him and acknowledge the kindness of the two Wardens, of Bro. Brownrigg, who delivered the admirable oration, of Bro. Richardson, who always performed the duties of D.C. in a manner second to none, and also of Bro. Major-Gen. Hay, who on this occasion had condescended to fill the post of I.G. If they would allow him, he would proceed at once to propose the next toast, which was really the toast of the evening. He asked them to join in drinking "The Health of the Worshipful Master," whom he had had the great pleasure of installing into the chair. The W.M. was no novice as a Mason, for he had already filled many offices with distinction, and was a P.M. of one of the most ancient and distinguished lodges in the Craft—the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Bro. Capt. Gresley Hall was also a Past G. Stwd., and under his able and genial rule this lodge could not fail to discharge its various duties in such a manner as to ensure a great success. He confidently predicted that in a very short time this 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge would occupy a very high position among the lodges of the Metropolis.

Bro. Capt. R. GRESLEY HALL, P.G.S., W.M., in response, thanked them one and all from the bottom of his heart for the very kind way the toast had been proposed and received. He was truly delighted that the 2nd Middlesex had now a lodge of its own. It was a child he tried to rear up some years ago, but, unfortunately, it did not then meet with success. It was a proof of the old motto, "try, try again," for, thanks to the support they had received, it was now *un fait accompli*. As there were several toasts to follow he would only again thank them for their reception of the toast.

In giving "The Charities," the W.M. said they were the mainspring of every Mason's heart. Those who were old Masons and had served Stewardships knew the good done by the Institutions, and those who were young Masons had a duty to do, for every brother should at least serve one Stewardship. Prompted by the kind suggestion of Bro. Monckton that evening, he had offered to be the first Steward from the lodge for the Girls' School, and, although that Institution was not represented by its Secretary, it was an instance that the absent were not always forgotten. They were fortunate in having present two able representatives of the other Institutions in Bro. Terry, who was a host in himself, and Bro. McLeod, the Sec. of the Boys' School, which continued to flourish.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., in response, said it was remarkably good of the W.M. not only to propose the toast, but to place it in a distinguished position on the list. As a rule they travelled five miles, it might be 50, and generally found the toast immediately before the Tyler's toast, when there were no brethren present to address but the officers of the lodge. At the suggestion of one of the House Committee, the W.M. had kindly undertaken to act as Steward for the Girls' School, the Secretary of which they rarely had the opportunity of meeting at these gatherings. He thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid him, and believed that when next a Steward was sent from the lodge the claims of the Old People would not be forgotten.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, said he had no desire to stand between the brethren and the harmony and therefore he should say but a few words. It was a matter of congratulation to him as the executive officer of one of the Institutions that at the consecration of a new lodge the Charities should be brought so prominently forward. He congratulated them and wished them every success in the venture they had undertaken. He regretted the absence of the Secretary of the Girls' School who was fortunate in his absence, and who would no doubt gain a great deal of support from the efforts of the W.M., and as all the Institutions deserved equal success he hoped that this lodge in the third year of its existence would give him cause to congratulate the Boys' School on a good list.

Bro. GEO. COOK, P.M., acting I.P.M. and Treas., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that whatever he had done for the lodge had given him great pleasure to do, and he should be only too happy to undertake anything in the future to promote its success.

Bro. Reg. Sergeant-Major PETER PICKLES, Sec., briefly responded, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors" in a very cordial and kindly manner.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present on the invitation of the W.M. They had enjoyed the good things at the table, but they had greatly enjoyed the work in the lodge far more. No brother could have rendered the ceremony of consecration in a more calm, dignified, and impressive manner than the Grand Secretary, and it would live in the remembrance of the visitors for many years to come.

Bros. BAGGALLAY, THOMPSON, 177, New South Wales; and NUGENT also replied.

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable inaugural meeting.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Vernon Lee, assisted by Bros. Trefelyn David, Arthur Beckwith, Barry Lindon, A. Briscoe, and E. J. Wood.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Institute, Windermere, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under the banner of Windermere Lodge, No. 2217. This lodge was consecrated in the Jubilee year, and has enjoyed much prosperity during the six years of its reign, having been represented at several festivals, and a worthy brother will again put in an appearance at the Festival for the Girls' School next May with a good long list.

In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, through ill-health, Bro. G. J. McKay, J.P., D.P.G.M., presided, and there were also present—

Bros. T. A. Argles, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, as P.S.G.W.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Wm. Cree, W.M. 339, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; F. Richardson, P.M. 1220, P.G. Reg.; George Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.G. Sec.; J. Atkinson, P.M. 1074, P.S.G.D.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 1002, P.G.D.C.; G. Brooker, P.M. 1073, P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. E. Maddren, P.M. 1390, P.G. Org.; Rev. James Anderson, P.M. 119, 1002, P.P.G. Chap., P.A.G. Sec.; J. Wharton, P.M. 310, P.A.G.P.; J. J. Little, P.M. 962, J. Atkinson, P.M. 1390, and R. P. Hunter, P.M. 2217, P.G. Stwds.; W. Mandall, P.M., P.G. Tyler; J. Cant, I.P.M. 119; G. Starkey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. Ramsay; A. Milne, W.M. 129; F. Wilson; J. Baty, P.M. 310; R. A. Clark, P.M. W.M. 310; J. T. Graham, P.M.; J. Graham, P.P.G. Tyler; H. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.P.; T. Annison, I.P.M. 371; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Knowles, W.M. 1074; C. B. Waller, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. F. Hope, Sec., W. S. Williamson, and J. Robinson, W.M., of 1073; J. W. Pring, C. Clarke, T. Usher, P.P.G. Tyler, A. W. Johnston, W.M., J. Sewell, P.P.G. Tyler, and E. Pattinson, P.M. of 872; J. G. Gaudy, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, 2285, P.P.G.R.; A. W. Turner, P.M.; J. Jenkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, 1660, P.P.J.G.D.; T. J. Richardson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. F. Long, W.M., J. Tolson, S.D., T. Swannan, Sec., and A. Horax, S.W., of 2217; T. Cornthwaite, J. Raine, and J. Swinburne, J.D., of 1073; J. Pemberton, Tyler 1390; J. Burford, S.W. 2285; J. Cowperthwaite, 2217; John Turner, W. Suart, W. Brown, J. W. Reed, 1220; T. H. Winder, J.D. 2217; J. Wilkinson, J. Owen, Wm. Burnyeat, 1267; Chas. S. Robinson, J. Benn Johnston, J. Mudd, Robt. Saul, Tyler 2217; H. Ward, P.M. 1989, P.P.G. Purst.; R. Boucher, 872; Chas. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 190, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; and many others.

Bro. F. R. Long, W.M. 2217, opened his lodge to receive the D.P.G.M. and his officers, when they were reported and saluted according to rank.

The roll of lodges was called, also Prov. Grand Officers. With one exception all the lodges were represented, although many had driven by coaches over 20 miles. A few of the actual officers of the year were absent, and tendered their apology.

The minutes of the spring meeting were read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER read a statement of accounts, which were passed as read, showing a balance of £117 11s. 5d., and Bro. R. J. Nelson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was again elected Prov. Grand Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

The following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. J. G. Gandy, P.M. 2217	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, 1660	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. H. Gem, 1220	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. W. Hartley, 1660	...	
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Milne, W.M. 129	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Robinson, W.M. 1073	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Jonathan Court, P.M. 119	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. C. Burn, P.M. 1002...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. P. Hunter, P.M. 2217	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. Annison, P.M. 371	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. F. Long, W.M. 2217	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Long, P.M. 1532	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. J. Little, P.M. 962	...	
" D. H. Cook, Org. 119	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Rev. J. Anderson, W.M. 119, 1002	...	Prov. A-st. G. Sec.
" James Lowery, P.M. 1267	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Atkinson, P.M. 1390	...	Prov. A-st. G. Purst.
" R. H. Clarke, P.M. 310	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. T. Graham, P.M. 310	...	
" E. Pattinson, P.M. 812	...	
" F. W. Buck, W.M. 1532	...	
" W. Robinson, P.M. 1660	...	
" Dr. H. J. Webb, W.M. 1220	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. W. Johnston, W.M. 872	...	

The report from the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Fund was read by the P.G. SECRETARY, which showed the sum of £10 voted to one brother and six and five guineas to two widows of brethren, which was unanimously adopted, and Bro. Rev. James Anderson, P.A.G. Sec., was, by a unanimous vote, elected Secretary to the Fund.

The D.P.G.M. then delivered his customary address, and reviewed the work of the province for the past year, and said there was still a steady increase of membership, and he hoped sincerely quality as well as numbers would be carefully adhered to, and it gave him much pleasure to give notice of motion for 100 guineas to be voted from the province to the R.M.I. for Girls, and to be added to a brother's list that would undertake a Stewardship for the next Festival.

Bro. T. A. ARGLES, P.M. 2217, P.P.S.G.W., said nothing would give him more pleasure than to take up a Stewardship for the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, which was well received.

The D.P.G.M. then introduced Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls, who eloquently addressed the brethren for some time on the great work the School was doing and the success that had attended the pupils at the various public examinations, and thanked Bro. Argles for so promptly having taken up a Stewardship on behalf of the Institution.

Bro. JOHN MILLS, P.M. 1390, P.P.J.G.W., gave notice of motion for 50 guineas to be voted to the Cumberland and Westmorland Educational and Benevolent Fund.

Bro. JOSEPH WHARTON, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Purst., gave notice for three Trustees to be elected for the Educational and Benevolent Fund.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were marshalled in order of procession by the P.G.D.C. and his Assistant, headed by the Windermere Brass Band, and proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. WILLIAM CREE, P.G. Chap., and a collection was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Institute, Bro. Geo. J. McKay, D.P.G.M., in the chair, supported by the Provincial Grand Officers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured after a most successful gathering on the banks and braes of bonnie Windermere under an almost unclouded sun the whole day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., in the Town Hall, Bishop Auckland. There was a large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Masters and brethren from all the lodges in the province.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. C. D. Hill-Drury, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Dunn, Prov. G.D. of C.; John Robinson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. J. Seaman, P.M., P.S.G.D.; F. V. R. Staveley, P.J.G.W.; A. Farmer, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; William Mitford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. F. Sutcliffe, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Thomas Banks, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Charles H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; William Love, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Robert W. Thompson, P.P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Birch, P.G. Stwd.; D. Cameron, P.J.G.D.; Thomas Bradley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; George Davies, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Robert Hauxwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; William Barlow, I.P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. C. Barron, P.M., P.G.S.B.; John Todd, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George Robson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Coulson, P.P.J.G.D.; Hamilton H. Arnott, P.P.G.C.; P. Milburn, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Smith, P.S.G.D.; J. A. Curry, P.G.S.; T. G. Mabane, P.M. 240, P.P.S.G.D.; J. M. Pickering, P.P.G.S.B.; William Swales, Past Prov. Grand Organist; George S. Shaw, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Grieve, P.G. Tyler; B. S. Beckwith, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Baumann, P.P.J.G.D.; Geo. N. Patterson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Henderson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Richardson, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Arrowsmith; T. Farthing, P.M., P.J.G.D.; H. W. Emerson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; John Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; G. F. Allen, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Tomkins, P.G.S.; Hartley Jennings, P.P.G. Chap.; J. J. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert M. Cooke, P.P.S.G.D.; John George Hall, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; D. Finlay, P.P.G. Purst.; C. Scurr, P.G.S.; S. Chadwick, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Lear, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.S.; J. Robson Pattison, P. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Hutchinson, W.M.; G. F. Allan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. E. Campbell, Stwd.; Alfred Grundy, W.M.; W. Birch, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; M. J. Todd, W.M. So; T. W. Ingram, J.W.; E. Lautebach, J.D.; T. Harrison, Sec. 949; R. Brown, W.M.; John Redhead, jun., W.M.; J. R. Thompson, W.M.; John Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Mackay, Alfred J. Prince, John Welch, J. T. Garthwaite, Jesse Lilly, Henry C. Muston, H. Potts, W. J. Jobson, W. Walton Dunn, W. H. Patterson, W. Sewell, Thomas Wood, D. Francis, J. Barnett, A. Y. Talbot, and T. H. Thompson, Worshipful Masters; and D. Sinclair, P.M. Bro. the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M., was unable to be present.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M. The minutes of the last annual meeting (held at Durham) having been read and confirmed, the report of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. C. F. Sutcliffe, and of the Fund Committee (read by Bro. C. D. HILL DRURY, P.S.G.W.) recommending grants to Masonic Institutions and to private applicants, were confirmed.

The P.G. Treasurer's statement showed, with balance from September, 1892, £353 16s. 11d., a total of receipts £812 5s. 4d.; disbursements, £459 12s. 5d.; balance in bank, £352 12s. 11d.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his great satisfaction with the large attendance at the meeting. He referred in terms of regret to the losses which the province had sustained during the past year by the deaths, among others, of Bros. Rev. John Cundill, for some time P.G. Treas., and John Potts, P.P.J.G.W., of Sunderland; J. W. Barnes, P.P.S.G.W., of Durham; W. Mayson, of Hartlepool; and Bro. Calvert, of Consett. He had intended to be present at the installation of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., at Leeds, but the funeral of his old friend, Bro. J. W. Barnes, would prevent his being there, and he would depute his Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robt. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, to explain his absence to Earl Lathom. The province, he was pleased to say, was progressing slowly but surely. In 1891 there were 2576 members subscribing, and in 1892 there were 2682, showing an increase of 106. He had been pleased to see their worthy Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, at Grand Lodge meeting, and referring to the recent consecration of the Clarence Lodge at West Hartlepool, he spoke most highly of the manner in which the clergy

and officers of Prov. G. Lodge had discharged their duties on the occasion. He thought it would help matters in future if the name or names of any brethren whom it were proposed to nominate for the P.G. Treasurership should be sent in by the 1st of September to the P.G. Secretary. He also suggested that in future it would tend to the comfort and convenience of the brethren if the Fund Committee and the Charities' Committee could meet on a day prior to that of P.G. Lodge meeting at some centre in the province to transact their business. He also referred to the pleasure it gave him to see that Lord Barnard was taking great interest in the Rose of Raby Lodge, and in time he should ask him to take an office in P.G. Lodge, and he was also pleased to learn that Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, already a Mason, a son of his late and honoured predecessor, was about to join the Fawcett Lodge at Seaham Harbour. He thought they would cordially welcome both these brethren to their midst. He thanked the Bishop Auckland Lodge brethren for their excellent arrangements for P.G. Lodge that day.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year then took place, when Bro. Isaac Thompson, of the Barnard Lodge, was duly elected.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :

Bro. H. B. Tristram, D.D. ...	...	D.P.G.M.
Joseph R. Pattison, 97 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
G. W. Jennings, 1121 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. F. Lorange Cope, M.A., 764...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. R. Crookhall, 1274 ...	...	
J. H. Holmes, 1230 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Robert Hudson, 2039 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Holt, 509 ...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
J. J. Johnson, 531 ...	...	
James Shaw, 424 ...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
Hartley Campbell, 1389...	...	
F. S. Cowper, 2039 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Thomas Dunn, 124 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Teasdale, 1932 ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
H. Tomkins, 1418 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
J. P. Daley, 1650 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
R. W. Wraith, 2019 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
T. F. Pearce, 940 ...	...	
W. Vincent, 94 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
John Joel, 2019 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
W. J. Brown, 1274 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
F. W. Pittuck, 1643 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
E. Micklethwaite, 111 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
H. Dowdeswell, 1230 ...	...	
T. Westrope, 1334 ...	...	
G. Middlemass, 2352 ...	...	
J. Barnet, 2415 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
C. R. Toomer, 2418 ...	...	
Thomas Grieve, P.M. ...	...	

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE PEVERIL PRECEPTORY, No. 159.

For some time it has been in contemplation to form a Knight Templar Preceptory in Derby, and at length, through the energy of Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss, ably assisted by Sir Knight Percy Wallis, to whom in a great measure the success of the meeting was due, which culminated in the consecration of the Peveril Preceptory, No. 159, on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby.

The consecration ceremony was performed by the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior, assisted by Sir Knights the Rev. E. Hesketh Knollys, Prelate; General Hay, C.B., Vice-Chan., as Constable; C. H. Driver, as Marshal; C. F. Matier, as Registrar; Geo. Cooper, Sub-Marshal; Balfour Cockburn, Herald; and R. Clowes, Capt. of the Lines.

The Great Sub-Prior entered the preceptory, preceded by Sir Knight C. E. Keyser, as Sword Bearer, and Sir Knight Charles Belton, as Banner Bearer. He proceeded to state the object of the meeting, and the Peveril Preceptory would be placed under the banner of the Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire.

The warrant was then read, and the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Great Sub-Prior in a very impressive manner. He then installed Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss as First E.P., who invested Sir Knight Percy Wallis as Constable.

The founders were Sir Knights Percy Wallis, A. Woodiwiss, J. R. Fielding, Col. J. Evans, Thos. Roe, M.P., C. Fox Roe, and C. Fendelow.

Sir Knight General Hay then took the chair, and installed the following candidates, assisted by Sir Knight C. F. Matier as Sub-Marshal: Comps. Haughton C. Okeover, J.P., Sir John Smith, W. Naylor, P.G.S.B., T. H. Harrison, J.P., J. H. Lawson, J. E. Harrison, T. W. Lumley, F. Stone, Francis Thompson, J. Hassoll, and Edgar Horne, the accolade being given by the Great Sub-Prior.

The Sir Knights who assisted at the consecration, with the addition of Sir Knight J. Loxdale Warren, Q.C., were elected honorary members. The G.S.P. then retired under an arch of steel.

In addition to the names already mentioned there were present Sir Knights C. A. Newnham, Prov. Chancellor, Stafford; Rev. W. Trevor-Parkins, Prov. Prelate, Stafford; J. D. Murray, P. Aide-de-Camp; Archdeacon Colley, W. F. Tolliday, P.E.P.; Rev. T. B. Munday, P.P. Prelate; E. M. Kidd, P.E.P.; W. Hickling, P.E.P.; J. T. Spalding, E.P. Abbey; and W. L. Ball, P.E.P.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Capt. Philips, Major Woodall-Woodall, Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope,

F. Richardson, Col. A. B. Cook, W. Kelly, F.S.A., P.E.P.; R. Eve, G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Viscount Dungarvan, R. Loveland-Loveland, E. Letchworth, Sir A. Harris, Hugh D. Sandeman, R. V. Vassar Smith, and several others.

The preceptory was then closed, at the conclusion of which a Priory of Malta was opened, with Sir Knight J. Loxdale Warren, Q.C., Sub-Prior, Stafford, &c., as Prior, when the following Sir Knights, J. Spalding, E.P. Abbey; Alfred Page, T. Roe, M.P.; Tom N. Turner, and W. H. Marsden, in addition to the candidates who were installed knights this day, were received into the Order of Malta, the accolade being given by the Great Sub-Prior. The music by Sir Knight Marsden greatly enhanced the beauty of the ceremony.

All business being ended, the brethren, at the invitation of Sir Knight Woodiwiss, adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, most admirably served under the personal supervision of the manageress.

Personally conducted by Bro. Roe, M.P., Bro. Marsden, the Mayor of Derby, and Bro. Woodiwiss, E.P., the visitors were on Saturday driven to Matlock, and on Monday returned to London. The kindness and hospitality shown to the visitors was unbounded, and the only regret the brethren felt was that Derby was not nearer to London.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

I think it would be very helpful to bona fide Masonic students if they were kept informed as to the whereabouts, character, and value, if possible, of Masonic works of rarity and importance, especially any that may be either unique or unknown in this country. Messrs. Pickering and Chatto, of 66, Haymarket, St. James', London, having kindly obliged me with a sight of a trio of books published in Ireland, two are quite new to me, and one of which I have at once secured (the first of the set), and hope the rest will soon be acquired for some permanent Masonic library. 1. "An Answer to the Pope's Bull, with a Vindication of the Real Principles of Free-Masonry. Publish'd by the Consent and Approbation of the GRAND LODGE of Ireland. By BERNARD CLARKE. *Magna est Veritas et prevalebit.* Dublin; Printed by JOHN BUTLER, on Cork-hill, For the Author, 1751." The size is small octavo, 64 pages. The pagination includes the title-page and dedication, the text of the work beginning at page [11.] and ends with [64]. The "Answer" occupies some 20 pages, and is followed by the "Vindication," which is based on Anderson's Constitutions of 1738. Both efforts are of more than average ability. The value to me, however, of the pamphlet, is its dedication "To the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable LORD GEORGE SACKVILLE, Grand Master of the ANTIENT and Honourable FRATERNITY of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN IRELAND," his arms-plate heading the same, and is by "R Close, Sculp." The Masonic emblems at foot includes the 47th Problem of Euclid, and the engraving is certainly fine and clean as issued.

Bro. Clarke furnishes the date of Lord Sackville's election, viz., June the 24th, 1751, the Hon. Thomas Southwell being D.G.M., the Hon. Roderick Mackenzie, S.G.W., the Hon. Brierley Butler, J.G.W.

I consider this a most satisfactory attestation of such an election, and proves that Bro. Henry Sadler and myself were correct in styling Lord Sackville as Grand Master. I have never seen this pamphlet complete before, but once saw the latter portion.

2. "The Free-Masons' Advocate; or Falsehood Detected. Being a Full Refutation of a Scandalous Libel, Entitled a Master Key to Free-Masonry. With a Defence of the Brotherhood and the Craft, against all the Calumnies and Aspersions that ever have been, or can be thrown on them, by the Weakness of some, and the Wickedness of others. By Richard Lewis, Corrector of the Press. [Two verses of Scripture.] Dublin: Printed for J. Hunter in Sycamore-alley. And sold by all the Booksellers. MDCCCLX." It is dedicated to the Earl of Drogheda, Grand Master, and is temperate in tone, and most fair withal. The price fixed by Pickering and Chatto is one guinea. It is entirely a stranger to me, and both curious and valuable. (Octavo, 44 pages.)

3. "A Wou'd Be's Reason; or an Important Review of the principal Arguments for and against the Antient Society of Free and Accepted Masons. Advanced in two later pamphlets on the subject, &c. By Willingly Wou'd-Be, Esq. Dublin: Printed by Henry Pepyat, in Silver Court, Castle Street. MDCCCLX." (Octavo, pp. 56.) The two books referred to are stated to be the "Ahiman Rezon" and "A Master-Key to Masonry." There are several extracts, and the work aims at being strictly impartial as well as critical, the author finally avowing his belief in the high character of the Fraternity. I have never met with the pamphlet in any way. The price fixed is 18s.

4. "An Address to the respective Bodies of Free and Accepted Masons, as delivered at the Stewards' Lodge held at the Horn Tavern, Fleet-street, London, the 16th of November, 1763 (being election and installation night). By THOMAS EDMONDES, Esq., one of the Grand Wardens to the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Earl Ferrers, Grand Master. To which is added His CHARGE to the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful LORD BLANEY, present GRAND MASTER, on his being appointed Master of the New Lodge, at the Horn Tavern, Westminster, constituted in due Form by Thomas Edmondson, who then acted as Deputy Grand Master. London: Printed for S. Hooper, Bookseller, in the Strand, and sold by all Booksellers. MDCCCLXVI." &c. The dedication is to Lord Blaney, G.M. The size is octavo, and pages viii and 56.

The pamphlet is very rare. There is one in the library of the Grand Lodge of England, but I am not aware of another. Bro. Edmondson states that the Earl Ferrers proposed to erect "a proper building for the accommodation" of the Grand Lodge, together with spacious rooms for a growing library and school for the "qualifying and finishing twelve boys, Sons of poor Masons," &c. The sum asked for this pamphlet is one guinea.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday last in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Henry Smith, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, presiding. He was supported on the dais by Bros. H. A. Hunt, Peter de Lande Long, J. H. Matthews, A. C. Spaul, and C. E. Keyser. The business before the Court was merely formal, and consisted of the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the July Court, the reading of summaries of the minutes of the several subsequent General Committees for information, and the election of Scrutineers of votes.

Among the portions of business which required confirmation was the voting of £600 for structural alterations in the infirmary of the School which, according to the designs of Bro. H. A. Hunt, P.G. Superintendent of Works, by introducing a separate staircase will completely isolate infectious from non-infectious cases.

The business of the Court having been transacted, the election of 15 out of an approved list of 37 candidates for admission to the School was proceeded with.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.
Maud Mary Norris	2684
Martha Whitcombe	2600
Eda Gwen Oliver	2324
Edith Mary Lloyd	1926
Jessie Winnifred Hicks	1464
Edith Harriet Brown	1415
Vera Marianne Clever	1343
Nellie Margaret B. Harwood	1297
Ethel Eddevane	820
Maud Mary Cammack	504
Lavinia Frances Holloway	459
Eileen Clara Sculley	384
Grace Frostick	294
Florence Rosalie Andrews	268
May Aline Tubbs	105
Nellie Rosewarne	160
Esther Louisa Vigor	90
Maud Ethel Brereton	75
Emily Cauldwell	55
Fanny Seward	53
Kate Gwendoline Vaughan Thomas	52
Elizabeth Kate English	42

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Charles Perceval, James Brett, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Mullord, James Speller, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; Charles Sheppard, John L. Anderson, J. H. Read, C. H. Webb, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; George Mickley, Alfred Moor, Charles J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; Charles Kempster, A. Durrant, J. Dixon, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, V. F. S. D'Arcy Brennan, H. Mason, J. E. Bird, J. J. Thomas, Robert D. Cummings, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of three male annuitants, and of Bro. Frederick Burgess, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron, who, by his will, has bequeathed one-third of the residue of his estate to the Institution in the event of his daughter dying without issue. He also reported that a widow who had applied for half her husband's annuity had been unable to produce her marriage certificate, and, therefore, that the money had not been paid.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also that of the Finance Committee, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee then took into their consideration the petitions of four candidates (three male and one widow), with the result that one of the male petitions was rejected, and the remaining three accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

DINING ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The Midland Railway has undoubtedly been the pioneer of many of the improvements that have of late years contributed so largely to the comfort of the travelling public, and their latest advance in this direction should be welcomed especially by those who, while precluded from travelling luxuriously, are nevertheless not insensible to the creature comforts being obtainable with all the agreeable surroundings of their more wealthy fellow travellers. That a great railway like the Midland should place such facilities within the reach of third-class travellers would scarcely have been credited by the most ardent advocate of better accommodation even 10 years ago. Travellers to Scotland in the dining carriage express train leaving London (St. Pancras) at 2.10 p.m. during the winter can have luncheons served soon after departure at the moderate charge of 2s. 6d. first-class, or third-class (inclusive charge) 2s.; also à la carte at buffet charges as per daily bill of fare, while teas are served from 4.30 to 6 p.m., at 6d., or first-class 9d. We have little doubt of the success of this experiment, which will be almost certain to lead to further improvements in the same direction.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at "Frascati's," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. M. M. Taylor, W.M.; J. Watson, S.W.; F. Klein, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Bonham, S.D.; M. Burgoyne, J.D.; W. Truman, I.G.; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; A. Pettit, J. J. Dixon, F. Hewson, C. D. Lindsay, H. Matthews, M. Goldstein, F. Osborn, and F. Haswell. Bro. R. Clarke, P.M. 1138, was a visitor.

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. Matthews answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Clarke was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—This lodge was re-opened for the winter session on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Ridout, W.M.; H. Evenden, S.W.; Geo. Hill, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Wilby, Sec.; Osborne, S.D.; Truman, J.D.; Edy, I.G.; J. Hemming, Thom, Crossingham, Griffith, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Truman being the candidate, who subsequently answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Osborne being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Truman, 957, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Evenden, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Earl Russell, 2, Pancras-road, N.W., when there were present Bros. Curry, W.M.; Renault, S.W.; Hetherington, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; Chas. Gammon, Treas.; Edwin Styles, Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Rutherford, J.D.; Maurice, I.G.; Parish, Cox, G. E. Smith, Taylor, and Swift.

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. Parish, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Dixon answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dixon acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times, and it was proposed and seconded that the S.W., Bro. Renault, be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M. 834, W.M.; W. W. Williams, S.W.; E. Newland, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; J. Worth, J.D.; H. Lomer, I.G.; W. Hinds, R. Reid, H. Pearson, J. Banks, M. Spiegel, P.M., J. A. Dennis, and Herman.

Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Banks acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Pearson offered himself as a candidate for raising. He was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. H. Lomer and J. Worth were elected joining members. The lodge was then closed.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—A meeting was held at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, on the 21st ult. Present: Bros. West, W.M.; Bate, S.W.; Carpenter, J.W.; Wood, Preceptor; Weston, S.D.; Rodrum, J.D.; Crossingham, I.G.; Lynn, Ward, Hirsch, Griffiths, Hemming, Williamson, and Zache.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. West, and the 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Weston. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Williamson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Williamson being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Ward and Hirsch were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. G. Wood, P.M., having kindly consented to work the ceremony of installation on the 28th inst., and the W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Reilly, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Rice, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Barr, J.D.; Christmas, I.G.; Orton, Cartwright, Cornford, Ensden, Fullilove, Le Cren, Holey, Hill, Hooper, and Salmon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Le Cren being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted

by Bro. Barr. Bros. Fullilove, 1910, and Ensden, 1320, were each elected a joining member. Bro. Cass, S.W., was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The 15 Sections will be worked on the 16th inst., at above address, under the able presidency of Bro. F. Hilton, Preceptor, commencing at 7 p.m. The annual supper will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall on the 30th instant, Bro. Hooper, W.M. 1320, presiding.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; G. T. Peall, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secretaries; D. C. Ritchie, S.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., J.D.; E. G. Young, I.G.; C. Smith, V. J. Longman, A. Oliver, C. T. Barlow, R. Loomes, H. J. Tibbatts, J. T. Frost, R. P. Upton, W. H. Smith, J. Amand, and M. T. Tuck.

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

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; E. W. Denniss, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; W. H. Dresden, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Neville vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and a brother having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. Bro. Neville resumed the position of W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—The winter session was inaugurated on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, by the rendering of the Fifteen Sections entirely by members of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge, No. 2411. The working, of which the present was the first, was very satisfactory, and the team promises to be a great success and credit to the Preceptor, Bro. Basil Stewart, and the lodge. The officers of the evening were Bros. A. P. Bebrouth, W.M.; Basil Stewart, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Perryman, J.W.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M., A.G.P., Treas.; R. R. Green, P.M., Sec.; J. West, P.M., I.P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M., S.D.; E. Jennings, J.D.; J. Taylor, Preceptor; and Fennell, I.G.; and they were supported by a large number of brethren of the neighbourhood.

The Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren, after which a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren working the Sections, and the W.M., S.W., J.W., and I.P.M. were elected honorary members of the lodge. Many of the visitors having been elected members, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. W. Blott, W.M. 742, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; T. C. Dyer, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Philip Howard, S.D.; Walter Dew, J.D.; A. Brooker, I.G.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, and G. Rutt.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Rutt offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary were re-elected to their respective offices, and a vote of thanks was accorded to them all for their services during the past year. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. A. Williams, Preceptor, W.M.; Cumming, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Cox, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Larkmann, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; Weldon, W.M. 2012; S. Cochrane, P.M., G. Treas.; Whiteley, L. Lee, Pinchbeck, Rogers, Fox, Dennis, Pearson, Barth, Bourlem, Rae, and Biggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barth being the candidate. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Dennis, being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. After the usual rising, the W.M. thanked the brethren who had honoured him with their presence. Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were present Comps. Murché, M.E.Z.; Grumman, H.; North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Bannister, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Nightingale, Cureton, Lewis, Addington, and R. Davis.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cureton personating candidate. Comps. Cureton, J. 2186, and Nightingale, H. 548, were elected joining members. Comp. T. Grumman, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. The convocation then closed.

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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	VOTES.
1	27	Jones, G. M.	4120
2	16	Arkell, H. L. P.	3501
3	23	Rankin, E. R.	3326
4	12	Templer, G. M.	3278
5	17	Hitchen, A. E.	3272
6	32	Ward, W. M.	3254
7	15	Cartwright, E. M.	3138
8	5	Ace, F. S.	3123
9	6	Gallott, D.	3102
10	29	Sims, M. E. H.	3031
11	34	Roberts, E. E.	3026
12	28	Green, I. D.	3020
13	37	Floyd, N.	2771
14	19	Cranfield, M.	2760
15	9	Norbury, M. A.	2754

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The Girls' School election took place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday. There were 37 candidates for the 15 available vacancies, and the result will be found—as far as the successful are concerned—in our advertisement columns. There was no other business to transact.

The election for the admission of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place to-day (Friday) at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which is appointed to be held in the Freemasons' Tavern. In this case the number of candidates is 46, and the number of vacancies to be filled 25—or, in the event of Bro. Geo. Everett's motion being adopted—26. The result will appear in our next week's issue.

Notwithstanding that the office of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, which was rendered vacant in the early spring of last year by the lamented death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, is still unoccupied, our Staffordshire brethren appear to have been developing of late a considerable amount of activity. Last week it was our privilege to chronicle the addition of two lodges to its roll, the Hatherston Lodge, No. 2474, which was consecrated at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2487, on the day following, which had been appropriately selected from its being Michaelmas Day. In both cases the ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary, and at both gatherings there was a full attendance of brethren to witness the interesting ceremony. We most heartily congratulate our Staffordshire brethren on these further evidences of their zeal in the cause of Masonry, and we sincerely trust the new lodges may have before them a long and prosperous career.

The self-styled Grand Lodge of New Zealand is distinguishing itself in a fashion which is, no doubt, peculiar to itself. It has not yet quite made up its mind to approach the Grand Lodges of England, Ire-

land, and Scotland with a request—which we dare say will be couched in such respectful (?) language as its scribes may have at their command—not to charter any more lodges in the territory which it has appropriated to its own use. In the meantime, however, and it may be with the idea of enhancing—if that be possible—the dignity of its request when formulated, its lodges have been invited to consider a scheme for the election or appointment of some 50 Grand Officers; and, as it has already been settled that there shall be 25 Grand Stewards, we may look forward to all the members of this irregular body being, at no very distant date, described as Grands, or Deputy or Assistant Grands. A body, thus constituted, will be, or ought to be, severely imposing, especially as it will cost quite a heap of money to provide the members, thus decorated *honoris causâ*, with the necessary paraphernalia.

The proposed list of Grand Officers, taking Grands and Deputy or Assistant Grands together, comprises a Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the two Wardens, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary, the Presidents of Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, four Chaplains, eight Deacons—four Senior and four Junior—four Grand Superintendents of Works, four Directors of Ceremonies, four Bible Bearers, four Sword Bearers, four Standard Bearers, four Organists, four Pursuivants, and four Tylers. New Zealand ought to flourish under the weight of all this Grandeur.

Bro. Oscar Philippe, who it will be remembered compiled the magnificent list of £671 5s. at the last Festival of the Boys' School, was on Wednesday evening installed for the second year in succession in the chair of the Montague Guest Lodge. Bro. Philippe's popularity with the brethren of his own lodge is no less conspicuous than his generous contributions to the Institutions, and the honour conferred on him by his re-election to the chair was the outcome of a spontaneous and sincere desire to mark the sense of their obligations to him for all round Masonic work. The proceedings were of an exceptionally pleasant character, both in the lodge and at the banquet, carrying out to the letter the statement of the W.M. that they were a happy family. We hope to report the proceedings in our next.

We shall be glad to know if any Masonic provincial calendars have been published for Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Surrey, or Yorkshire for 1893. If so we shall be glad of a copy of each or either for review in our series of Masonic Directories.

Bro. W. H. Bolt, W.M. City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was re-elected W.M. for the second year at the last meeting of the lodge on the 28th ult.

We sympathise entirely with the sentiment that has prompted the fellow townsmen of the late Bro. Surgeon-Major Parke to promote a memorial to that heroic and distinguished brother, whose services both in the Egyptian and Soudan Campaigns and with Stanley in "Darkest Africa" will long be remembered by his fellow countrymen. Beyond all this is the memory of a striking and sympathetic personality so lovable as to touch the hearts of all.

The memorial in question is to assume the form of a Masonic Hall at Carrick-on-Shannon, the nearest town to the birthplace of Bro. Parke, and where he was initiated into Masonry. Such a building is a fitting monument, and we trust the Committee will succeed in its object. Bro. B. St. G. Harrison, of Carrick-on-Shannon, is one of the Hon. Secs., and will gladly receive contributions, which will be acknowledged in a printed list from time to time.

Correspondence.

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

THE LATE BRO. DAVID JAMES.To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I note that in your last issue you write of Mr. David James as if he were not a member of our Fraternity. He was, however, a P.M. of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, in which, I believe, he was initiated, in common with Henry Irving, John Clarke, Thorne, and other distinguished members of his profession.—Yours fraternally,

LENNON BROWNE.

Mansfield-street, W., October 10th.

Reviews.**BY-LAWS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, PROVINCE OF DEVONSHIRE. 1893.**

The code of regulations for the government of the Mark Masons in Devon is well arranged and most suitable for the purpose. The Committee have done their part admirably, the result being a number of by-laws that it would be difficult to improve in any one respect. Assuredly if the Masters and Secretaries attend to all that is provided for them, there should not be a better managed province in England. The last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge proved how attentive most of the officers of lodges were to the demands of the courteous Prov. Grand Secretary. There are, however, unwritten laws that ought to be embodied in all such works, such as sending prompt replies to the queries forwarded by the Prov. Grand Secretary, attending most scrupulously to all his requests, and treating him as one gentleman should another, especially when Freemasons. Few who have not served in such an office can adequately realise what is demanded from such an arduous and responsible position, but even a little reflection should lead brethren to save Provincial Grand Secretaries all and every trouble in their power, and thus ease such brethren as much as possible. What is termed the appendix, but would have been better described as the historical introduction, and should have preceded the rules, is by Bro. Henry Stocker, P.G.D., the Prov. G. Sec. It is exceedingly well done, and gives a succinct account of the province from its inauguration at Exeter on 20th October, 1858. The minutes are in existence from then to now, and it is claimed that, though Devon was not the first patent that was issued, it is the first that was inaugurated. If any object to this, it will be for them to produce minutes of an earlier date. There have been but three Rulers appointed from 1857 to now, viz., the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davy, J.P., and the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P. The lists are most interesting of all the meetings from 1858, all the officers appointed, and all the lodges warranted, besides a mass of valuable and important information. The roll of Past Grand Officers of England, and particulars of the Mark Benevolent Fund, as well as a register of all its Festivals, with the amounts obtained, complete this most opportune, accurate, and ably compiled work, which reflects the greatest credit on Bro. Henry Stocker. The "list of monies voted by the Prov. Grand Lodge to Masonic Institutions, and the votes held in consequence," and the number of candidates "advanced" in Devon to 1893, must have entailed considerable labour, and are of great utility. The province is to be congratulated on having the best work of the kind extant.

THE CROSS AND SYMBOLISM OF THE FOUR QUARTERS.

Bro. David R. Clarke, M.A., has treated this interesting and complicated question in an able manner, and has fortified his conclusions with corroborative evidence of value, thus enabling the student to verify for himself. The paper was read to the *Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia*, and also to the Newcastle College. It has already seen light in two places in the North. Bro. Clark has a firm and intelligent grasp of the subject, takes a comprehensive view, and steers clear of numerous pitfalls, so tempting to the ordinary student. The illustrations are useful aids, and the paper, as a whole, is one of the best we know of in relation to a confessedly difficult enquiry.

**Craft Masonry.****METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—A meeting of this large and prosperous lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Alfred Lundie, W.M.; Hearne, S.W.; Dr. Millson, J.W.; George Everett, P.M.; P.G. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Colwell, S.D.; Hopkins, Org.; Henry Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; G. Stwd.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; R. La Feuille, P.M.; Foale, P.M.; Westley, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; and R. Reinardt, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Kedge, P.M. 749; R. J. Brinkley, 1881; and Chapman, 1588.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dickinson and Leese were raised to the Third Degree, Bro. R. W. Brading passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Charles Brock duly initiated into Craft mysteries, the three ceremonies being ably performed. The resignation of Bro. Burrows, J.D., was received with regret.

Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. George Everett, in responding to "The Health of the Grand Officers," spoke in high terms of those brethren. He also gave some interesting details of his recent visit to Leeds upon the occasion of the installation of Bro. Jackson, M.P., as P.G.M. of West Yorks, when the Pro Grand Master and a number of Present and Past Grand Officers attended. Bro. Everett said it was popularly supposed that so soon as a brother was rewarded with the purple of Grand Lodge, he grew indifferent to Freemasonry. It was not so, there were many who redoubled their efforts and expended a great deal of valuable time for the good of the Craft in general—the Executive Officers to wit.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.M., who briefly responded.

"The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Brook, in response, made an eloquent reply. In the course of his remarks he said that, although he had been a Mason but a few minutes, he had gleaned sufficient of its principles to know that any one who carried them out

properly would become not only a good Mason, but a good man. In conclusion, he forcibly remarked that Freemasonry has been, is, and will continue to be, the pre-eminent philanthropic body and secret society of the world, notwithstanding what had been said to the contrary by the puerile followers of the Church of Rome.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Kedge, P.M., said that the W.M. had mentioned something about shortcomings; he, personally, did not notice any, either in or out of lodge. He had thoroughly enjoyed both the working and hospitality of No. 1381. He had to thank their Treasurer for the kindness extended to him on many occasions, but his was not an isolated case, as Bro. George Everett, P.M., had a kindly way of holding forth the right hand of fellowship and encouragement to young Masons without distinction. The Kennington Lodge should be proud also of possessing two other excellent Past Masters and workers in the persons of Bros. Webb and Higgins.

Bro. W. P. Webb, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Everett and Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Hearn and Dr. Millsom for "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. Clover, Lundie, Everett, Mr. Graham, and others entertained the brethren. Bro. Hopkins, the honorary Organist of the lodge, officiated most effectively at the pianoforte.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489).—This lodge which is in the 20th year of its existence, held its installation meeting on the 6th inst. at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when it was presided over by Bro. R. J. Campbell, the W.M. for the past year. He was supported by about 60 brethren, among whom were Past Masters Bros. J. Tovell, Wm. Gray, Thomas Dutton, B. G. Poulton, E. George, Sec.; J. E. Walford, Treas.; and many lay members, besides the officers of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. J. Morgan, P.M. 1155; G. C. Young, P.M. 820; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. Partington, W.M. 1288; Burgoyne Watts, 1328; Edward Linford, J.D. 1298; Fred Cater, J.W. 933; H. E. Peck, 1381; T. Springthorpe, 1381; Hy. McKie, 2341; A. V. Medcalf, 1457; W. J. Harris, W.M. 1321; and H. J. Lever, 1185.

There was plenty of work to do, and three hours and a half were set aside for performing it. After the election of Mr. Ernest Harry Raynham as an intending initiate, that gentleman was introduced and put through the First Degree by the W.M., who was well up to his work. This he proved also in passing Bro. Knowles to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Inch as Master of the lodge, who, as J.W., was unanimously elected to that office, the S.W. having unfortunately died during his year of office. This was the first time for many years that the W.M. of the lodge installed his successor, and the fact was favourably commented upon by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, as well as by the visitors. The following brethren received the collars of the lodge: Bros. R. J. Campbell, I.P.M.; T. B. Pugh, S.W.; J. W. Sparrow, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Huntley, S.D.; A. G. Caws, J.D.; W. H. Delves, I.G.; W. Latter, R.A.M., P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; R. J. Scriven, D.C.; H. Huntley, Stwd.; and J. J. Marsh, P.M. Tyler.

The balance-sheet was afterwards adopted and passed, and the brethren having closed the lodge, adjourned to banquet, which was both liberally provided and admirably served.

The toasts which followed were but briefly proposed and responded to, the programme of music being the feature of the evening, designed for the enjoyment of the company. This consisted of the National Anthem, solo, Bro. J. W. Sparrow; "God bless the Prince of Wales," solo, Bro. A. C. Blunderfield; "Shipmates in Danger," Bro. A. F. Hardyment; "I don't know where 'e are," Bro. Harris; "The Vagabond," Bro. W. J. Scriven; "Oh, oh, hear the wild winds blow," Bro. J. W. Sparrow; "Beautiful Music," Bro. Walter Latter; "The Smuggler," Bro. Edwin Linfoot; "Silver lining to every cloud," Bro. A. F. Hardyment; "The Old Dutch," Bro. Harris; "All's Well," Bros. W. J. Scriven and W. Hind; another song by Bro. A. C. Blunderfield; "Berceuse," violin solo, by Bro. V. Medcalf; "Jack's Yarn," Bro. Edwin Linfoot; "The Skipper," Bro. J. W. Sparrow; and a pianoforte recital by Bro. Latter.

Bro. Campbell, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," prophesied that Bro. Inch would have a very successful year. Bro. Inch would carry out the traditions of the lodge in the good working, and in hearty reception of visitors.

Bro. Inch, W.M., replying, said he did not know whether he should be able to fulfil all the duties of the chair satisfactorily to the brethren. If he was not able to do all the work he had the consolation of knowing there were plenty of Past Masters behind him who were able, and who would be only too pleased to lend him the necessary aid. He was afraid he would be obliged to ask the brethren's indulgence on many occasions. He hoped for as successful a year as Bro. Campbell had had, and that brethren would bring in initiates to support and encourage the lodge. When the end of his year came round, he trusted that the Treasurer would not have to say that the lodge owed him so much, but that he owed the lodge so much. He asked the officers to render the Treasurer and Secretary all the assistance they could.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," after a short interval for singing, Bro. Inch said he would preface his remarks by noticing what beautiful music the brethren had just listened to. With regard to the toast, the whole of the brethren must have been very highly gratified with the way Bro. Campbell had performed his duties during the year, and more particularly that night, when he had so much work to do. It was wonderful that he had not been obliged to resort to some of the Past Masters to assist him for a word in the ceremonies. Many years of health and prosperity to him that he might continue to give support to the lodge. They did not like to see a brother go through the chair and then disappear. Some had done so in the Marquess of Ripon Lodge; but there were others who had not done with the lodge.

Bro. R. J. Campbell, I.P.M., to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel had been presented in lodge, returned thanks to the W.M. and the brethren. A man never knew what his own value was until some one else proposed his health. While the W.M. was speaking, he (Bro. Campbell) sat thinking he must have embodied all the virtues; he did not know it before. There was, however, a lot of truth in what he said. He had heard in his time of fossils, but

the brethren might take it from him that the Past Masters were a very decent set of fossils, and he did not know what the young members of the lodge would do without them. Bros. George and Gray had been of great service to him both in the management of the lodge and in instruction, and he did not know that he should have been so successful that day but for them. He was very grateful to them for their assistance, and hoped the younger members would go to them for information, for it would be always most cheerfully given. His year of office he would like to have been more successful, that is he would willingly have had three or four times the number of initiates. But it was a pleasure to him that from the time the W.M.'s collar was placed on his shoulders to the time he placed it on the shoulders of his successor no one else wore it. Whatever was wanted to be done he had done, thanks to the afore-said fossils. He was proud to say he had never missed but once a regular lodge meeting, and he would impress upon the brethren that they should not miss meetings, but do everything they could to support the lodge.

Bro. Raynham responded to the toast of "The Initiate," and Bros. Tovell and George to that of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Linfoot, Capt. Bathurst, Mantell, and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Capt. Bathurst stating that he had travelled over almost all parts of the world, but had never had a greater delight than in the hearty reception of that evening. He had been stationed in China many years, and there they could not carry out Masonry better or with greater harmony. But he could say this—that in all parts of the world he had been to he had seen Masonry carried out well. He felt hardly able to appreciate the kindness done him in the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, and wherever he went in Masonry he should say how delighted he was to make the acquaintance of that lodge, and how heartily he had been received.

"The Officers" having been duly recognised, the Tyler's toast was duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—The installation meeting of this highly successful and wide-famed South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. J. H. Pullen, W.M.; S. J. Derham, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Pickett, J.W.; J. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, P.M., Sec.; T. E. Webb, S.D.; S. W. Ballard, J.D.; Wm. Dawson, I.G.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; W. E. Jeffery, D.C.; J. Parr and H. Potter, Stewards; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; F. Hilton, P.M.; H. G. Martin, P.M.; Wm. Hamlyn, P.M.; David Rose, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; Isaac Dunn, P.M.; W. T. Neithropp, R. Poor, N. Shaw, R. Reichenheim, J. H. Reap, Frank Wm. Williams, G. Thompson, J. Hight, D. C. Preston, A. Salmon, J. Cross, R. W. Harden, G. W. Niblett, Goddard Clarke, Josiah Messent, J. M. Ellison, J. R. Colegrave, and J. A. Pethebridge. The visitors were Bros. E. M. Barton, I.G. 403; J. J. Snelgrove, 1303; H. Brown, 1446; A. Saunders, P.M. 144; Geo. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; W. M. Styles, P.M. 1507; C. Bauer, 2021; F. A. Lewis, P.M. 1599; W. A. Anderson, P.M. 1672; R. T. Godfrey, S.D. 141; H. Roberts, S.W. 765; W. F. Driver, W.M. 1360; A. E. Mullins, A.D.C. 1446; Geo. Pike, D.C. 1320; R. C. Davis, P.M. 2266; C. H. Stone, W.M. 507; A. Cooke, 1539; T. H. Salmon, J.D. 1475; G. B. Davis, 2128; E. A. Rice, S.D. 1320; W. R. King, 1320; W. H. Webb, 1329; G. H. Wavell, J.D. 862; L. C. Shipton, P.M. 1922; C. H. Cox, P.M. 1859; C. Mus-sared, P.M. 2264; J. Mills, 765; T. Grummant, P.M. 1559; T. R. Cass, S.W. 1320; R. Peachey, I.G. 1922; L. M. Douglas, 1350; T. E. Webb, P.M. 503; F. Butler, Steward 1360; E. Taylor, 227; E. C. Phillips, 587; and J. R. Cottrell, 72.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the delegates to the South London Charitable Association was received, the object of which is the concentrating all the votes available in the various lodges upon the particular case decided by the Committee. This met with very general approval. The report of the Audit Committee was also received and adopted, which showed the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial position. Bro. Ralph Poor was passed to the Degree of F.C. in a most impressive manner. Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., next presented Bro. S. J. Derham, W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. J. H. Pullen, W.M., the benefits of installation, which was performed most perfectly in a Board of 25 Installed Masters. Bro. Derham, W.M., next invested his officers in a manner which reflected the greatest credit, as follows: Bros. J. H. Pullen, I.P.M.; Thos. Pickett, S.W.; T. E. Webb, P.M., J.W.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; S. W. Ballard, S.D.; Wm. Dawson, J.D.; W. E. Jeffery, I.G.; H. Potter, D.C.; Francois E. Choveaux, Org.; Jas. Parr and D. C. Preston, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. J. H. Pullen, Installing Master, rendered the addresses in a manner that has seldom been excelled. Propositions were handed in, one for initiation and the other for a joining member, which augurs well for the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the large hall to a *recherche* banquet, supplied by the proprietress, Mrs. Venables, in her usual perfect style.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received right royally.

In giving "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarked that those brethren who had the privilege and honour of attending Grand Lodge knew what excellent services these brethren bestowed for the advantage of the Craft.

Bro. J. H. Pullen, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," which he considered was the one of the evening. He (Bro. Pullen) had been looking forward to that pleasing duty for a very long time, and as everything comes to him who waits, Bro. Derham, W.M., had at last arrived at that honourable position. It certainly was a very great pleasure indeed. They were initiated together side by side, obligated in the same manner, had climbed the ladder step by step, and now were sitting side by side. He trusted they might be spared for many years in the lodge to be so together. They were initiated by their dear Secretary, Bro. Loader, and from that hour their W.M. had paid the greatest attention to the splendid ritual, had been most careful in making himself proficient, and although living in the North of London had thought it no trouble but a pleasure to present himself most regularly at the Rose Lodge of Instruction, so ably precepted by Bro. D. Rose, P.M. That was certainly an example for their younger

brethren to emulate. They had in the W.M. a true Mason, as he could testify from their long associations even before he was a Mason, having been born in the same country, and were, indeed, "dear old friends." He would ask the brethren to be upstanding, and drink to the toast most enthusiastically.

On the W.M. rising to reply he received quite an ovation. He thanked all for such a reception, and Bro. Pullen for the very kind and too flattering remarks. He had always Freemasonry at heart since the time of his initiation in the Rose Lodge, and had determined to master the beautiful ritual before he came to that honourable position, which, to his mind, should be the ambition of every young Mason. They were all proud of their I.P.M., who had that night done him a great honour in placing him in the Worshipful Master's chair with such dignity, and, as they had climbed the ladder together, he hoped he might follow, and be enabled to carry out the duties and keep up the prestige of the lodge as he had done. He hoped the brethren would spare him making more remarks as his heart was overflowing, and he most heartily thanked them.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking there were very many distinguished brethren present, and the lodge gave them a most hearty welcome, and felt highly honoured in having such an array, especially in the Board of Installed Masters.

Bro. Driver, W.M. 1360, replied. He scarcely knew how to adequately thank the brethren for such a reception, and to Bro. Choveaux, the Organist, for so kindly inviting him, which had been of very great profit. He hoped very shortly to be able to carry out the duties of installation upon his successor, and to do it in the same excellent manner as he had witnessed that evening. He most heartily wished the W.M. a prosperous year, with the hope that "the Rose" might never fade.

Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. 507, also replied, stating the honour of being a reigning king, and being allowed to respond to the toast of the visitors. The perfumes of this Rose had been diffused through the length and breadth of the land he might say. He had been inhaling them for many years at the hands of Bros. Rose and Hilton, and so long as any brother placed himself under such guiding hands they must succeed as all the Masters of this notable lodge had done.

Bro. Styles, P.M. 1507, said once again he was allowed to respond to that toast, and he was sure he was the mouth-piece of all the brethren when he said that the business of the chair had seldom been carried out in a more easy and graceful manner. He congratulated the lodge in their attempts to found with other lodges the Charitable Association which he had endeavoured to do some years ago himself, but he was sorry to say after a time it fell through. He heartily wished it success. He felt he must compliment Bro. Rose, P.M., on his appearance and also the result of his labours in witnessing such excellent working. The W.M. was an example of one who had striven long and well and he was confident that he would endeavour to make the lodge as successful in the future as in the past. He could not refrain from mentioning one other fact which he was deeply interested in himself, that of next year offering himself as Grand Treasurer of England. As all the brethren of the lodge were such hard workers in Freemasonry and had done so much for him already, he hoped they would not flag in their endeavours for him. He willingly gave way last year in favour of Bro. Cochrane, but did not intend this year, and hoped with the hearty co-operation of all the brethren by this time next year he might address them as the Grand Treasurer of England.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," congratulating himself and the lodge upon having two such worthy officers, and especially having known the Secretary for 20 years before he had entered Masonry.

In reply, Bro. Kirby, Treas., said he had been honoured by the brethren for the last 16 years with their confidence, and he would promise them, so long as he was so entrusted, he would perform his duties to the very best of his ability.

Bro. Loader, Sec., thanked all for so cordial a reception, and would do his utmost to maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge. He was proud of his two boys—Bros. Pullen, I.P.M., and the W.M., who had both maintained the reputation of the Rose Lodge, of which they were proud. They had seen their working that evening, and especially the admirable manner the I.P.M. had acquitted himself. Of the W.M., he had gained the esteem and regard of every member of the lodge, his one great aim being that of cementing all the more closely together. While they had such a Master, depend upon it, success of the lodge was certain. All he could do to promote the peace and harmony of the lodge would be done to the best of his ability.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next presented by the Worshipful Master in words of high esteem, and as a memento of the present occasion to his dear friend, Bro. Pullen, I.P.M., he had the greatest possible pleasure in pinning to his breast the Past Master's jewel, so unanimously voted by the brethren, which he hoped he might wear for many years, as a mark of their appreciation for the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge.

This was most ably responded to by Bros. Hilton, P.M., and Pullen, I.P.M., who most heartily thanked the brethren for their great kindness, and which he should treasure the whole of his life. He must state that as his services had been so acceptable to the brethren, it was entirely through the great kindness of Bro. Hilton, P.M., who had so willingly and ungrudgingly, with very great pains, imparted the same.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Officers," of which, he said, he was justly proud.

This was responded to by Bro. Pickett, S.W., who stated the great pleasure it gave the officers to do all they could for the lodge. They were all actuated by two ideas, first, to support the W.M., and second, to uphold the prestige of the Rose Lodge.

Bro. Ballard, S.D., also most suitably replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening.

An excellent programme was provided, under the efficient Organist, Bro. Choveaux, ably assisted by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Louise Auther, Mr. T. W. Turner, and Bro. Frank Swinford.

Rothsay Lodge (No. 1687).—This successful lodge, which recently removed to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., held its first installation meeting at its new home, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There was a numerous attendance of brethren to congratulate the lodge on its present flourishing condition, and to wish it a fulfil-

ment of the happy augury given for its continued prosperity. The pleasures of the evening, were, however, tinged with regret, owing to the absence of Bro. John Conning, the Master, through ill-health.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Adams, P.M., Treas., who was supported by Bros. W. A. Stuart, S.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Riley, S.D.; A. Clements, J.D.; G. Watson, D.C.; Tito Mattei, Org.; T. J. Bolton, Stwd.; R. Shaw, P.M.; H. Gross, H. Clapton, E. J. Davis, F. Hewetson, G. J. Milford, G. Mentasti, H. Goslin, J. H. Catten, F. P. Smith, L. Roche, W. G. Fenelly, H. Lafontaine, and R. Ballinger. Visitors: Bros. J. Beddoes, P.M. 902; T. G. Hawkins, 2063; N. Schultz, 1107; F. Whiting, P.M. 1772; S. Fonseca, 1563; R. W. Steggle, J.W. 2398; R. Wake, W.M. 1772; J. Stephens, P.M., Prov. G.D. Bucks; G. White, P.M. 1772; G. Sinclair, J.W. 1772; G. Angolle, 212; J. D. Phillips, 2265; R. Pye, 920; W. A. Shaw, jun., 1708; G. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; A. Butcher, 1227; J. Lusty, jun., 1250; F. H. Callingham, 105; J. G. Macartney, 1539; C. Schmidt, 1224; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381. Bros. Ballinger and Davis were raised to the Third Degree, after which the audit report, showing a substantial balance at the bankers, was received and adopted. Bro. R. Shaw, P.M., then assumed the chair, and in an able manner installed Bro. W. A. Shaw as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. Gallezia, S.W.; A. E. Clements, J.W.; W. Adams, P.M., Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; H. Lafontaine, S.D.; W. A. Watson, J.D.; F. Hewetson, I.G.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Org.; Bolton, D.C.; H. T. C. Goslin, A.D.C.; L. Roche and H. M. Wartmann, Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. A deputation of Past Masters was appointed to present Bro. Conning, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel and collar, voted by the lodge, and to express the good wishes of the members for his speedy recovery. Other business was transacted, and lodge was closed.

An excellent repast was served in the banqueting hall, and was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. W. Adams, P.M., Treas., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said this was the only toast entrusted to that evening, but he was pleased to have the honour of submitting it. He congratulated Bro. W. A. Shaw on attaining the chair as he had seen him in various offices carrying out his duty with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge.

Bro. W. A. Shaw, W.M., returned thanks, and said it was a proud position to any Mason to find himself occupying the chair of a lodge if he had any interest in the society to which he belonged. It had taken him 19 years to gain that position, and it was not through want of intellect or willingness that he had not attained it sooner, but circumstances prevented him. He had belonged to four lodges, but was precluded from taking the chair in them as they met at his place of business. Bro. R. Shaw, P.M., induced him to join this lodge and he had to thank that brother for the kind manner in which he installed him that evening. He trusted they would excuse any little shortcomings on his part that evening as it was a very anxious time for newly-installed Masters, as those who had passed through the chair had experienced. He hoped to fulfil his duties to the satisfaction and gratification of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then said the next toast was usually that of "The I.P.M.," but as Bro. Conning was unfortunately precluded from being present, he would propose "The Installing Master," who was justly entitled to the next place of honour. Bro. R. Shaw was very arduous in his work and the way in which he had performed the ceremony had delighted them all.

Bro. R. Shaw, P.M., said it had afforded him great pleasure to install the W.M., as it had always been his ambition to do so. It was one of the red letter days of his Masonic life, and he wished the W.M. a successful year of office and hoped to see him install his successor a year hence.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, responded for "The Masonic Institutions," and said the reception of the toast was always cordial in the Rotheray Lodge, for he knew they took a great interest in all the Institutions. It was his duty to say something in reference to the work done during the past year, and it was one of hearty congratulation to all concerned, whether officers on the executive or subscribers. The Institutions had been liberally supported, and the success of the various Festivals must have been gratifying to all. It was a wonder to all outside the Craft, as it was a matter of congratulation to all in it, that such large sums were subscribed for the support of the Institutions, and that would continue while the precepts taught in the lodges were carried out, and so long as the work of those Institutions was done to the satisfaction of the Craft. There was no necessity in starting a new year to appeal so forcibly to them, for he felt sure that whatever had been said in the past had carried its weight, and had been proved to be just, and there was therefore no object in lengthy remarks. As the Craft increased, so did the demands and the necessity for further subscriptions. Each year the subscribers took more interest in the work, and he hoped they would continue to do so, for the more closely they looked into the management, the more their subscriptions would increase, feeling sure they were getting full worth for the gift. He thanked that lodge for the liberal support given to the Institution for Boys. The I.P.M., whose absence he regretted, rendered good service at the last Festival, and Bros. Gross, P.M., and Adams, P.M., before that took up lists worthy of the lodge. As the lodge was entering upon a new era, he was confident it would not forget the interests of the Institutions, which had benefited by their support in the past. The W.M. had consented to act as a Steward, and as they had 268 boys in the School, and only £1000 assured income, there was a great deal of leeway to make up, which he knew the brethren would endeavour to do by supporting their Worshipful Master. He could confidently leave the matter in their hands to enable the executive to carry on the good work they were doing at the present time.

Bro. Geo. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks, replied for "The Visitors," and said he was associated with the W.M. in another degree, where he hoped to also see him occupying the chair. The lodge had the right man at the helm, especially with regard to the Charities, and he hoped the remarks of Bro. McLeod had not been lost on the brethren.

Bros. Schmidt and Salter also responded. In submitting "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," the W.M. said the Past Masters had done

much for the lodge, and without them he did not know how it would progress, for a Master naturally trusted a great deal to them.

Bro. Adams, P.M., Treasurer, briefly replied, after which

Bro. E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He had always tried to do his very best, and thought he had succeeded, which was a great encouragement to him. Throughout the year he was doing what he could for the lodge, and if he did not please the brethren he pleased himself, for his conscience was satisfied. He would execute the orders of the W.M. and the brethren, and endeavour to keep the lodge in its present prosperous state.

"The Officers" was given, and was followed by the Tyler's toast.

As Bro. Cavaliere Tito Mattei is the Organist of the lodge, it is almost needless to say the music was one of the principal features of the evening's entertainment. Bro. Mattei gave several solos on the piano to the enjoyment of all present, and was ably assisted by Bro. Alsepti and other brethren.

Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).—The annual meeting of this now well-known lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, N. The lodge was called for an early hour, as the business was rather heavy. Bro. L. Simon, the W.M., was punctual to time, as, indeed, he always is, and was ably supported by the whole of his officers, consisting of Bros. H. J. Hazel, I.P.M.; W. Elliott, S.W.; W.M. elect; J. Potter, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Cooper, S.D.; S. Robson, J.D.; J. S. Anthony, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; A. White, D.C.; G. Cook, A.D.C.; J. G. Harrington and E. Dimes, Stewards; and C. Shepperd, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. T. Bettsworth was raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hazel, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of passing Bro. A. I. Armstrong. The Auditors' report, which proved satisfactory, was unanimously adopted. Bro. Simon having resumed the chair, Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, P.M., presented Bro. W. Elliott, W.M. elect, for installation, which ceremony was performed in a very excellent manner, and elicited the approbation of all present. The Board of Installed Master, numbering 12, having been closed, the W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. Simon, I.P.M.; J. Potter, S.W.; A. W. Cooper, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; S. Robson, S.D.; J. S. Anthony, J.D.; A. White, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; G. Cook, D.C.; J. G. Harrington, A.D.C.; E. Dimes and W. H. Drury, Stewards; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. The ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. John Wm. Doubtfire and Joseph Robert Clarke, which proved unanimous, and, both these gentlemen being in attendance, were regularly initiated by the new W.M. in a very praiseworthy manner.

Routine business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The following attended to do honour to the occasion: Bros. H. Hall, P.M.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; A. T. Armstrong, C. J. Brampton, J. Ball, H. T. Bangs, T. Birt, T. Bettsworth, L. Cutty, M. Doerr, J. Deacon, F. W. C. Forge, L. Fromm, W. Lee, J. B. Harper, H. Moore, W. Metcalfe, F. C. Maffey, T. H. Nye, C. W. Potter, A. J. Porter, F. Richards, W. J. Robinson, J. S. Sunderland, W. E. Windsor, T. N. Watkins, E. C. Windsor, and A. J. Windsor. Visitors: Bros. T. Glass, P.P.G. Std. Br. Jersey; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; A. Oliver, P.M. 820; G. Rubardt, P.M. 901; W. J. Hunter, P.M. 1677; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; W. J. Harris, W.M. 1321; R. Gillard, S.W. 901; C. H. Belsey, 127; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; E. James, 2374; O. G. Haig, and G. Elliott.

The banquet was served in Messrs. Baker Bros.' best style, and gave the brethren every satisfaction, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to.

The toast of "The W.M." was received very cordially by the members, and, in giving it, Bro. Simon, I.P.M., said the brethren had selected a very efficient brother to preside over them for the ensuing year, and felt assured, from the able manner he had assisted him (Bro. Simon) during the past year, that the W.M. would leave the chair with as much honour as any of his predecessors.

In responding, the W.M. thanked Bro. Simon for the flattering manner he had proposed his health; he assured the brethren he would do his utmost for the benefit of the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and was given by the W.M. in a very graceful manner, congratulating the lodge on its accession of strength.

The toast was duly honoured in true Masonic style.

Both Initiates replied in very excellent speeches, expressing the high opinion they entertained of Masonry, and trusted in time to become prominent members of the Craft.

"The Visitors" toast was next on the list, and was given in a very able manner by the W.M., who congratulated the lodge on having such a brilliant array of visitors, of which he personally felt very proud at having the number of Past Masters at his installation. He assured them the Kingsland Lodge was only too glad to have visitors at their meetings, where they would always receive a most hearty welcome. Bros. Harris, W.M. 1321; Hickman, P.M. 228; Glass, P.P.G. Std. Br. Jersey; and Lewis, P.M. 2206, were nominated for responding.

The toast was received with all the honour it deserved.

The responses by the above Past Masters to the toast were given in very happy speeches, expressing the pleasure they felt in visiting the Kingsland Lodge, where they always received a truly Masonic welcome, and thanked the W.M. and his officers and brethren for the hospitality shown them on their visit.

The W.M. next gave what he considered a most important toast connected with the lodge. It was that of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. L. Simon," who had the interests of the lodge at heart, and who had striven during his year of office to perform his duties conscientiously. What he had done was done well, and showed an excellent example to those now coming on in the lodge. At the same time he had the pleasure of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which was unanimously voted him at the last meeting, and he assured Bro. Simon from the impressive

manner he had installed him (Bro. Elliott) that he had fully earned it, and wished him, on behalf of the lodge, many years of happiness to wear it as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge.

The toast was very cordially received and honoured.

In replying, Bro. Simon thanked Bro. Elliott for the very kind way he had spoken of him; also the brethren for the very hearty reception of the toast, and expressed his willingness to assist the W.M. at any time he might require it, as he knew from experience that such help from the I.P.M. was of great value. He also assured the brethren he prized the jewel, and would always look upon it as a memento of the happiest time he spent in the Kingsland Lodge. At the same time he took the opportunity of tendering his thanks to the officers of the lodge for their able assistance during his year of office, whose valuable aid had reduced his labours, he might say, to a minimum. He also thanked those brethren who had so generously supported him in his Stewardship on behalf of the Girls' Institution, and concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

"The Past Masters" toast was given in a very telling speech by the W.M., who expressed his thanks for the great assistance he had received from them, without whose advice, founded on experience, no W.M. could conduct his lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren, and asked the brethren to honour the toast in the manner it deserved, which was most certainly received in a very hearty manner.

Bro. H. Hall, P.M., being called upon to respond, made a very short but happy speech on behalf of the Past Masters, which met with applause.

"The Treasurer and Secretary's" toast was then proposed by the W.M., who assured the brethren that he felt proud in having such efficient officers. The Treasurer was a brother in whom the lodge could place unbounded confidence, and was also the guiding star of a W.M., his advice upon all matters connected with the funds of the lodge being given with great judgment and ability. The Secretary was so well known to the members, and on whom the W.M. always relied for assistance, that he could not add to the esteem in which he was held by all the members of the lodge.

The Secretary, replying to the toast, said he regretted the absence of the Treasurer, who had to leave early on some important business, thanked the W.M. on the Treasurer's behalf for the very complimentary manner he had proposed his health, and assured him and the lodge generally that he would always do his best to further the interests of the lodge, he also thanked the brethren for the very cordial way the toast was received. He also made a few remarks on his own behalf, by thanking the W.M. and brethren for the high compliment paid him.

"The Officers" toast was the next on the list, and was cordially acknowledged, the W.M. paying a graceful compliment to each, and to which each officer present responded, by assuring the W.M. of their assistance during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a long, but happy evening's enjoyment, which was appreciated by all, and that is saying a great deal.

We note a very pretty addition to the lodge summons, which adds very much to its appearance, it being the coat of arms of the De Beauvoir family, who gave permission for its use by the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, at the time of its formation.

It must not be supposed for one moment that the musical element was omitted, far be it from us any such intention. This was under the able management of the respected Organist of the lodge, Bro. W. Windsor, being supported by Bros. W. J. Harris and F. Richards, also Messrs. Barry Lindon and J. G. Blanchard. Signor Alsepti gave selections on the English concertina. Songs, duets, and concertina performances were much applauded, and conducted in a very great measure to the enjoyment of the evening. Bro. W. Windsor presided at the piano in a very masterly manner.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 6th inst. For the third time this session the pedestals were draped in mourning, the lodge having suffered a grievous loss in the death of one of the earliest of the members—Bro. Major F. G. Irwin. The brethren present were Bros. Professor T. Hayter Lewis, W.M.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W.; Rev. J. C. Ball, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., D.C.; C. Purdon Clarke, I.G.; S. T. Klein, Steward; and W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. A. Howell, J. Joel, R. Roy, L. L. G. Robbins, S.G.D.; H. M. Hobbs, A. F. Lamette, Rev. J. H. Scott, F. W. Leaver, H. B. Papenfus, W. F. Stauffer, W. Tailby, G. Stevens, Professor P. L. Simmonds, C. A. Hardwick, F. W. Levander, Professor F. W. Driver, W. G. A. Gilbert, T. Cohu, E. Armitage, J. Robbins, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; E. H. Bramley, J. Leach Barrett, R. A. Gowan, G. Gregson, C. B. Barnes, J. A. Randall, E. Glaeser, and A. M. Webb. Visitors: Bros. G. C. Barry, P.M. 1347, and Dr. V. Jagielski, P.M. 534.

Bro. Gould delivered an address in memory of Bro. Irwin, and on his proposition, seconded by Bro. Westcott, a vote of condolence with the widow was passed, and ordered to be transmitted to her by the Secretary. Eight corporate bodies and 52 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle as follows:

Lodge Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, Madras; Lodge Pitt-Macdonald, No. 1198, Vepery, Madras; Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras; Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Lodge Athole, No. 752 (S.C.), Dundaberg, Queensland; Masonic Library Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.; Derriaghy R.A. Chapter, No. 602, Lisburne, Ireland; St. Germain Lodge, No. 560; Bros. A. Pryor, 2366, Castleton, J. C. Bruenich, 1554, Port Mackay, W. Wood, P.D.G.S.B., Roma, C. E. Luckey, 1850, Roma, W. B. Taylor, 775, (S.C.), Cecil Plains, and W. H. L. Thornton, 2328, Muttaborra, all in Queensland; J. H. Ingamills, Doric Lodge, Melbourne; T. Morgan, 114, W. F. Colman, 40, Sergt.-Major J. C. Brough, 114, W. F. Homer, 53, and Bandmaster J. B. Gray, 53, all of Ballarat, Victoria; W. C. Marshall, P.M. 181, and C. A. Ord, W.M. 57, both of Sydney; F. H. Bracewell, 132, Waverley, C. Heinrich, P.M. 181, and H. H. Stodart, 150, both of Paddington, all in New South Wales; E. Whitley, P.M. 1946, Zeerust, South African Republic; J. Garden, Unity Lodge (D.C.), Winburg, W. F. Hornby, J. C. Keast, W. G. Cox, J. B.

Robinson, and G. F. Mannix, all of 1022, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State; J. H. Webster, P.D.G.S.B., H. B. Bernard, P.D.G.W., J. T. Groatorex, D.G. Sec., S. P. Andy, P.D.G.D., D. Ross-Johnson, D.G.S. of W., W. S. Boteler, D.G.S.B., C. J. Higgs, P.M. 1198, and T. W. Mitchell, 1198, all of Madras; H. Bradley, P.D.G.S.B., Calicut; J. Tate, P.D.G.W., Karachi; Lieut. F. Northey, 1060, Rawul Pindi; I. D. B. Gribble, G.D. (S.C.), India, Secunderabad; J. W. Gunn, 97, Everett, and D. L. Paramore, 207, Snohomish, both in the State of Washington; L. G. Levey, P.M. 54, Webster, South Dakota; Rev. C. L. Twing, 710, Brooklyn, New York; Dr. S. Hammond, 24 (S.C.), Reading, Pennsylvania, all in the U.S.A.; E. Adrianyi, Lodge Matthias Corvinus, Budapest, Hungary; L. R. Corkill, 2197; Rev. C. Gordon Browne, P.P.G.C. Hants; F. B. Thackray, 373; Dr. A. King, P.P.G.O.; W. Busbridge, P.M. 913; Capt. A. E. Haynes, R.E., 1890; R. Tucker, P.M. 1899; M. M. Bhownagare, C.I.E., P.G. Stwd. Scot.; R. Manuel, P.M. 1196; and A. M. Webb, 1196.

The elections for the next 12 months resulted unanimously in the election of Bro. Westcott, as W.M.; Bro. Walter Besant, as Treasurer; and Bro. J. Freeman, as Tyler; previous to the announcement of which Bro. Professor Lewis thanked the brethren for their kindness during the past year, and begged them to excuse any shortcomings on his part, as his state of health had precluded him from participating to the full extent in their labours. Letters were read from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., thanking the brethren for the volumes of their publications which had been sent to him, and graciously accepting the same; from Bro. Admiral Markham in reply to a vote of congratulation on his appointment to the Grand Mastership at Malta; and from Bro. Sir B. W. Richardson in acknowledgment of their felicitations on his recent knighthood. A paper on the "Assembly," from Bro. Dr. Begemann, was taken as read, it having arrived too late to allow it to be printed beforehand, and the Secretary read a paper by himself on the same subject, in criticism of one read by Bro. Gould last November. Bro. Speth maintained that the "Assembly" was really what it purported to be—a meeting of masons and employers for purely craft purposes, and not, as maintained by Bro. Gould, a description of the legal "View of Fraternity," wrongly described by the writers of Masonic documents in the 15th century, for the purpose of aggrandising their own importance. Bro. Gould replied, upholding his previous views, and Bro. Rylands commented on the paper, disagreeing with Bro. Gould and supporting Bro. Speth in his conclusions. On the motion of Bros. Westcott and Bywater, an illuminated address of thanks was voted to Professor Hayter Lewis for his conduct in the chair during the past year.

The brethren then closed the lodge, and adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Reynolds, W.M.; W. Hancock, I.P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, acting as J.W.; J. Coltart, Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; C. J. Rotter, acting as I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; F. Kedge, P.M.; James Kowe, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read which included letters from many brethren stating they were unable to attend on account of being away from London. The W.M. informed the brethren that hearing that the consecration of the New Masonic Temple at Baltimore, U.S.A., was about to take place, he telegraphed (so that it might arrive at the time of the consecration) to the M.W.G.M., Bro. T. J. Shryock, the congratulations of the Anglo-American Lodge. Thereupon it was proposed and carried with acclamation that a resolution in accordance with the telegram be entered on the minutes, and sent to the Grand Master of Maryland by the W.M. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Chough Lodge (No. 2264).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the City Terminus Hotel, London, the W.M., Bro. Ebenezer Piggott, presiding, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Charles Mussared, I.P.M.; Geo. S. Miller, S.W.; W. C. Smith, J.W.; Walter B. Marcus, P.M. and Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, Sec.; J. F. Percival, S.D.; W. V. Jull, I.G.; H. Saqui, I.G.; J. W. Breeze, D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; A. Strugnell and M. J. Almond, Stwds.; E. T. Edwards, P.M.; George J. Judge, P.M.; Edward S. Miller, Alfred Haynes, Charles Frohlich, Walter S. Miller, Zephaniah Simpson, H. W. Grylls, William T. Hunt, Geo. H. Ingle, James A. Smith, Hyman Lotery, William Powell, William Jones, Henry Schneiders, William Sutton, Arthur Breeze, W. J. Sowden, J. H. Müllerhausen, V. W. Brown, F. W. Soper, Miles Mole, George Harvey, T. E. Marshall, J. W. Cox, C. A. Reeve, Richard Chadwick, E. Cockstone, Charles Mared, S. A. Helps, Arthur Carne, and Walter Martin, P.M. (Hon.). Visitors: Bros. F. Dunn, P.M. 72; R. R. Thompson, Arcadia Lodge, No. 177 (N.S.W.); D. Wilkins, I.G. 1331; Thos. M. Wright, 2272; Charles A. Gompertz, P.M. 809; E. Schuter, 857; F. J. East, J.D. 11; F. W. Jennings, 1772; H. Newland, P.M. 28; E. H. Sharp, 1; W. Crete, P.M. 1597; W. H. Nickerson, D.C. 2308; D. Lewis Cook, W.M. 907; J. P. W. Goodwin, S.W. 1997; A. C. C. Ranhaun, 24; James Speller, W.M. 2258; John Culver, I.P.M. 1839; J. Jacobs, 1839; A. J. Willmott, 2006; B. Verdin, P.M. 1986 and 2381; W. B. Heagerty, P.M. 1839; Max Menckelsohn, W.M. 212; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Isaac White, 205; J. Mellings, 2021; Morris Abrahams, 205; Walter S. Bunting, 2318; W. Powell, James Pearce, 1540; Emanuel Woolf, 205; Charles W. Stephenson, W.M. 1694; C. H. Cox, P.M. 1839; E. Wickling, 72; Walter Reeve, P.M. 1973; Lang I. Sowter, J.W. 1228; W. H. Foot, W.M. 1839; J. B. Johnson, P.M., Sec. 2005; Frederick Bevan, W.M. elect 1706; L. F. Hodge, 2020; Frank Swinford Smith, Org. 2272; and Arthur Rams, 179. Bro. T. Bowler was Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. Piggott, W.M.; Mussared, P.M.; and Edwards, P.M., and Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, Secretary of the lodge, was duly installed. As one of the founders and as the Secretary of the lodge from its commencement, Bro. Dewsnap has rendered great services to the lodge, and his desire having been to become Master, the brethren unanimously elected him, and all the officers willingly consented to forego preferment

for one year. Bro. Dewsnap was most heartily congratulated after he had been installed, and the brethren vied with each other in doing honour to the occasion. The list of officers for the year was as follows: Bros. E. Piggott, I.P.M.; George S. Miller, S.W.; W. C. Smith, J.W.; Walter B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Haynes, Sec.; J. F. Percival, S.D.; W. V. Tull, J.D.; H. Saqui, I.G.; J. W. Breeze, D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; M. J. Almond and A. Strugnell, Stewards; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The balance-sheet, which showed a large balance, both on the general account and in the Benevolent Fund, was passed, and apologies from various brethren for absence having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to enjoy an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were afterwards given, and as is the custom in the Chough Lodge, a beautiful selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, Organist of the lodge, by Miss Ada Patterson, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, and Bros. J. Müllerhausen, Miles Moles, Frank Swinford, Arthur Strugnell, and Fred Bevan.

Bro. Piggott, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he was taken back five years ago when he had an interview with Bro. Marcus with respect to forming the Chough Lodge, and Bro. Marcus told him he had almost persuaded one of the best Masons in the world to accept the position of Secretary—he meant Bro. Dewsnap. He would ask the brethren who had used their eyes and their senses whether the Chough Lodge in the department of Secretary had not been a success beyond any description he could give. The brethren thought in the warmth of their hearts that they should give him a *quid pro quo* for accepting the office of Secretary of the lodge and performing the arduous duties thereof. Some of the brethren who were present at the installation meeting last year would remember that the Senior and Junior Wardens and other brethren were anxious to carry out an agreement that was offered to Bro. Dewsnap if he would join the lodge, and they offered to stand aside for a year to make room for him. When the brethren remembered the services of Bro. Dewsnap in the past and considered what they might fairly expect from him in the future they would not think they had paid too great a price. They must likewise look at other great services which he had rendered to Freemasonry which were testified to by the 17 jewels he already bore on his breast.

Bro. Dewsnap, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was drunk with great enthusiasm, said the eloquent language of Bro. Piggott had, he thought, gone a little beyond the truth, still he knew Bro. Piggott sincerely meant what he said and he accepted his remarks in that spirit. It was a very proud position for him to occupy that night to preside over such a lodge as the Chough Lodge had proved itself to be. Bro. Piggott having intimated to the brethren the reason of his occupying the chair it was unnecessary for him to dwell upon it; but he felt exceedingly indebted to the Senior and Junior Wardens and the other officers of the lodge for not having taken the step upwards which they were entitled to. They had all very kindly, cordially, and unanimously consented to stand back a year to assist him in getting through. Although he had been Master of lodges before, he very much wished to be Master of the Chough Lodge, but he did not think he had such a claim as Bro. Piggott would induce them to believe. He had been Secretary, and that was quite enough for him, but that he was selected W.M. of the Chough Lodge was really an honour of which he should endeavour to show his appreciation by carrying out his duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. He hoped he would have plenty of work, indeed, one candidate more than Bro. Piggott had had, though he had had a good many. He did not like to be beaten and, with the brethren's assistance, he should not be beaten. If the brethren would provide the men, he would do the work. Should the brethren rally round him that would be half the battle. To have such a large gathering round him that evening was very nice and enjoyable. He hoped they would all have a very pleasant year.

Bro. Dewsnap then proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Ebenezer Piggott," of whom he would like to be able to speak in adequate terms. Bro. Piggott was a brother they all cordially respected; he was one who was known outside Masonry, was one of the right good sort, and the manner he had performed his duties in the chair during the past year, though he was a very busy man, with but little time to devote to Masonry, merited the approbation of all the brethren. Bro. Piggott had given satisfaction to them all. He had done some of the installation that night, and he would have done all of it, but he was a great advocate for dividing up the work among the Past Masters in order that they might not rust as Past Masters were apt to do. That night it had been found that the Past Masters were not wanting, but were able to do whatever they were called upon to do. He had now the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Piggott the handsome Past Master's jewel which the brethren unanimously voted to him at the last meeting. It was a most magnificent thing, well worthy of the lodge, and worthy of the acceptance of such a Past Master as Bro. Piggott. It was a token of the brethren's respect for Bro. Piggott, and he hoped that every time he looked upon it Bro. Piggott would think of the brethren of the Chough Lodge.

Bro. Piggott, I.P.M., in reply, said he came to the end of his year of office with a somewhat sad feeling, but he must first thank Bro. Dewsnap for his kind words. He assured the brethren that when putting that jewel on his breast he should remember one of the most pleasant years of his life. He did not wish to take too much upon his own shoulders for the praise they had given him on his occupation of the chair. An officer or leader in a command would be of little use unless those who were under him were in unison with him, and he considered that the success of the chair was more in the hands of the brethren who were sitting round him than in the hands of the W.M. From the bottom of his heart he could say that at the end of his year of office he thanked the brethren of the Chough Lodge for the support they had given him, and he wished every one of them to understand that they were as much to be thanked for his successful year as himself. He would like for one moment to refer to an innovation he had introduced. He thought the great talent of Bros. Marcus, Mussared, Judge, and Edwards should not be allowed to rest on the shelf, and that it would be well to ask them to assist him during his year. Looking back on what had taken place he thought the brethren would confirm his opinion that working should not be allowed to go backward when fresh blood for the time being was brought in. He did not want the visitors to go away with a wrong impres-

sion. He had taken each Degree and did not shirk his work, and that night he thought he would like to make his exit with the same demonstration of opinion by asking each Past Master to take part in the ceremony. He was somewhat of a lazy man in some things, but he would not have it said that he was lazy in anything when he had put his hand to the plough. He wished the visitors to see how the Past Masters could do their work, and he thanked the Past Masters very heartily for coming forward and assisting in the installation of the W.M.

Bros. Speller, Stephenson, Foote, Thompson (New South Wales), Cock, and Morris Abrahams responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Edwards, P.M.; Mussared, P.M.; and Judge, P.M., to that of "The Past Masters." Bros. Marcus, P.M., and Alfred Haynes replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the toast of "The Officers" having been duly given, drunk, and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been throughout of a most enjoyable character.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, when there was a large gathering of influential brethren present, including Bros. T. W. Markland, P.G.S., W.M.; Harry Gordon Small, P.M., P.G. D. of C.; Herbert Foster, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Stevens, P.M.; Arthur Keymer, S.W.; Fred Baxter, J.W.; J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; James Walsh, S.D.; W. R. Dambrell-Davies, J.D.; R. J. Bourne, I.G.; G. Metcalfe, Robert Meggitt, J. W. Beaumont, T. Smith Beaumont, J. Laurisch, W. A. Oldershaw, E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and O. J. Fielding. Visitors: Bros. R. Newhouse, P.M., P.G. Sec.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. East Lanc.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P. G. Treas.; John Clayton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and Chairman of the Cheshire Benevolent Institution; Tom Wood, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; G. Collier, P.M., P.G.S.B.; B. Hopkinson, P.M.; W. Hargreaves, P.M.; George Chas. Hufwood, P.M., P.G.D.C.; F. Ridsdale Bowley, W.M. 2216; P. H. Everitt, P.M.; John Moffatt, P.M.; John M. Jeffrey, James Bena, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; Fred Hilton, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Kenith Stewart, Hy. Lomas, P.M.; H. Cooper, and J. Bromley, P.M.

The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. Markland, I.P.M., P.G.S., assisted by Bros. H. G. Small, P.M., P.G.D.C.; A. Lawley, and E. P. Everitt, P.M., P.P.G.D. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. W. Markland, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; F. Baxter, jun., S.W.; J. A. Walsh, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; Arthur Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; T. W. Markland, I.P.M., Sec.; Dr. W. R. Dambrell-Davies, S.D.; R. L. Bourne, J.D.; James Gow, I.G.; Hartley Johnson, Asst. Sec.; Arthur W. Henry, Org.; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; John Urquhart, Richard Hilditch, and J. Laurisch, Stwds.

AMERSHAM.

Carrington Lodge (No. 2421).—A meeting of this young and popular lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. J. C. F. Tower, W.M.; H. N. Price, I.P.M.; J. J. Thomas, Treas., acting as S.W.; R. Ferguson, J.W.; T. H. Hobbs, Sec.; A. H. Marks, acting as S.D.; W. S. Andrews, J.D.; H. S. Woodd, D.C.; F. Harding, I.G.; G. Darlington, Stwd.; R. Whiting, Tyler; J. Badger, G. Wetherell, W. Hobbs, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Fonseca, S.D. 1563; G. Price, 619; A. Ball, 2266; G. Reynolds, P.M. 1614, W.M. 2191; J. Mills, 1614; C. Dyson, J.D. 771; and G. Schnieder, 857.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Pallister as an initiate, which was unanimous, and he being in attendance, was informed of the fact, and was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. G. H. Wetherell was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. J. J. Thomas, Treas., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Harry Price, I.P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. R. Whiting, Tyler. The Audit Committee and a Charity Steward were appointed, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. J. C. F. Tower, W.M., in recognition of the excellent manner in which he has carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Harry Price, I.P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," said at their last meeting they were honoured with the visit of a brother from the other side of the Atlantic, namely, Bro. John S. Boyd, of Toronto, Ont., and it was a pleasure to know that he had been happy with them, and also had carried back with him a pleasant remembrance, which was described in the "American Tyler" of July 29th, 1893, as follows:

"England.—At the last regular communication of Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, held at the Crown Hotel, Amersham, Bucks, England, the work of the First and Third Degrees were exemplified, and the work was done in an excellent manner. Carrington Lodge is a young lodge, and, at the present time, has a membership of only 18, but under such efficient officers as the lodge possesses, it is in a fair way to the addition of many good candidates. This lodge is held in the old, but quaint little village of Amersham, and is about 20 miles from London, and most of the members come all the way from London. The lodge opened at 3 p.m., and, after the work, a grand banquet was served in the hotel, and all around the festive board enjoyed the good things, and listened with pleasure to the responses to the several toasts. The officers of this lodge are W. Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M.; W. Bro. J. C. F. Tower, W.M.; W. Bro. James Stephens, S.W.; W. Bro. R. Ferguson, J.W.; W. Bro. J. J. Thomas, Treas.; W. Bro. T. H. Hobbs, Sec.; W. Bro. W. S. Andrews, J.D.; W. Bro. H. G. Clark, S.D.; W. Bro. F. J. Harding, I.G.; W. Bro. R. Whiting, T.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent with the brethren, and quite a surprise was in store for the 'American Tyler's' representative, who was present on this occasion."

and that was the presenting to Bro. John S. Boyd, of Toronto, Ont., a Masonic Apron, upon which was the signatures of W. Bro. J. C. F. Tower, W.M.; W. Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M.; and Bro. Walter S. Andrews. It was a great surprise to Bro. Boyd, and one to be remembered by him."

The reading of the extract gave great satisfaction to all present, and

Bro. G. Reynolds, W.M. 2191, in responding for "The Visitors," said another proof had been given that the American brethren appreciated visiting English lodges, and the great interest they took in the work, and if ever any of the brethren present ever visited America and went to the lodges there, he could assure them they would have a hearty welcome. He could speak from experience. There was no doubt that Masonry was doing wonders between the two great nations by strengthening the bonds of fellowship.

Before parting the brethren unanimously subscribed to a testimonial to Miss Collins, the sister of the worthy host, in recognition of the kindness and attention to them since the formation of the lodge, and this enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. The work of the lodge was everything that one would wish to see.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

Friendship and Unity (No. 1271).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 2nd inst., when there were present: Bros. A. Scammell, I.P.M., P.A.G.P.; J. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; J. S. Brun, J.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap. and Sec.; A. H. Hancock, S.D.; J. F. Goodall, J.D.; A. Wallington, P.M., D.C.; E. Williams, I.G.; Tom Moore, Tyler; J. Sparks, P.M., P.J.G.W.; A. J. Beaven, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. E. Taylor, P.M.; G. J. Farrington, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; C. W. Bryant, P.M., P.J.G.D.; C. S. Adye, Thomas Moore, G. W. Rose, J. Genders, and R. H. Gowing. Visitors: Bros. C. N. P. Phipps, P.M. 2227, D.P.G.M.; R. Chaloner, P.M. 472, P.S.G.W. Dorset; G. Bartlett, P.M. 906, P.P.J.G.W. Somerset; J. Hayward, P.M. 906; G. S. Pearce, P.M. 906; T. Cross, J.W. 906; H. E. Bishop, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B.; W. G. Stoddart, P.M. 586, P.P.G.P.; H. White, P.M. 632; H. Mundy, S.W. 632; F. M. Garlick, J.W. 632; A. J. G. Stancomb, 632; J. P. Martin, W.M. 603; and G. H. Knight, W.M. 2227.

The lodge having been opened by the acting W.M., Bro. Scammell, D.C., announced the arrival of the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, who having been duly received and saluted, assumed the chair and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Taylor, S.W. The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. S. Brun, S.W.; Thomas Moore, J.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., Chap.; J. Sparks, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Hancock, Sec.; J. F. Goodall, S.D.; E. Williams, J.D.; A. Scammell, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Rose, I.G.; and Tom Moore, Tyler.

The usual addresses having been given the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the Old Bear Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., a pleasant evening being spent and the usual toasts regularly honoured.

BROADSTAIRS.

Bradstow Lodge (No. 2448).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when Bro. Edgar Hubert White was duly installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Alexandra-road. There was a large gathering of the brethren from all parts, and the scene was grand and striking in the extreme.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Ward, P.M., G.S.B. Eng., in a fine and impressive manner, that was deeply appreciated by all present. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. Julian Horrell, S.W.; A. G. Harvey, J.W.; A. H. Hale, Treas.; J. T. May, Sec.; R. A. Fawcett, Chap.; D. W. Lott, Org.; G. J. Hamilton, S.D.; Walter Cowell, J.D.; L. A. Skinner, I.G.; A. H. Hardy, D.C.; H. R. Willats, A.D.C.; N. F. Merriman and F. Brightman, Stwds.; and T. Martin, Tyler. Bros. Fawcett and Hale were unavoidably absent, but all the others were present and were invested.

The banquet took place at Bro. H. R. Willats's Balmoral Hotel.

The unanimous opinion of those who had experience of Masonic banquets was that Bro. and Mrs. Willats had determined to provide a feast that should bear favourable comparison with the tip-top London lodge banquets, and that they had carried out that determination with complete success. It could not have been done better, and the enjoyment was genuine and unqualified. The surroundings, too, were worthy of the menu, and the table appointments and decorations, many of which were supplied by the W.M. himself, were elegant and costly.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Donald W. Lott, the Organist of the lodge, who also officiated at the piano. Miss Annie Cheal had a hearty welcome, and her songs gave infinite delight to the brethren. She has a fine contralto voice and a pleasing method. Bro. Byron Dewhurst, of Canterbury Cathedral is, of course, so well known, that it is needless to say he was in great request. Bro. Lane gave some good songs, and Bro. R. T. Baker introduced a very clever and laughable ventriloquial entertainment.

A unique feature of the banquet was a very beautiful bill of fare, got up in old English style, and quite a work of art in its way.

CHERTSEY.

Abbey Lodge (No. 2120).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. BIDWELL, P.G.D.C.—This young and prosperous lodge resumed its meetings after the summer vacation on Wednesday, the 27th ult., the W.M., Bro. William Dix, presided, and was supported by Bros. C. Welch, S.W.; J. Webb, J.W.; H. L. Bennett, P.M., Treas.; Bidwell, P.M., Sec.; T. Dix, S.D.; Harper, J.D.; Brooks, I.G.; McCormick, D.C.; Hutchins and Nesmyth, Stwds.; and Mason, Tyler. Among the members present were: Bros. Tyler, P.M.; Crewdson, P.M.; Madeley, P.M.; R. J. Hunt, J. Hunt, C. Head, J. Coleman, N. Spyer, E. A. Brown, and E. Squire. The visitors were Bros. Latter Sandy, Prov. S.G.W. Essex; C. Hunt, P.M.; J. Goring, 1900; W. F. Larkin, 1900; A. Gale, 2317; A. Grace, and E. Head.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. A. Althorpe, and, proving unanimous, he was duly initiated, after which the following interesting ceremony took place:

Ever since the foundation of the Abbey Lodge Bro. Bidwell, who has passed the chair and acted as Secretary, has taken the very greatest interest in the welfare of the lodge, and when it became known that the Provincial Grand Master had conferred upon him the office and degree of Grand Director of Ceremonies for the province, the information was received with the greatest satisfaction. A motion was immediately set on foot by one or two of the officers of the Abbey Lodge to present Bro. Bidwell with the clothing and emblems necessary for the recently conferred Degree, and with Bro. James Webb as Hon. Sec. to the object in view, the funds were very speedily forthcoming, every member subscribing.

Bro. W. Dix, W.M., rose and said: A very pleasing duty falls on me this evening. In the first place I must inform the brethren that our Most Worshipful P.G.M. has been pleased to confer on our esteemed Bro. Bidwell, P.M., the honour of Director of Ceremonies in Prov. Grand Lodge. We do not only think it an honour to our worthy brother, but we also think it an honour to the lodge. I am very pleased to say the brethren have thought this, our first monthly meeting of the session, a very fitting opportunity of presenting him with a full set of Provincial Grand clothing, together with the jewel of his office, as a slight acknowledgment of his past valuable services to the lodge. We are all aware that he has acted as Secretary to the lodge from its commencement; he has also been Preceptor of the lodge of instruction for four or five years, and has rendered other services too numerous to mention. It is needless for me to say more of our brother's good qualities, as I feel quite sure you are all as well aware of them as myself. I will, therefore, ask our brother to accept from my hands, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, this small token of our esteem and regard.

Bro. Bidwell, P.M., in reply, said: There are times when one cannot express all one feels, and that you will easily understand me when I say that at this moment I feel at a loss to express, as I could wish, my sense of the manner in which you have been good enough to mark my appointment as a Provincial Grand Officer by presenting me with this handsome set of Provincial Grand clothing and jewel. While thanking you most sincerely for this expression of your appreciation of my services, I can say with truth that what little I have been able to do in the cause of Masonry generally, or for this lodge in particular, has been done without hope of honour or reward. Nevertheless, it is most gratifying to me that my humble efforts have been so highly appreciated. That I have worked hard in the interests of this lodge, and done my best to make it a success, I will not attempt to deny, but that work has always been a pleasure to me, and now that I am well assured my efforts have met with your approval, my future work will be a still greater pleasure, and any time I may spend in furthering the interests of this lodge I shall consider well spent. I can only again express my gratitude for your kind and handsome gift, and the earnest hope that the future of the Abbey Lodge will be a bright and happy one, and that its members will always be bound together by ties of truest brotherhood.

The Worshipful Master's remarks on making the presentation and Bro. Bidwell's reply were received with hearty cheering.

A banquet followed the presentation, and, under the catering of Bro. Mason, it is needless to say that a capital repast was served.

With Bro. Fisher at the piano, and plenty of talent amongst the brethren, a very pleasant evening was spent.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Newsum, W.M.; F. Webb, I.P.M.; F. J. Forth, Sec.; J. Fitzgerald, F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anslay, J.W.; F. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; H. C. White, Org.; J. F. Hanson and J. Denison, Stwds.; P. Jenner, acting I.G.; J. B. Matthews, H. Foster, H. Gunby, H. W. Burnett, and J. Hurst, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, P.G. Std. Br. and Org. 227, and J. B. Matthews, Singapore.

There was no work, and after a few matters of detail had been settled, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where they partook of a light repast, and spent a very pleasant half-hour.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—Consecrated in 1876, this lodge has during its seventeen years' existence held a very prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire by reason of its liberal support of charitable schemes, the enthusiasm and position of its members, and the true spirit of Masonry which has distinguished the brethren on all occasions. The annual installation meeting in connection with the lodge is universally looked upon as one of the chief Masonic festivals of the year, and that which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 25th ult., proved in every respect one of the most remarkable and successful of the series of interesting gatherings. The 120 brethren present comprised representatives of Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and officers of about a dozen Craft lodges in the district. The entire arrangements were of the most satisfactory nature, and the whole of the proceedings were carried out with the greatest smoothness and pleasantness.

Bro. H. Round, P.M., D.C., occupied the W.M.'s chair, and he was supported, amongst others, by Bros. R. Burgess, P.P.G.O.; Josef Cantor, P.P.G.O.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.S.G.D.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.D.; W. Savage, P.P.G. Treas.; Joseph Fineberg, P.M.; L. Peake, P.M.; F. D. Harris, J. Farrell, R. D. Robertson, T. W. Thompson, H. Rawlings, A. Goodwin, H. Perry, F. Barford, S. King, Creswick Boydell, F. Didier, Luigi Lablache, A. Saker, T. Bush, G. W. Harris, G. Wheatley, and J. H. Greenwood. The visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Simpson, Prov. S.G.W.; S. M. Harrison, Prov. J.G.W.; J. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Sakter, P.P.G.D.; R. G. Bradley, P.D.G.D.C.; the Rev. John Stowell, P.P.G. Chap.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; Richard Ripley, P.P.D.G.D.C.; A. Kirkpatrick

P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. T. Clarke, P.P.G. Reg.; Councillor Eli Brooks, P.P.J.G.D.; G. R. Lloyd, Prov. G. Treas.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.P.G.D.; Philip Armstrong, P.M. 724; T. Cavanagh, P.M. 2387; H. C. Chapman, P.M. 216; E. Fowell, P.M. 2359; J. Woodward, I.P.M. 1325; W. J. Barrett, W.M. 2290; H. Jones, P.M. 1299; J. Denton, S.D. 1473; Dr. R. Robertson, P.M. 786; D. McFarlane, P.M. 1356; J. West, W.M. 241; T. C. Fargher, I.P.M. 2042; Max Eugene, 1505; Lempiere Pringle, 1505; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; G. B. Curtis, 2326; J. A. Muir, P.M. 2042; M. H. Boyd, I.P.M. 613; J. Wylie, W.M. 673; C. Winn, P.M. 1633; J. Worthy, P.M. 1505; J. Farback, P.M. 1620; J. O. Malabar P.M. 673; T. B. Barton, I.P.M. 1336; B. Lloyd, W.M. 1356; and J. M. Simpson, S.W. 2381.

After the transaction of the preliminary routine business, Bro. Albert Edward Workman, presented by Bros. Mackenzie, P.M., and Joseph Bell, P.M., was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Henry Round, P.M., whose performance of the impressive and important ceremonial was so masterly, effective, and correct as to secure the admiration of members and visitors, and a hearty vote of thanks, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Eaton Batty was appointed and invested S.W.; Bro. Henry Heard, who gave up the Secretaryship after years of faithful service, was placed in the position of J.W.; Bro. W. Savage, Past Prov. Grand Treasurer, re-elected as Treasurer, was duly invested; Bro. Harry Fineberg, a highly-popular "Dramatic" member, was placed in the exacting office of Secretary; and the other officers were Bros. J. H. Light, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Hardern, Chap.; George D. Clarence, S.D.; H. Round, P.M., D.C.; E. Baxter, J. A. E. Malone, T. W. Armstrong, Dr. Goodwin, and W. H. Dutton, Stwds.; R. Mountfield, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the anthem "Behold, how good," most admirably and effectively arranged by Bro. Josef Cantor, was capitally rendered by Bros. Ben Roberts, D. J. Davies, S. Kirkham, J. Heginbotham, W. Lewis, J. F. Jones, J. A. Muir, and Eaton Batty; the instrumentalists being Bros. T. Shaw, J. W. Collinson, E. Clayton, E. Baxter, Workman, F. Cottier, and J. Cantor (harmonium). An earnest appeal was made to the Dramatic Lodge by the W.M. and members of the Worthing Lodge for help in view of the present prevalence of distress consequent upon an epidemic of fever, and it was unanimously resolved that the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence should take the matter into their serious consideration with the view of making a grant of money towards relieving the distress. It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the mother and sisters of the late Bro. Ben Hughes, a member of 1609, who died recently.

After business, an excellent banquet was served by Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., which was capitally served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening, and a choice programme of music was afterwards given, the names on the programme being Bros. A. Abramoff, Max Eugene, Ben Roberts, J. F. Jones, Eaton Batty, T. Shaw, J. H. Greenwood, E. Edwards, J. Cantor, Rhys Thomas, L. Pringle, J. Heginbotham, S. Kirkham, and the Cantor Quartet, the general musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Cantor.

RAINHAM.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2186).

—The installation meeting of the above popular and flourishing lodge took place at the Phoenix Hotel, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and was a most successful and pleasurable affair. The brethren travelled from Fenchurch-street by special saloon, and on arrival at their destination, Bro. T. Ringrose, W.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec., proceeded to open the lodge. Bro. Easton was passed, and then Bro. T. J. Ralling, P. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies England, Prov. Grand Sec., entered the lodge, and was saluted with grand honours. Bro. A. T. Dale, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, as D. of C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. G. Hammond, jun., to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and, in due course, Bro. Hammond was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Ringrose, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., I.P.M.; F. J. Eedle, P.M., S.W.; J. T. Barnes, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; S. Carlton, S.D.; W. Reynolds, J.D.; F. D. Campbell, I.G.; W. Catt, Director of Ceremonies; C. Mollick, Organist; J. W. Joyce, W. Barrett, and J. W. Cain, P.M., Stewards; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Ringrose then gave the addresses most eloquently, and so concluded an admirably worked ceremony. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and also a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas, for which he feelingly returned thanks. Bro. Hammond, the W.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Hammond announced his intention to stand as Steward at the next "Boys' Festival," and after letters of regret at not being able to attend had been read from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and others, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was splendidly served by Bro. Joyce, the esteemed host, and was much enjoyed, while among the other brethren present at his hospitable table were Bros. A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; Col. J. Tichenor, P.M. (Hon.); White, Branie, McHugh, Cook, Pitt, P.M. 403, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Godwin, W.M. 1343; B. C. Curtis, W.M. 1472; White, W.M. 1076; Middlehurst, P.M. 1127; Byford, P.M. and Treas. 898; Duck, I.P.M. 898; W. Smith, P.M. 228; Grey, S.W. 1343; G. F. Williams, S.W. 898; Lambeth, S.W. 228; J. Delo, J.W. 1472; Marsland, 19; Williams, 145; Baldwin, 2168; Ham, 27; Horseman, 2271; Spencer, 1076; Mathews, 1421; Baldock, 1343; Harvey, S.D. 174; Kirby, 228; Davidson, 1441; and Ringrose, 1076.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," having been drunk with enthusiasm,

Bro. Ralling, whose name was coupled with the toast of "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in responding, said these permanent Grand Officers were so well known to every Mason present that it would be quite unnecessary for him to say a word in their praise. His Royal Highness, their Grand Master, spared no pains to promote the best interests of the Craft. Their Pro Grand Master was a grand Mason.

In Yorkshire the name of Lord Lathom was honoured and esteemed, not only for his Masonry, but for his personal qualities, while the fact of his installing the present Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire would long be remembered as an historical event there. Lord Mount Edgumbe had conducted the business of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Grand and Pro Grand Masters in an excellent and perfect manner. For himself, he could only say that as a very humble member of Grand Lodge he heartily thanked them for the toast and the honour done him by coupling his name with it.

Bro. Ralling also responded for the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Brooke; the V.W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they had so recently heard his voice that they would not want to hear it much longer. Well, he thanked them for their kind reception of the toast, and could assure them that they and every Mason in the province were most fortunate in having so good and excellent a brother as Lord Brooke to preside over them. It was not so very long ago that his lordship was at work consecrating a new lodge in the province; it was their "baby lodge." On that occasion there was a great meeting of the brethren, and the reception given their beloved Provincial Grand Master showed the affection in which he was held. After speaking of the extraordinary growth of the province under Lord Brooke, he averred that they did not want many more lodges in the province except when it was felt that one was absolutely necessary. He spoke highly of the earnestness of Bro. Philbrick for the good of the province. For many years he (Bro. Philbrick) had given them the use of his chambers for the meetings of the Provincial Charity Committee, and in every way had done his best for the success of the province. He thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid hearty cheering.

Bro. Ringrose also briefly responded, and then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they were fortunate in having in their W.M. a brother who had the interests of the lodge at heart, and who would carry out the duties of his important position in the best possible manner. As Bro. Hammond had said, they (Bros. Hammond and Ringrose) were initiated together, and worked together in the same lodge. They were both founders of that lodge, and both had achieved the highest honour the brethren could bestow. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

The W.M., in response, said there were times when a man was placed in an awkward position, and he was in one then for want of words to thank them, not only for their generous reception of the toast, but for putting him in the proud position he held that evening. He could, however, assure them that during his term of office he should endeavour to carry out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability. He was initiated into Masonry a month after their I.P.M., and followed him as a founder of that lodge and an officer of it. He trusted the brethren would help him to make it one of the best lodges of the province.

Bro. Ringrose, in responding to an enthusiastic reception of his name as Installing Officer, took that opportunity to thank every brother of the lodge for their loyal support during his year of office. He had no doubt of the perfect success of the lodge and of its strength, and felt sure that it had a bright prospect before it. They had said that he had discharged the duties of Installing Officer to their satisfaction. He had tried to regenerate the lodge, and if he had done so that was his reward. He was proud of such a meeting as they had that night, and proud of the presence among them of their esteemed Prov. Grand Sec., and they might rest assured that nothing should be wanted on his part to support and uphold the prestige and prosperity of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed a special toast to "Bro. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.," which was duly responded to.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Canning and Jolly.

"The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were rendered doubly enjoyable by the splendid singing in solo and chorus of Miss Mary Turner, Miss Nellie Whitmore, Mr. Fred. Turner, and Mr. W. H. Edgeworth. Bro. Jolly recited, and the perfect accompaniment of Miss Whitmore, who presided at the piano, was much admired.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Adelphi House, when the following were present: Bros. E. Webb, W.M.; G. S. Smith, Prov. G. Org., I.P.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; Charles Driver, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. Waterhouse, S.D.; John Ogden, J.D.; R. W. Martin, I.G.; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; James Green, A. K. Boothroyd, A. Cadwell, H. Mainwaring, S. Aylard, P.M.; H. Atkinson, N. C. Grey, E. M. Williams, W. E. Hands, and W. H. Brown.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Clarence Hotel, on the 27th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. W. H. Windeatt, W.M.; B. Müller, S.W.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C., Sec.; J. E. Ruffell, S.D.; W. R. Plaford, J.D.; W. Smith, I.G.; E. J. Packington, Org.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Steward; T. Middleweek, R. J. Williams, and E. Hall, Asst. Stwd.; W. Middleweek, I.P.M.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Porter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John R. Barnes, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. Campbell was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Arthur Goddard and William Brougham, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly inducted into Craft mysteries. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C., &c.; J. Piller, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; J. Barnes, D.C.; and others.

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

Bro. R. W. Forge acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

Bro. W. Middleweek proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." In the course of his remarks, which were pertinent, but commendably brief, he said that he

personally felt gratified at the manner in which his old friend had discharged, for the first time, his onerous duties of W.M. He had ably initiated two gentlemen that evening into Freemasonry, and he (the I.P.M.) trusted there would be other candidates brought forward before the completion of the W.M.'s year of office. He also mentioned the fact that the Provincial Grand Lodge in May last had paid a high compliment to Bros. Forge and Simmonds for their exertions in carrying out the arrangements.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiates." This toast having been duly acknowledged, "The Health of the Visitors" followed.

Bro. Campbell, in his reply, congratulated the W.M. upon his effective working, and the lodge upon its thorough harmony and pleasant hospitality.

Bro. W. Middleweek replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bros. R. W. Forge and E. W. Warner for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Müller and Chandler for "The Health of the Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

An excellent and varied programme of music had been arranged, but in consequence of the pianoforte being conspicuous by its absence, it could not be carried out, much to the regret of the members of No. 1793, a music-loving body.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this thriving lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., when there was a goodly gathering of brethren. Bro. J. A. Armstrong, W.M., presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. Wm. Richardson, I.P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Short, S.W.; T. R. Jobson, J.W.; A. Dodds, M.O.; C. P. Laidler, S.O.; R. Wilson, P.M., as J.O.; H. Jackson, R. of M.; W. J. Jobson, Sec.; H. S. Bird, S.D.; T. W. Bagnall, J.D.; W. Holzapfel, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Thosma Dinning, W.M.; G. W. Boag, J. R. Turner, J. H. Elliott, and others.

Two candidates were balloted for and elected. Bro. C. W. Hodgson, being in attendance, was duly advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the tools, and gave the charge incidental to the Degree. A candidate was proposed, and, after other business, the proceedings terminated.

SHEFFIELD.

Britannia Lodge (No. 53).—The annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. V. G. S. Dearden, presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Maurice J. Dodsworth, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Wragg, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; H. A. Brook, M.O.; T. Rowbotham, S.O.; A. J. Forsdyke, J.O.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., P.G.D., Treas.; Geo. Edwards, P.P.G. Org., Sec.; W. C. Fox, S.D.; W. F. Brook, J.D.; W. C. Wilson, D.C.; W. Fearnough, I.G.; J. T. Thompson, Stwd.; T. Leighton, Tyler; J. P. Hewitt, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; A. E. Kirkham, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; J. Unwin, jun., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G.I.G., D.C.; T. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. B. Wostenholme, P.M.; J. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.O.; F. Cleaves, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Vernon, Wm. Walker, J. Barton, and G. Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., D.P.G.M.; S. Wetherill, and Wm. Middleton.

The lodge was opened, and the W.M. appointed a deputation to receive the D.P.G.M., Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., who, on his entrance into the lodge, met with a very hearty reception, and was saluted with the accustomed honours. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, after which the W.M. duly installed his successor, Bro. Maurice J. Dodsworth, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. V. G. S. Dearden, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; G. Wragg, P.P.G. Org., S.W.; H. A. Brook, J.W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D., Treas.; T. Rowbotham, M.O.; A. J. Forsdyke, S.O.; T. H. Vernon, J.O.; G. Edwards, P.P.G. Org., R. of M.; W. C. Fox, Sec.; W. F. Brook, S.D.; W. C. Wilson, J.D.; J. Unwin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.A. G.I.G., D.C.; W. Fearnough, A.D.C.; W. Gadsby, P.P. G.O. Notts, Org.; J. F. Thompson, I.G.; J. Barton and Wm. Johnson, Stewards; and T. Leighton, Tyler. Bro. Barker, D.P.G.M., expressed the great pleasure it gave him to visit the lodge, and, as that was his first visit to the lodge since his appointment as D.P.G.M., he congratulated the brethren on the admirable manner in which the lodge business was conducted, and tendered a few words of encouragement and advice.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Turner, the Hall Steward, awaited them.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, and duly honoured, and a very happy evening was spent.

There is every prospect of a very prosperous year of office before the newly-installed W.M., who is very popular with all the brethren, and there are already candidates on the list for advancement.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Supreme Council, presided over by the Lieut. Grand Commander, Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at which Bro. A. Cooper was advanced to the 31°, and Bros. Z. Milledge, W. R. Burkitt, W. de Manby Sergison, and Captain H. M. Prior to the 30°.

In the course of his address, which touched upon many topics of interest, the Lieut. Grand Commander informed the brethren that the Spring meeting of 1894, usually held in May, would, in all probability take place at the beginning of April, as that time was found to be convenient to the Supreme Councils of Scotland and Ireland, whom they hoped to have the

pleasure of welcoming on the occasion, when he hoped there would be a large muster of brethren to greet their friends from the sister British Councils.

Ill. Bro. W. de M. Sergison was invested by the Lieut. Grand Commander as Deputy Organist.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

FREEMASONRY IN HERTFORDSHIRE, 1739-1892.

In the compilation of this history, Bro. G. B. Abbott has gone beyond the limits which the authors of similar histories have prescribed to themselves. Not only has he traced the rise and progress of Freemasonry in this county during the 18th and 19th centuries in such general terms as will enable the reader to form a just and adequate opinion of the past and present condition of its several branches; but he has likewise compiled a separate and distinct history of every Masonic body which has at any time been constituted on Hertfordshire soil. These separate histories are arranged in order of lodge or chapter constitution, under their several heads of Craft, Arch, Mark, and Templar Masonry, while those which treat of lodges and chapters that have become extinct, or have migrated to other districts, are grouped together in one chapter.

There are also portraits and biographical sketches of distinguished brethren who have successively been appointed as Provincial Grand Masters, and a full and circumstantial account of the services rendered by the province and its lodges to our Royal Masonic Institutions.

The appendices contain a "Table of Events Chronologically Arranged;" lists of all the officers of the provincial and private Masonic bodies; in the county, from their respective dates of constitution to the present time; and a series of tabular statements showing the contributions by Hertfordshire to our Masonic Institutions during the period from 1874 to 1892.

Bro. Abbott has published his work, with the sanction and approval of Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Grand Superintendent, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Hertfordshire, by subscription, at half a guinea per copy. A superior edition—large paper, and elegantly bound—may be had at one guinea each, but only a few of these are now obtainable. Application for copies of either edition should be made to Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN DARWIN SMITH, P.M. 1658, P.Z. 1216.

The late Bro. Smith, who was killed near the Elephant and Castle on the 30th ult., was buried at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday last; he was P.M. 1658, P.Z. 1216, and a member of the Kintore Mark Lodge, and a supporter of the Charities. The funeral was attended by many of his relatives and representatives from several of the London departments of the Great Western Railway Company, in whose service he had spent 42 years. The following brethren were present among others: Bros. Letchford, B. Cope, Boys, P.M.; Hill, P.M.; Croxon, Buckridge, J.D.; King, Cowen, Gabbell, Mastriven, F. Pen, M. Syer, Lefebvre, Jee, Cullingford, Delahay, Bygrave, Farmer, Bridge, and Upton, all of 1658. The following companions were also present: Comps. J. H. Lane, J. 1269; J. Whiteman, Walker, J. A. Smith, P.Z. 1216; Mackway, E. A. Francis, P.G.P.S. Middx.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890; Scawen, 1658; W. E. Bennett, J. Bridge, C. S. Mote, P.M.; and W. R. Shuter, 1692; the Secretary of the Democratic Club and several gentlemen of the N.A.C.P.U., and representatives of many City firms. The hearse and coffin were entirely covered with beautiful wreaths.

Marriages.

McLEARN—JOLLIFFE.—On the 7th inst., at St. Mary's, Primrose-hill, by the Rev. A. C. Spencer, vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. Cockson, I. Crawford McLearn, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. Eng., Holborn Infirmary, Highgate, to Maud, youngest daughter of Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, of 100, King Henry's-road, Primrose-hill.

WHITE—VINES.—On the 4th inst., Mr. R. White to Ada F., only surviving child of the late Mr. R. G. Vines, and stepdaughter of Bro. W. H. Froom, Aldersgate-street, and Canfield Gardens, South Hampstead.

Deaths.

BENNOCH.—At her residence, Keats' Cottage, John-street, Hampstead, Mrs. Bennoch, widow of Bro. Francis Bennoch, F.S.A., in her 79th year.

READ.—At his residence, Jubilee-street, E., on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Bro. Henry Read, of the Yarrowburgh Lodge, No. 554, and the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, aged 30.

LEVANDER.—On the 11th inst., at 30, North Villas Camden-square, Susannah Elizabeth, wife of Bro. F. W. Levander, and daughter of the late Captain E. Oakes, R.N., aged 55.



The Langton Lodge of Instruction resumed work yesterday (Thursday), and will continue to meet every Thursday at 5.30 p.m. at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

At the meeting of the Concord Chapter, No. 223, held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Comp. T. C. Lewarn, P.Z., was installed in the chair of J. by Comp. J. R. Lord, S.E. 70, Prov. G.D.C.

Their Imperial Highnesses the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Sergius and the Grand Duke Paul of Russia have concluded their visit to the Queen at Balmoral and returned to the Bristol Hotel.

The bequests by the late Earl of Derby to his different employes were distributed at Knowsley on Wednesday. The sum total was £16,000, and the bequests ranged in amount from £250 to £100, according to each legatee's length of service.

A bazaar will be held under the patronage of Princess Christian, the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Teck, and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz in the Kensington Town Hall, on the 6th December and three following days, in aid of the fund for free breakfasts and winter dinners for poor children.

Though further donations are not required for the Mansion House Fund in aid of the sufferers by the loss of H.M.S. Victoria, subscriptions still continue to be received, among them being one of nearly £110 from Exeter, another of nearly £80 from Dundee, and several from the officers and men of her Majesty's ships.

The Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom are holding their annual conference at Manchester during the Circuit. The proceedings commenced on Tuesday, and in honour of the event the delegates were entertained at a conversation at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor, the guests numbering altogether about 1500.

The funeral of the late Sir S. A. Blackwood, K.C.B., Secretary of the General Post Office, took place in Kensal Green Cemetery on Monday, there being a large concourse of friends present to witness the interment, the Post Office itself being represented by Mr. Arnold Morley, M.P., her Majesty's Postmaster General, and some of the leading members of the permanent staff.

In the unavoidable absence of Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, the ceremony of unveiling the memorial recently placed in Peterborough Cathedral in honour of the late Bro. Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough and subsequently Archbishop of York, was performed by the Duke of Rutland on Monday. There was a large gathering of the clergy of both dioceses present on the occasion, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Farrar, of Durham, formerly Examining Chaplain to the deceased prelate.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York, visited Camberwell on Monday and opened, firstly, the lecture hall and reading room which have been added to the Fine Art Gallery there located, and secondly the Camberwell Central Library and Recreation Ground. The Royal party met with a most enthusiastic reception from the crowds which had assembled in the Peckham-road, while the inhabitants made quite a brave show with the banners and other decorations they displayed in honour of the occasion.

The Fruiterers' Company, in accordance with annual custom, presented the usual offering of fruit to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Wednesday, and subsequently his lordship and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of the Company and other guests at dinner, among those present being Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals, Warden, and Lady Renals, Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield and Lady Inglefield, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. and Lady Knight, and Bro. Thomas Beard.

Of the four matches sailed off New York between the Valkyrie, the property of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, and the American yacht Vigilant for the America Cup, the first in which the former appeared to stand a good chance of winning, could not be completed within the appointed limits of time, and was, therefore, no race. In the second and third courses the Vigilant won, in the one case by over five minutes, and in the other by over 10 minutes. The fourth course, like the first, proved no race, and, therefore, there is still another race to be won by the Vigilant in order to give her the victory, or—which seems very unlikely—the Valkyrie must win the remaining three courses if she is to be declared the winner. The greatest interest has been taken in the match, and both yachts appear to have been handled in a thoroughly seamanlike fashion.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited Poplar on Monday for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new buildings about to be erected for the use of seamen in connection with the Church of England Mission to Seamen. The institute will be erected by Bro. Lord Brassey at his sole cost, while the Mission will find the funds for the coffee bar and mission church. A large company was assembled on the site of the proposed buildings, among them being the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Mayor, the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company, the Archdeacon of London, and others. The stone was laid by the Duke, and the Duchess received purses in aid of the building fund, the amount contained in the 149 purses received by her Royal Highness being stated at £1140, while £312 was collected at the stone-laying ceremony. The proceedings were highly interesting, and the vast crowds assembled along the line of route and in the neighbourhood of the stone accorded a most enthusiastic welcome to their Royal Highnesses.

"STOP THIEF!" is a cry that is quickly taken up in any London thoroughfare, for the instincts of the hunter are quickly roused amongst the most matter-of-fact people, and the cry of thief in these days corresponds to that of wolf in ancient times. The purloiner of other people's goods is an enemy dangerous to the welfare of society, and therefore it is to the advantage of us all that he should be speedily captured. Disease, however, is a still more deadly enemy, but its attacks can be rendered harmless through the medium of Holloway's Pills and Ointment. They can be obtained in any part of the world from all respectable chemists and medicine vendors.

The Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, will in future meet at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, each Thursday at 7 o'clock.

The Second International Billiard Match between Roberts and Ives has been won by the English champion by 1262 points. The final figures were as follows: Roberts, 10,000; Ives, 8738.

The Duke of Cambridge will be the guest of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday, the 21st inst., when the chair will be taken by Admiral Sir A. Hoskens, K.C.B.

The Royal Horticultural Society's Show at Westminster was largely devoted to exhibits of pears and apples, and Bro. P. Saillard, of Crawley, who had about 60 dishes of dessert fruit, took a Silver Knightian Medal.

The value of the personal estate of the late Bro. John Bagot Scriven, of 19, Connaught-square, the White House, Ashford, and Park-street, Southwark, a partner in the firm of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., brewers, was £53,107.

The Marquis of Salisbury will be the guest of Bro. the Earl of Lathom at Lathom House, Ormskirk, during his approaching visit to Lancashire. On Monday next his lordship will deliver an address at the Ormskirk Working Men's Institution.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

The Duchess of Albany has very kindly consented to distribute the prizes and certificates in connection with the Metropolitan Drawing Classes at Carpenters' Hall on Tuesday, the 31st instant. The chair will be taken on the occasion by Lord Knutsford.

The London County Council's exhibition of chrysanthemums will be opened in Battersea Park to-morrow (Saturday), but quite a week must elapse before the flowers are in a state of perfection. However, the earlier opening will give the public an additional Sunday, and enable them to see the show from the commencement.

The annual review and presentation of medals to the members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade took place in Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon last. Unfortunately rain fell heavily during the proceedings and marred the effect of the spectacle, but great enthusiasm was shown by those who had assembled to witness it.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran are spending the season at Castle Gore, County Mayo. Lady Arran's School of Industry for Irish Girls has proved a great success and furnished employment to a large number of young women on the estate, while the excellence of their work has attracted much attention and is bringing in many orders.

The race for the Cesarewitch Stakes at the Newmarket Second October meeting, which was run on Wednesday, terminated in a dead heat between Mr. Ellis's Red Eyes and Mr. T. Jennings's Cypria. Among those present on the course were the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir Henry Hawkins, Lord Stanley and Lady Alice Stanley, and the Marchioness of Londonderry and Ormonde.

The new Church of St. George, which has been erected in the South Camp, Aldershot, for the use of the troops, was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday last. The duty of receiving his lordship was the last that devolved upon Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood previous to retiring from the command of the troops quartered at Aldershot. On Monday Sir Evelyn entered upon his new duties as Quartermaster-General at the War Office, and the Duke of Connaught assumed the command of the Aldershot Camp.

It has been decided to remove the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction from the Greyhound, Cambridge-street, to the Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W., it being more suitable and central premises, and having a private entrance at 231, Vauxhall Bridge-road. The first meeting will be held at the new premises to-morrow (Saturday), the 14th inst., at seven o'clock, p.m., when the W.M. and brethren hope to be favoured with the company of as many Masonic friends as can make it convenient to attend. During the evening the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. Flattely, P.M.

The Lord Mayor headed the deputation from the Corporation of London which waited upon the Duke and Duchess of York, on Saturday last, and presented the diamond and pearl necklace and the silver service which framed the wedding present from the City to their Royal Highnesses. His lordship prefaced the presentation with a brief address, which was graciously acknowledged by the Duke. Audience was subsequently given to other deputations, one of which was from the citizens of London, and the other from the nonconformist bodies, the gift of the former being sundry pieces of beautiful tapestry which had already been hung in one of the rooms of York House, and the other a handsomely bound Bible. Both of these were likewise graciously acknowledged by the Duke on behalf of himself and his wife.

We congratulate Bro. A. B. Hudson, the chairman of the Bridge House Estates Committee, upon his remarkable escape from death or serious injury on Saturday last. How he escaped beyond a slight shaking is a mystery. It seemed that while crossing the road at the bottom of Godliman-street he slipped and fell. Just at that moment a hansom cab was being driven at a smart pace down the incline, and although the driver did his best to pull up there was not sufficient time to do so, and Bro. Hudson disappeared under the hoofs of the horse and the wheels of the hansom. Strange to say, the animal very cleverly picked its feet up without touching Bro. Hudson's prostrate form, which passed also between the wheels, the gentleman in question finding himself with no other injury than a mud-bedraggled suit of clothes. These he rapidly changed, and was not long afterwards on his way to York House with the other members of the deputation who presented the City's gift to the Duke and Duchess of York.—*City Press*.

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A portrait of Bro. F. John Horniman is published in the last number issued of the *Philanthropist*.

We regret to announce the death, on the 9th instant, of Bro. James Garner, P.M. and Treas. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975.

The Scottish Masonic Club opened its premises in Hill-street, Edinburgh, on Monday with a membership of 80. The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M. is President.

The Queen has forwarded through General Sir H. F. Ponsonby, G.C.B., her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which her Majesty is patron.

The Duke of York has forwarded to the Lord Mayor £150 in aid of the Victoria Relief Fund, as a donation from his Royal Highness in connection with the exhibition of the wedding presents at the Imperial Institute.

The Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud will bring their visit to the King and Queen of Denmark to a close on Tuesday next, when their Royal Highnesses will leave on board the Royal yacht Osborne. The Czar and Czarina will return to Russia on the same day.

The Earl of Haddington has, at the earnest solicitation of the Grand Committee, consented to be again nominated as Grand Master at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November. Lord Haddington has already filled the throne in Grand Lodge two years. His nomination for a third year proves his popularity as Grand Master.

What is believed to be the largest audience ever gathered together in London, or probably in Great Britain, to listen to a scientific lecture was to be seen on Thursday night in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road. In connection with the Gilchrist Education Trust, Professor Sir Robert Ball discoursed on "Other Worlds," illustrating his subject with admirable limelight pictures. The attendance, mostly of the working classes, numbered about 5000.

The last of the fleet of three steamers constructed to the order of the London County Council for the free conveyance of passengers and vehicles across the Thames at Woolwich has just been launched at Renfrew. The new ship is 170 feet long and 58 feet broad, and is built to carry 60 tons weight of passengers and 70 tons of vehicles, and is intended to embark and land traffic on floating pontoons stationed on either side of the river. She was built by Messrs. Simons and Co., and is named the Hutton, in honour of the Chairman of the County Council.

The Grand Master of Scotland, the Earl of Haddington, has resolved to make a grand visitation to the Aberdeen City Province, of which Bro. Forshaw is Provincial Grand Master, on the 20th inst., and to the Province of Aberdeenshire West, of which Bro. Col. H. Lumsden of Pitcaple is Provincial Grand Master, on the 21st inst. The latter ceremonial will take place at Inverurie. The Grand Master will also visit the Edinburgh lodges Dramatic and Arts and Roman Eagle on the 25th inst., on the occasion of opening new Masonic Halls for these lodges. There is every prospect that the installation of Bro. M. H. Shaw Stewart of Carnock, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, and of Bro. A. Johnstone Douglas of Comlongan as Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, will take place in January next.

Under the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury and many other dignitaries of the Church of England, the Hausa Association has been formed in London, in memory of the late Rev. John Alfred Robinson, M.A., who died at his work in the employment of the Church Missionary Society, at Lokoja, in the Niger Territories, in June, 1891. Its object is to study the language of Hausa-land, an immense tract of land on the south side of the Great Sahara Desert, to translate the Scriptures into it, and generally to promote missionary enterprise in the country. An expedition is to be sent into the land, and one of Mr. Robinson's brothers has been selected as the missionary. The estimated cost is £1600, of which £800 has already been subscribed. Scientific as well as religious results are expected.

ENGLISH COOKERY IN PARIS.—Much interest is created by the scheme which Messrs. Spiers and Pond are starting of an English restaurant in Paris. They have taken extensive premises at No. 26, Boulevard des Capucines, with a frontage on the street, and there they propose to erect a mighty grill, and to offer chops and steaks cooked to perfection, in addition to the more ingenious dishes common to the Parisian menu. The wines, too, are intended to appeal to both French and British tastes, a speciality being made of the champagnes which are most in vogue with Englishmen. English dainties will be provided, and may be purchased wholesale, at a shop adjoining the restaurant.

A Court dinner of the Shipwrights' Company was held at the Albion Tavern on the 10th instant, when, in the absence in India of the Master (Lord Brassey), the Duke of Rutland, Past Master, occupied the chair. At a meeting of the Court prior to the dinner the Duke was presented with his Past Master's badge, his Grace subsequently presenting similar badges to the following Past Masters of the Guild: Mr. E. Talbot, Mr. E. J. Talbot, Mr. S. Page, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., Mr. J. Perkins, C.C., Mr. J. E. Saunders, J.P., Mr. R. T. Tough, Mr. T. S. Woolfe, Mr. G. E. Wood, C.C., and Col. Scotter. The Past Masters' badges, which were of 18 carat gold and beautifully finished, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain.

The North Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry are just now making gay the streets of Bath with their daily processions and recessions to and from Newton Meads. The Earl of Cork, according to the regulations, has resigned, the active duties of Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment, but he retains his connection with it as honorary colonel, and his son reigns in his stead. He is youthful looking to ride at the head of a cavalry regiment, is Viscount Dungarvan; but his slim figure is upright and soldierly, and that he performs the duties with all the enthusiasm of youth will be understood when I say that one day this week he kept the men in the saddle for nearly seven hours, and put them through their drill in about the quickest time in the Yeomanry record. It is clear that the good old blue and white regiment will not go back for want of vigour in its new commanding officer.—*Ex.*

