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OUR PROVINCIAL CHARITIES.

Of late years great endeavours have been made, and very successfully made, to lighten somewhat the demands upon the resources of our Central Masonic Charities. As the Craft has increased in numbers, so have the candidates for the benefits of these valuable Institutions increased. Indeed, there have been times when it has been found necessary that the Governors and Subscribers should take counsel among themselves with a view to raising the standard of qualification for candidates, so that the numbers on the lists at the different elections might be brought within more manageable compass, and the result of these deliberations, particularly in the case of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has been very satisfactory. But many of the Provinces have likewise rendered material service in the same direction, and many a country child, who might not have been eligible for the Girls' or Boys' School, or, being eligible, might have stood but a sorry chance of being elected, has good cause to thank the brethren in the Province in which it dwelt for having provided it with a sound education and thereby placed it on the road to win for itself an honourable livelihood. Among the Provinces which have established for themselves local Charities either for educating the sons and daughters of their poorer or deceased members or for contributing permanently towards the maintenance of poor brethren and their widows, the two Lancshires, Cheshire, North and East Yorkshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and Devonshire stand out prominently; and as showing what these local Charities are capable or desirous of doing, we call particular attention to the two reports we published last week of certain meetings held in connection with the Devonshire Educational Fund and the West Lancashire Alpass Annuity Fund for Widows. The meeting in respect of the former, which was held for the election of two out of a list of five candidates, was presided over by our esteemed Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., who, in the course of the proceedings, delivered himself of certain remarks which were both weighty and pertinent. He bestowed a judicious measure of praise upon the Committee of Management for the excellence, and, above all, for the economy, of their administration. He very wisely suggested that, in the event of the funds being sufficient for the purpose, something should be done to assist those children who have completed their education under the auspices of the Fund towards their further advancement in life; and he even went so far as to call in question the expediency of husbanding any portion of the benefactions that were received by investing them in Government or other sound interest-bearing securities. He did not consider, as he remarked, that it was wise to have "large sums of money funded." Posterity has done nothing for us, and he saw no reason why we should do anything for posterity. On the contrary, he "thought posterity should do its full part just as the Freemasons of the present day were doing theirs." As regards his proposal for doing something further to promote the welfare of the children who have been educated by the Fund, we are entirely in accordance with our worthy brother, and so should we be in respect of his other suggestion as to not accumulating funds for the use of posterity, provided it were in our power to establish it as a certainty that posterity would always find itself in a position to do what was needful. But even in our own generation the support received by a local or general Charity is likely to fluctuate, and, as a matter of fact, does fluctuate at times to a very considerable extent. Hence arises the necessity, even for our own requirements, of laying by a portion of the moneys received from year to year, so that, when any depression of a commercial or other nature overtakes us which is calculated to diminish the amount of donations and subscriptions, we may still be in a position to satisfy—partially, if not entirely—the obligations we have undertaken out of the interest on our funded property. And so it is with posterity, which may have all the will to do what we are doing, but not the wherewith, owing to political or commercial troubles, to gratify its wishes. In that case, likewise, the interest on the moneys which have been funded in prosperous times will prove of incalculable value, and may, indeed, be the means of enabling a Charity to continue its beneficent work, in spite of the depression by which it is surrounded.

The other meeting we had the pleasure of reporting was the festival in aid of the Alpass Benevolent Institution, and was held under the presidency of Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE, son and heir of the ever-popular Pro Grand Master, who is at the same time Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. In such a Province it is only to be expected that things should be done on a larger scale, and we were not surprised to find that the subscriptions received on the occasion amounted to from £1300 and 1400, with a chance of still further increase, before the year has run its course, to £1500. In this case, the Fund, though it was established only as recently as 1885 for

providing annuities for the widows of poor brethren, can already boast of a funded capital of not far short of £5000, and we have no doubt that one of the results of this very successful gathering will be a still further increase of this amount. But whatever the policy that may be pursued by these local Charities, it is in the highest degree satisfactory to know from these and the other reports of meetings which we are called upon to publish from time to time that the assistance they are rendering to the cause of Charity is of so substantial a character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 31st ult., under the presidency of Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, assisted by Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M. After the usual formal business of reading the convening summons, calling the roll of lodges and of Prov. Grand Officers, reading and confirming the minutes of the last general meeting, and receiving the report of the Audit Committee,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER formally addressed the brethren on the position and progress of Masonry in the island, taking for his text the fact that there had been the large number of 45 erasures of members by different lodges during the year for non-payment of dues. He pointed out to the brethren present the urgent necessity for a most careful scrutiny of the moral character and reputable circumstances of all intending candidates for Freemasonry, thereby safe-guarding and promoting the real interests of the Craft. He then gave an account of the welcome he received as Steward for the Boys' Festival, and expressed his extreme gratification at the success of the boy Campbell, who came in fourth on the list at the recent election, this being only his second trial. The P.G.M., in conclusion, alluded with sympathy to the very serious illness of the Prov. G. Tyler, Bro. Rogers, on which account it had been decided to hold no banquet this year.

Bro. G. J. Renouf was re-elected P.G. Treasurer; and a hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. Dr. A. C. GODFRAY, P.G.S., seconded by the D.P.G.M., accorded to Bros. Terry, Naylor, F. Richardson, and A. W. Beckham for their very valuable assistance during the recent election for boys.

The following officers were appointed:

Bro. S. Gilley	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. J. Godfray	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Peek	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. J. Renouf	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Marrett	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. A. C. Godfray	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. C. Barrette	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. M. Le Cronier	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. A. Juhel	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Adderson	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Brodhurst	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. C. M. de Carteret	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. de la Perrelle	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Le Boutillier	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. J. D'Authrean	...	...	...
" F. Clark	...	...	...
" P. J. Le Musurier	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. de Carteret	...	...	...
" F. Gicquel	...	...	...

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday, the 27th ult., under the banner of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, presided. There was a very large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers, also of Masters and brethren from each of the 14 lodges in the province. Those present included

Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, Dep. P.G.M.; Hon. Paulyn Hastings, P.S.G.W.; E. P. Steads, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. W. Fitch, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., P.G. Chap.; W. J. Freer, P.G. Reg.; E. Holmes, Prov. G. Sec.; T. B. Laxton, P.S.G.D.; W. J. Curtis, P.J.G.D.; G. W. Rawson, P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.G.D.C.; T. S. H. Ashwell, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Hill, W. Bramley, W. Atkins, and R. R. Blackwell, P.G. Stwds. The lodges were further represented as follows: Bros. C. Bennison, W.M., C. E. Stretton, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., R. Michie, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W. M. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.R., J. H. Marshall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., W. D. Grant, J.W., C. Lakin, Sec., E. H. Butler, P.P.G. Std. Br., W. H. Scott, P.P.G. Org. Lincs., W. Tyler, J. W. Barker, W. E. Keites, N. Scorgie, J. Bond, and T. R. Evans, of 279; W. S. Fulshaw, J.W. 50; T. B. Neal, W.M., F. J. Baines, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., B. A. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., G. Newsome, P.M., Treas., P.P.S.G.D., T. G. Charlesworth, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., G. Neighbour, J.W., W. A. Spencer, S.D., W. Bream, Stwd., and W. H. Chamberlain, of 523; J. Price, W.M., G. Dean Orchard, I.P.M., Rev. Canon J. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., J. Hassall, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W. A. Musson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and J. Turner, S.W., of 779; F. Birch, W.M., J. Raven, I.P.M., G. C. Oliver, P.M., P.P.G.P., J. J. Knowles, J.W., and H. Walker, Tyler,

of 1007; C. L. Ferneley, S.W., and E. F. Knight, S.D., of 1130; W. Keep, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., C. K. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and H. Beckenbach, of 1265; W. E. Lattimer, W.M., W. H. Pick, I.P.M., J. Healey, P.M., H. R. Maynard, P.M. 25, J.W., G. A. Smith, S.D., T. W. Hall, I.G., W. Bowles, Steward, and J. S. Perkins, of 1330; A. Ferguson, W.M., H. Howe, I.P.M., J. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., S. Knight, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., R. B. Starkey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., W. W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J. G. Bower, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., A. Chambers, S.W., Rev. J. W. Willson, P.P.G.C., J.W., G. J. B. Woolley, Sec., F. W. Billson, J.D., G. O. Marshall, Org., G. E. Barton, I.G., W. Walters and E. Lester, Stewards, J. W. Beazley, G. Gibbons, J. Hawkes, J. Hings, F. Seale, J. W. Watts, G. Scampton, P. Shearer, H. Perry, W. Sheen, G. E. Tovey, D. Garrett, H. Mansfield, J. Hallam, J. Berridge, T. H. Inglesant, J. Cuninghame, A. E. Biggs, J. F. G. Knight, and J. H. Kellett, of 1391; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M., Sec., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec., and T. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.P., of 1560; A. Green, W.M., J. Johnson, I.P.M., F. B. Wilmer, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S. of W., G. Jessop, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., A. F. Rawson, D.C., the Rev. H. J. Mason, P.M. 1146, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset, B. A. Shires, and J. Exton, Tyler, of 2028; E. R. Fox, and W. H. Aysom, of 2081; R. P. Keates, S.W., and W. F. Carnley, I.G., of 2424; and many members of Lodge No. 2429, which are included in the names mentioned above. Visitors: Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 1900, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls, and T. W. Page, 299.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from a large number of brethren, including Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.S. G.D. Eng.; M. G. Phillips, P.S.G.D. Eng.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. Eng.; G. Oliver, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Vial, P.P.S.G.W.; and many others.

The minutes of the meetings held during the year were confirmed and signed, and the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges called over. Bro. G. Oliver was again unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas.

The annual report referred specially to the addition of two lodges to the province by the consecration of the Grace Dieu Lodge, No. 2428, at Coalville, and the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, both of which are making great progress, and promise a very successful career.

The report of the Prov. G. Registrar showed a considerable increase in the numerical strength of the various lodges, and a total membership in June last of 716 for the whole province.

The statement of accounts, submitted by the Prov. G. Treas., showed a credit balance of £53 12s. 1d. on the General Fund Account, and of £59 14s. 6d. on the Charity Fund Account.

Bro. John Harrison, P.P.G. Std. Br., was unanimously elected Charity Steward for the year.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. S. S. Patridge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. ...	... D.P.G.M.
" B. A. Smith, M.A., P.M. 523 ...	... Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Healey, P.M. 1130 ...	... Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., J.D. 523, I.G. 2429 ...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A., 2028 ...	
" A. W. Tuck, P.M. 1265 ...	... Prov. G. Reg.
" Edward Holmes, I.P.M. 279, S.W. 2429 ...	... Prov. G. Sec.
" Carl Lowenstein, P.M. 1007 ...	... Prov. S.G.D.
" Andrew Fergusson, W.M. 1391 ...	... Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Dean Orchard, W.M. 779 ...	... Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391 ...	... Prov. G.D.C.
" Henry Howe, I.P.M. 1391 ...	... Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Bennion, W.M. 279 ...	... Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Johnson, I.P.M. 2028 ...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. F. Hill, W.M. 1130 ...	
" A. Lawrence, I.P.M. 523, S.W. 1330 ...	... Prov. G. Org.
" J. Raven, I.P.M. 1007 ...	... Prov. G. Purst.
" J. H. Gilbert, I.P.M. 50 ...	... Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Charles Lakin, Sec. 279 ...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. B. Neale, W.M. 523 ...	
" E. F. Knight, S.D. 1130 ...	
" A. Chambers, S.W. 1391 ...	
" W. H. Staynes, W.M. 2081 ...	
" R. P. Keates, S.W. 2428 ...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Tanser, Tyler 279 ...	

Invitations to hold the next annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge under their banner were received from Bros. C. Bennion, W.M. 279, and W. E. Lattimer, W.M. 1330.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and a large number of the brethren attended the banquet, which was held immediately afterwards, under the presidency of Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master.

Special credit is due to the W.M., Past Masters, and officers of the Commercial Lodge for the praiseworthy manner in which they carried out the necessary details, both for the annual meeting and the banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Wells, under the banner of the Avalon Chapter, No. 446, when there was a large gathering of the companions of the province. The handsome Council Chamber was arranged with taste, and evoked great praise from the visitors. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. England, Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. W. Long, P.G.H., and E. White, P.G.J.

The roll of the chapters was called by the P.G.S.E., Comp. E. Noke, and all, with one exception, were represented, among those present being—Comps. J. A. Bright, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; E. A. Crosse, H.; J. M. Atkins, P.Z. P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. H. Clarke, M.E.Z. 1760; E. F. Wade, P.Z. 446; W. Reece, P.Z. 1750, P.P.G.S.B.; G. E. Alford, P.Z. 1222; John Phillis, 285, P.P.G.O.; W. Rice, 201, P.P.G.P.S.; C. L. Thomas, M.E.Z. 291; W. H. Webb, P.S. 1222; F. B. George, A.S. 446; E. C. Davies, 446; H. W. Livett, P.Z. 446; H. B. ffarrington, P.Z. 1222; F. N. Blackmore, P.Z. 1222; T. C. Manning, 285, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Norton, J. 446; W. Leaker, P.S. 446; H. L. Barnwell, S.N. 442; J. Cornwall, P.Z. 446; A. McWilliam, P.Z. 446; G. H. Bartlett, P.Z. 41; John Welch, D.C. 446; S. Bigwood, 41; A. J. Salter, 53; H. B. Crouch, M.E.Z. 446; L. H. Ruegg, and others.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter were read and approved, and the Treasurer's accounts, showing a substantial balance in hand, were passed, and it was decided to invest £100 in suitable and approved securities in the names of the Three Principals and the Treasurer.

All offices were then declared vacant, and all below the rank of P.G.

Principal retired, while the Second and Third Principals for the ensuing year—Comps. W. Long as H. and A. T. Perkins as J.—were invested and installed.

The companions were then re-admitted, and Comp. B. H. Watts was re-elected Treasurer with acclamation, and the following officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. E. Noke ...	... Prov. G.S.E.
" H. B. ffarrington ...	... Prov. G.S.N.
" J. H. Macfarlane ...	... Prov. G. Reg.
" G. A. Perrin ...	... Prov. G.P.S.
" H. B. Crouch ...	... Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" B. C. Board ...	... Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" T. R. Gill ...	... Prov. G.S.B.
" M. H. Clarke ...	... Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. A. Crosse ...	... Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Norton ...	... Prov. G. Org.
" J. Robinson ...	... Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. J. Salter ...	... Prov. G. Janitor.
" E. Bidgood ...	... Prov. A.G. Janitor.

Comp. HADDON, on behalf of Comp. T. Meyler, who was unavoidably absent, proposed, after due notice, "That a sum of £10 be granted from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the widow of the late E. Comp. Robert Courzins, late of Chapter of Sincerity, No. 261, who was Grand Janitor of this Province from the year 1880 to 1886."

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the matter left to the Three Principals and the Treasurer to deal with as they considered expedient.

This concluding the business on the agenda, alms were collected, and amounted to £1 16s., which were voted to the Wells Nursing Institution, and handed to Comp. Crosse.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently sat down to a dinner at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. of the Avalon Chapter, Comp. H. B. Crouch.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield, on Monday, the 16th ultimo, under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137, when there were present—

Bros. Charles Letch Mason, P.G.M.; John Barker, P.P.G.W., D.P.G.M.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.S.G.W.; G. H. Parke, P.J.G.W.; Reuben Williamson, J. W. Monckman, T. Whittaker, and W. F. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Wardens; E. Billington, as P.G.M.O.; W. Flockton, P.S.G.O.; Chas. Woollons, as P.J.G.O.; W. F. Tomlinson, G. Marshall, and A. Gill, P.P.G. Overseers; G. F. Carr, P.G. Treas.; Henry Oxley, P.P.G. Treas.; A. E. Kirkham, P.G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, as P.G. Sec.; C. Nicholson, as P.S.G.D.; R. Hodgson, P.J.G.D.; H. King, P.G.D.C.; V. G. S. Dearden, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Martin, P.G.S.B.; S. Jacob, P.G. Std. Br.; John Brook, as P.G. Org.; T. Robertshaw, P.G.I.G.; W. S. Blackburn and W. Cockroft, P.G. Stewards; J. H. Newton, P.G. Tyler; and many brethren from the lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form. The Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted according to ancient form.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks, and then delivered the following address:

Brethren,—I am well pleased once more to hold our provincial gathering under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137. The last time we met here was in May, 1888. At the same time, I should like to congratulate the members of the lodge, and more especially the W.M.; Bro. Smithies, the Past Masters and Officers of the lodge, on the greater interest manifested and the greater zeal displayed in the working of the lodge. We may rest assured of this, my brethren, that lodges will not prosper or the Order thrive unless each will take his individual share in trying to work successfully. There has been a decided increase in the number of members, and, I believe, good and true men have been added to the roll who will do credit to the Order and advance the prosperity of the lodge. Since our last gathering at Bradford, our Sheffield brethren have lost one of their active Past Masters, Bro. Eyre, P.M. It was a pleasure to me to know Bro. Eyre, and I sincerely sympathise—and I think I may say we all sympathise—with our Sheffield brethren in the loss they have sustained. The Mark Benevolent Festival was held on the 26th July last, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Master of Surrey, and resulted in the sum of £2166 16s. 6d. being collected—London had 58 Stewards, £688 15s.; the provinces 92 Stewards, £1478 4s. West Yorkshire was represented by six Stewards—Bro. F. Cleeves, of Lodge No. 53; Bros. H. S. Holdsworth and Richard Hodgson, of Lodge No. 58; Bro. Parke, of Lodge No. 110; and Bros. Smithies and Howell, of Lodge No. 137; who together sent up the sum of £73 10s. As you well know, in the Mark Benevolent Fund one-third goes to the Educational Fund, one-third to the Annuity Fund, and the remaining one-third for relief. West Yorkshire has three children in the Educational Fund. I have pointed out on more than one occasion that the whole of our subscriptions go for the benefit of the Charity, and that nothing is spent on erecting or keeping in repair any fabric. The Charity deserves well of you, my brethren, and, considering the delay that sometimes arises in getting on the larger Charities of the Craft, I am sorry our Mark friends do not make more use of it. At our last meeting we had to regret the resignation of our old friend, Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., as Deputy; to-day we lose the services of Bro. Trevor, who has removed to Cheltenham, and, therefore, unable to discharge any longer the duties appertaining to the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. I am sure Bro. Trevor will carry with him to Cheltenham the hearty good wishes of the Masons of West Yorkshire, and a sincere wish that his health will be preserved for many years to come. Brethren, this retirement of Bro. Trevor has given us the anxiety of selecting a successor who will be thoroughly acceptable to the province. The Provincial Grand Secretary should be one who the rulers of the province are in easy touch with, and accessible when emergency requires. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and myself have gone carefully into the matter, and we have decided to appoint Bro. Joseph Matthewman, of the Integrity Lodge, No. 110, and now resident at Horsforth, near Leeds. Bro. Matthewman is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office, and we believe that he will discharge the duties thereof to his own honour and to the full satisfaction of the brethren of the province. Bro. Trevor has kindly undertaken to read a paper to-day to you, and I shall not, therefore, detain you longer, further than thanking you most heartily for your warm reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the brethren of Truth Lodge, No. 237, for the preparations they have made for our comfort.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated the Truth Lodge on its excellent progress, and intimated that he had visited already many of the lodges since his appointment, and hoped shortly, if the brethren would give him timely notice, to complete the list. He was greatly pleased with the reception he had met with, and highly satisfied with the working he had

witnessed. He thought it augured well for the future of Mark Masonry in that province.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from several brethren.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Bradford in April were read, and

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then explained that Bro. Tudor Trevor, Prov. Grand Secretary, who had come all the way from Cheltenham on purpose to attend that meeting, was suffering from a chill, and had been forbidden by his medical man to leave his room; that under those unfortunate circumstances he would himself read the paper which Bro. Trevor had prepared. It was entitled: "The Traditions and Symbolisms of the Mark Degree," which we regret we are compelled by want of space to hold over till a future issue.

On the completion of the paper, which was very well received, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he would defer the reading of the *résumé* of the history of Provincial Grand Lodge, which Bro. Trevor had with great care and diligence prepared, until later in the evening. He, with their permission, would now move—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons cordially thanks W. Bro. Tudor Trevor for his interesting papers; compliments him upon the able way in which he has discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary during the past two years; deeply regrets that circumstances have severed a connection so satisfactory to all concerned; and trusts that the same influence for good which Bro. Trevor had exercised in West Yorkshire will manifest itself in his new sphere of labour, in which the brethren heartily wish him God-speed."

This was seconded by Bro. G. H. PARKE, who spoke in high terms of Bro. Trevor's energy, ability, and urbanity, and on being put to the meeting, the resolution was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced that, after consultation with his Deputy, he had decided to confer the collar of Provincial Grand Secretary upon Bro. Joseph Matthewman, 110, whose knowledge and experience eminently fitted him for the post.

Bro. MATTHEWMAN was then invested, and very briefly returned thanks.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER then moved—"That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to the W.M., Bro. Smithies, the officers and members of Truth Lodge, for their excellent arrangements and their hospitable reception of Provincial Grand Lodge this day."

This was seconded by Bro. BILLINGTON, and carried with acclamation.

Invitations for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was received from Bro. Wm. J. Morris, W.M., elect Fearnley Lodge, Halifax, and from Bro. Maurice J. Dodworth, W.M. Britannia Lodge, Sheffield. Whilst thanking the brethren, the Prov. Grand Master intimated that he would take a little time to consider, and would announce his decision in due course.

This concluded the business, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE COLNE LODGE, No. 2477, AT WYVENHOE.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., a new lodge was consecrated at Wyvenhoe, bringing up the number of Essex lodges to 34. The lodge, which is to be called the Colne, and is numbered 2477 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, has been formed to meet the wants of the members of the Order (who it appears are a considerable body) residing at Wyvenhoe and Rowhedge.

The founders are Bros. Claud E. Egerton-Green, Gustavus Pratt, W. Turner B. Ennew, Lieut.-Col. Tyssen S. Holroyd, John T. Bailey, W. H. Ham, Robert Pearson, Harold Francis, John A. Houston, John I. Turff, E. H. Ennew, Capt. H. S. Naylor-Leyland, M.P., Robert T. Daniell, A. G. Mumford, Rizon Ford, Robert H. Scott, William Johnson, and Joseph B. Brown.

In the absence of the two chiefs of the Order in Essex, the ceremony was undertaken by Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. It took place in the Old Board Schools, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion; and, when the large number of brethren who had come were assembled, presented a very handsome appearance. The officers who assisted Bro. Ralling were Bros. Hoddinott, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; Harris Hills, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; and Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

In opening the proceedings the CONSECrating OFFICER said he was sure he should have the sympathy of all present in the difficult position in which he suddenly found himself placed owing to the inability of their much-loved Prov. Grand Master to get their in time. It was a disappointment to them all, but he was particularly sorry for the founders of the lodge, who would, of course, have much preferred that the act of consecration should have been performed by Lord Brooke. He hoped however, that they would not consider the little *contretemps* as a bad omen, but that their own desires and the good wishes of the large number of brethren present for the welfare of the lodge might be fulfilled. A doubt had been expressed in some quarters as to the need of this new lodge. This, however, arose from want of knowledge, for there were at least 50 resident Masons in Wyvenhoe and Rowhedge, who were unable to practice the mystic art, except they journeyed to Colchester or Brightlingsea, both cases involving a journey home late at night. The P.G.M., under these circumstances, considered the prayer of the petitioners a reasonable one, and H.R.H. the Grand Master, having, on his lordship's recommendation, granted a warrant of constitution, they would now proceed to give effect to the same.

Prayer having been offered, the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. THOMAS VARNEY, gave a most appropriate address on the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

The ceremony of consecrating the lodge was then proceeded with, and, at its conclusion, Bro. Claud E. Egerton-Green was ably installed as first Master of the lodge by Bro. A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., Prov. G.D.C.

The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Wm. Johnson, P.M. 163, I.G., I.P.M.; G. Pratt, P.M., S.W.; W. T. B. Ennew, J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Lieut.-Col. Tyssen Holroyd, Treas.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. 697, 2339, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.P., Sec.; Wm. H. Ham, S.D.; R. Pearson, J.D.; H. Francis, W.M. 51, Prov. G. Stwd., D.C.; J. A. Houston, Org.; H. Harlow, I.G.; J. I. Turff, George Wm. Rayner, E. H. Ennew, and Dick Ham, Stwds.; and A. Wright, Tyler.

A Committee having been formed to frame by-laws, the W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Proposals of initiation and joining—some 34 in number—were then made.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said his first duty, and it was a most pleasurable one, was to propose a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, and to ask them to accept the honorary membership of the lodge. It was, of course, a disappointment that Lord Brooke had been unable to perform the ceremony that day, but the brethren of the Colne Lodge were satisfied to have had that office performed by so worthy and distinguished a brother as Bro. Ralling. He was certain that in the absence of their chief, if the brethren of the Colne Lodge had had the choice of all England for a Consecrating Officer they would have chosen Bro. Ralling.

Bro. RALLING, on behalf of himself and brother Consecrating Officers, acknowledged the vote of thanks, and also accepted with gratitude the honour proposed to be conferred on them. Personally, he should much have preferred to have taken a humbler position in the interesting proceedings of the day, particularly as they had for the first time used the new consecrating vessels purchased by order of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the last meeting. It would have been, he thought, more fitting if they had been first used by the Prov. Grand Master. He expressed his pleasure at the promise of prosperity which the propositions for initiation and joining foreshadowed to the new lodge, and said the Consecrating Officers, now they had been elected honorary members, would be pleased to be allowed to pay an occasional visit to the Colne Lodge.

Hearty greetings were then given to the new W.M. by the many representatives of lodges present.

The W.M., in acknowledgment, stated that they had received great assistance in the furnishing of the lodge, the following articles having been presented: Three pedestals, Bro. W. Johnson, I.P.M.; Wardens' chairs, Bros. Gustavus Pratt and W. T. B. Ennew; working tools, Bro. A. G. Mumford; tracing boards, by the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, per Bro. Gustavus Pratt, P.M., Treas.; £10 from an anonymous friend, per Bro. G. Pratt; candlesticks, Bros. G. Rayner, H. Harlow, and R. Pearson; and collars with jewel attached, Bros. W. H. Ham, R. Pearson, and J. I. Turff. We may add what was not announced by the W.M., that his gift was the Master's chair, while Mrs. Claude Egerton-Green presented a most handsome banner. The design is a smack in full sail, with C.K., the initials of the port, and 2477, number of the lodge, on the mainsail and bulwarks. The raven, representing the Port Reeve of Colchester, surmounts the smack, whilst below are emblazoned the Egerton-Green arms.

The lodge having been closed, the W.M. and other brethren proceeded to the railway station, and on the arrival of Lord Brooke by train at five p.m., conducted his lordship to the Greyhound Inn, where the inaugural banquet took place. On entering the room, his lordship received quite an ovation.

The host of the Greyhound, Bro. J. B. Brown, who was assisted in the catering by Bro. J. G. Potton, provided an excellent repast, to which full justice was done.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd inst. The throne was occupied by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, and the Wardens' chairs by Bros. J. Dalrymple-Duncan, S.W., and Col. John Campbell, J.W. After passing the minutes of last communication, Grand Lodge granted charters to Lodge Caledonia, Port Elizabeth, and Lodge of Unity, Georgetown, Demerara.

Grand Lodge accepted Grand Committee's report that Grand Lodge could consider any request to hold its installation meeting and festival in any of the provinces, on invitation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the province desiring it.

The following brethren were then nominated and elected as Grand Office Bearers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. Sir Chas. Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P. G. M.M.
- " Lieut.-Col. John Campbell ... G. S. Warden.
- " Right. Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn ... G. J. Warden.
- " Rev. T. B. W. Niven, D.D. ... } G. Chaplains.
- " Rev. George Gunn ... }
- " Major F. W. Allan ... G. S. Deacon.
- " G. C. H. McNaught ... G. J. Deacon.
- " Wm. Black, C.E. ... G. Architect.
- " J. Wilson Wallace ... G. Jeweller.
- " Capt. David Sneddon ... G. Bible Bearer.
- " General J. J. Boswell, C.B. ... G.D. of C.
- " Alexander Anderson ... G. Bard.
- " Sir A. M. Mackenzie, Bart. ... G.S.B.
- " Hope Dambmann ... G.D. of M.
- " J. McNaught Campbell ... G. Marshal.
- " W. M. Derholm ... G. I.G.

Grand Lodge expressed its deep regrets that Lord Haddington had been compelled, through ill-health, to retire from Grand Mastership.

The motion of Bro. Dr. Dickson was then considered—"That the resolution of 3rd November, 1892, to constitute the lodges in Edinburgh and Leith into a Provincial Grand Lodge be rescinded, and that the said lodges remain under the immediate superintendence of Grand Lodge," and after a good deal of discussion it was agreed to by a large majority. This concluded the business.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

HENRY CORNELIUS AGRIPPA.—His real name was Von Nettesheim. He was born at Cologne in 1486. He was a most learned man, perhaps the most learned of his day, but his life was a series of misfortunes. He wrote many works, some now forgotten, many of which led to angry controversies. Some one has said that he seems to have had a "great capacity for fishing in troubled waters." His two most famous works, perhaps, are "On the Vanity of the Sciences," published in 1527 at Cologne, and "Libri Tres de Occulta Philosophia," published at the same place in 1533. He was reputed a magician in his time, and is said by Lenning and Gädicke in their valuable works to have founded at Paris a secret literary and mystical society. Bro. Mackey quotes a writer in the "Quarterly Review" of 1798, who states that Cornelius Agrippa came to London in 1510, and founded there a secret alchemical society, and was practically the founder of Freemasonry. This statement we hold to be incorrect. There is a very interesting "Life of Cornelius Agrippa," by Henry Morley, which we have read, and there is no doubt that he was a most extraordinary man. He died at Grenoble, in France, in 1535, in great poverty, and after having suffered many persecutions and trials.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

- CRAFT LODGES.—Pattison, No. 913, 7nd Eleanor Cross, No. 1764
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1893

Masonic Notes.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, which was held at Brighton on the 26th ult., was largely attended, and, although not graced by the presence of its Royal Grand Master, an address was received from that genial and energetic ruler, which showed that he was fully alive to his Masonic responsibilities, and that his absence was in no way due to any lack of interest in Freemasonry. A report of the proceedings still stands over, we regret to say, through want of space.

An attempt, which we hope will be successful, is being made to organise the lodges and chapters in South London with a view to centralising their voting power, and preventing the waste of votes which takes place at every election. A similar association was formed some years ago, but probably from the fact that it attempted to cover too wide an area and thus lost that homogeneity which is so great a factor in such combinations, and possibly also for want of proper management, the scheme fell through. The promoters of this association, of which Bro. Perceval Nairne, P.G.D., is the Chairman, are wise in confining their operations to South London, and there is little doubt that steps will soon be taken to place the north side in possession of a similar organisation. Bro. E. Janau is the acting Secretary, and will send notices to all representatives of lodges whose names are sent to him for the meeting on the 13th prox. His address is 92, Elms-road, Clapham Common, S.W.

Very sad, indeed, is the news it is our duty to record this week that Bro. George Cooper, P.G.D., died after a brief, but, as it proved, a fatal, attack of typhoid fever, at his residence, Brentwood, Essex, on Saturday last. Bro. Cooper was one of the kindest, most genial, and most courteous of men, and in his Masonic career a brother of infinite zeal and capacity for work. Quiet and unobtrusive in his demeanour, his co-operation in the work of lodge and chapter, council and preceptory, was eagerly sought; nor was it ever sought in vain. The Institutions owe him a debt of gratitude for his support and services as Steward, while among his friends and familiars and the general body, there are few who have been more sincerely or deservedly respected and beloved. In fine, he was one of those of whom it may justly be said that, though the Angel of Death may have taken him unawares—our deceased brother was only 55 years of age at the time of his death—it did not take him unprepared for the Eternity, upon which, to the grief of the relatives and friends who mourn him, he has thus prematurely entered.

It will be seen from the memoir we publish elsewhere that Bro. Cooper had won distinction in well nigh every branch of our Masonic system with which he was associated. Not only in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, but likewise in the Mark Degree, the Order of the Temple, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite he was a prominent member, and there are many lodges and other bodies which will deplore his loss, not only as that of an esteemed and valued member, but as well from the difficulty they will experience in replacing him.

The brethren of Didsbury have arranged a scheme, which they term "A Masonic Cabinet," for the practice of the Emulation working, and which appears to be of considerable advantage to those who wish to acquire not only a complete knowledge of the ritual, but of all the proceedings which go to make up the full work of a lodge. A syllabus has been arranged, distinguished as A., B., C., and D., which includes every detail of lodge work, the full agenda occupying four nights. The dates on which the respective programmes are

carried out are given for the whole season up to June next, so that those who are not able to attend as frequently as others may still be able to make themselves acquainted with the whole working of a lodge in its minutest detail. We commend this scheme to the consideration of other lodges of instruction.

We understand the Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed the Earl of Dartmouth to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. Lord Dartmouth is exceedingly popular in the county of Stafford, of which he is Lord Lieutenant, and we have reason to believe the appointment will give the greatest satisfaction to the brethren of the province. The office had been vacant for nearly two years—since the death of the late Bro. Col. Foster Gough in the early part of last year—during which period the province has been under the charge of the genial and popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Bindley.

The report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communications of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, which were held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 20th April and 20th July respectively, contains nothing but what is of purely local interest, except that at the former meeting Bro. Peter Cunningham, District Grand Master, who was about to sail for England, not only received the heartiest good wishes and God-speed from the brethren present, but was likewise presented with a gold District Grand Master's jewel "as a slight token of the real and heartfelt esteem and respect in which he was held" by the brethren in the jurisdiction.

In acknowledging the presentation, Bro. Cunningham having expressed his gratitude for the kindness they had shown him, remarked that during the time he had presided over the District Grand Lodge "he had tried to guide the Craft in a quiet spirit, and so as to avoid any harsh feelings that might arise," and, from what had just taken place, he felt justified in assuming that in this effort he had been successful. He had also the satisfaction of knowing that during his period of office the aggregate membership of the lodges under his control had increased by 151.

We should judge from the report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on the 6th September, of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, that Freemasonry under the English Constitution in that jurisdiction is exceedingly prosperous. Bro. Alex. Corrie, Past Dist. S.G.W., who had been invited to visit the lodges in the northern part of the colony, had visited as many as 13 lodges, and in nearly every case had found the Craft prosperous, and that the working, though here and there a little faulty, was on the whole satisfactory.

We regret to hear that an accident has befallen Mrs. Terry, the wife of our worthy Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On Monday, the lady in question left her home for a walk, and had only gone a few yards when she slipped or stumbled over some gravel that was lying on the pathway, and falling heavily, not only sustained several severe contusions, but had the additional misfortune to break her wrist. Owing to the swollen state of the arm, it was not till the following day that it was found possible to set the bone. We understand that all is going on favourably, and we trust the limb will in time be as sound as ever. Both Bro. and Mrs. Terry have our sincere sympathy in the circumstances we have described.

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 ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have given considerable attention to the matter of want of interest in the Royal Arch, and feel sure that the alteration in the regulations of the Order will do much to benefit the various chapters.

Members of the Order will do well to remove the impression in the minds of so many brethren that they should defer taking the Degree until they have attained the chair in the Craft, as in very few chapters can office be obtained at once; in many it takes four or five years to reach the Third Principal's chair.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.Z. 72, 1549.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; J. Trutt, S.W., Master elect; A. C. White, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; R. T. Godfrey, S.D.; A. G. Swan, J.D.; J. Gluckstein, I.G.; H. O. Sharpley, Org.; J. Welch, I.P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; R. Jordan, P.M.; G. Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; C. Wetzlar, P.M.; Langdale, P.M.; and Longstaff, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. R. Goffin, P.M. 1572, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Derham, W.M. 1622; G. Body, 72; E. Horton, 72; W. Cutting, 193; R. Schwergh, 425; J. Bote, 666; T. West, 1310; J. T. Packer, 1558; and C. Mallett, 1572.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Trutt, was duly presented as Master elect, and was ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Taylor, assisted by Bro. Wetzlar, P.M., as S.W.; J. Welch, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.M., as I.C.; and W. J. Hakim, P.M., as I.G. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. J. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; A. C. White, S.W.; R. T. Godfrey, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Swan, S.D.; J. Gluckstein, J.D.; J. Moss, I.G.; S. N. Isaacs and H. O. Sharpley, S.Ws.; A. Salmon, D.C.; E. Steinfeld, A.D.C.; and G. Longstaff, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the services of the Installing Master. A sum of money was voted from the funds to assist the candidature of a poor widow for the benefits of the R.M.B.I. An important resolution, bearing upon the financial position of the lodge, having been passed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet. The preliminary toasts having received full justice, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Trutt was an initiate of the lodge, he had filled the minor offices satisfactorily, and was in every other respect worthy of the position of Master of the old Lodge of Faith. They were all doubtless pleased at the manner in which he had invested his officers that evening.

The W.M. having, in reply, said a few modest words of thanks, the toast of "The Installing Master" followed. The proposer of the pledge, at the conclusion of his speech, said that Bro. J. C. Taylor had well earned the Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had unanimously voted to him, and which he (the speaker) had great personal pleasure in affixing to his breast.

This toast and presentation having been duly acknowledged, the toast of "The Visitors" came next in order.

Bro. Guffin, P.M. 1572, in response, made a most eloquent speech. He congratulated the I.P.M. upon the manner in which he had installed his successor, and complimented the latter upon the workmanlike manner in which he had invested his subordinates. He also expressed his thanks to the strong body of the Past Masters for their hearty reception of himself and co-visitors. A visit to the Faith Lodge installation was a matter to be pleasingly remembered.

Bros. Hudson, P.M., and Wetzlar, P.M., responded in happy terms on behalf of "The Past Masters."

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Hakim would hold the position of Treasurer as long, if not longer, than his lamented predecessor (Bro. W. Carter, P.M.) who was elected 33 times to that office, and died universally respected. The lodge owed a good deal to the Secretary, who bore his fourscore years well.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bros. Hakim and Stuart briefly responded, the latter brother causing much amusement by the quaintness of his utterances.

Bro. C. Dairy replied on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," and Bros. White and Godfrey for "The Officers."

An interesting and varied programme of music was furnished by Bro. Sharpley, assisted by Mr. Walter M. George and Mesdames Phyllis Hope and Theresa Kellaway, the vocal *morceaux* of the ladies being particularly appreciated and re-demanded.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst. at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Bros. F. Hughes, W.M.; J. Smith, S.W.; T. W. Fisher, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Mower, I.P.M.; R. Sarson, S.D.; G. Goodes, D.C.; A. J. Holmes, Steward; C. Couchman, Tyler; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Geo. Abbott, P.M.; Garton, Bevan, Martyn, London, W. Baker, G. Miner, Cobb, J. W. Clarke, and P. L. Simmonds. Visitors: Bros. James Plac, 351; H. Johnson, 2409; H. Kemp, 862; J. S. Purser, 87; and E. Chatterton, 1185.

The lodge was duly opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Professor Peter Lund Simmonds, 2190, as a joining member, and that brother was declared duly elected. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Wm. Clarke, who was then initiated in due form. Bro. Bevan was raised, and Bro. Miner passed to the Second Degree. The Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Everett, Treasurer of the Domestic Lodge, P.G. Treas., stating that the Domestic Lodge at its last meeting had, upon a resolution proposed by himself, and seconded by Bro. H. Price, unanimously agreed that the old minute book of the Lion and Lamb Lodge recording its earliest proceedings should be restored to the Lion and Lamb Lodge. The W.M. stated that the old minute book had been placed in his hands that evening, and in recognition moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Smith, S.W., and carried unanimously: "That the thanks of the lodge be given to the Domestic

Lodge, No. 177, for restoring to the lodge a minute book which had been in their possession for many years." Proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. T. W. Fisher, J.W., and carried unanimously: "That the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, for the great interest he has taken in the restoration of an old minute book of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, lately in the possession of the Domestic Lodge, and that Bro. Everett be elected an honorary member of this lodge." The Secretary announced that he had conveyed to Bro. Butler the vote of congratulation passed at the last lodge meeting on his attaining his jubilee as a member of the lodge, and had received a reply from Bro. Butler expressing his gratification at the resolution. The W.M. stated that the beautiful design on the lodge summons which was copied from its old banner, had been presented to the lodge by Bro. Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas., who had caused it to be engraved, and moved a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Cohu for this and many other acts of kindness which had endeared him to the members of the lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Goodes, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Cobb returned his sincere thanks for the amount voted him out of the lodge funds at the last meeting.

The lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

Lodge of Asaph (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this musical and dramatic lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. William Sydney Penley, W.M., presided. Among the brethren, who numbered nearly 200, present were Bros. James Weaver, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M., P.G. Org.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; E. Swanborough, P.M.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Tinney, P.M.; J. D. Beveridge, P.M.; W. Lestocq, P.M.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., D.C.; and T. de B. Holmes, P.M. Among the visitors were Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. M. McLeod, P. Prov. S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Edw. Solomon, P.P.G. Org. Norths and Hunts; Will. E. Chapman, P.G.S.W. Bucks; and Charles Stevens, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex.

After the lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Penley was elected Trustee of the Benevolent Fund in place of the late Bro. Frederick Burgess, and Bro. Cruikshanks was elected on the Committee of the fund. The report of that fund showed a balance of £373 17s. 1d. in hand, and the report was unanimously adopted. Bro. Penley, W.M., then, in splendid style, installed Bro. James Edward Hambleton, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master of the lodge, and was himself invested as I.P.M. The following brethren were the remaining officers of the lodge: Bros. Francis H. Macklin, S.W.; Samuel Johnson, J.W.; Chas. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Holloway, S.D.; Charles Dodsworth, J.D.; Charles E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Luigi Lablache, I.G.; George H. Allen, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. When the address had been delivered the usual congratulations followed, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet awaited them. The toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Hambleton, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and Bro. Walter Lestocq, P.M., at his request, proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.," remarking that it was almost unnecessary to say a word about the Prince of Wales to render the toast acceptable, as his Royal Highness was so well known among musicians and actors as a staunch supporter of music and a constant playgoer.

Bro. Thos Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, replied to the toast, which included the Grand Officers, but was sorry that, by some inadvertence, Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org., had been omitted, as he was a connecting link between the Lodge of Asaph and the Grand Officers. After expressing the pleasure it gave the Grand Officers to be present at these meetings, he assured the brethren of the delight they experienced at the admirable way the work of the lodge had been performed that evening. Although nurtured in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he was not so prejudiced as to be unable to appreciate the ritual of the Asaph, or the way in which it was given by Bro. Penley. The brethren were accustomed to Bro. Penley's features and voice as provocative of laughter in another sphere; but no one, however strong his reminiscences might have been that evening, could possibly have allowed that reminiscence to interfere with his appreciation of the serious way in which Bro. Penley did his work.

Bro. James Weaver, P.M., the only survivor of all the brethren who founded the lodge, now 23 years ago, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It gave him, he said, very great pleasure indeed to propose the health, inasmuch as he knew Bro. Hambleton when that worthy brother was quite a little child. It was exceedingly interesting to see such a youngster as Bro. Hambleton was to him placed in the honourable position of Worshipful Master of the Asaph Lodge—a lodge which he considered second to none for its integrity and for its superior working, its purpose Masonically, socially, and in every way that a man should go with into a lodge. He might also tell the brethren, although it might probably be unnecessary to a great number of musicians that there were in the lodge, that Bro. Hambleton had been through all the grades of the profession, and was quite as qualified as a musician as he was to be Master of that lodge.

Bro. Hambleton, W.M.—the toast having been most heartily received and honoured—in reply, said, referring to Bro. Weaver's remarks, as to knowing him as a little child—it was as a little fellow he knew Bro. Weaver. Bro. Weaver was an old member of that lodge, and he (Bro. Hambleton) had a strong desire to become a member. In the course of events he became one, and he now occupied the proud position of Master. In his humble opinion it was one of the finest working lodges in London. The Past Masters who had preceded him made it difficult for the young men to imitate their excellence, and it was only by the greatest application to the working they could equal their working. Nevertheless, he should do his best during his period of office to emulate their example. The kind manner in which the brethren had received him he should always remember with the greatest amount of pleasure and pride.

Bro. Hambleton, W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said the Lord Mayor elect was that night paying a compliment to music, or many other music brethren would have been present as visitors.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, W.M., 2150, having replied,

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, 2178, also acknowledged the toast, and said it afforded him very much pleasure to see Bro. Hambleton installed in such a perfect manner by his worthy and esteemed Bro. Penley.

Bro. Maitland Robinson said the congregation of Masonic brethren in the lodge-room and the way the work was done enchained his admiration. One of his greatest reasons for loving Masonry was that it brought one into communion with such a number of splendid men; but among the whole number of lodges he had been privileged to visit in the course of his short Masonic life he had never met with so many genial, happy, hearty faces as he had that day met in the Lodge of Asaph. He was not an actor, he was not a musician, he did not know a note of music, but he knew when he heard discords, and he was pleased to say he had heard none that day. Although neither an actor nor a musician he took the liveliest interest as a citizen of the world in both actors and musicians, and he hoped he should do his level best while he was on this earth to lend a helping hand to men who did so much to minister to the comfort and happiness of the people. That day would be a green one in his memory. He had not made himself personally acquainted with all the brethren in the lodge, but he had had men pointed out to him whom he had known as public men many years, and it was a proud opportunity he had been given to be present with such men.

Bro. C. Wellard, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which he most highly recommended to the support of the brethren. The W.M. would represent one of those Institutions this year. He (Bro. Wellard) was a Life Governor of all three.

Bro. Hedges, in reply, said Bro. Penley had told him he would represent the lodge at the Girls' School Festival of 1894, and he thanked him very much for it. The Girls' School was doing excellent work and was in as flourishing a condition as it ever had been. It had had a severe epidemic of scarlet fever in the early part of the year but they had not lost one out of the 80 girls who suffered from the disease. As a proof of the success of the education provided nine girls who were sent up recently for examination in music, which was conducted by the joint Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, all passed and got certificates.

Bro. Terry replied for the Benevolent Institution, and referred to the fact that the widow of a late member of the Lodge of Asaph was successful at the first application for the annuity of that Institution. It was the turn of the Benevolent Institution this year to have a Steward from the Asaph Lodge.

Bro. McLeod, for the Boys' School, thanked Bro. Penley for his Stewardship of the lodge for this School at its last very successful festival on June 28th.

Bro. James Weaver, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said he had great faith in the Lodge of Asaph. All the Masters and Past Masters took great interest in the lodge. As an instance, he might say that Bro. Jekyll had come from Boulogne expressly to be present.

Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org., also thanked the W.M. for the toast.

Bro. Wellard, Treas., said that, as Treasurer, he was very jubilant this year, for the lodge had much improved, both in the Benevolent Fund and generally. In a short time he hoped the Benevolent Fund would have a very large reserve. Any lodge in England should be proud to attain such a position.

Bro. G. E. Fairchild, P.M., D.C., and Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund for the last nine years, said when he was first Treasurer, only £300 was in the Benevolent Fund; it was now nearly £900, and more than £700 was invested in India 3½ per cent. The lodge also supported the Masonic Charities, and would send a Steward to each one during the ensuing year. Charity was the foundation of the whole Masonic structure. He then advocated the giving with a liberal hand from the Benevolent Fund to distressed members of the lodge—the giving of such a sum as would reinstate the man in prosperity, and not only such a sum as would just relieve temporary pressure.

Bro. Macklin, S.W., and Bro. J. Allen, Stwd., responded to the toast of "The Officers," both assuring the W.M. that they would render him every assistance in their power during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The noticeable feature of the evening, alluded to by Bro. Weaver, was that Bro. Charles Jekyll, P.M., Past Grand Organist, came expressly for the installation from Paris, whither he had travelled in order to represent the Westminster Orchestral Society, which sent a magnificent wreath to be placed on the late M. Gounod's grave. It may be added that a parchment scroll which accompanied the wreath bore the signatures of Cardinal Vaughan, the Archdeacon of London, and many others.

The toasts were interspersed with some beautiful vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, by Bros. Henry Lindsey, Tinney, T. Bersby, W. L. Barrett, J. A. Hamilton, Algernon Rose, E. F. Jam, Marriott, Yearsley, Stevens, Murray Carson, J. Solomon, and Masters Lovett and Tudgay, and Bro. John Le Hay gave a capital ventriloquial entertainment. The grand pianoforte used during the evening was kindly lent by Messrs. John Broadwood and Sons.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 12th ult., there being present Bros. C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; H. B. Harding, I.P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Treas.; C. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. Horst, as S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; E. J. Harrison, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Hunt, P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; C. Isler, W. Pannell, W. Taylor, W. J. Barnes, E. H. Bury, D. C. Attwater, T. E. Newman, P. Faber, F. Meyer, F. Simmonds, G. Yexley, A. Pope, and G. A. Hopkins. The visitors present were Bros. J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. S.B. Herts; G. T. Chretien, W.M. 1328; J. R. Carter, 2374; N. Pearce, 2278; W. S. Hatch, 1530; and J. Bayne, Org. 1288.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. W. J. Barnes was passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for Messrs. George Yexley and George A. Hopkins, candidates for initiation, and the same proving unanimous in each instance, they were duly initiated. Applications for assistance in needy cases then came before

the lodge, and were met by grants of money from the Benevolent Fund.

Letters and telegrams of apology and regret from brethren and in reply to invitations were then read, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent and well-served dinner, the usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. In submitting that of "The Initiates," he said that a very pleasant duty had fallen to his lot that evening in the initiation into Freemasonry of his old acquaintance and friend, Bro. George Yexley, and he had no doubt whatever that he would prove a worthy acquisition to the lodge, and be a credit to his introducers. He had not until that evening had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Hopkins; he had been introduced by brethren who had the interests of the lodge at heart. He trusted that both their initiates would endeavour to uphold the prestige of the lodge, aid in maintaining its dignity and reputation, and assist in promoting harmony and good fellowship amongst its members.

The toast having been cordially drunk, Bro. G. Yexley said he had known the W.M. for years as an enthusiastic Mason, and wondered at his reticence with respect to Masonic matters—he did not do so now. He had looked forward to that evening for some months, having been proposed six months ago. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the brotherly reception they had accorded him, and could assure them that he had never spent such a pleasant evening in his life.

Bro. G. A. Hopkins also replied. An excellent musical programme had been arranged by Bro. T. E. Newman, and, all the speeches being brief, not a dull moment occurred during the evening's entertainment. Songs were rendered by Bros. Amand, Bury, Isler, Attwater, and J. Bayne, Org. 1288, and a trio given by Bros. Newman, Attwater, and Bayne, "Auld Lang Syne" by the company closing the proceedings. Bro. H. Stafford Trego accompanied.

Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).—The installation meeting was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Thursday, the 26th ultimo, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Abraham, W.M., supported by the following: Bros. H. Sinclair, P.M.; J. T. Kinipple, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; A. Govier, P.M.; D. Meiklereid, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Reed, J.W.; C. Reeve, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; E. Smith, S.D.; R. D. Longworth, J.D.; T. Corvell, D.C.; J. Thresher, I.G.; T. Hallett, Steward; M. Sherwin, Org.; H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler; T. G. Holtorn, Thos. Patchin, C. Still, C. Riley, G. P. Hans, S. J. Owers, J. Marcks, E. Cockerell, H. Batterbee, E. C. Foster, J. G. Samms, A. G. Hopkins, R. Thompson, T. G. Thornton, E. H. Child, J. Must, A. Greager, H. J. Galton, W. H. Brain, F. Mengenthal, F. Powell, G. Schottler, J. M. Oxford, H. Dyer, T. H. Harris, J. Bowen, J. Smith, J. J. Lane, G. Haysom, C. O. Salle, W. M. Moris, J. Brain, G. Jacobs, C. Butcher, H. S. Corfield, Frank Johnston, Lambert Perry, H. G. Cope, W. Henford, A. Chryston, W. H. Shepherd, J. Corfield, J. J. Collingwood, and others. Visitors: Bros. Elias White, 2291; T. Roberts, 1615; G. English, 1772; H. Scott McDonald, 2291; W. Phillips, P.M. 2291; H. Cooper, P.M. 898; W. H. Rooks, 899; G. J. Judge, 2264; R. Wilson, 781; E. Laxford, 890; A. G. Duck, 898; W. T. Manger, 1314; C. Chivers, 65; A. Calmer, P.M. 933; J. H. Milton, 898; C. Wright, P.M., and E. T. Selves, of 1382; W. Leghorn and J. Garrod, of 754; J. Babbage, 2409; C. Elithorn, 1839; J. W. Keable, 94; W. H. Turner, 2291; J. Mills, 1765; and others.

Lodge being duly opened, Bros. Hurst, Child, Cockerell, Brain, Hans, Marcks, Thompson, Frost, and Batterbee were passed, and Bro. Greaves was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The report of the Auditors having been adopted, Bro. D. Meiklereid, W.M. elect, was duly presented to the W.M., and he having assented to the customary charges and obligations, a Board of Installed Masters inducted him into the chair of K.S. Having been saluted by the brethren in their respective Degrees, he invested the following officers: Bros. W. B. Abraham, I.P.M.; A. Reed, S.W.; E. Smith, J.W.; C. Reeve, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; R. D. Longworth, S.D.; G. Thresher, J.D.; T. Cordell, I.G.; T. Hallett, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; F. H. Harris and G. Haysom, Stwds.; and H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Abraham, who acted as Installing Officer, performed the whole ceremony with due impressiveness and precision, and was ably assisted by Bro. H. Rogers, P.M., who acted as D.C. The ceremony being closed, the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Abraham. It was then proposed by Bro. Abraham that in recognition of his untiring services to the lodge, a jewel be presented to their Treasurer, Bro. Reeves. This being carried unanimously, it was proposed by Bro. Watkins, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Sinclair, P.M., that the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Abraham for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Officer, to which an undivided assent was given.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" having been duly honoured.

Bro. Abraham proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on his having reached his high position.

The Worshipful Master having briefly replied, proposed "the Past Masters" associating with the toast the names of Bros. Reeves, the father of the lodge, Govier, Watkins, Sinclair, Kinipple, and Abraham, all of whom had been ornaments to the lodge. These brethren having replied, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Officer." Bro. Abraham said he thought it was the duty of the I.P.M. to instal his successor, and believed it had an excellent effect on the work of the junior officers when they had that incentive before them. The other toasts were adequately honoured.

Among those replying for "The Officers," Bro. Rogers, Sec., said that 19 members were initiated last year, making 163 since the lodge was formed. During that period £3,400 had been raised. They had contributed to all the Charities, had a good balance in hand, and 120 subscribing members.

During the intervals an excellently arranged programme of music was carried out, under the direction of Bro. Phillips, in which the following took part, viz.: Mesdames Ida Everard and Annie Buckland, Bros. Kelson Trueman and Walter Phillips, vocalists; Bro. Bitgood, violin solo; Bro. Hans, cornet solo; Bros. English and Kenble gave two telling recitations, the former—"In the Slums of Drury-lane," and the latter an amusing study of insect life. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Tivoli Lodge (No. 2150).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. W. DAVIE, I.P.M., Sec.—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this successful lodge, held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 7th inst. The members present included Bros. H. W. Davie, W.M.; H. R. Schreiber, S.W., W.M. elect.; J. Turk Lacey, Treas.; James Stephens, P.M., Prov. S.G.D. Bucks, Sec.; A. F. R. Ulrich, W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey, I.P.M.; C. D. Lavington, J. J. Thomas, P.M.; M. S. McDonnell, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Spencer, 2182; H. Trask, W.M. 2472; G. A. Sims, J.D. 504; W. F. Redfearn, W.M. 753; A. De Heris, 2021; W. Vogt, W.M. 55; E. Valeriani, P.M. 1687; W. T. Dillon, 1567; Harry N. Price, P.M. 177; J. C. F. Tower, W.M. 2421; F. H. Hobbs, P.M. 2308; C. Kempton, P.M. 1237; B. Carter, Geo. Read, P.M. 571; H. T. Thomas, J.W. 753; J. C. Hambleton, W.M. 1319; G. M. Phillips, 2168; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M. 1608; Geo. Wood, P.M. 1681; Geo. Godwin, 1673; W. Chapple, W.M. 1425; B. A. Griffin, P.M. 975; J. Mossop, E. Storr, P.M. 167; J. Willing, jun., P.M. 177; E. Mantell, 1897; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. Parsons, J.D. 753; F. N. Morris, I.G. 177; C. T. Johnson, 1706; W. Bradford, 2168; H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Brand, 1706; V. Bennetts, 2309; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. W. F. Potter was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. S. G. Hayworth and T. Way duly initiated into Masonry. The chair was then assumed by Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., who impressively installed Bro. H. R. Schreiber as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. C. Radford, S.W.; A. F. R. Ulrich, J.W.; J. Turk Lacey, Treas.; H. W. Davie, I.P.M., Sec.; F. Schmitz, S.D.; W. J. Stratton, J.D.; W. Godson, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; C. Hurter, Stwd.; and Thomas, Tyler. The completion of the installation ceremony was followed by the presentation to Bro. H. W. Davie, I.P.M., of a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift being accompanied by a few well-chosen words from the W.M. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

A choice banquet was served in the large hall, reflecting the greatest credit on the management, and the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. J. L. Mather, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed his pleasure at being present, and said the position of a Grand Officer was not altogether a sinecure. They performed their duties to the best of their ability, and, on their behalf, he congratulated the W.M. and also the Installing Master on the admirable manner in which the ceremony was performed.

Bro. H. W. Davie, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said he was quite sure the brethren had done well in electing Bro. Schreiber to be their W.M., for he possessed all the genial qualities necessary for the post, and he was a Freemason at heart. What could they desire more? They were convinced that the W.M. would so conduct the affairs of the lodge as to render it even more prosperous than at present.

Bro. H. R. Schreiber, W.M., in reply, said he was moved by the kind words of the I.P.M. He could assure them he would try his very best to advance the cause of that lodge and Freemasonry in general, as far as his power and ability would allow. It happened that 20 years ago that day he came to that hospitable shore, and his adopted home was just as dear to him as his native land. He found so many dear friends and brethren here that he felt at home. His rule was short speeches, and therefore he should only again thank them most heartily for the way in which they had received his health.

"The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., and appropriately responded to.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., then said that throughout his Masonic career he had often felt it a difficulty, but he had never felt it a greater difficulty than at that moment to give expression to the sentiments he wished to utter. In the first place he had to propose "The Health of the I.P.M. and Secretary," which he was sure would be received with hearty acclamation. But he had a larger duty to perform, which he could better begin by saying that from the commencement of the lodge Bro. Davie had been associated with it, and had worked hard, indefatigably, and conscientiously in every way in which a Mason should work to make a great success. There was no brother who had done more for the prosperity of the lodge. Being one of the founders and Secretary, Bro. Davie had borne the heat and burden of the day, for they had passed through some vicissitudes, as he believed every new lodge did, but he made bold to say that whatever the occasion or ceremony to be done, whether agreeable or disagreeable, Bro. Davie performed that duty in a genial and loving way. It was thought on the last occasion, at the installation of Bro. Stephens, who was always to the fine point when any good action was to be done, that some little arrangement was necessary for the honour of the lodge as a slight tribute to the services rendered by Bro. Davie. The result was he asked that brother to accept from the brethren of that lodge a small present of a timepiece and side ornaments, as a token of their regard, in the spirit in which it was intended and not for its intrinsic value, but for the love and esteem they bore towards him. He was quite sure if he might be allowed to anticipate the feelings rising in Bro. Davie's breast, that when he looked at that timepiece in the future he would have the satisfaction of knowing that amongst the sorrows and troubles of life there were a certain number of brethren with whom he had been associated who had not forgotten the appreciation in which he was held and the love they bore towards him. They wished him long life and prosperity to look upon the timepiece for many years and to be associated with the Tivoli Lodge in the same happy way in which he had in the past.

The handsome timepiece bears the following inscription on a gold plate: "Presented by the brethren of the Tivoli Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 2150, to W. Bro. Henry William Davie, I.P.M., in recognition of his ever genial services as W.M. 1892-3, and as Secretary from the commencement of the lodge and as a slight token of their sincere esteem and kind regard. November 7th, 1893."

Bro. H. W. Davie, I.P.M., Sec., said he listened with almost thrilling emotion to every word uttered by Bro. Farthing and was wondering how on earth he deserved this

kind recognition of any services he had been able to perform in the lodge. Until the moment his name was mentioned he had not the slightest notion that he should be the recipient of such a kindly gift. He still wondered how it had entered into the mind of any individual to present him with a testimonial for any services rendered. It was quite true that everything he had done for the Tivoli Lodge had been done from the bottom of his heart. He had loved to meet the brethren, and his whole heart and soul had been in the lodge, but that that should entitle him to any recognition was almost beyond his comprehension. It had thrilled him to the very heart, and he could hardly express the feelings he experienced. He should ever regard the gift they had given him as one he could say deserved, because they said it was deserved. He would regard it as a kindly offering which man offered to his fellow man. He thought Masonry was one of the grandest institutions which could possibly unite men one to another. Every man struggling in the world was not free from difficulties and anxieties, but his struggle had been rendered smooth by those with whom he had associated and by the knowledge that he had the regard of those who were members of that lodge, and had been instrumental in presenting him with that testimonial. He regarded it as a token of affection, and could only thank them.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., in response to "The Installing Master," thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. It was his pleasure to initiate, pass, and raise the W.M., and now he had had the honour of installing him into the chair. He hoped to long continue a member of the lodge to render any small services in his power.

"The Visitors" was next given in kindly terms by the W.M.

Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., replying, said he had never spent a happier evening in his life. He had to thank Bro. Stephens for his kind invitation. With regard to the present to Bro. Davie, that brother when he looked upon it would always think of the kindly feelings of the brethren, and have a pleasant remembrance of the great array of Past Masters and brethren witnessing the presentation.

Bros. Redfearn, W.M.; Emberton, W.M.; Chappell, W.M.; Trask, W.M.; and Tower, W.M., also replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was the next toast, the W.M. intimating his intention of serving as Steward on behalf of the Boys' School, and Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of that Institution, making an effective and forcible appeal to the brethren.

Other toasts were given, and the proceedings, which had been of a very pleasant and harmonious nature throughout, terminated with the Tyler's toast.

The musical programme was in the hands of the Schartau Part Singers, and was everything that could be desired.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY EDGE.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The first regular meeting after the installation was held at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday, the 1st instant, Bro. Arthur Keymer, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. There was a ballot taken for a joining brother, and also one for initiation. Both proving favourable, Mr. C. Saxby was initiated by Bro. A. Keymer, W.M., in such a manner that shows at once he is capable of following efficiently in the footsteps of his predecessors, as the ceremony of installation was splendidly given, and he was thoroughly supported by his officers. The J.D., Bro. R. L. Bourne, did his work well, and the working tools and subsequently the charge were presented and delivered respectively by Bro. J. A. Walsh, J.W., in such a manner that immediately shows that he is an ardent student of the ritual of our ceremonies. The Treasurer's account was adopted and passed unanimously, and we are pleased to see that after contributing so much to Charity as the Alan Lodge has done, they have a very good balance in hand. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Harry Gordon Small, P.M., P.G.D.C., presented to the W.M. for the use of the lodge, on behalf of Bro. R. Meggitt, five very valuable volumes of songs and duets, including the songs of England, and two vols. of all the latest and best songs of the present day, which must prove a great acquisition to both the lodge and festive board.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous visitors present, and the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. A. Keymer, W.M.; T. W. Markland, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; H. G. Small, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. Jones, P.M.; E. Stevens, P.M.; F. Baxter, jun., S.W.; J. A. Wash, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; A. Lawby, P.P.A.G. Sec. Treas.; R. L. Bourne, J.D.; E. Y. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. W. Henry, Org.; J. Gow, I.G.; G. Metcalfe, H. Johnson, W. M. Oemby, J. G. Pope, J. H. Nuttall, T. Smith Beaumont, W. H. Peterkin, J. Lauisch, F. Horne, J. Urquhart, jun., R. Meggitt, O. J. Fielding, and J. W. Beaumont. Visitors: Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1070; J. H. Dalglish, P.M.; G. Sam Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; and F. N. Rudgard.

BARNARD CASTLE.

Barnard Lodge (No. 1230).—On Friday, the 3rd inst., the members of this lodge held their monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall. At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. T. Dunn, P.M. 124, Prov. G.D.C., on behalf of the W.M., Bro. J. R. Thompson, presented to Bro. Isaac Thompson, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., a complete set of Provincial clothing or regalia. Bro. Dunn, in the course of his remarks, pointed out how that to both father and son that was a red-letter year in their Masonic lives. Bro. Thompson, jun., had attained to the highest post his lodge could bestow on him, and Bro. Thompson, sen., to the highest position a Freemason can hold, viz., a proud position in Prov. Grand Lodge. To mark such an epoch in their lives, and prompted by filial affection, that presentation was made. Bro. Dunn then proceeded to remind his hearers of the great unanimity and popularity of Bro. Isaac Thompson's election to the post of Prov. Grand Treasurer at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Bishop Auckland in September last. He expressed a sincere hope, which he was sure would be re-echoed by every brother in the Craft to whom he was known, and by others of his many friends outside the Craft, that he might be spared for many years to come to do and wear the

beautiful clothing presented to him that evening. Bro. Dunn then, on behalf of the giver, invested Bro. Thompson with the regalia and insignia of his office amidst loud applause. Bro. Thompson, sen., in feeling terms, responded. He thanked the giver for his kind thought and hand-ome gift. He thanked Bro. Dunn for the pleasant way in which he had made the presentation, and expressed a hope that he might be spared to wear the clothing, of which he was justly proud, for many years to come, and said that his interest in Masonry would remain as long as he should live.

There was a good number of brethren present, amongst others being Bros. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. C. M. Cooke P.M., P.P.G.D.; D. Finlay, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.O.; B. S. Beckwith, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Dowdeswell, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Rev. H. Jennings, P.P.G. Chap.; A. H. Sevier, M.B.; C. F. Welford, M.D.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; E. D. Walsend, M.A.; G. Kyle, O. S. Scott, T. W. Douglas, T. Rutherford, W. R. Atkinson, R. W. Mitchinson, C. H. Raper, and J. W. R. Heslop.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren sat down to supper, at which the W.M. presided.

A pleasant evening, agreeably diversified with songs, glees, and recitations, was spent by the brethren. A song composed by Bro. Owen Stanley Scott, called the "Barnard Lodge," was rendered by the author.

BIRKENHEAD.

Minerva Lodge (No. 2433).—The installation of Bro. John Armstrong to the chair of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Owing to the great popularity of the W.M. elect, there was a large gathering of the Craft from both sides of the Mersey. Amongst the members present were Bros. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; F. C. Thorbury, P.P.S.G.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.D.; George H. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; O. Jones, P.P.G.S.B.; T. K. Stevenson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Napier, P.A.G.P.; P. Blackburn, P.G.S.; T. R. Robinson, P.M.; E. Kito, P.M.; J. Frazer, W.M. 605; J. Staedili, P.M.; and others. The visitors present included Bros. James Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; James Cookson, P.P.G.T.; John Morris, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Evans, W.M. 1583; Joe Clarke, P.M. 1583; C. C. Robin, P.M. 605; F. T. Billett, J.W. 605; R. Barton, 148; Newton Smith, J. C. Galt, S. Parry, D. D. Parry, John Lane, J. Hamilton Jackson, and others.

The installation ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. George Brown, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Newhouse, P.G. Sec., in addressing the brethren after the ceremony, rightly interpreted the feeling of the brethren when he said the delivery of the ritual was the most efficient he had ever heard. Though it might be supposed the nature of his duties, necessitating as they did his attendance at so many similar ceremonies, would blunt his appetite, yet he could assure his brethren he was prepared to go anywhere in the province if he could have the pleasure of listening to Bro. Brown. This feeling was enlarged upon by many subsequent speakers, the appreciation of both members and visitors being most marked. The installation concluded, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Squire Chapman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. West Lancs., I.P.M.; Dr. Napier, P.M., P.A.G.P., S.W.; D. M. Bannatye, P.M., J.W.; the Rev. E. Edwards, Chap.; Sam Jones, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; and J. Hamilton Jackson, P.G.O., Org. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Squire Chapman for his valuable services during the past 12 months. The W.M. then announced that at the December meeting, in addition to the working of the First Degree, a paper will be read on "The Golden Pledge—Mythological and Historical"—by Bro. O. Jones.

The members and visitors afterwards dined together, when Bro. Armstrong gave particulars of the programme for the coming session.

A musical party, consisting of Bros. Samuel Parry, John Lane, J. H. Jackson, James B. Galt, A. H. Baird, W. H. Hudson, and D. O. Parry, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

BRADFORD.

Harmony Lodge (No. 600).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, when Bro. E. Mackay, the very popular W.M. presided, and installed his successor, Bro. W. G. Stansfield, S.W., in a most satisfactory manner, upwards of 30 Installed Masters being present, besides a large number of the members of the lodge and many visiting brethren, several of whom had attended from a distance to testify their esteem for the newly-installed W.M., who invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Edward Mackay, I.P.M.; John Overton, S.W.; W. Moxon, J.W.; Jas. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P., Chap.; C. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. Galpine, Sec.; F. M. Lawson, S.D.; J. T. Mugglestone, J.D.; T. A. Perkins, I.G.; J. Pratt, Tyler; St. Clair, Tilley, Org.; and S. Smithies, W. Foster, and M. Hayes, Stwds. Bro. Thos. Norfolk, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., was elected as the lodge representative on the Prov. Charity Committee. Bro. J. Boden, P.M. 2231, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs., was elected a joining member.

Amongst the large number of visitors present we noticed Bros. W. J. Waugh, P.M. 1545, Prov. G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; J. G. Hutchinson, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Gott, P.P.S.G.W.; T. M. Holmes, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Kutherford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Jenkinson, W.M. 302; C. W. O. Smith, W.M. 974; John Haley, W.M. 1034; C. Fara, W.M. 1018; J. Potter, W.M. 1545; J. T. Last, W.M. 2321; C. W. Curran, P.M. 387; A. Holmes, S.W. 1522; H. Holland, Sec. 1018; J. Niven, I.P.M. 2321; C. Blagbrough, 302; and many others.

Upwards of 100 brethren sat down to a well served banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Smith, Miles, Kingden, Sewell, Priestley, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, and from beginning to end the meeting was a very happy and successful one.

CAMBRIDGE.

Isaac Newton (University) Lodge (No. 559).—At the installation meeting, held on the 31st ult., at the University Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange-street, Bro. F. Osmond Carr, W.M., installed his successor, Bro.

Arthur Hill (St. John's College), in the chair of K.S. The following is a list of officers for the year: Bros. F. Osmond Carr (Trinity College), I.P.M.; R. P. F. W. Simpson (Magdalene College), S.W.; E. Barclay Smith (Downing College), J.W.; Rev. A. C. Crossfield (Clare College), Chap.; C. Goldard (Trinity College), Treas.; Rev. D. Hall (non-cll.), Sec.; A. E. Priddle (Caius College), S.D.; L. E. Townroe (Selwyn College), J.D.; T. B. Hope (Trinity Hall), D.C.; J. K. Murphy (Caius College), I.G.; G. M. Garrett (St. John's College), Org.; J. B. Close (Trinity College) and A. B. Green (Downing College), Stwds.; H. C. Windley (King's College), J. S. Gibbs (Trinity College), and W. N. Symonds (Caius College), Asst. D. of Cs.; and C. H. Ellis and G. Allen, Tylers.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. There was a very large assembly of influential brethren present on account of it being the first meeting after the Provincial Grand Lodge held at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, and as one of the members of the lodge has had Provincial honours bestowed upon him, they thought it a fitting occasion to greet Bro. Bradshaw, P.M., P.S.G.D., in an enthusiastic manner.

Bro. Cyril H. Beever, W.M., presided, and the lodge was opened by him, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Grand and Prov. Grand Officers were admitted, and each duly saluted. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and Bro. Cyril H. Beever, Worshipful Master, performed the ceremony in a most clever and effective manner. This was very evident by the numerous high compliments he received immediately at the close of the proceedings as well as at the festive board. A vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M. to Bro. Whyllie, D.P.G.M., for his attendance there that evening, who had journeyed a long distance to be present. Bro. Whyllie responded, implying that he had been repaid for any inconvenience of his own by seeing the work of the evening performed in the manner it had been, both by the W.M. and his officers. He wished them every success. The Grand and Provincial Officers retired by direction of the energetic and courteous D. of C., Bro. Heskett, P.M. Subsequently, at the festive board, the toast list was proceeded with, and a very merry evening was spent.

FELTHAM.

Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—This prosperous lodge held its 101st meeting at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when Bro. John Mason, P.P. S.G.D. Middx., who was the first W.M. of the lodge, was again installed as Master in the presence of numerous members and visitors. The former included Bros. H. Dockrill, W.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. J. Brooker, J.W.; E. W. Winter, Chap.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. H. Pearson, P.M.; A. Bevis, P.M.; E. T. Taylor, P.M.; W. A. Brown, P.M.; H. T. Cooper, P.M.; G. R. Jacobs, J.W.; W. T. Fellows, D.C.; J. Wildbore, Stwd.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. Stephens, Prov. S.G.D. Bucks; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; J. W. Jacobs, W.M. 1851; E. W. Browning, 2455; G. Appleton, 173; B. Holeyman, J.D. 73; W. C. Halsey, 1789; J. A. Lee, J.W. 2399; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; R. L. Cole, J.W. 1257; A. E. Todd, W.M. 27; R. D. Smith, I.P.M. 27; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; W. G. Gardner, 2409; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753; J. Pardoe, P.M. 1505; G. H. Lister, S.W. 2444; J. C. Main, P.M. 157; R. T. Redfern, W.M. 753; Jas. Bayne, Org. 1228; A. Tucker, P.M. 1733; G. Bond, 2400; H. Rogers, 1763; R. Webb, 704; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received. Bro. J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D., was then installed by the retiring Master into a handsome new chair—the gift of Bro. Taylor, P.M., to the lodge. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. J. Brooker, S.W.; G. R. Nichols, J.W.; R. W. Winter, Chap.; J. H. Pearson, Treas.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Carpenter, S.D.; H. Samworth, J.D.; W. T. Dillon, I.G.; J. Wildbore, D.C.; W. H. Howard and E. Brooker, Stewards; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Dockrill, with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the appreciation of the members, and the gift was suitably acknowledged. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Sec., the G. Sec., and others.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent repast was followed by the usual toasts.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. alluded to the three Grand Officers present. Bro. Terry, whose name was a household word; Bro. Hedges, whom he was proud to welcome in that lodge for the first time; and Bro. Cottebrune, whose presence took them back to the time when they were but infants in the lodge.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., briefly replied, drawing attention to the fact that three of the executive of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were at present Installed Masters, viz., Bros. J. Mason, J. G. Stevens, and himself.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see Bro. Mason placed in the chair he filled so worthily for the second time.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., said that having been present at the consecration, he was glad to see the lodge had made such good progress, and he hoped for some years to continue to meet the members, and receive the same fraternal greeting he had received heretofore.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said Bro. Lord Geo. Hamilton was one of the best men to preside over the destinies of the province, and they hoped he would follow in the footsteps of the Prov. Grand Master who had gone before, and who lived in the hearts of all the brethren. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, was a good, hard worker, and was visiting another lodge in the province that evening. Bro. Roger, the Prov. G. Sec., had telegraphed to say a bad cold prevented his attendance, but they had Bro. Lee present, whom they were delighted to welcome. He should couple the names of Bros. Lee and Brown to respond.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., returned thanks, and acknowledged the kind reception given the Prov. Grand Officers, and the generous hospitality displayed. It had given him a very great amount of pleasure to witness the re-installation of their old friend, Bro. John Mason, for he was a brother well known throughout the Craft, and where known, highly respected and beloved. He could only congratulate the W.M. on his installation, wishing him a happy year of office, and the lodge a continuance of that prosperity it had enjoyed in the past.

Bro. W. A. Brown, P.P.G.S. of Works, also replied.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec., then said that at short notice he had been called upon to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. J. Mason was the Master of the lodge at its first meeting, and was again Master at its 101st meeting, and as he started the first century so he had started the second. They would hope that when the lodge started its third century of meetings Bro. Mason would again occupy the chair of W.M. It was a happy coincidence that the 101st meeting should fall on the installation night, and the members had marked the occasion in a manner that gave them all the greatest possible satisfaction. The father of the lodge now occupied the principal place in it as he should do in a family. They were afraid a few days ago that the state of Bro. Mason's health would not permit him to be present, but he had been restored almost miraculously. Bro. Mason was the first occupant of the chair of the lodge and also the first occupant of the new chair presented by Bro. Taylor. Long might the W.M. occupy the place in their hearts he did that night, for he was born a Mason, was made a Mason, and would die a Mason, but long might that event be postponed.

The W.M., in reply, said I assure you it is to me a very proud moment to be able to respond again to the toast of the W.M. of the Elliot Lodge. I said, when we commenced this evening's entertainment, that long speeches were to be tabooed, and I certainly will not break that rule by making any long speech in response to this toast. I feel the honour deeply to have been re-elected to the chair of this lodge, in which there has been 100 meetings completed. I little thought two days ago I was to be installed into a different chair in the same lodge. I was only informed since I sat at the banquet table that this chair was presented to the lodge for the purpose by one of the Past Masters—our good friend, Bro. Taylor, P.M. Believe me, if I had had any idea in the lodge I should not have closed it for a few minutes until I had said something respecting it. I am precluded from saying anything now because of the rule laid down by myself. I thank him in the name of the lodge for his kind present, and I feel it an exceeding great honour to be the first to occupy the first new chair on the occasion of the 101st meeting. It has been kindly said by Bro. Bird that he hopes I shall attend another 100 meetings, and if I keep as well as I feel at the present moment, I shall. I trust I may be with you for many years to come, because I am proud of this lodge for many reasons. We have no little private cliques in this lodge. If a brother has anything to say, he says it and it is done with, just as in a private family. We can take each other by the hand as brothers, and that is the principle of Masonry. I thank you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health and for your kind reception. Before I sit down I will propose the next toast, and that is "Success to the Masonic Charities." Some people object to the word Charities, but I am English and believe in the word Charity, because it means love and nothing else. Why should it be smothered up? It is Masonic love—our Masonic lovely Institutions, if you will have the word Institutions. Tonight I am honoured by the presence of the three Secretaries of the three great Charities of the Masonic world. I shall ask Bro. Hedges to respond first, as the Girls' School is the oldest. Then will come Bro. McLeod with his noble oratory, all genuine, for it comes from his heart, the main-spring and source it should come from. Then we come to the Old Peoples' Institution, represented by Bro. Terry.

Bros. Hedges, McLeod, and Terry replied, after which Bro. Bird, P.M., S.C., said that had it been stated in the lodge that Bro. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., would go up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he should have proposed that 10 guineas should be given.

Bro. James Stephens, Prov. S.G.D. Bucks, in response to "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see the W.M. installed into the chair. It was Bro. Mason who first induced Mrs. Stephens to act as Steward for the Old People when she brought up a substantial contribution to that year's festival.

The majority of the brethren then returned to town by train, after having spent an enjoyable evening. The musical portion of the programme was ably supported by Miss Bird, and Bros. Bayne, Thompson, Brooker, and Webster.

The programme of the evening's entertainment was, as usual, embellished with many spices of fun and humour from the pen of the W.M., under the title of "Mason's Annual for 1893," and will certainly be retained by all present as a souvenir of the occasion.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Noel Lodge (No. 2444).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at St. James's Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Anderson was passed to the Second Degree and Bro. J. D. Vicary, A. F. Shearlock, and McTaggart Gardiner were raised in a faultless manner by Bro. J. Montgomery, W.M., P.D.G.M. of Malta. Bro. James Hawkins, P.G.D.C., as D.C., then presented Bro. E. H. Lewis, S.W., to be installed. The Board of Installed Masters, presided over by Bro. Montgomery, comprised Bros. Capt. Butterworth, A. M. Levy, the Rev. C. C. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap.; H. C. Houndle, P.P.S.G.W.; Abel Laurence, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Edgell, C.C., W.M. 889; H. Handley, H. W. Willis, T. Pennington, W.M. 1638; J. Chapman, W.M. 1981; G. Moorman, P.P.G.P.; and H. Cooper, P.M. 1567. The whole of the installation ceremony, including the charges, was given in a very impressive manner and according to ancient custom by Bro. Montgomery, I.P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Lister, S.W.; E. J. Packington, J.W.; the Rev. E. S. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; A. M. Levey, Treas.; G. Free, Sec.; J. Hall, S.D.; T. Hullett, J.D.; A. Watkin, Org.; J. Old, D.C.; F. H. Reynolds, for G.

Brooker, I.G.; and T. G. Smith and J. H. Russell, Stwds. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. Montgomery with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of the untiring energy and valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during its first year, and congratulated him on the flourishing condition in which it had been handed over to its new Master. Bro. Montgomery, in returning thanks, stated that the jewel came as a very pleasant surprise, that he was very gratified to receive it, and thanked the brethren for their loyal support during his term of office. Letters of apology and expressions of fraternal congratulations were received from Bros. Colonel Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. Girls; and E. C. Mulvey, Board of Benevolence, West Lancs., P.P.G.S.B. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served under the direction of Bro. Packham, of Surbiton.

At its conclusion the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were cordially and duly honoured.

In submitting the first toast, the W.M. alluded to the great interest taken by her Most Gracious Majesty in all Masonic undertakings, and especially in the Charities, of which she is Grand Patron to all three.

"The M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales," and "The Prov. G.M., Dep. P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed.

Bro. H. E. Houndle, P.P.S.G.W., responded for the Prov. Grand Officers, and was glad so many of them were present to support him. They were always anxious to support any lodge. He complimented the W.M. on the state of prosperity shown, and by its being so carefully steered through its first year of existence he had every hope for its continued success.

Bro. J. Montgomery, I.P.M., next gave "The W.M." in a very lengthy speech, and was sure the lodge would prosper under his rule.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks, and trusted the brethren would support him as they had the previous Master, and he would endeavour to render a good account and do his duty as Master of the Noel Lodge.

Next came "The Installing Master."

Bro. Montgomery, in returning thanks, suitably acknowledged the efforts of the brethren, and was glad he had given such satisfaction. He had several times been Master of lodges, not only in Craft Masonry but in Arch and Mark, and his working was the result of 20 years' love for Masonry, and as he had lectured to the brethren, so he hoped the new W.M. would follow.

For "The Visitors," Bros. J. Edgell, G. Moorman, and Capt. Butterworth responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., with a sincere wish to see the Noel Lodge represented at all Festivals.

Bro. Abel Laurence responded, and said he was Life Governor of all three, and he hoped the younger brethren would follow, and that as there was a fifth Masonic Charity started in Kingston, hoped many more would join. They had already sent over £300. The present W.M. had been up to the Girls' Festival with him.

Bro. Reynolds, late J.W., who retired from office as he is about to proceed to the Far East, was the recipient of a perfect ovation and all best wishes for success in his new undertaking.

The harmony of the evening was well supplied by Bros. Montgomery, Reynolds, Shearlock, Smith, Levy, and Packington.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close.

MAIDENHEAD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 795).—The installation meeting of this well-known and successful lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel on the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Custance, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; J. G. W. James, S.W.; W. Tucker, J.W.; Capt. J. Finch, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Dearing, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; F. A. Schouten, J.D.; C. Shepperd, Tyler; E. W. Allen, P.M., P.A.G.S.; J. Greenfield, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. Foxley, P.M.; F. W. Scruby, H. Hyams, R. Dickinson, W. H. Smith, T. Moon, E. Muller, J. Meeks, E. Lloyd, and Boulting. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Cousens, 172; F. A. Baldwin, 2168; J. Weston, P.M. 1602, P.P.G.P. Middx.; J. Osborne, P.M. 1602 and 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. H. Finch, 173; J. Hoey, P.M. 1360; C. Weedon, P.M. 813; A. Probyn, 172; C. Cuff, 1541; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; G. S. Elliott, 749; H. W. Russell, 194; R. Nicholson, P.M. 1566; J. Nicholas, 1693; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the Auditors submitted their report on the balance-sheet, showing a substantial sum in hand, which was adopted. The W.M. then raised Bro. E. Muller to the Third Degree. The working of Bro. Custance, the W.M., was done in a most impressive manner and was much appreciated by the members and the numerous visitors. Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M., then assumed the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. J. G. W. James was presented to him to receive the benefit of installation at his hands, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. Allen. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. W. Tucker, S.W.; J. Boulting, P.M., J.W.; Capt. Finch, P.M., Treas.; C. Dearing, P.M., Sec.; Mat Kennally, S.D.; F. A. Schouten, J.D.; H. Isaacs, I.G.; A. A. Thomas, D.C.; T. Moon, Stwd.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. The usual addresses were ably and efficiently delivered by Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M., who at their close, received the hearty congratulations of the members and visitors. Letters of regret for non-attendance from Bro. Rev. Studholme Brownrigg and others were read.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was prepared by Mr. S. Stops and admirably served, and gave every satisfaction.

When ample justice had been done to the many good things, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

In responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Allen, P.M., said that the lodge was honoured in having several members who had been selected as Provincial Grand Officers, and that at the banquet of their Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Custance, their out-going W.M., was specially mentioned.

Bro. J. H. Custance, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that that was the principal toast of the evening. They had had a good sample of his working that day. He had worked hard for the lodge, Masonry and its Charities, and he was held in the greatest respect by the brethren, who looked upon him as a good and genial friend.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, received a very hearty greeting. He thanked Bro. Custance for his kind words, and the brethren for their flattering reception. As W.M. of the lodge, he had attained the summit of his Masonic career, and if he could conduct the business of the lodge with confidence, without discord, and keep all the members together, he would be more than satisfied, but if he failed, it would be his misfortune.

The Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Custance." He said it was his privilege and pleasure to pin on Bro. Custance's breast a Past Master's jewel, which he had deservedly won for the great services he had rendered to the lodge. His year of office had been a most successful one. His working of the Three Degrees was perfect, and he had more than surpassed their expectations. He had excelled all their previous Masters, and had received grand honours from the Prov. Grand Lodge. He (the W.M.) hoped he would continue to give his great assistance to the lodge, and, in conclusion, he remarked that the brethren would always look up to Bro. Custance, and never forget the happy time that he was the ruler of the lodge.

Bro. J. H. Custance, I.P.M., who was well received, stated in reply that the year just passed had been one of love to him. He appreciated the jewel, and he was glad he had gone through the chair in the St. John's, which he looked upon as his premier lodge, and where he had spent a very happy time. He had had kind support from all, which would never be effaced from his memory.

In giving "The Installing Master, Bro. E. W. Allen," the W.M. said that to know him was to appreciate him. He was a good Mason and an old English gentleman. His rendering of the installation ceremony and the addresses was grand, he had never seen it done better. He (Bro. Allen) was the brightest jewel in the lodge, and he was grateful that he had installed him as their Master.

In responding to the toast, Bro. Allen said that he had had the honour of installing many Worshipful Masters in that lodge, but the words that had fallen from the W.M. that night were the warmest that he had ever received. In his opinion the installation ceremony was the most beautiful in the Craft, and if, as it had been stated that evening, he had excelled himself he was proud and gratified. The members would be glad to know that his list, as Steward this year for the "Girls," was the largest in the province.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty greeting.

Bro. A. Probyn responded. He looked upon the W.M. as his son, who was a Mason heart and soul—no one could have a better friend. He would make one of the best of Worshipful Masters, and the members were to be congratulated on their happy choice. The working of the lodge was excellent, and he had never seen the installation ceremony done better.

Bro. Russell also replied in suitable terms. Bros. J. Osborne, P.M., and W. C. Page, P.M., also responded, bearing testimony to the good working of the W.M. and Bro. Allen.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," remarking that they were equal to those of any other lodge, and were the backbone, guides, and custodians of the lodge.

Bro. Foxley, in reply, said that the W.M. would keep up the great reputation the lodge had in the province.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that they were both well tried and efficient officers, and that their position was gained by sheer hard work in the Craft.

Bro. Capt. Finch, P.M., Treas., responded. He had been associated with the lodge for many years. They could not have a better W.M., who would have his hearty co-operation and support.

Bro. Dearing, P.M., Sec., also replied. He was the means of the W.M. joining the lodge. He (the W.M.) was not only respected there, but in other lodges, and he would faithfully discharge his duties.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly honoured, and suitably acknowledged, and the pleasant gathering brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

MANCHESTER.

Affability Lodge (No. 317).—We were very pleased to have the pleasure of visiting this successful lodge on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Croper-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Read, W.M., supported by all his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Third Degree. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., who efficiently performed the ceremony. Bro. F. Spencer, S.W., presented the working tools. After the usual business had been transacted and "Hearty good wishes" expressed from Provincial Grand Lodge and numerous Craft lodges in this and other provinces, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the festive board, when a long list of loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

Songs and recitations were given by several brethren present of great excellence.

The following were present: Bros. J. Read, W.M.; S. Staton, I.P.M.; F. Spencer, S.W.; T. Bushell, J.W.; J. S. Whitehead, Sec.; A. Allen, S.D.; N. Field, J.D.; A. Rottmayer, I.G.; J. Bladon, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; A.G.D.C., D.C.; E. G. Chesworth, P.M.; J. Mountain, P.M.; J. Garside, P.M.; W. B. Akerman, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1930; A. C. K. Smith, J. A. K. Haddad, H. A. Whaik, J. Chenery, A. Findlow, W. A. Boyer, W. Charlton, O. A. Hamson, C. J. Guest, A. Sinclair, J. Simcock, W. Brocklehurst, and E. A. de Cantillon, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. W. Rowsell, 2359; H. W. Barrington, 104; C. Garrett, 1572; H. Hamer, 950; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134, 1170, 2359, 2447, P.G. Org.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W. 2359; and A. L. Boothroyd, 2359.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—The installation meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 6th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. A. Cocks, W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Freemantle, was pre-

sented, and most ably installed into his office by the retiring W.M., the Wardens' chairs during the ceremony being respectively occupied by Bros. F. P. Ansell, P.M. 551, and S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. Mead, W.M. 382, S.W.; C. C. Sanger, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; W. F. Sanger, Sec.; A. L. Butters, S.D.; E. H. Moseley, J.D.; E. Purnell, I.G.; R. Pontifex, D.C.; Leo H. Walker, Org.; J. A. Webb and T. S. Hardman, Stwds.; and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. in token of satisfaction of the brethren for the excellent manner he had performed the duties of his office.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served, at which the W.M. presided in his usual well-known genial manner. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Prince, I.P.M.; E. Porter, P.M.; W. J. Squire, I.P.M.; F. J. Thayre, P.M.; R. J. Rogers, W.M.; A. Pooley, P.M.; and others.

Bro. J. Tidmarsh, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., responded in a forcible and eloquent speech for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. F. P. Ansell, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, responding for "The Visitors," said he came expressly from Ventnor to support the W.M. in the chair, and thanked the Installing Master for the courtesy in offering him the Warden's chair, and congratulated him on the very efficient manner he had worked the ceremonies.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Alexandra Lodge (No. 985).—The 30th installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel, on Monday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. S. J. Coupland, W.M.; Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; H. Healey, S.W.; J. G. Dunlop, J.W.; M. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Sec.; Chas. E. Ward, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; Rev. J. F. C. Cudmore, Chap.; A. H. Brooks, S.D.; G. P. Hobson, acting J.D.; T. H. Savage, I.G.; S. S. Mossop, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. P. Mossop, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Carter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Ridlington, P.M.; J. E. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Sunderland, P.M.; W. Richardson, P.M.; and D. Oliver, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Flanders, P.M. 471, P.P.G.R. Mon.; F. A. Barrington, S.W., T. Peake, J.W., Thos. H. Hodd, R. Cateugh, and H. Bradfield, of 107; Wm. R. Girling, W.M., Wm. Bray, P.M., P.G. Treas. Cambs., Alfred J. Elworthy, S.W., P.P.G.P. Cambs., Jno. R. Bambridge, J.W., and P. Bramall, of 809; Stephen A. Coxon, S.W. 442, F. L. Gooch, P.M. 406, P.P.G.P. Norths and Hunts, and F. B. Kelly, 441.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. requested Bro. Chas. E. Ward, D.C., to take the chair as Installing Master, upon which he presented his successor, Bro. Edward Sunderland for installation, who was duly installed into the chair of K.S., invested, proclaimed, and saluted. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. J. Coupland, I.P.M.; J. G. Dunlop, S.W.; A. H. Brooks, J.W.; Rev. J. F. E. Cudmore, Chap.; Mark Cox, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.M., Sec.; Chas. E. Ward, P.M., D.C.; G. Peele Hobson, S.D.; T. H. Savage, J.D.; W. Ridlington, P.M., W. Foxton, and Jno. Mottram, Stewards; Harry Healey, P.S.V., Org.; Jno. Francis, I.G.; and David Oliver, Tyler, each officer being conducted to his place and addressed by the Installing Master. Bro. Chas. E. Ward announced that the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, would be given by Bro. W. G. Flanders, P.M. 471, P.P.G.R. Mon., son of one of the founders, wearing the apron of his father. The brethren were delighted with the impressive manner in which the beautiful charges were delivered.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors and apologies from absent brethren read, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, put on by Host Bro. Clarke in his usual grand style, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. Edward Sunderland.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. and honoured by the brethren with "God save the Queen" and "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. J. G. Dunlop, S.W., proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. W. H. Smythe, D.L., J.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a few well chosen remarks, which was responded to by Bro. J. Hardy Carter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. S. S. Mossop, P.P.G.R., proposed the toast of the evening, "Bro. Edward Sunderland, W.M.," and alluding to his long personal friendship he was sure from the way in which the new W.M. had conducted the various offices of the lodge the brethren would find him worthy of the high office of Master.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he was proud to have attained the highest honour the brethren could give and would do his best during his year of office to prove worthy of the confidence placed in him.

Bro. R. P. Mossop, P.P.G. Std. Br., proposed "The Installing Master," and said he was sure the brethren were proud to have in Bro. Ward one who worked the ceremonies so well and did so much to assist the lodge on installation evenings and at all other times, whilst on that occasion they were placed in the unique position in the lodge's history of having part of the ceremony so well rendered by Bro. Flanders, son of one of the founders of the lodge, whom the brethren thanked for his services and hoped he would be seen amongst them on future occasions.

Bro. Ward, in returning thanks, referred to the great pleasure he felt in being able to install the W.M., and especially to install one who had so much at heart the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Flanders felt privileged in being permitted to take a part in the ceremony of the evening, having only the evening before, in looking through papers of the lodge with his friend, the Secretary, Bro. Clarke, found that his late father was one of the founders of the lodge 30 years ago. That was his first visit, but he hoped it would not be his last.

Bro. W. Bray, P.G. Treas. Cambs., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," considered the toast one most highly honoured amongst Freemasons, who were pleased to help the brother who had fallen out from the prosperous path of life, or his widow left unprovided for, and to maintain and educate his orphan children. The lodge was fortunate in having a brother, whose name he was pleased to couple with the toast—Bro. C. E. Ward, P.P. Charity Steward—who

had done so much for the Charities, having in 1890, when representing the Province of Lincolnshire at the Girls' Festival, taken up the largest list of the year, and in 1892, as representative of the lodge at the Benevolent Festival, had the highest list in the province.

Bro. Ward, in returning thanks for the hearty reception of the toast, said he was thankful to the brethren for the splendid manner in which they had responded to his rather frequent calls upon them, without which it would have been impossible to have attained such results, the lodge, five years since, having only one brother (Bro. S. S. Mossop) with Life votes in Central Charities—now increased to 25 brethren holding 95 votes. Unfortunately, through agricultural depression, the lodge now had very heavy calls upon its funds for families of deceased brethren, hence he made one more appeal for liberal contributions to the Charity-box.

The sum of £3 7s. was contributed to the Benevolent Fund by the brethren present.

Bro. G. F. H. Foxton proposed "The Visitors," saying how pleased the brethren were to see so many distinguished visitors, some of whom were from such long distances.

Bro. Girling, W.M. 802, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had given him and several of his officers to respond to the most liberal invitation received, which was for the W.M., Wardens, and any brethren of 809. They had seen good working and spent a most enjoyable evening, and extended a hearty welcome to the brethren of 95 who would visit 809 at Wisbech.

Bro. Flanders, who also responded, considered it one of the greatest pleasures for Masons to visit each other's lodge and to be enabled to become acquainted with one another. It had been a great treat to him that night, and he thanked them.

Bros. Gooch, P.M. 406, and S. A. Coxon, S.W. 441, also thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

The remaining toasts were duly honoured, and, after the Tyler's toast had been given, a very pleasant evening was brought to an end.

Bro. H. Healey presided over the musical arrangements, songs being sung by Bros. Dunlop, Healey, W. R. Girling, E. Sunderland, S. A. Coxon, W. Richardson, A. J. Elworthy, and Master Willie Clarke; also recitations by Bro. Flanders.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The annual installation gathering of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. Constable, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, I.P.M.; W. Martin, J.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. G. Littlewood, Chap.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; H. A. Fenton, D.C.; T. Barber, J.D.; B. Maskill, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; E. Hirst, R. N. Brunyee, W. Pickering, F. Webb, and G. Eland. Visitors: Bros. E. Nevsom, W.M. 242; C. Fox, W.M. 1482; J. G. Loam, W.M. 630; C. A. Cheesman, W.M. 128; S. M. Pearce, W.M. 2078; W. Staniland, 566, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Boulton, 458; T. Duff, 242; H. Foster, 242; T. Spowart, 1239; W. Middleton, 129; W. G. Beek, 299, P.P.G.D.C.; 299; M. R. J. Behrendt, 1482; T. C. Horobin, 1482, P.P.G.D.; H. L. Burtonshaw, 1482, P.P.G.D.; H. Thorpe, 458; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. John Constable, W.M., performed the first part of the installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. L. Peace, was presented by his son, Bro. S. M. Peace, W.M. 2078; that was considered something unique—probably never known before—a brother-son presenting his brother-father. Bro. Staniland performed the second part of the ceremony in a very splendid and correct style, and Bro. Ashlin gave the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren with good taste and feeling. Hearty congratulations were given all round, and telegrams and messages were received from Bros. Weigall, P.P.G.C.; Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; Watson, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. John Constable, I.P.M.; W. Martin, S.W.; J. H. Pawson, J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. G. Littlewood, Chap.; B. Maskill, Treas.; R. N. Brunyee, D.C.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; T. Barber, S.D.; H. A. Fenton, J.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; E. Simpson, Org.; E. Hirst and W. I. Chambers, Stewards; and F. Pine, Tyler. Bro. Constable was unanimously re-elected Charity Steward.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a splendid banquet had been provided, to which ample justice was done.

The usual Masonic toasts followed, interspersed with some splendid harmony by Bros. Webb, Duff, Middleton, Robotham, Fox, Peace, and Fenton, and capital recitations by Bros. Middleton and Hirst. Altogether a delightful evening was spent, concluding with Bro. Middleton's "Auld Lang Syne," given in a style such as he alone can give.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).—There was an unusually large gathering of members and visitors at the installation meeting of the above lodge in the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., the W.M. elect being very popular in the Craft. Among those present were: Bros. Josiah Wilmot, W.M.; C. J. Gallard, J.W., W.M. elect; T. Ryder, P.M.; B. S. Wilmot, P.M.; R. Stevenson, P.M., Sec.; T. Potter, Treas.; T. Millidge, W.M. 1678; G. S. Crimpin, W.M. 1082; C. Godsmark, W.M. 1209; E. Putman, S.W. 1362; J. G. Calway, 1612, P.P.G.P. Sussex; F. Cronk, W.M. 1414; S. W. Shaw, 709, P.P.J.G.W.; S. H. Greenstreet, W.M. 125; W. Skinner, W.M. 874; B. Rix, P.M. 874; H. Harris, Sec. 874; J. A. Ancombe, S.D. 874; G. D. Warner, P.M. 1678, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Abrey, P.M. 1671, P.G.D.; A. H. Lester, Stwd. 874; A. T. Simpson, P.M.; N. Grunwell, I.P.M.; J. S. Fletcher, S.D.; J. Corfield, J.D.; W. H. Downs, D.C.; W. Rule, A.D.C.; A. Burslem, I.G.; E. O. Howis, Org.; Geo. Grover and T. Best, Stwds.; H. A. Burton, J. Lessels, W. Lupper, E. Westbrock, W. Wiseman, J. I. Hudson, A. M. Duret, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Smith, A. G. Stovold, R. J. Langley, D. Hoadley, E. E. Fenwick, M. A. H. Edwards, F. L. Williams, E. Oliver, J.W. 874; B. Shrubsole, 593; and J. W. Boulter, Tyler.

After some formal business, Bro. Chas. J. Gallard, W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M., the Installing Master being Bro. N. Grunwell, who carried out the onerous duties in a most exemplary manner. Bro. Potter having been appointed to one of the chairs, his resignation as Treasurer

was accepted, and a special vote of thanks accorded to him for past services, he having been Treasurer from the foundation of the lodge. Bro. N. Grunwell was appointed to succeed him. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. N. Grunwell, P.M., Teas.; R. Stevenson, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Fletcher, S.W.; Thos. Potter, J.W.; John Corfield, S.D.; Albert Burslem, J.D.; William Rule, I.G.; Thomas Best, D.C.; E. O. Howis, A.D.C.; R. J. Langley, O.g.; G. Smith and H. A. Burton, Stwds.; and James W. Boulter, Tyler.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. Weeks, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Radcliffe, H.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas., acting J.; W. J. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Larcombe, S.N.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., 1st A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Nash, Pratt, G. Heming, C. Veitch, and Goddard, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. G. W. Larter, 1602, and he, being in attendance, was duly exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, the three lectures being particularly well done. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; Stevens, H.; Larcombe, J.; Collins, S.E.; Walls, S.N.; Mapteton, P.S.; Lardner, 1st A.S.; Hart, 2nd A.S.; G. Heming, D.C.; Nash, Stwd.; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Birch. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the resignation of Comp. Pearce, P.Z., was received with great regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Birch, Stevens, F. McDougal, Mapleton, Hart, Kinsey, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well-served.

Comp. Weeks presided most genially. His speeches were brief, pertinent, and humorous, thereby lightening the full programme of toasts, which, in this old chapter, is most strictly adhered to.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

SHIPLEY.

Moravia Chapter (No. 387).—The first meeting of this chapter after the recess was held at the Saltaire Institute. Amongst those present we noticed Comps. John Tillotson, M.E.Z.; C. W. Curran, H.; R. G. Macgregor, J.; J. A. Godwin, P.S.; W. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Thos. Denby, P.Z.; J. T. Last, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, after which some important matters were discussed, and arrangements made for the next meeting.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Mark Masonry.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.)—The installation meeting of this time immemorial lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when Bro. T. E. Greenhough, S.W., W.M. elect, was (by dispensation) installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. Henry Pattinson, the retiring Master. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and the following were invested with collars for the ensuing year: Bros. T. H. Pattinson, I.P.M.; F. D. Harrison, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; G. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M., Sec.; W. Laycock, M.O.; R. H. Bonsor, S.O.; J. B. Fearnley, J.O.; G. Martin, S.D.; G. C. Gamble, J.D.; J. Ingleby, I.G.; S. Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org.; Walter Moxon, R. of M.; Joseph Clifford, D.C.; and John Hill, Tyler. The charges were impressively rendered by Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.P.G.W.

Propositions were handed in for three candidates for advancement at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Joseph Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec., in responding for "The Prov. Grand Lodge," stated it was the first meeting he had attended in the province since his appointment as Prov. Grand Secretary, and he thought it was appropriate that he should first attend the oldest lodge in his official capacity. He congratulated the newly-installed Master on his elevation to the chair in such a prosperous lodge.

Bros. Hanson, W.M. Fearnley Lodge, and F. A. Godwin, St. Chad's Lodge, responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

Bro. Gamble, J.D., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

A very pleasant evening was spent.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the "Frascati" Restaurant, 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; W. Truman, S.W.; F. Hewson, J.W.; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; C. D. Lindsay, S.D.; A. Cogliati, J.D.; H. Matthews, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; W. Hewett, P.M.; L. Henson, F. Osborn, M. Taylor, A. Pettit, L. Conradi, A. Watson, and M. Burgoyne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marx worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Burgoyne answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Burgoyne being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. A. B. Spawforth, W.M.; R. N. Larter, S.W.; G. Kirkham, J.W.; G. R. Higginson, Preceptor; G. Cockrell, Treas.; H. Lindfield, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; H. R. Elkin, J.D.; T. Rayner, I.G.; W. Radcliffe, P.M.; F. G. Bonham, P.M.; T. Kington, G. Copley, Dr. Harrison, and R. H. Catling.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Catling having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Master Masons' Lodge was then opened, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Catling being the candidate. The lodge was then closed down. Bro. R. H. Catling was elected a joining member, and Bro. Larter was elected as W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. G. Cockrell, H. Lindfield, P.M.; and G. E. Higginson were respectively elected as Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and Preceptor, after which the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hide, W.M.; H. Foreman, W.M. 1275, S.W.; Edward Fox, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; H. Bone, I.G.; W. Hinds, R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; Rogers, J. A. Dennis, W. W. Williams, and H. Blackman.

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. Rogers acting as candidate. Bro. Dennis having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Foreman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

STANHOPE LODGE (No. 1269).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Friday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. Spooner, W.M.; Thos. Grant, S.W.; J. H. Custance, J.W.; W. C. Page, Preceptor; C. J. Digby, S.D.; J. Nicholson, J.D.; R. C. Hoggett, I.G.; Alfred Grant, Sec.; Juby, Ellis, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis being the candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Thos. Grant was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Northampton Arms, 205 Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. Deacon, W.M.; Dr. Frye, S.W.; F. Humphrys, J.W.; C. Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; Dr. Hunter, Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; Mansell, S.D.; Fletcher, J.D.; J. Robinson, I.G.; and others.

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. A. Humphreys being candidate. Bro. Deacon here vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dr. Frye. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Robinson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Deacon being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose the usual number of times, proposed and seconded that Bro. Blake be the W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was tendered, to be entered on the minutes, to Bros. A. and F. Humphreys for their generous gifts to the lodge, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. W. Dennis, W.M.; J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Lewis Beale, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Gething, I.G.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366; J. J. Rumbal, James Clark, and W. H. Dresden, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rumbal acting as candidate. Bro. Clark answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Mackay, the questions being put by Bro. Hillier. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Neville, the questions being put by Bro. Hillier. Bro. Mackay was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be officers' night. The election of Treasurer, Secretary, and Preceptor then took place, which resulted in the re-election of the former officers in each case, and the lodge was closed. The First Lecture will be worked on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Reid, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; T. Biggs, S.D.; Whiteley, J.D.; Dennis, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; Fox, Cox, R. J. Williams, Bone, Powell, McDermott, Larkman, and Getliff.

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. Cox being the candidate. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, P.M., the 2nd Section by Bro. Getliff, the question being put by Bro. J. Davies. The 3rd Section was also worked by Bro. Davies, and also the 4th, which was answered by Bro. Powell. After the usual rising, Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Secretary delivered to those present the Fifteen Section cards, which will be worked on Saturday, the 25th inst. On this occasion, after the first seven Sections, light refreshments will be provided, free to all present, and all the neighbouring lodges will receive special invitations.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. Bartlett, P.M. 1637, W.M.; G. Chapman, S.W.; W. C. Tebbit, J.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, Preceptor; W. Roche Plaford, Sec.; F. J. Orner, S.D.; C. Penny, Treas. and J.D.; W. Featherstone, I.G.; F. S. Priest, Steward; J. T. Haley, W.M. 1637; J. Rae, W. B. Neville, E. J. Hiscock, H. Green, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Haley and Neville being the candidates respectively. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the able Preceptor. Bro. G. Chapman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. W. Smith, 1642, was elected a joining member. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. R. Manuel, M.E.Z. 1196, M.E.Z.; J. R. Roberts, J. 1196, H.; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507, J.; J. Davies, I.P.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Bailey, I.P.Z. 1602, S.N.; A. J. Turner, P.S. 1196, P.S.; F. R. Farrow, S.N. 1196, 1st A.S.; J. M. Franks, P.Z., M.E.Z. 376; J. Nelson Watts, P.Z. 1196; J. W. Ferguson, P.Z. 177; J. C. Tilt, S.N. 862; J. Cruttenden, 779; W. Hillier, S34; and W. R. Flack, 1642.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the ceremony of installation of Principals was rehearsed by Comp. Manuel. The companions were then admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Franks acting as candidate. Comp. Farrow was elected a member, and expressed thanks. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was passed to the companions of the Urban Chapter for attending and rehearsing the duties of their respective offices, and an invitation was given them to attend and hear the ceremony rehearsed by the companions of the Hornsey Chapter. Comp. Cochrane regretted his inability to be present as one of the executive. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. C. Wilson, M.E.Z.; Murchie, H.; Vincent, J.; Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; T. Grummant, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Chabot, P.S.; J. Pullen, Lewis, Martin, North, R. C. Davies, and Cornford.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Pullen personating candidate. Comp. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., proposed, seconded by Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., "That Comp. H. Cornford, 1320, become a member"—carried unanimously. Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., acting S.E., announced that Comp. C. H. Stone, S.E., was unavoidably absent through illness. The M.E.Z., on behalf of the companions, expressed his sympathy with Comp. Stone trusting he would be speedily restored to health. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. All Masonic business ended, the convocation was then closed.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE COOPER, P.G.D.

It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. George Cooper, P.G.D., of the Cedars, Brentwood, the sad event taking place early on Saturday morning last from typhoid fever. Some two years ago Bro. Cooper had an attack of influenza, and, although he recovered, his health was never what it had been. But he was a man with a strong sense of duty, and while he had strength and vitality he would work. He had been ailing for some time, but was not taken seriously ill till Wednesday, the 1st inst., when Bro. J. C. Quennell, his medical adviser, found him to be suffering from typhoid fever, and although all that medical skill and tender nursing could accomplish was done, he gradually sank, and expired, as we have said, on Saturday morning. The respect entertained for the deceased may be gauged by the gloom which settled over the town on the news of his death becoming known and by the anxious inquiries as to his condition while he was lying ill. Bro. Cooper was the son of a medical practitioner at Croydon. Some 30 years ago he entered the firm of Messrs. Daldy and Co., coal merchants, and he was an active member of this firm to the time of his death. He took a warm interest in all that concerned the welfare of the town of Brentwood, and his valuable help and sound advice was always sought and readily given. He was Treasurer to the Conservative Club, sidesman at the parish church, and a manager of the Brentwood National Schools. Bro. Cooper entered upon his Masonic career in April, 1866, when he was initiated in the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood. Six years later he was installed W.M., and in 1874 he was elected, and had since remained, Treasurer of the lodge. The services he rendered generally, but also in his capacity of custodian of the lodge moneys, may be judged from the fact that, in 1878, the brethren presented him with a Life Governorship of the Boys' School and a Treasurer's jewel, and that, again, in 1881, on the occasion of his marriage, he received a second testimonial, in the form of a silver tea and coffee service. In the Province of Essex he ranked as P.P.G.S. of W., and he was also a subscribing P.M. of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, of which he was elected a joining member in 1870. But his highest distinction was conferred upon him in 1857, when he was appointed and invested S.G.D. of Grand Lodge. In May, 1868, he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the chapter attached to his mother lodge. In 1870 he was elected Scribe E., and,

having occupied the First Principal's chair in 1874, was re-elected in 1878, and then, from year to year, to the former post. In 1878, the members presented him with a silver claret jug in token of their esteem. In 1880, he had a hand in founding the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and for the part he took in this work and his subsequent services he was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel in 1884, and had since held the office of Scribe E. On the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex, in 1883, Comp. Philbrick, Grand Supt., appointed him Prov. G.J., while in 1887 he was invested as Asst. G. Soj. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In Mark Masonry Bro. Cooper had attained equal eminence. He was advanced in the Bon Accord Lodge in 1877, was installed as Worshipful Master in 1881, and was appointed Secretary upon his vacation of that office. He was S.W. of the Grand Master's Lodge, and a permanent member of the lodge of instruction working under its authority, and for several years was a member of the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge, and one of the Grand Master's Council in respect of the Royal Ark Mariner's Degree. In 1883 he was invested as S.G. Deacon, and had the honour of acting in the capacity of Deacon on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's advancement into Mark Masonry. He had likewise exhibited much interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he was a Vice-President, and at its Festivals for which he had several times acted as Steward. In Templar Masonry, in which he was installed a Knight in 1875, in the St George's, formerly the Cross of Christ, Preceptory, he was a Past E.P., was G. Standard Bearer (V.B.) of the National Great Priory in 1885, and Sub-Marshal at the time of his death. He was also a Knight of Malta, and had been since 1887 Treasurer of the St. George's Preceptory. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Invicta Chapter in 1877, and joined the Adoniram Chapter of the same Degree, and had attained to the 31°. He was a R. and S.M. of the Constantine Council, a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, a Past G. Officer of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and Hon. 8° of the Rosicrucian Society. He was a member of the old Audit Committee of the Boys' School for three years, and besides having served as many as 15 different Stewardships in aid of our Institutions, had qualified as a Vice-Patron of both the Schools, and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution. The affectionate regard in which Bro. Cooper was held was strikingly manifested at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The business establishments throughout Brentwood were partially closed, and the townspeople attended in large numbers to testify their sorrow at his death and their deep sympathy with his wife and relatives. Although a large number of Freemasons of the Brentwood and Romford districts were present, many others from a distance would have attended had the day of the funeral been known to them sufficiently early, the Prov. G. Secretary of Essex, Bro. Ralling, amongst many others, being prevented from attending owing to the shortness of the notice. The Freemasons led the procession from the deceased's residence to the parish church, and among them were representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, the Great Priory, many members of Lodge Hope and Unity, the Liberty of Havering Lodge, and the Brentwood Lodge of Instruction. Prominent among them were Bros. Col. W. J. Burgess, J. L. Nissen, E. C. Wills, Frank Landon, and T. Humphreys, who headed the procession as representing the various branches of Masonry. Mrs. Cooper, the bereaved widow, with her little son, were at the head of the mourners, and among them, in addition to several relatives, were Mr. O. G. Dady, Mr. G. F. Dady, Bro. J. L. Quennell (his medical attendant and old Masonic friend), and Mr. C. Poston. The service was fully choral and most impressive, and the vicar (the Rev. C. Grinstead), in a most touching address, dwelt upon the merits of Bro. Cooper as a townsman, a Mason, and a Churchman. The procession from the church to the new cemetery was headed by the clergy, a processional cross, draped in crape, being borne in front. The beautiful wreaths which covered the coffin included tributes from the Great Priory of England, the St. George's Preceptory, the Francis White Chapter, Lodge Hope and Unity, companions of Hope and Unity Chapter, the Brentwood Lodge of Instruction, and the Brentwood Conservative Club.

BRO. G. H. SMITH, P.M. 2086.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. G. H. Smith, the principal founder and Past W. Master of the Dacre Lodge, No. 2086, Stevenage, who for his services in these capacities was subsequently appointed and inducted as Prov. G. Std. Br. of Hertfordshire.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. PAAS, P.M.

On the 23rd ult. an interesting ceremony took place in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, on the occasion of Bro. W. Paas, P.M., resigning his membership of more than 40 years' connection with it, and for over 30 years of which he has held the position of Treasurer, to which office he was elected annually by the unanimous vote of the lodge. He only resigns now because he desires rest and quiet, his health being not quite so good as it was.

The brethren felt that they could not allow him to leave without some token of their friendship and esteem, and subscribed for a handsome silver tea tray, which was formerly presented to him by the W.M., Bro. Fred, Clark (as a memorial of his long and valuable services), on behalf of the members of the lodge,

and as an expression of their good wishes for the enjoyment by him of many years of added health and happiness.

Bro. PAAS, who was evidently deeply moved, feelingly replied in a short speech, saying how much he felt the parting from the brethren of the Old King's Arms Lodge after so many years of membership, and that he most heartily wished the grand old lodge every prosperity, and the members thereof the best of health. He should treasure their good wishes, of which the piece of plate was the evidence, as long as he lived, and he valued it the more, especially as the amount subscribed for it had not been voted out of the funds of the lodge, but was the spontaneous gift of the individual members of it.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. George E. Fairchild, Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles Shepperd, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. R. Trew, C. J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; John Barnett, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; J. Newton, A. Durrant, W. Webber, A. Mullord, W. J. Murlis, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; T. B. Daniell, C. J. Perceval, W. H. Making, Hugh Cotter, Charles Kempton, C. A. Carrell, George Mickley, Jabez Hogg, P.G.P.; J. L. Anderson, A. Moore, Jas. Speller, C. H. Webb, J. Boulton, R. D. Cummings, W. Belchamber, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of two widow annuitants and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read. Applications from the widows of two deceased annuitants for the half of their late husband's annuities were granted, and the Committee then considered and accepted the petitions of three male applicants and one widow.

The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE KINTORE MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The above Mark lodge held its annual supper at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 20th ult. Bro. J. Hill, W.M., presided, and Bro. Charles Donaldson, W.M. of the Southwark Mark Lodge, occupied the vice-chair, being supported by the following brethren: Bros. R. J. Voisey, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. White, P.M.; Cureton, P.M.; Marshall, P.M.; Major Easterbrook, P.M.; Lacey, Hayes, Elgar, Salmon, Bird, Addington, Jeffery, Featherstonhaugh, McDonald, Street, Vickery, C. W. Davis, F. Hilton, F. Williams, Nicol, Osterstock, Hewett, Dr. Adams, and R. C. Davis, Sec.

The usual loyal toasts having been given, Bro. HILL proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey."

Bro. Major EASTERBROOK suitably replied. "Success to the Kintore Mark Lodge of Instruction" was ably given by Bro. HILTON, and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. VOISEY, P.M., gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid to him as Preceptor of the lodge.

Other toasts followed. The SECRETARY, in reply to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for their assistance in making the lodge so successful, and, as a result, he was able to hand two guineas to Bro. Voisey as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The proceedings were further enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Jeffery, Cureton, Donaldson, Bird, Marshall, and Voisey, and a most successful and enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS IN ABERDEEN.

On Friday, the 20th ult., a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland paid a complimentary visit to the Freemasons of Aberdeen. Among the officials and the members of Grand Lodge were Bros. Colonel the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, Substitute Grand Master; John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; James Berry, J.P., Prov. G.M. of Forfarshire; William Boyd, Prov. G.M. of Aberdeenshire (East); James H. Forshaw, Prov. G.M. of Aberdeen (City); Col. Henry Lumsden of Pitcaple, Prov. G.M. of Aberdeenshire (West); Capt. James Reid of Ardmeallie, Prov. G.M. of Banffshire; Charles Baxter, W.S., Proxy Prov. G.M. New Zealand (North); J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; and others.

In the afternoon the afternoon the Grand Master witnessed the conferring of the First Degree in the Masonic Hall. The ceremony was unique in this respect, that it was performed by Masters of lodges, and the Grand Master intimated that he would instruct the Grand Secretary to enter a minute in their books expressing the satisfaction with which he had witnessed the proceedings.

In the evening the Grand Master and officials were entertained at dinner in the Imperial Hotel by Bro. J. H. Forshaw.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DUMFRIES.

It has been arranged that the Grand Master elect, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, of New Hailes, Bart., will make a grand visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfries on the 14th inst., at Dumfries, for the purpose of installing Bro. A. Johnstone Douglas, of Comlongan, as Provincial Grand Master. On the same occasion the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge will present the Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Villiers, with a bust in token of their appreciation of his services. On the following evening a grand visitation will be made to the Edinburgh Lodge Roman Eagle.

BONHILL.

Alexandria and Bonhill Lodge (No. 321).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Alexandria Public Hall, when Bro. Major F. W. Allan, S.G.W., gave an interesting lecture descriptive of a homeward trip from India, *via* Egypt and Venice. The lecture was illustrated by lime-light coloured views. At the close a collection was taken from the audience on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. Bro. Major Allan was heartily thanked. Bro. C. Glen, R.W.M., presided.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

A meeting of the High Council was held on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. in Edinburgh, when the election of office-bearers took place. Hon. President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, IX°; Hon. Vice-President, H. Y. D. Copland, IX°; Supreme Magus, J. Dalrymple Duncan, F.R.S.E., IX°; Senior Sub Magus, Dr. Geo. Dickson, IX°; Junior Sub Magus, D. R. Clark, M.A., IX°; Secretary-General, R. S. Brown, Hon. IX°; Chief Adept of Edinburgh Province, H. Y. D. Copland, IX°. The appointment of Chief Adept of Glasgow Province (which is in the gift of the Supreme Magus, or, at his pleasure, submitted to the West of Scotland College) will be made in due course.

LODGE HISTORIES.

Two handsome histories of lodges are in progress. One is possibly now ready for issue, having been some time in hand, viz., "History of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds," by Bros. Alfred Scarth and Charles A. Braim. Only 250 copies will be printed at half-a-guinea each *net*, and the prospectus suggests that the volume will be one of considerable interest and importance.

The other work is the "History of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, 1786 to 1893," to be issued to subscribers only, and the edition is to consist of 25 "large paper" and 150 quarto. The author is Bro. Alexander Howell, of 109, High-street, Portsmouth, to whom application must be made for copies. The quarto issue will be a superb book, and will measure some 5½ inches by 7½ as respects the typography, the paper being some 8 inches by 11. These will be one guinea each. The "large paper" will be a massive and magnificent volume extending to 12 inches by 15, and is likely to be the largest and most sumptuous thing of the kind.

Bro. Howell is doing his utmost to make these two issues all that can be desired, and is sparing no expense to that end. Though the subscriptions sound high, it is likely the publication will leave him with a considerable deficit, and as the edition is so very small, librarians of Masonic collections and museums at home and abroad should lose no time in applying for copies. It will be printed privately, and only for subscribers, to number 175 in all. Remittances can be made payable to Bro. Alexander Howell, solicitor, Portsmouth, from whom all information may be obtained.

The Craft Abroad.

ROYAL ARCH. NANAIMO.

Keystone Chapter (No. 235, S.C.).—The annual convocation was held on Friday, September 29th, in Nanaimo, British Columbia, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. W. H. Sandon Perkins, M.E.Z.; M. R. Counter, H.; W. K. Leighton, J.; F. McB. Young, S.E.; E. Barret, S.N.; G. A. McBain, Treas.; J. N. Algar, 1st Soj.; A. Summerhays, 2nd Soj.; L. T. Davis, 3rd Soj.; and J. Paulson, Janitor. The officers elect were afterwards duly installed by M.E. Comp. Wolfe, P.Z., P.G.M.

The Prince of Wales's yacht Britannia is laid up for the winter at Cowes, where she will be refitted for next season. During the past summer she won over £1500 in money prizes, and is the holder of the Royal Alfred Champion Cup, the German Emperor's Challenge Shield, the Royal Victoria Gold Challenge Cup, and the Cape May Cup.

The new second-class cruiser Hermione was successfully launched at Devonport Dockyard on Tuesday, the ceremony of christening the vessel being performed by Lady Lyons, wife of the Naval Commander-in-Chief. The Hermione is expected to realise over 19 knots an hour under forced draught, and is expected to cost about £250,000. The new ship will be an improvement on the Apollo class, and will, no doubt, prove a worthy addition to her Majesty's Navy.



The Royal General Theatrical Fund annual benefit will take place at Drury Lane Theatre on the 27th inst.

At the close of the financial year, on the 31st ultimo, the Hospital Sunday collections in London this year amounted to £39,300, as against £41,500 in 1892.

Prince and Princess Christian have concluded their visit to the Baron and Baroness Schröder at the Dell, Old Windsor, and have returned to Cumberland Lodge.

The 54th anniversary of the initiation of Bro. Henry Muggidge occurred on Tuesday last, the 7th November, 1839, being the date of his introduction into Freemasonry.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, have been entertaining a large shooting party at Dysart House, among the guests being the Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Henry Vane-Tempest, and the Hon. A. St. Clair-Erskine.

A Reuter's telegram from Adelaide says: The Earl of Kintore, the Governor, has sailed on board the Polynesian for a six months' holiday. Chief Justice Way will be Acting Governor during his Excellency's absence.

Prince Henry of Battenberg has arrived in town from Balmoral, and will rejoin the Court at Windsor Castle when the Queen returns from Balmoral, which, according to the latest arrangements, will be towards the end of next week.

The Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. W. C. Page, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. A. Grant the Secretary, has resumed its meetings, which are held on Friday evenings, at half-past eight, at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney.

This (Friday) evening Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., will give an English ballad concert in the Dome, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when among other artistes there are announced Mlle A. Trebelli, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Ed. Lloyd, and Mr. Santley.

A grand miscellaneous concert and social evening will take place at the Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton, on Wednesday evening, the 6th prox., for Masons and their friends. If former meetings of this class may be judged by, we are sure it will be a great success.

A meeting of Knights of Malta will be held after the Knight Templar meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory on Thursday, the 16th instant. Qualified candidates desiring to join the Order should communicate with the Registrar, Bro. H. Lovegrove, Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.

Bro. General Lord Roberts lunched with the Royal Artillery Mess at Woolwich on Tuesday, after which the drag-hounds were brought out and strolled to Bromley, when there was a splendid run to Mottingham, thence across Middle Park to Eltham Green, the pace the whole way being terrific, and his lordship well in front throughout.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn are on a visit to the Duke of Marlborough and his mother, the Marchioness of Blandford, and Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill has been visiting his sister, the Duchess of Roxburghe, at Ferris Castle, where his mother, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, is staying.

Guy Fawkes' Day was celebrated at Hampstead with the usual procession through the town and the bonfire on the Heath, the spectacle drawing crowds of people from all parts to witness it. A collection was made in the streets, and when the expenses of the show have been defrayed any surplus that may remain will be handed over to the North London Hospital for Consumption.

Bro. Alexander Howell, of Portsmouth, who has been at work for the past three years on a "History of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257," announces its early issue. The work will be of the most complete and exhaustive character, and will, we feel sure, be a welcome addition to the many lodge histories already issued.

Mrs. Bancroft's present from the Queen as a souvenir of her recent appearance before her Majesty in "Diplomacy" is a handsome brooch, with the Queen's cypher in diamonds and rubies, surmounted by the Imperial Crown. Bro. Bancroft has received a gold cigar-case, inscribed with the Imperial cypher and these words—"Presented by the Queen to Mr. Bancroft, Balmoral, Oct. 26, 1893."

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser will be entertained at a complimentary dinner at the Rainbow Tavern on Wednesday, the 29th inst., to receive a congratulatory address from the Ward of Farringdon Without, on the acceptance by the Corporation for exhibition at Guildhall of his bust, which was subscribed for by the Ward as a mark of their esteem and regard. Bro. Alderman Treloar will preside.

The Marchioness of Salisbury, who was accompanied by Lord Hugh Cecil and Lady Gwendolen Cecil, opened a Welsh Church bazaar in Manchester on Tuesday, the object being to raise £5000 for the purpose of building a central church and two mission halls in Manchester and Salford. A vote of thanks to her ladyship was moved by Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., and carried by acclamation.

A terrible calamity has befallen the flourishing port of Santander. A steamer, with a cargo of contraband dynamite, the presence of which was unknown to the port authorities, was unloading at the quay, when a fire broke out among the other cargo, and all efforts to extinguish it proving fruitless, the ship, before it could be towed into deep water, exploded, everything in the vicinity, as well as the ship and tug, being blown to atoms. Owing to this catastrophe hundreds of people have lost their lives, while the damage to property is well nigh incalculable.

ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS may be said about many brilliant prospectuses that are frequently issued to financiers; they often herald the formation of companies which go up like the proverbial rocket and come down like a stick. Holloway's Pills and Ointment, unlike such shaky ventures, are the soundest investments in which people suffering from disease can entrust their money. They have the reputation of over half a century, and every day they return substantial dividends in the form of good health. No disease has yet disputed their influence when a fair trial has been given. They cure dysentery, diarrhoea, weakness, and liver and kidney diseases, whilst for skin diseases they have no equal. Sold by all chemists, &c.

The Earl of Powis, as lord of the manor of Oswestry, opened the new Municipal Buildings' Free Library and Science and Art Schools, as well as the Waterworks, which have been lately erected in that town, on Monday. A luncheon followed, at which the Mayor presided.

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.

MARRIAGE.—The Masonic fraternity will be interested to learn of the marriage of Bro. Elias Brée, of the Royal Hotel, Jersey, with Miss A. Down, which took place at the Deanery, St. Heliers, on Thursday, the 2nd inst.

The third annual exhibition of the East London Amateur Chrysanthemum and Floricultural Society was opened at the People's Palace, Mile End-road, on Monday. Mr. Crawford won the silver cup given by Messrs. Leaver for a group of chrysanthemums, and Mr. Vogg the silver medal for the 12 best cut blooms.

In a recent number of the *Freemason* the Rothesay Lodge was given as meeting at the Criterion. This is an error; it has been accommodated very satisfactorily for some time at the "Frascati," in Oxford-street, and was the first lodge, we believe, to occupy the pretty Masonic Temple at that well-known restaurant.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire presided at the distribution of prizes among the students of the Bakewell University Extension Association on Monday evening, while her grace the Duchess of Devonshire gave away the prizes, a vote of thanks to both for their courtesy in attending being subsequently passed by acclamation.

The Duke of Edinburgh—Duke Alfred of Saxe Coburg-Gotha—left Clarence House on Monday for Sandringham on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales, while the Duke and Duchess of York are at York Lodge, Sandringham, having returned thither from their visit to the Duke and Duchess of Teck at White Lodge, Richmond.

On Monday the Duchess of Teck visited Bow for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new Sunday schools in connection with St. Stephen's Church, Saxon-road. Her Royal Highness afterwards received purses in aid of the building fund. The Duke was unable to attend owing to his being laid up with a somewhat severe attack of measles.

Bro. the Duke of Fife opened the Prince's Tennis Club, Brighton, of which he is the president, on Saturday last. It was formerly the Brighton Tennis Club, and is now in the charge of a Committee, of which Lord Edward Cecil, Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Mr. G. W. Loder, M.P., Lord Westbury, and Bro. Lord Windsor are, among others, the principal members.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—One of the most original items of the Empire programme is an entertainment by Lavater's Dog Orchestra. It is most unique and amusing. Each canine professor manipulates his individual instrument in a manner worthy a maestro. A string quartet, drums, cymbals, and trombone are included in this little orchestra, which discourses elaborate selections from Ops of Wagner and other celebrated composers.

Among the guests at the banquet given by Lord Mayor Knill at the Mansion House on Monday evening in honour of music, there were present Bro. Lord Roberts, Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, Bro. Sir F. Abel, Bros. W. Ganz and W. Kuhe, Past Grand Organists, Bros. Lieut. Dan Godfrey and Charles Godfrey, Bro. Maybrick, P.G.O., and the Lady Mayoress, Lady Roberts, and other ladies.

The Prince of Wales inaugurated on Saturday last the new recreation and reading rooms which his Royal Highness has had erected for the parish of Wolferton. The building contains a large room suitable for concerts, lectures, dinners, balls, and similar entertainments, and is intended to answer the same social purposes as the Working Men's Club at Sandringham. His Royal Highness was most heartily greeted by those present at the gathering.

A meeting of the Masonic Ball Committee was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker. The question of chairmanship was postponed. The Secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting, the various Sub-Committees were formed, and a large number of Stewards were nominated. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, the Committee adjourned till next Friday.

At Anfield Cemetery, on the 29th ult., the funeral took place of Bro. R. Levingston, an esteemed member of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203. There were present: Bros. J. N. Hounsell, P.M.; J. Worthington, W.M.; F. F. Fisher, Sec.; R. Craig, J.D.; A. Allsop, Steward; W. Thomas, C. Tyrer, Reader, Griffiths Owen, T. Birth, jun., J. M'Ewen, late of 203; C. W. Davis, 249; and Mekle, 823; and a large number of relatives and friends.

The eminent physician, Sir Andrew Clark, Bart., M.P., who only completed his 67th year on the 27th ult., died at his residence, 16, Cavendish-square, on Monday afternoon, after a little more than a fortnight's illness, from which, till a relapse occurred on Friday last, there appeared to be every hope of his recovery. On the sad intelligence being made known, the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, and others, sent messages of condolence to Lady Clark on the grievous loss she had sustained by the death of her distinguished husband.

The remains of the late Sir Christopher Teasdale, V.C., K.C.M.G., were interred at South Bersted, near Bognor, on Saturday last, there being a large attendance, while the pathway leading to the church was lined by the Sussex Volunteers and the Bognor Fire Brigade. Among the mourners were General Gardiner representing the Queen, Bro. Lord Suffield for the Prince of Wales, Lord Colville of Culross, for the Princess of Wales, an Equerry for the Duke of York, and a member of the Turkish Embassy. The wreaths included one from the Prince and Princess of Wales with an appropriate inscription expressive of their respect and friendship.

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Bro. Edward Terry made his re-appearance before a London audience at the Elephant and Castle Theatre on Monday evening in Mr. Piner's play of "Sweet Lavender," and this (Friday) evening will play in "The Magistrate."

According to a report from Vienna, a marriage has been arranged between the Prince of Naples and the Archduchess Marie Annunziata, second daughter of the Archduke Charles Louis, and half-sister of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the Imperial Royal Throne of Austria-Hungary.

Her Majesty's Stag-hounds met at Gerrard's Cross, some 16 miles from Ascot Kennels, on Tuesday, when there was a capital run through the South Bucks country to Beaconsfield, and thence through Wilton Park to Netherlands Wood.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who have established a magnificent restaurant on English lines in Paris, were, it appears, somewhat exercised in mind as to what Scotch whiskey they should present to the critical taste of the Parisians, or perhaps more properly speaking, what brand should be used in educating their taste. It must be very gratifying to the famous whiskey firm of Messrs. John Robertson and Sons, of Dundee, to find that the choice fell on them and that this noted brand is the only one obtainable at the new restaurant.

Contracts have just been let for the erection of Masonic lodge buildings in Rogpergate, Pontefract. The buildings are to be built of brick, with terra-cotta panels and stone facings. On the upper story will be a lodge room, 34ft. by 21ft., with ante-rooms adjoining, and downstairs will be a dining-hall, 51ft. by 21ft., which may also be used for ball-room, and will be fitted with moveable partitions to make it into three small rooms for other purposes. A caretaker's house will be attached. Mr. J. H. Greaves, of Pontefract, is the architect. The cost will be £1000.

A simple but a most ingenious and effective contrivance to assist a reader in preserving that calmness and serenity of mind which should always accompany the perusal of a book, has been designed by Mr. Walter Cross. It is a spring book marker, which only requires fixing when beginning to read, and until the last page has been reached it continues automatically to keep the pages. It is made in ordinary metal, at 1s., and also in silver, the latter forming a very pretty present, and may be obtained of Messrs. Walter Cross and Co., of 62, High-street, Bloomsbury.

GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—The greater portion of the musical library of the late Bro. Sir W. Cusins, one of the professors of the Guildhall School of Music, has recently been presented by Lady Cusins to the School. The Music Committee have, of course, accepted the gift with much gratification, as the collection is a very valuable one. Amongst other works, it consists of a complete edition of Handel's works, the band and chorus parts of the "Messiah," and the scores and band parts of his overtures, "Love's Labour Lost" and "Les Travaillieurs de la Mer." The collection includes about 200 volumes.

A testimonial is being organized to the well-known pianist and teacher, Bro. William Kuhe, on the occasion of his 70th birthday next month. The idea first took shape in Brighton, where for upwards of 40 years he resided, and where for 10 years, between 1870 and 1880, he carried on the Musical Festivals, which, although they did not bring much profit to himself, gave to the world so many choral and other novelties by British and foreign composers. Bro. Kuhe was born at Prague on December 10th, 1823, and first came to London in 1845. In the following year he returned to accompany Jenny Lind on tour as pianist, and in 1847 he settled down in Brighton, giving his first concert in that year at the Newburgh Rooms. He annually during the season visited London, where he has a large connection as a teacher, and about three years since he took up his permanent residence here.

A CRITERION PRESENTATION.—On Saturday evening the 14th ult., the members of the staff of the Criterion Restaurant, with a large number of friends and compatriots from outside, assembled in the Grand Hall, under the presidency of Bro. G. P. Bertini, Messrs. Spiers and Pond's supreme manager in Piccadilly, for the purpose of saying "good-bye" to Bro. A. Aubenal, of the Strand Lodge. Bro. Aubenal has for some considerable time performed the functions of lieutenant to Bro. Bertini. During that period he has established himself so firmly in the esteem of both chief and subordinates that they felt that they could not permit him to go without making a combined demonstration of their regret at his departure. Bro. Aubenal leaves for a more ambitious sphere of employment. He has accepted the management of the famous Café de Paris, Monte Carlo, and enters upon his new duties forthwith. The occasion on Saturday night was signalled by the presentation to Bro. Aubenal of a diamond ring, bearing a suitable inscription, from the members of the Criterion staff, and by the delivery of several appropriate speeches. In the course of these the distinguished professional merits of Bro. Aubenal, the worth of his character as a man, the regret which all who knew him felt at his going, and the combined good wishes of his numerous friends and admirers for his future prosperity were heartily set forth. Bro. A. Aubenal is succeeded by Bro. A. Oddenino, of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.

The Lord Mayor's Show this year was favoured with fairer weather than on the last occasion. The pageant, although not so varied as in many former years, was fairly good. The Fire Brigade was especially strong, and included contingents from several country towns. The smart sailor boys of the Warspite and the life boat with its crew of Deal boatmen were both a source of great attraction, but it was to the military and their bands that it owed its principal brightness and interest. The City Companies were well represented with their respective banners and Arms; Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Gou and Silver Wyre Drawers Company, the Shipwrights, Loiners, Grocers, and Stationers occupied carriages, and a novelty in the shape of a full-sized copy of Caxton's printing press was contributed by the Stationers, and a group in character representing a tableau of the master printer showing a proof of his printing to Edward the IV. and his Queen. Another novelty was a model of the Tower Bridge. The new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Tyler, was enthusiastically welcomed throughout the entire route, especially in his own Ward of Queenhithe.