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CONSECRATION OF ABBEY LODGE, No. 2529, AT WHALLEY.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., a new lodge was consecrated at the Assembly Rooms, which is to bear the appropriate name as shown above. The founders are—Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; W. Forrest, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M. designate; R. Thompson, S.W. designate; T. Longworth, J.W. designate; Wm. Bear, jun.; A. Longworth, Louis G. Mitchell, Jonathan Nowell Withers, John R. Thompson, T. H. Thompson, A. Miall Hanson, A. Birtwistle, John Hargreaves, and the Rev. John Alf. Latham.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., P.G. Master Surrey; Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G. Master East Lancs.; Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. W. Yorks.; Ed. Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Martin, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. S. Doxey, P.G. Chap.; Arthur Bourne, P.S.G.D.; Thomas Pike, P.G.S.B.; E. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; T. Garnoll, P.P.G.W.; Franklin Thomas, P.P.G.W.; Col. H. J. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Goldthorpe, P.G. Reg.; Major John Booth, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Cliffe, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Calvert, P.P.G.D.; F. Hilton, P.P.G.D.C.; William Harris, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., Prov. G. Org. W. Lancs.; R. Wrigley, Prov. G. Org.; J. H. Collinge, P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Holt, P.P.G.D.; R. Ashworth, Prov. G. Purst.; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.P.D.G. Reg.; J. Fisher, Prov. G.D.; James Sutcliffe, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Woods, P.G.S. of W.; J. Greenhalgh, P.G.S.B.; and J. E. Williams, P.G.D.C.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were admirably performed by Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, assisted by Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke Royds, P.P.G.W., as S.W., and Edmund Ashworth, as J.W.

The Consecrating Officer opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, when by virtue of the powers invested in him closed it to the Second. Bro. William Forrest, P.M. 37, 221, P.P.S.G.D., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. John Cliffe, P.M., P.G.D.C., and in a most impressive manner installed him into the chair. Bro. Forrest immediately proceeded to invest Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G. Master East Lancs., as the acting I.P.M. It was an unique position for the W.M. to invest the Prov. Grand Master of his own province, but Bro. Forrest was equal to the occasion, and, in very appropriate and choice remarks, gracefully performed the honour.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, 32, Prov. G.M., I.P.M.; W. Forrest, 37, 221, P.P.G.D., W.M.; R. Thompson, 345, S.W.; T. Longworth, 269, J.W.; A. Longworth, 269, Treas.; J. N. Withers, 1504, Sec.; Rev. J. A. Latham, 1504, Chap.; Louis G. Mitchell, 369, S.D.; J. R. Thompson, 1504, J.D.; Wm. Bear, jun., W.M. 1504, D.C.; T. H. Thompson, 1504, I.G.; A. M. Hanson, 1504, Org.; Alfred Birtwistle, 1504, Stwd.; and J. Hargreaves, 1504, Tyler.

At the close of the installation a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., &c., alluding to the splendid working of the ceremonies by him; and the thanks of the brethren were unanimously awarded to him.

Bro. Col. MONEY gracefully acknowledged the compliment.

At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The toast of the W.M. had been omitted, but the searching eye of Bro. Col. Starkie, the P.G.M., quickly discovered this, and made a special toast, speaking in the most eloquent and brilliant terms of commendation, and deservingly so, of the high character of Bro. Forrest.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in response, said he had gone into the chair with a full sense of his responsibility, and felt proud of the honoured position in which he was placed. He felt sure the perfect unanimity that had been evinced by the founders in the initiatory stages of the establishment of the lodge was an augury of its success, and the good Masonic feeling that would prevail amongst them. He would use every means in his power for the success of the lodge, and hoped for its prosperity.

The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Robert Wrigley, Prov. G. Org., assisted by Bros. J. W. Kershaw, Cuthbert-Beacon, W. M. Dumville, P.M.; and A. S. Kinnell.

A portion of the furniture had been made from oak taken from the interior of the old Whalley Vicarage. The rest of the furniture and regalia were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Lincoln, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., presided, and was supported by an excellent and representative attendance of companions from all parts of the province. In his address the Grand Superintendent regretted that from unavoidable causes he had been prevented attending the whole of the chapters recently placed under his superintendence. The most important event of the year was the shortening of the qualifying period between the Master Mason's Degree and the Royal Arch Degree from a year to one month. He, the Grand Superintendent, was not himself in favour of the change. A brother now could become a Master Mason in two or three

months. In that time the Fraternity had too short a period for becoming intimately acquainted with the qualifications of the brother. Many men might be excellent citizens of the world, high principled, conscientious, and worthy; at the same time they might have defects of temper or temperament which rendered them, what, for a want of a better word, he would call not clubbable men, and which caused them afterwards to be a cause of weakness and not of strength to the Order. He, the Grand Superintendent, considered that the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be rather served by a reduction in the minimum fee as fixed by Supreme Grand Chapter. The Grand Superintendent then alluded to the many companions who had passed away since their last meeting. The one consolation to the surviving companions being the sure and certain hope that their whilom earthly companions had passed into that wider knowledge and that purer light which even Freemasonry but faintly realised.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following companions:

Comp. J. P. Pullan	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Porter	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Vickers	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Wigelsworth	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. H. Clemow	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" C. H. Bedford	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A. Soj.
" W. H. Wormal	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A. Soj.
" Kirk	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Rayner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Dickinson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Fox	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. G. Pearson	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. H. Gregory, Bac. of Music (Cantab.)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Donner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

An excellent banquet followed at the Saracen's Head Hotel, and which was largely attended.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge met under the banner of the banner of the W. de Irwin Lodge, No. 162, on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Else, P.J.G.D. of England, being in the chair. There were also present:

Bros. F. T. Elworthy, P.G.D. of England; C. W. Rodway, P.J.G.D. of England; W. J. Nosworthy, P.G. Org. of England; A. B. Cater, W. Bidgood, A. Barratt, W. Peach, G. Strawbridge, Rev. Bro. G. E. Gardiner, A. J. Mawer, W. H. Good, F. Blackmore, W. H. Webb, T. H. Chaffin, H. Marsh, J. A. Milborne, A. J. Salter, Tyler; B. H. Watts, S. R. Baskett, R. Leach, H. J. Nyes, F. W. Gaylard, J. L. Bewsey, N. C. Tomkins, John Edwards, J. G. Coggan, Theodore May, F. B. White, Col. Long, W. Roberts, G. M. Wilson, Rev. H. L. Barnwell, J. B. Sincok, C. J. Baldwin, F. E. Pearce, J. P. Capel, F. Box, C. J. Hook, and H. J. Davis.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Bros. Vassar Smith, P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Earl of Radnor, P.G.M. Wilts; and others.

The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Col. Long	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" W. Roberts, P.M. 162	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Albert Barratt, P.M. 119	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. Peach, P.M., R.C.	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" G. Strawbridge, W.M. 191, P.M. 348	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. M. Wilson, W.M. 177	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. H. L. Barnwell, 191	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. W. Rodway, P.G.D. Eng.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. J. Mawer, M.O. 128	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" F. T. Elworthy, P.S.G.D. Eng.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. B. Sincok	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. J. Baldwin	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Hart, W.M. 162	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. H. Webb	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. E. Pearce, W.M. 155	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. P. Capel, 102	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Milborne, P.M. 162	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Nye, S.O. 162	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" F. Box	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" C. J. Hook	...	...	...
" H. Davies, 191	...	...	...

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY called attention to the absence of returns from some lodges, and to the want of addresses of brethren. He also brought to the notice of Prov. Grand Lodge that the Bishop elect of Bath and Wells was a zealous Freemason.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER produced the accounts, showing a balance in hand of £85 16s. 4d.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Bro. RADWAY, P.G.D. England, seconded by Bro. W. J. NOSWORTHY, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Org. England, that Bro. Else should be nominated to the Grand Master for appointment as Provincial Grand Master.

It was also resolved that 15 guineas should be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The alms were voted to the Yeovil Hospital.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT undertook the office of Steward for the province of the Mark Benevolent Fund, 1895.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, after which a very interesting ceremony took place in the ante-room adjoining the lodge, viz., that of presenting to Miss Greenwood (who has been educated out of the Educational Fund of Grand Mark Lodge at Girton House, Yeovil, Principal, Mrs.

Nosworthy) with a gold bracelet, subscribed to by the members of the W. de Irwin Lodge, No. 162, in recognition of her having passed so many examinations (amongst them being the Senior Cambridge held in December last). Miss Greenwood won the silver medal given by the Grand Mark Lodge at Christmas, also three volumes of books given by Bro. Carrell.

The presentation was made, on behalf of the lodge, by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. ELSE, in a few very appropriate words, the W.M., Bro. HART, reading the list of examinations she had passed.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which was provided by Bro. Box, the proprietor of the hotel, and gave every satisfaction.

THE LODGE OF RESEARCH.

The transactions of the "Lodge of Research," No. 2429, Leicester, for 1893-4 are now published, and are being distributed to members of the "Inner" and "Outer" Circles. The lodge has been formed on similar lines to the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, and may be said to be one of its offshoots and most promising branches.

The current number is the second part issued by the lodge (at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester) as a narrative of its proceedings, but it is also a great deal more than that, its value and importance being equal in some respects to anything of the kind ever published, so that the indefatigable and most courteous Secretary, Bro. John T. Thorp, P.M., may well be congratulated on his great success as editor and compiler of this very welcome, interesting, and most useful annual.

The founders are well known and respected brethren of the province, headed by my old friend, Bro. Samuel S. Partridge, the esteemed Deputy Prov. G.M.; Bros. J. T. Thorp, the first W.M. (now the Secretary); H. Maurice Williams, the second W.M. (and Historian of No. 279); E. Holmes, the third W.M. (P.M. 279 and Prov. G. Sec.); W. H. Staynes, P.M. 2081, the S.W.; Dr. Pratt, the J.W.; F. W. Billson, L.L.B.; and the Rev. H. S. Briggs, B.A. The joining members are zealous members of the Craft. Thirty-three in all is the limit to the membership, save as to the "Correspondence Circle," which at present is in its infancy. These should be numbered by hundreds, the annual fee being only a crown for that special privilege, brethren being eligible whether belonging to the compact and ably managed Province of Leicester or elsewhere, and receive all the circulars and publications the same as the actual members.

The following excerpt from the report to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland, signed by the Chairman (the D.P.G.M.), refers in a most appreciative manner to the moving spirit of their lodge and the objects aimed at by the brethren.

The special object of the founders, most prominent among whom is W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W., is specially to encourage a spirit of enquiry as to the origin of Masonic usages and symbols, and to stimulate the brethren to a more perfect rendering of the ritual and ceremonies.

A very complete history of the transactions of the lodge during the year, including a reprint of the principal papers read, has been issued and circulated; and there can be no doubt that the very laudable object which the founders have in view is being successfully achieved.

Particulars are afforded of the 5th to the 10th meetings, inclusive; the first concerns the installation, which was followed by a conversazione and an exhibition of many of the valuable books and curios in the Library.

The 6th is noteworthy for a paper read by Bro. Thorp, on "The Evidences of Freemasonry on the Plays of Shakespeare," the author maintaining that "far stronger evidence will be required before Masons are justified in enrolling Shakespeare as a member of the Fraternity." The 7th assembly was favoured with an essay on "Masonic Music" by Dr. Barrow, mainly respecting the Masonic Opera, two Cantatas, and a Funeral March by Brother Mozart. The 8th was held at a holiday time, but the 9th fully made up for the interregnum, as Bro. George W. Speth, the Secretary of the Q. C. Lodge, then read his paper on "The Folklore of Masonry in connection with the Master Mason." This remarkable work (now printed by the author, separately, for 2s. per copy), sets at defiance all condensation, though Bro. Thorp's brief notice is admirably done, considering. At its conclusion, the Secretary exhibited and described a large collection of Masonic certificates, these exhibitions being a most useful and gratifying feature of the meetings of the lodge.

The 10th of the series was one to be remembered by those privileged to attend, as the then W.M., Bro. W. Maurice Williams, P.M., read a valuable and instructive paper on "Masonic Statutes," which I am glad to state will be printed with the next Transactions.

The frontispiece to the present part consists of an excellent portrait of Lord Rancliffe, the second Prov. G.M. of the province, the other illustration being a charming reproduction of an extraordinary certificate domiciled in the Library, being a warrant or patent issued at Edinburgh (?) to a Brother Candy, under the authority, so it is stated, of Charles Edward Stuart, the "Pretender," dated 1775. Bro. Thorp has earned the thanks of all students, not only because he has given an excellent transcript of the document (mostly in French), but also a capital English translation, rendered difficult by reason of the singular caligraphy at times, and the age of the patent. The seals are very fine indeed, and the treasure is one in which the brethren in Leicester should take especial pride.

Additions to the library are duly noted in alphabetical order, and then comes the great and valuable feature of this part, viz., a catalogue of all the Certificates in the Freemasons' Library and Museum, Leicester, arranged in chronological order, in classes, and affording full information as to the lodges, chapters, towns, dates of issue and the individuals to whom granted, names of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, &c. I am simply surprised to see that there is such a collection at Leicester, particularly so many English and French, and I believe it is one of the most valuable and interesting a series to be found anywhere. Their number and importance are truly wonderful, and Bro. Thorp's able arrangement is a great boon for us Masonic students, as we know now all the chief points as to their character and peculiarities.

I am very sorry to say there are only a few of these Transactions for sale, not 50, I fear. Copies may be had just now for fifteen-pence post free. Personally I would not spare mine for more than as many shillings. Many thanks to Bro. Thorp for his great labours.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have read the excellent and appreciative communication by Bro. G. W. Bain, in the *Freemason* for September 30th, on "Masonic Museums and Libraries," and warmly endorse all my friend says as to the merits of the Transactions of Nos. 2076 and 2429, as well as the Report of the West Yorkshire Masonic Library.

W. J. HUGHAN.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

We are sometimes led to ask what is the use of Masonry? Wherein does it do any good? Is not the time spent in lodge meetings just so many hours wasted? Is not the money spent to maintain the Institution thrown away? Wherein is any man profited by being a Mason? And in trying to answer these queries we fall back upon the condition of all earthly organisations, and find the same may be asked of any and all of them. Even the church itself does not present to the world that strong, bold, and invincible opposition to wrong, and stand up for right that it should.

Everything good in this world is glossed over with evil, and the purest and best are only seen through a glass darkly. The line of demarkation between good and evil is so faintly drawn that it is difficult to discover on which side you are. Right is right and wrong is wrong, and no amount of white-washing or varnishing can make wrong right. We are apt to make excuses for the wrong-doers, and plead the circumstantial environments as palliating an offence. In these times a man that calls a spade a spade is considered a crank, but it is a spade all the same.

Masonry is a noble science of morality, and Masonry is pure. It is worthy of the careful attention of every man, and ought to create in the heart of every student a reverence for Deity, a love for his fellow-man and a devotion to right dealing. The time spent in the study of Masonic truth is not wasted if that truth is permitted to do its perfect work. The money spent in maintaining Masonic lodges is not wasted if those who become members are made better by the lessons they are taught. But we plead the weakness of human nature, and do not require those who wear the emblem of innocence to keep it spotless.

The lodges of Masonry the world over fail to fulfil their mission, and all because of the "weakness of human nature." Of course, we cannot change our humanity. Its weakness is an inheritance, and we must do the best we can. But our lodges can help, if they will, to make humanity stronger, by requiring those who are admitted to live up to the teachings of the Fraternity. The "broad mantle of Masonic Charity" is beautiful in sentiment, but it is not always Charity to permit a member to violate with impunity the tenets of our profession. If "brotherly love" is such a virtue, why not require that it is practised? If "relief" is a duty incumbent upon all men, why not require that it is exercised? If "truth" is a "divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue," why permit it to be disregarded with impunity?

What is needed in Masonry to-day is a practice of its teachings, and not continual excuses for infraction of its principles. True men, who will regard their obligations as binding, who will not try to hide behind the great black tower of human weakness. Noble men who, when they strike hands with a friend or a brother, will stand by him in adversity as well as in prosperity. Men who will be fearless in the advocacy of right principles.

It is un-Masonic to try to take advantage of a brother, and "trick" him into any action that could be construed against him, should the "scheme" not work. It is un-Masonic to profess great friendship for a brother before his face, and stab him in the back. It is un-Masonic to regard a brother who may differ with you on any question of policy as an enemy, and to try to injure him in his business or reputation. It is un-Masonic to look upon those who vote on "the other side" from you as rascals. It is un-Masonic to act upon your judgment as the only rule and gauge of right, and to regard the opinion of every other brother as unworthy of any consideration. Masonry teaches a brotherhood, not an autocratic Czarship. Every brother in the Fraternity is entitled to respect and to consideration, and a haughty, Czar-like spirit marks the possessor of it as unworthy to be taken by the hand as brother.—*New York Dispatch.*

MAKING MASONS AT SIGHT.

The prerogative of a Grand Master to make a Mason at sight is still claimed and sometimes exercised by Grand Masters in Pennsylvania. It was done twice last year by Grand Master Arnold, in order, as he says, that the prerogative "might not be said to have become obsolete by non-user." In one instance it was done in an open lodge which the Grand Master visited, and in the other instance he called a special meeting of the Grand Lodge solely for that purpose, at which there were present some 20 officers, six Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 33 lodges. Two Past Grand Masters from New Jersey and one from New York were present as visitors. The printed record of proceedings is as follows:

"Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 4 o'clock 23 minutes P.M.

"An Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge was opened, when Charles Emory Smith was introduced and received the first degree in Masonry.

"The Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge closed, and a Fellow-Craft Mason's Lodge opened, when Charles Emory Smith was again introduced and passed to the degree of a Fellow-Craft Mason.

"The Fellow-Craft Lodge closed, when Charles Emory Smith was introduced the third time and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Right Worshipful Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge in reference to the prerogative of a Grand Master to make a Mason by virtue of his presence, Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 6 o'clock 50 minutes P.M."

Thus in two hours and 27 minutes, the Grand Lodge was opened and closed on Three Degrees, a candidate railroaded through the Three Degrees, and the Grand Master made an address. The only excuse offered for these unusual proceedings is, that the prerogative of making a Mason at sight "might not be said to have become obsolete by non-user."

Turning to the Ahiman Rezon, which is the fundamental law of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we find the following:

"SECTION 42. A candidate shall not receive more than one degree on the same day, nor a subsequent degree at a less interval than one Masonic month from his reception of a former degree, without dispensation from the Grand Master; but it is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft, either by examination in the Lodge or by the report of a committee of examination, before he be advanced."

If it be good for the welfare of Masonry to enforce such restrictions on the lodges wh. should the Grand Master be permitted to set them aside at his own will and pleasure, simply to show how much bigger he is than the Grand Lodge? It is an absurd piece of folly, like many other idiosyncracies of Pennsylvania Masonry. It is on a par with the ridiculous idea that the loss of a toe-nail debars the best man in the Keystone State from becoming a Mason. It is a queer idea that because a Mason happens to get in the line of promotion, and thus in time becomes a Grand Master, that he is then in no way amenable to the authority that placed him in that position. Such is the Pennsylvania theory, and, as in many other cases, it is Pennsylvania against the world.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. W. Truman, W.M.; H. Dukas, S.W.; H. C. Parker, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Hill, P.M., S.D.; Thos. Smale, P.M., J.D.; Martin Gooneratinc, I.G.; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; G. A. Sturgess, L. Gunzel, G. Cizzio, A. Narten, T. A. Tidy, A. Terry, and S. C. Cross. Visitor: Bro. J. H. Truman, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tidy being candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Paul, Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Hill, P.M. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and after the first rising, the dues were collected. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Dukas, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. At the third rising, a vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. W. Truman for the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in the lodge. The Secretary then took the names of brethren willing to take part in the 15 Sections on October 24th, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, S.E., on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. A. W. Le Cren, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Barr, J.W.; F. Hilton, A.G.P., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Plant, S.D.; Cornford, J.D.; Porter, I.G.; S. Hilton, Derham, Palmer, Weller, Dixon, Cartwright, Rice, Morris, T. H. Salmon, Fisher, Moore, and Hawkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Hilton being the candidate. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for Monday next. Bro. Derham rehearsed the installation ceremony, installing Bro. Turner, who invested his officers. Bro. Derham gave the addresses very ably, for which he received the hearty vote of thanks of the lodge. Bros. Morris, 1050, and Weller, P.M. 1967, were elected joining members. The Fifteen Sections will be rehearsed on Monday, the 15th inst, at the above address, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. F. Hilton, A.G.P., commencing at seven sharp.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; G. T. Peall, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Durcan, P.M., Secs.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; Milton Smith, J.D.; C. Isler, I.G.; V. J. R. Longman, A. Oliver, P.M.; R. Loomes, J. Amand, J. H. Whadcoat, P. H. Holmden Robertson, and J. H. Kimbell, jun.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and Bro. Rapley then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Whadcoat, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The accounts of the lodge having been audited, were passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Secretaries for their services during the past year. The Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretaries were once more re-elected for the ensuing year. A cordial vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. W. Rapley for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed. The date for the lodge supper has been fixed for the 30th inst.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1510).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. J. O'Dea, W.M.; Bullpitt, S.W.; Atkin, J.W.; Roots, Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; Morley, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; W. Malham, I.G.; Wright, P.M.; O'Brien, Chapman, and Kite.

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. O'Brien being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Atkin having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Atkin being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the usual times, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present: Comps. R. J. Voisey, Treas., M.E.Z.; Mc.I. North, H.; T. Grumant, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Salmon, P.S.; Benedetti, Towers, Cope, Ellinger, Lightfoot, Barr, and Nightingale.

The chapter was declared open and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barr personating the candidate. Comp. John Ellinger, 879, was elected a joining member. Comp. C. H. Stone, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

The Craft Abroad.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A special communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, took place in the New Masonic Hall, Castle-reagh-street, on the 29th July, when the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Robert Duff, was installed for the second time, and the Grand Lodge Officers for the year were duly invested. The hall was elaborately draped and furnished for the occasion, and some 300 brethren either took part in or witnessed the ceremony. Bro. M. E. S. Whysall was the Grand Director of Cere-

monies; Bro. J. P. S. Wilson, Grand Director of Music, conducted a strong choir; and Bro. A. Gehde, Grand Organist, presided at the instrument.

The appearance of the Grand Master was announced by a Herald on a trumpet, and acknowledged with Grand Lodge honours. He was conducted to the throne in due form, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers, who occupied seats on his right and left.

The Grand Master proceeded to open Grand Lodge, and asked the Grand Secretary, Bro. Arthur H. Bray, to read that portion of the minutes relating to the election of Grand Lodge Officers. This being concluded, the Herald sounded his trumpet, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, standing in front of the altar, proclaimed the Grand Master for the first time. Then followed an anthem by the choir, and the proclamations by the S.G.W. in the west and J.G.W. in the south.

The GRAND MASTER then delivered the following address: Worshipful Brethren and Brethren, I desire, very sincerely, to return you my heartfelt thanks for your renewed confidence in electing me for the second time as your Grand Master. When you elected me last year you did so, I feel sure, on account of the position I occupied in the colony, and I assure you it is a matter of great gratification to me now, after occupying the chair of Grand Lodge for 12 months, to be again elected to fill that high position in the Craft. I am quite alive to the fact that my official duties prevent me devoting so much of my time as I should like to the interests of the Craft; but it has been my desire, as far as practicable, to visit the lodges, and I have had great pleasure in doing so on several occasions, both here and in the country districts, and I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the country districts which I have visited for the very fraternal welcome extended to me on all occasions. When visiting the sister colony of Queensland this month I received an address from the brethren of Brisbane, cordially welcoming me to their city as your Grand Master. It is very pleasing for me to be able to report that, notwithstanding the wave of depression which has been passing over our colony since my arrival amongst you, Freemasonry has, nevertheless, progressed; and, although some of the lodges are not so numerically strong as they were a year ago, yet, by the exercise of a little internal economy, they are all in a sound, healthy condition, and the balance sheet of the Grand Lodge shows an increase of over £500 on the year's transactions. Five new lodges have been opened during the year at Balranald, Dungog, Germantown, Bingera, and Drummoyn, and this clearly shows the progress we have made, and I think it is a matter for much congratulation that during a season of great depression our Craft has not only weathered the storm, but has made considerable headway. I have to thank the Grand Lodge Officers, one and all, especially the Grand Secretary, for the assistance they have rendered me during the year, and I much regret that we have lost the services of Bro. the Hon. Dr. Harman J. Tarrant, who has left the country. I have not yet appointed his successor, but I have every reason to believe that the whole Craft in New South Wales will be pleased with my appointment when I can make known the name of the highly accomplished and distinguished brother whom I hope to appoint as Pro Grand Master.

The Deputy G.M., Bro. Thomas E. Spencer, was then presented to the Grand Master, obligated, and invested. The Grand Officers for 1895 were also presented.

The GRAND MASTER announced that the Masonic Charity Ball, which is to take the place of the annual festival, would be held on the 31st July.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2517.

This lodge, which has been working at Lomas de Zamora, near Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, for some months, under a provisional warrant, having received its warrant of Constitution from the M.W.G.M., was duly consecrated on the 2nd of August, 1894, by Bro. Charles Trevor Mold, P.D.S.G.W., and D.G. Sec., in representation of the D.G.M., Bro. George John Ryan, who was, owing to illness, unable to perform the ceremony himself. Bro. Mold was assisted by Bros. W. J. Hodge, P.D.B.G.P., as Deputy; W. J. Corrales, P.D.J.G.D., as D.S.G.W.; H. S. Chappell, D.J.G.W.; Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, D.G. Chap.; R. Mold, D.A.G. Sec., as D.G. Sec.; E. J. Klix, D.S.G.D.; G. Nelson, D.J.G.D.; J. C. Clarke, D.G.D.C.; T. O'Donoghue, as D.G. Org.; A. R. Leighton, P.M. 1025, as D.G. Std Br.; R. Marshall, D.G.P.; H. Morgan and A. E. Rugeroni, D.G. Stwds. The visitors were Bros. J. J. Smith, W.M. 617; T. T. Deacon, W.M. 1025; C. W. Alexander, W.M. 2459; with many brethren from their respective lodges, besides brethren from the Lodge Victoria, 2329, and commissions from many lodges working under the Argentine Orient, in all, upwards of 150 brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the CONSECrating OFFICER addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting, and then delivered a short address on the universality of Freemasonry, which enables a brother to travel throughout the civilised world, and everywhere find himself amongst friends, while at the same time it allowed men of different languages, religions, and nationalities, to know and appreciate each other. Nowhere was this better exemplified than in the cosmopolitan community around them.

After the D.G. CHAPLAIN had offered up prayer, the

ceremony was impressively carried out, and the new lodge solemnly consecrated and constituted.

The Consecrating Officer then installed Bro. F. Coulton de Meuron, P.M. 617, as W.M., and invested the following officers: C. Alexander, S.W.; R. Gould, J.W.; T. H. Hurley, Treas.; C. E. Burrow, Sec.; P. W. Cook, S.D.; F. Bradbury, J.D.; H. H. Loveday, D.C.; J. H. Pollard, I.G.; H. E. Gwyter and H. Bennett, Stwds.; and S. Gianjanti, Tyler. Bros. Rev. A. T. B. Pinchard, Chap. elect, was unavoidably absent.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked Bro. C. T. Mold and the officers who had assisted in the ceremony, and trusted that the new lodge would go ahead and prosper like the other lodges in the district.

Three candidates were proposed, and the lodge closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, but owing to the lateness of the hour there was no time for the customary toasts.

BISHOP KENNION AND THE FREEMASONS

A GRACEFUL FAREWELL.

One of the first farewell addresses received by Bishop Kennion upon his approaching departure to England was that presented to him on Monday evening, August 20th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, by the brethren of St. Alban Lodge, No. 38 (S.A.C.), through which lodge the Bishop was initiated into the Order some time ago. About 60 brethren attended the special meeting on that day, the number including visitors from sister lodges. The lodge was in mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. the Rev. B. C. Stephenson, who was Chaplain to Bishop Kennion.

The W.M., Bro. A. B. MONCRIEFF, said the death of Bro. Stephenson was a loss to the Masonic Craft in general, and to St. Alban Lodge in particular. Their late brother was a good man, an ornament to the Church, and by his calm and serene life showed that he was devoted to the principles of Freemasonry.

The Dead March in "Saul" was played by the Organist, and the choir rendered "Thou wilt keep his soul in perfect peace" most effectively.

At the request of the W.M., the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. J. EDWIN THOMAS, then read the following address, which was engrossed on parchment and enclosed in a Morocco case:

"Right Reverend and Dear Brother—Your translation to the historic See of Bath and Wells affords an opportunity to the brethren of Lodge St. Alban to offer you their congratulations upon your preferment. Desiring to avail themselves of such opportunity they have deputed us, in their name and on their behalf, to tender you their hearty good wishes on this mark of favour bestowed upon you by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. Whilst deeply regretting the loss which the lodge will sustain by your departure, your brethren will ever retain most pleasurable recollections of your association with them in the Ancient Fraternity of Freemasons. They desire the acceptance by you of this expression of their great esteem for you and their best wishes for your future happiness.—We are, Right Reverend and Dear Brother, yours very fraternally, A. B. MONCRIEFF, Master; F. H. SNOW, Senior Warden; E. B. GRUNDY, Junior Warden."

Bro. A. G. PENDLETON, I.P.M., said that for two years Bro. Dr. Kennion filled the position of Chaplain of the lodge, and it was a source of intense pleasure to have him with them. Their brother was only prevented from attending lodge oftener by the assiduous, earnest, and zealous attention which he was called upon to give to his more important duties throughout the diocese.

Bros. F. H. SNOW, E. B. GRUNDY, M. SALOM, Dr. BARLOW, P.M., and J. EDWIN THOMAS, P.M., spoke in appreciative terms of their association with the Bishop, and in high praise of his life and work during his occupancy of the See of Adelaide.

The address was conveyed to Bro. Kennion by Bro. R. Kyffin Thomas, the S.D.

The BISHOP, in reply, said he was very much touched by the words which had been spoken concerning his late Chaplain. The address he would greatly prize to the end of his life as a token of the true fraternal feelings of his brethren in Lodge St. Alban. He did not recognise in himself all the virtues which they had been good enough to say he possessed, but he could at least claim to have striven to do his duty. Speaking of the architecture in England, rich in antiquity and including monuments of the Masonic Craft, he said he was very much interested in reading the other day that Bishop Joceline, of the See of Bath and Wells in 1229, who did most towards the erection of the west front of the Wells Cathedral, had associated with himself in the erection of that part of the building certain Masons, whose names had been handed down to this day, and the work of the Craft there was never to be forgotten. It was also interesting to learn that in some ancient charter given by that Bishop of some ground for the purpose of education, the land which he procured was obtained from the very Masons who were associated with him in the building of that magnificent front of Wells Cathedral. He had, indeed, learnt that brotherly sympathy was to be found in Australia, and the marked and kindly sympathy which his brethren had left upon him would never fade. In that lodge he had not only found new brothers, but made strong and permanent friends. With that recollection he went away encouraged to his work in England. Their kindness there helped him to look for kindness elsewhere.

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To Correspondents.

A P.M. OF WEST LANCAHIRE.—We are not sure that
the publication in a paper so widely circulated as the *Freemason*
of statistics, which concern only the province, and
which should be dealt with in Provincial Grand Lodge, is
for the general good of the Order. Your communication,
however, is under consideration, but we prefer to let it
stand over for the moment.—[ED. FM.]



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

Next week will be a busy one at Freemasons' Tavern.
The Quarterly General Courts of the Governors and
Subscribers of our two Schools will be held there on
Thursday and Friday, respectively. At these Courts
the autumn elections of candidates take place, and there-
fore, we may expect the usual large attendance of the
friends and supporters of the several applicants.

We have already, in a former issue, drawn attention
to all the most prominent features in connection with
the lists of candidates. We need not, therefore, say
more on this occasion than that the election of children
into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is fixed for
Thursday, the 11th instant. The girls on the list are
42 in number, of whom 18 remain over from the
April and previous elections, while the vacancies
are 20—or if the recommendation of the General
Committee is adopted, 21. For the election into
the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which
takes place on Friday, the 12th instant, there are
44 candidates, of whom 12 have taken part in
one or more ballots, while the vacancies are 17.
Thus the girls, being slightly fewer in number, and
having more vacancies to compete for, have somewhat
better chances of success than the boys.

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There is, however, one point in connection with both
the elections, which we earnestly desire to impress
upon our readers. One girl—standing at No. 22 in
the list—and six boys, placed at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, 15, and
38 respectively, will have their names removed from
the lists if they fail to win places next week. We
have again and again pointed out, that with the lists
restricted as they are, and have been for many succes-
sive elections, there is no reason why every child,
whose claims to admission have been approved, should
not be elected. But these seven will have allowed
them no further chance of competing if they fail this
time, and, therefore, we appeal most urgently on their
behalf for the influence and support of those who are
not as yet committed to voting for any particular
candidate or candidates.

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Bro. Lord Llangatlock, of whose installation as Prov.
G. Master of the Prov. G. Lodge of South Wales
(E.D.), in succession to the late Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot,
Bart., we published a full account last week, will start
on his career under very favourable auspices. His
Province is a compact one, consisting of 19 well-
organised lodges, which, on all occasions, are eager to
exhibit their loyalty and devotion to the interests of
Freemasonry. Moreover, he has enlisted the support
of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, P.A.G.D. of C., who, as
Dep. P.G.M. under the late chief, won golden opinions
from the brethren generally, and who has been re-
appointed to office. His lordship, too, is personally
popular with the Craft, and will be sure to exert all
his well-known influence in order to maintain the
prosperity which the Province enjoyed under his late
lamented predecessor. We need hardly be at the
pains of adding that the Eastern Division of New
South Wales and its newly-installed chief have our
heartiest good wishes.

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We have been favoured by the author, Bro. Conder,
jun., with a copy of the "Hole Craft and Fellowship
of Masonrie," which is published this week. Our readers
will have been prepared, by references to this work which
have appeared from time to time in these pages, for a
more than ordinarily interesting contribution to Masonic
literature. A hurried glance through its well printed
pages proves that our anticipations have been more
than realised—a verdict which we hope to deliver with
more authority in our review columns next week.

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The *Indian Masonic Review* for August contains the
concluding portion of Bro. the Rev. C. H. Malden's
interesting "History of Freemasonry on the Coromandel
Coast," and also an account of the Quarterly Communi-
cation of the District Grand Lodge of Burma, on the
25th June last. From the latter we gather that the
District Grand Master, who was absent through ill-
health, had, before leaving for England, left a patent in
hands of the District Grand Secretary appointing Bro.
James Copley Moyle as his Deputy District Grand
Master. We also note that Bro. B. Samuel, Past Dep.
D.G.M., who presided on that occasion, administered a
sharp rebuke to the late Dep. District Grand Master for
having nominated a brother to preside in his absence in
District Grand Lodge, Bro. Samuel considering the act
as being "out of place and unconstitutional"
it being a well-established rule that it was the pre-
rogative of the Senior District Grand Officer present to
take the chair and preside in the absence of the R.W.
the District Grand Master or his Deputy."

"Masonic Light" is a clandestine publication recently
started in New York. It claims to be the "Official Organ
of the Lodges in North America under the jurisdiction of
the Grand Lodge of Prussia, Kaiser Friedrichzur
Bundestreu, Berlin, F. and A. M." All such lodges in
North America are unlawful and clandestine, and their
official organ is like them. Pass it by.—*Rough Ashlar.*

Correspondence.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN MASONIC CLOTHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is it quite within the knowledge of Grand Officers that many curious things happen when dispensations are granted to wear Masonic clothing at church services, and at balls, &c.

Only recently, at a service on a Sunday afternoon in a locality within easy distance of town, some of the brethren paraded the church in the clothing of the principal officers of the chapter.

In the parish magazine, in which special mention was made of the approaching service in this church, it was announced that Bro. Blank would appear as the "Arch-Priest Zerubbabel," another as "The Great Haggai," and a third as "Joshua," the editor betraying the most complete ignorance of Masonry. This journal going into the hands of many people supremely ignorant of Masonry, has proved a source of annoyance to many brethren in the neighbourhood, who have been saluted by references to the names given above.

Is it not time that this nonsense shall cease, and if the brethren wish to attend church to do so without all the paraphernalia of jewels and clothing? The number of old Stewards' jewels trotted out on the occasion mentioned was a sight to behold.—Yours obediently,

A SIMPLE MASON.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were: Bros. Trott, W.M.; White, S.W.; Godfrey, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Swan, S.D.; Moss, I.G.; O. Sharpley, Org.; J. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; and E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., hon member. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. J. Smith was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. White was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Hakim re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Trott. The Audit Committee was elected and date of audit fixed for the 9th inst. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. Wetzlar, P.M.; J. Welsh, P.M.; Gluckstein, J.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Burdett Coutts Lodge (No. 1278).—The 26th installation meeting was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. There was a capital attendance of brethren and a large gathering of visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Toye, supported by his officers. The confirmation of the minutes and the audit report having been taken, the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with. Bro. J. Joseph Hall, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. in the presence of a Board of 24 Installed Masters, the ceremony being performed by the outgoing Master in splendid style. The W.M. afterwards, in an effective and impressive manner, invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Toye, I.P.M.; G. F. Gildersleve, S.W.; H. Grant, J.W.; W. J. Crutch, Treas.; G. W. Verry, Sec.; F. Toye, S.D.; J. Islip, J.D.; T. Lloyd, I.G.; H. Bond and C. Leyroy, Stwds.; and J. Legge, Tyler. A feature of the investiture was that of Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M., as Secretary for the 25th consecutive time. Bro. W. H. Toye delivered the three addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great ability and effectiveness.

All business being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a manner which gave universal satisfaction.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to.

Bro. W. H. Toye, I.P.M., was well received on being presented with a Past Master's jewel, and, in reply, stated that his interest in the lodge remained unabated, and his greatest wish was to see the lodge still prosper as it had hitherto done. He felt sure that the officers would support the W.M., as he himself intended to do, and should any of the officers or brethren present require any instruction in the work of their various offices, he, as one of the Past Masters, would only be too pleased to offer them his services.

Bros. Bromhead, P.M., and Oxley, P.M., responded for "The Visitors."

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent rendering of a number of songs, duets, glees, and recitations by the Misses Hamilton and Rolfe, Bros. Making, P.M.; Weston, P.M.; Taylor, and others; and the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins, Org.

Clapton Lodge (No. 1365).—The installation meeting of this distinguished City lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 20th ult., at which there was a good muster of the brethren to do honour to the installation of Bro. R. E. Fairclough, an esteemed member. There were present: Bros. D. Campbell, W.M.; W. Forty, I.P.M.; R. E. Fairclough, S.W.; E. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex, Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; J. Geddes, S.D.; A. H. Church, J.D.; F. C. Lintott, I.G.; T. T.

Gething, D.C.; R. Devereux and W. Shurmur, P.G.T.; Essex, Stewards; W. Finch, P.M.; W. Lutwyche, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; J. S. Badkin, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; Dr. J. N. Brelin, F. J. Thayer, F. C. Minter, S. Hartogs, J. Whitehead, Henry C. Muckley, F. Orfeur, J. Vincent, H. Green, W. D. Seaton, J. Parfitt, T. W. Vaughan, P. Becker, J. Dolman, W. H. Fletcher, H. C. Amendt, E. Schilling, R. C. Flint, C. R. Campbell, and J. Verry, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Horst, 1471; Edgar S. Waterlow, D.C. 29; J. Miller, W.M. 1491; S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; F. L. Otter, 657; J. H. Watts, 317; W. H. Lee, P.M., W.M. elect 1897; Dr. W. Jordan, W.M. 2424; W. A. Finch, 2256; S. Pocock, 1818; H. Trotter, 1920; R. Loomes, W.M. 1471; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; S. Willoughby, 1890, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; E. Wickenden, J.W. 1599; H. F. Bromhead, 2501; E. Fairclough, J.W. 2155; C. H. Badmor, Sec. 2155; W. Gladding, 1816; W. T. Christian, P.P.G.S. of Works Essex; F. Campbell, 1987; E. Montague Edwards, 2077; W. B. Elliot, 175; J. Pearce; P. E. Campbell, P.M. 1670; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read, Bro. J. Dolman, 2374, was unanimously elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was received, and Bro. R. E. Fairclough, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M., Bro. D. Campbell. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing 12 months, viz.: Bros. J. D. Geddes, S.W.; A. H. Church, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Lintott, S.D.; W. Banks, J.D.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; R. Devereux, Org.; F. Orfeur, D.C.; H. C. Muckley, and J. Holland, Stwds.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. D. Campbell, who gave the addresses in a manner that made it impossible to have been better rendered, for which he received the hearty congratulations of the brethren. The W.M. then rose and stated that he had a most important and pleasant duty to perform, and, addressing Bro. D. Campbell, he presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that no brother had more worthily earned it, and that it was given as a small token of the great esteem in which he was held by the members, and he earnestly hoped he would be with them for many years to give the lodge his valuable assistance. Bro. D. Campbell, in eloquent terms, tendered his heartfelt thanks for the kind appreciation of his services as W.M.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, for which Bro. H. C. Amendt, the general manager of the Great Eastern Railway Company's hotels, was responsible, and it was well served, under his personal superintendence, and that of his able lieutenant, Bro. P. Becker.

After the repast, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms, but with commendable brevity, which were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., Bro. D. Campbell, on rising to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," had a hearty reception. He said that the gavel was an old friend of his, but it seemed to whisper that it must leave him, and it was so. It was more than a pleasure to him to submit the toast, which would be received with enthusiasm. From what they had seen of the working of Bro. Fairclough, he would be second to none as W.M., and the members were proud of him, and in conclusion, he congratulated him and wished him every happiness during his year of office.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. R. E. Fairclough, on attempting to reply, was enthusiastically received. He remarked that the hardest duty of a W.M. was to respond to the toast which had been so ably given by Bro. D. Campbell. He did not know if he deserved such kind words and the flattering reception he had met with, but he would do his utmost to warrant the manner in which he had been toasted that night, and in concluding a happy speech, he said—

"Thus have I begun my reign and 'tis
My hope to end successfully."

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said that Bro. D. Campbell had carried out his duties during his year of office in an excellent manner, his working of the ritual was perfect, and his rendering of the ceremony that evening was more than admirable, and there was no one in the lodge more genial or held in higher esteem.

Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., who was again received with much warmth, stated in reply that if he had merited the approbation of the members for the little he had done during his happy year as W.M. he was satisfied, but if they grumbled he was, using the words of the W.M., "willing to have it all over again."

"The Joining Member" was next given. Bro. Dolman responded, observing that he was honoured by having been accepted in their lodge, and hoped all would be spared for many years to spend similar enjoyable gatherings like the present one.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said that they had a goodly number, many of whom were distinguished, but they were all welcome, and he coupled with it the names of Bros. Lee, Bromhead, Waterlow, Willoughby, Dr. Warwick Jordan, Bunker, and E. Fairclough.

Bro. Lee responded. He said that it was not his first visit, as he was there 20 years ago, but he was sorry to see so few present of those whom he knew so many years ago. It was his good fortune to have had a great experience in Masonry, but never had he seen better working than that of Bro. Campbell, their I.P.M., and the new W.M. had installed his officers in so pleasant and able a manner that the members were to be congratulated in having so efficient a ruler.

Bro. Waterlow also said that he had visited many lodges, but had never met with a heartier reception.

Bros. Bromhead, Willoughby, and Dr. Warwick Jordan also responded, all bearing testimony to the excellent working, the lavish hospitality of the members and for the great reception to the visitors.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. mentioned each by name, and observed that they were both ornamental and useful, and would adorn any lodge.

Bro. Lutwyche, P.M., responded. He said that the I.P.M., Bro. Campbell, could not have done better during his term of office, and the members appreciated his great worth; he also referred to the good work done by the other Past Masters, and if the officers who were coming on would follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters, he ventured to think that the lodge would not go wrong.

Bros. Badkin, Finch, and Forty, also replied in appropriate but eloquent terms.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," remarking that they were both good fellows and no lodge could have two better officers, and the members knew their great worth.

Bro. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., responded. He said that the lodge was most prosperous, and the members were the finest men he knew.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., also replied. He thanked the W.M. for re-appointing him Secretary, and he hoped that in carrying out the duties of that office he had given satisfaction to them all. He was more than proud that his son, who was his first initiate, had been invested as J.W. that evening, and that three others of his initiates had also received collars. He was sorry that in the lodge he omitted to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. E. C. Robinson, the Hon. Secretary of the Outing Committee, and to Bro. H. C. Amendt for their great efforts which made their splendid outing the great success it was. The ladies were already asking when the next outing was to be, which he thought spoke volumes that the ladies had enjoyed themselves very much.

"The Masonic Charities," having been honoured,

The W.M. gave, in happy terms, "The Officers."

Bro. Geddes, S.W., responded, and said he would do his best to keep up the great reputation of the lodge.

Bro. A. H. Church also replied. He should never forget the kind words of the W.M. in investing him as J.W. He and the other officers would do their utmost to assist their genial W.M., and he referred to the great energy displayed by Bro. Muckley that evening as Steward.

Bro. Banks, J.D., also responded.

The Charity box was passed round during the evening and the respectable sum of £2 os. 3d. was the result.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful installation meetings of the Clapton Lodge, and there is no doubt that it will continue to prosper during the reign of the W.M., Bro. R. E. Fairclough, whose portrait will be found in our "Gallery of Worshipful Masters."

An excellent musical entertainment was provided under the able direction of Bro. A. H. Church, in which the following also took part: Bros. Green, Banks, Luker, Fletcher, Stanger, and P. Becker, but special mention may be made of Bros. Green and Stanger.

Henry Muggeridge Lodge (No. 1679).

This well-known lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. J. W. Woodthorpe, W.M.; T. Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; A. Sack, P.M., Treas.; G. Clark, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; J. W. Gomm, J.D.; J. Worthington, Org.; W. Boyce, I.P.M.; S. Stampfer, P.M.; A. Street, P.M.; C. E. Blogg, M. Henry, and J. Rawles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; A. Arrowsmith, W.M. 733; and R. T. West, 1744. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Bro. A. Sack, P.M., proposed that a donation of 10 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, remarking that the three Charities were the best managed in the world, and were a credit to the Craft. This having been unanimously carried, the W.M. announced that he would go up as Steward for the Boys. There was a brother to be passed and another to be raised, but neither were able to attend, and the brethren were disappointed at not seeing the working of the W.M. (who has the reputation of being a good worker), and it would have been his first work of the ritual since his installation.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent dinner and was well served, for which Bro. Evans was responsible.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. Boyce, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M.," observing that Bro. Woodthorpe was well able to do any work required of him, and he would be an honour to and make one of the best Masters the lodge had ever had.

Bro. Woodthorpe, in reply, said that he was gratified he had the appreciation of the members, and he hoped to have plenty of work, which would be done to the best of his ability, and that he would make it his study to promote the welfare of the brethren and keep together that good fellowship which had always existed in the lodge.

"The Visitors" having been honoured, Bro. Arrowsmith responded. He said that their hospitality was grand, but he was disappointed in not seeing any work that night, as he had heard great things were expected of their W.M.

Bro. S. Mote, P.M., also replied. He was glad to see the unanimous way the 10 guineas were voted to the "Boys" that evening, and might he take the opportunity of mentioning that he knew one member in the flesh who was covered in jewels for earnest work done for the Charities. He referred to Bro. W. M. Stiles who was a Vice-President of the three Institutions, and if the office of Grand Treasurer was to be given to one who had been an ardent worker, Bro. Stiles was the man, as it would be impossible to find anyone who had done more than he had for Masonry and the Charities.

The Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," remarking that they had done well for the lodge, to which some excellent speeches were made in reply by Bros. Boyce, I.P.M.; Sack, George Clark, Stampfer, and Street.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master stated that no lodge could have two better officers, and their great services were much appreciated by the members.

Bro. Sack, P.M., Treas., responded. He said happy is the man who holds office under such a W.M. He was pleased to have as a colleague, Bro. Clark, Sec., who had been his great friend since boyhood.

Bro. Clark, P.M., Sec., also replied. He was glad to do anything for the lodge, which had ever been one of concord.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Sibley, S.W. He said that it would be to him a labour of love to do any bidding of the W.M., and when it fell to his happy lot to occupy the chair, he would do his best to harmonise the "Stability" and "Emulation" workings. Suitable replies were also made by Bros. Hall, J.W.; Sowton, Gomm, and Worthington.

The Tyler's toast ended a very enjoyable evening. Bros. Blogg, Sibley, Henry, Clark, Mote, Gomm, Street, Sowton, and Worthington vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).—The ordinary October meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Cuthbert R. Lee, W.M. Among others there were also present: Bros. Frank Wright, I.P.M.; R. R. Porter Keates, S.W.; Robert Davison, J.W.; G. J. Wood, P.M., Treas.; W. Masters, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Sec.; Edward Leonard, S.D.; E. C. R. Oxley, J.D.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Porter, I.G.; H. J. Giller, P.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; T. Bateman Fox, P.M.; and G. Ralliffe, P.M. Visitors: Bros. R. Evens, 1949; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. G. Danby, P.M. 1056; G. Etheridge, 1303; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293; G. Brash Wheeler, I.P.M. 18; George Haynes, I.P.M. 1479; Horace Slade, P.M. 60; G. Harper, P.M. 1612; George Gaffe, P.M. 1479; George Lavington, P.M. 857; E. Mosley, 857; and Col. Bingham, Sheffield, P.G.W. West Yorks.

Bro. Page, jun., was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Anson was raised to the Third Degree. Afterwards Bro. R. Porter Keates, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Henry Evenden, P.M., Tyler. Bros. W. H. Bullock, P.M., and Lockett were elected Auditors, and on the motion of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Cuthbert R. Lee.

The brethren, having closed the lodge, adjourned to supper, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, senior P.M. of the lodge, proposed "The W.M.," for the last time as president at the banquet table. He need not say with how much pleasure he had seen Bro. Lee go through his year of office and perform his various duties so well. It was not necessary to ask the brethren's opinion of the Worshipful Master's performance of his duties. Bro. Lee promised on the night of his election that he would do his best in the interest of the lodge, and on the night of his installation he renewed his promise, and during his year of office the brethren had ample proof of the sincerity of his promises. Bro. Lee was willing and wishful to do his utmost in the interest of the Craft and in the interest of the lodge, and the brethren all knew he had succeeded. It was sometimes a gigantic pleasure to a man when he had worked hard and the brethren thought him worthy to find himself placed in the chair of his lodge; it was also a melancholy pleasure to him to retire in favour of some other brother on whom the brethren conferred their suffrages. Bro. Lee, W.M., would retire with the same encomiums for what he had done as he received the night he was installed. He (Bro. Cumberland) could say as an old and somewhat experienced man that Bro. Lee had surpassed his best expectations; he had applied himself to mastering the various intricacies of the ritual and he set a good example to his officers, and it was their fault if they did not try, if not to surpass, at least to equal what he had done; he had set them a lesson they ought to take to heart. It was the bounden duty of every one of the officers to support him, for there was nothing more melancholy when a W.M. did his work well, for even one officer to fail. Bro. Lee had given them the opportunity of rehearsing so that the ritual might be fairly given during his year and a lesson be given which would please both the younger and the older members. He had done his work well, and at the banquet table he had been most genial, and the lodge would be troubled to find a better man. It was the first time he had performed the Third Degree, but he had done it marvellously well, and it was to be hoped every brother who followed him would do as well.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast said he was glad the brethren were pleased he had grasp of the ritual. He promised them when they elected him that he would do his utmost. Well, that he had really done, and, from what he had heard that evening, he thought he had to some extent succeeded; at any rate he had tried to succeed. If he had pleased the brethren, he had pleased himself. He thanked the officers and other brethren for the assistance which had made his year of office a success.

The next toast was that of "The W.M. elect," in proposing which Bro. Lee said the brethren were all delighted that Bro. Keates was to be their Master for the ensuing year. They had seen what strict attention he had paid to his duties, and they would endeavour to make his year a success.

Bro. Keates, S.W., and W.M. elect, said, in response to the toast, which was most cordially received, that he felt very much indeed, the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. He should do his utmost to carry out his year of office to the satisfaction of the brethren; but he felt the responsibility was very great, and that feeling was not lessened by the knowledge of the excellent men who had gone before him, more especially his immediate predecessor. In what he was going to do, he was sure he would have the assistance of his officers and of the P.M.s. if it was necessary to call upon them.

The toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed by Bro. Hextall, was responded to by Bros. Danby, Kentish, Slade, and others.

Bro. G. J. Wood, and W. F. Smithson, responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," both of them congratulating the W.M. on the great success of his year of office.

Bro. Davison, J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers," who, he said, had done their best, but that they would improve as they went on. With the assistance that had been promised them, they would endeavour to assist the W.M. elect in the same way as they had endeavoured to assist the W.M., and they would always be ready to receive instruction.

Bro. W. Masters, P.M., Secretary, said, having been a member of the lodge from its foundation, he could sincerely congratulate the W.M. on the way the work had been done in the lodge, and on the flourishing condition of the lodge during his year of office. He had very little to do himself with the working, as his work lay outside the ritual. He was afraid that if he was judged by the ritual he would fall short. But he took very great interest in the lodge. In a few days a new lodge would be consecrated in the county of London, which might perhaps be considered by some as an opponent of that lodge. He did not, however, consider it an opponent, and he hoped it would have success. The first Master of that lodge was to be the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, who was an honorary member of the United Northern Counties Lodge, a North-country Mason, and who had honoured that lodge with his presence on more than one occasion. There was plenty of room in London for the new lodge, for another Northern

Counties Lodge, and that lodge wished it success; it would do it no harm. Each lodge would emulate the other in the improvement of Masonry.

Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, P.M., proposed "The Health of Col. Bingham, P.G.W. West Yorks," a well-known man. Mason, and Yorkshireman, and a most deservedly popular Volunteer officer in the West Riding. He was also a Past Master Cutler of Sheffield, which showed the esteem in which he was held in his native town; he was a Past Warden of the province, and it was to be hoped the present would not be his last visit to the United Northern Counties Lodge, which at any time would be pleased to see him.

Bro. Col. Bingham said he did not know whether his visit was due to Bro. Smithson or Bro. Bateman Fox, but he had been very much pleased by being among the brethren for he felt that he was in a really fraternal lodge. He had heard a good deal of London fog, but if the kind and genial faces of the brethren were due to that fog he would be glad if some of the London fog were taken up to the North. He had been very much delighted with the jocular songs of Bro. Schartau, who he should be glad to hear another time. Thank goodness, in the Masonic lodges there were no politics; whatever politics Masons professed, in Masonry they were sans politics, and they all sang "God save the Queen." He wished that some other time he might come to see the brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge, where he was quite sure, though he did not see it himself, the work in the lodge was equal to that at the banquet table.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler, followed by the singing of the refrain "In the Grand Lodge Above, may we all meet again in the Grand Lodge Above," according to the custom of this lodge, closed a delightful evening.

Chough Lodge (No. 2264).—This lodge's installation meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, W.M., presiding. There was a large and influential attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, including Bros. E. T. Edwards, P.M.; Walter B. Marcus, P.M.; George J. Judge, P.M.; Herbert Saxelby, Hon. P.M.; Walter Martin, Hon. P.M.; Charles Mussared, P.M.; and Ebenezer Piggott, I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. H. Driver, P.A.G.D.C.; and Col. William Bristow, P.G.S.B. The W.M. raised Bros. Heath and Hulmans, and after the reception of the Audit Committee's report of the Lodge Fund and the Benevolent Fund, installed Bro. George Scott Miller as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Dewsnap received the collar of I.P.M. The brethren honoured with the collars of office for the W.M.'s year were: Bros. W. C. Smith, S.W.; J. F. Percival, J.W.; Walter B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, I.P.M., Sec.; W. V. Jull, S.D.; H. Saqui, J.D.; J. W. Breeze, I.G.; M. J. Almond, D.C.; J. Turl Lee, Org.; A. Strugnell and Alfred Haynes, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler. After the delivery, by Bro. Dewsnap, of the addresses, the new W.M. initiated Mr. Samuel James de St. Legier.

There was no further business before lodge, and after communications had been announced, the lodge was closed and an excellent banquet partaken of.

The usual toasts followed, and as is customary in this lodge, connected as it is with a musical society, a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Turl Lee, who presided at the pianoforte, by Bros. James A. Brown, Albert James, Miles Mole, Arthur Strugnell, and Fred. Bevan.

Bros. C. H. Driver and Col. W. Bristow responded to the toast which includes the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." Those of the brethren who had seen this lodge from its commencement were best able to judge of the qualities of the W.M., who was one of the lodge's first initiates. They had watched his career ever since, and they found he was a thorough gentleman, a big Mason, and a brother whom they could look upon with unbounded respect. He was one of the gentlemen of this world, and the brethren in electing him as their W.M. had done themselves credit. They would now rally round him and support him to the utmost, and that day twelvemonths he would come out with flying colours, as he deserved.

Bro. G. Scott Miller, in reply, said that, while thanking Bro. Dewsnap for his many kind words, he felt he was not worthy of them. He felt very deeply indeed the heartiness with which the toast had been received. He had never met with anything but kindness in that lodge ever since he joined it. He could only say that in every step he had taken he felt encouraged by the Worshipful Masters and other officers of the lodge, and he had always tried to do his best. So far he had succeeded. In the lodge that evening he heard that it was part of his duty to create harmony, but his voice was not particularly harmonious at times. They had, however, several brethren then present to create harmony in the shape of music. He would, therefore, not inflict his halting speeches upon them. But let them not make his short speech in response hinder any brethren either in singing or in speaking. He next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap," a name which, he knew, would draw forth a round of applause. All the brethren appreciated Bro. Dewsnap's services to the lodge, during the last 12 months especially. They did not estimate them by the work he had just done, but by the work he had performed for several years as Secretary to the lodge. They had found him in the chair just as he was out of it—always ready to help any one; a man more willing to do anything for anybody else he did not know. The lodge had voted him a very handsome jewel, which he (Bro. Scott Miller) now took the opportunity of pinning on his breast, wishing him health, prosperity, and happiness many years to wear it.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, I.P.M., acknowledging the toast, which was most heartily received, said he was puzzled what to say when introducing the toast of "The W.M.," but he felt more difficulty now. However, he thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of his health. He did not put the compliment down to any intrinsic value of his own, but to the fact that whoever had to fill the chair of that lodge must be a person worthy of credit. Many of the brethren he had known a long time, and they had never quarrelled, but had always got on together. They were all of a good amicable nature. He was glad to think he had had such a nice, comfortable year of office. They had given him plenty of work; they had treated him very well. He felt happy to give way to the brother who had taken his position; he had got rid of a responsible job, for it was a very responsible position to be Master of such a lodge. When he took the

office he did so with a great deal of timidity, and he had got through it with a great satisfaction to himself. He believed that if he had not given the brethren satisfaction they would not have recognised, by the granting of a jewel, what he had done. He would the more prize the jewel from the fact that it came from so important a lodge.

The Initiate having responded to the toast of his health, Bro. Gordon, a Prov. Grand Warden of Ireland, from Meath, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," gave some account of what the Irish brethren were doing. In 1892 they raised £20,000 for the Masonic School in Ireland. That enabled them not only to send 20 girls to the School, but to provide for them. At Mullingau, at the inauguration of Lodge No. 123, they raised £17 for the Girls' School after the dinner. Masonry in Ireland was a practical thing. He felt delighted to be at that lodge that evening, to which he came as he was in London, and he should not forget it.

Bro. Edwards, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said that six years ago he had the honour of initiating Bro. Scott Miller, and the brethren had had the pleasure of seeing him unfold from simply a gentleman and a man of honour to a Mason with all the fullness in the world. He could say nothing more to the initiate than to take Bro. Scott Miller as a model in building up his edifice of Masonry. That night the Chough Lodge had passed through one of the phases of its existence. All the Masters up to the present had been founders of the lodge, and they had held all the offices. That night the power of the lodge had passed into a new generation—that of the initiates; it passed from the founders to those who had received the blessings of Masonry from them, and it had passed into worthy hands. When they looked back through six years they could see how sturdy and how suitable had been the growth of the lodge, and they need not fear that the prosperity of the lodge would continue.

Bros. Mussared, P.M., and Piggott, P.M., also responded, the latter saying that the lodge had taken the initiate on his recommendation, but he could assure the brethren that although the lodge had had many worthy men initiated in it they had never had a more worthy initiate than Bro. St. Legier.

The other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast closed a most delightful evening.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge (No. 2432).

—The brethren of this lodge held a very successful meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Ransford, P.M., D.C. 1512, W.M.; G. Emblin, P.M. 147, S.W.; D. Phillips, P.M. 723, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73 and 1540, Treas.; A. F. Scholding, P.M., Steward 1582, Sec.; T. W. Lightfoot, S.D.; W. H. Lowry, W.M. 1839, J.D.; W. F. Bates, P.M., Sec. 1507, I.G.; C. Ransford and F. Rayner, Stewards; H. Evenden, Tyler; J. F. Pink, J. H. Currence, A. Jones, R. Ambler, H. Cosins, O. C. Moore, T. M. Bell, E. Grahnot, H. Mavor, W. C. Lightfoot, A. S. Benjamin, E. T. S. Harrold, and S. Maier. Visitors: Bros. C. Gammon, J.W. 704; D. S. Davis, 141; J. S. Gunner, I.G. 147; W. E. Jones, 206; F. Whicher, 1512; and P. B. Harris, 177.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. S. Maier, 217, was unanimously elected a joining member. Two candidates for initiation were unanimously elected, and Mr. W. C. Lightfoot, being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bros. H. Cosins and E. G. Grahnot were passed. The by-laws having been read by the Secretary, ballots were taken, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. G. Emblin, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months; W. Klingenstein, as Treasurer; and H. Evenden, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. W. Klingenstein, Treasurer, it was unanimously agreed to present a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., and place 10 guineas of the lodge funds upon his list as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Bros. T. W. Lightfoot, W. F. Bates, and A. S. Benjamin having been appointed Auditors, and the Secretary's communications read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Frank Blackley's well-known style, was fully discussed.

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

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. W. Klingenstein said, in the absence of the I.P.M., who would have done it much better, he would submit the toast which he had at heart quite as much as any one of the brethren. All admired the W.M. as a Mason, and the able way he had presided over the lodge during the past year, enabled him to express their best thanks and appreciation, which they intended to perpetuate by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel; so much for Freemasonry; but there was something else; the W.M. and his wife had just celebrated their silver wedding. He had enjoyed 25 years of happy married life, and from his present excellent appearance of health there appeared no reason why he should not celebrate his golden wedding. He hoped he would, but for the present he had to ask the W.M. to accept the hearty congratulations of the brethren, accompanied with a silver tea service, as a token of the sincere good wishes of his Masonic friends.

The W.M. (to whom the presentation was a complete surprise and was much affected) said: Bro. Past Master Klingenstein, Officers, and Brethren,—I do not know how to thank you, it has come upon me as such a surprise. I cannot find words to thank you, it is such a handsome present. I don't know why you have done it. I have always done the best I can for Freemasonry, and always will, especially the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge. Brethren, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

In proposing "The W.M. Elect," Bro. Ransford said he was sure the toast would have a hearty reception. Bro. Emblin had occupied the position before, having been installed in the chair of No. 147 only the day before he himself was installed in No. 1512. He was a good worker, thoroughly perfect in the ritual. He hoped he would have a successful year of office, and be able to leave the lodge in a still more flourishing condition.

Bro. Emblin, in reply, thanked the brethren for the unanimous way they had elected him, and said he should do his best to promote the good of Freemasonry, the interests of the lodge, and the happiness of the brethren. He relied upon his officers to give him the same assistance that they had accorded his predecessor.

"The Visitors," "The Initiates," and "The Officers"

toasts received due attention, some capital songs and recitations being interspersed with the toasts.

The Tyler's toast brought a very interesting and enjoyable evening to a close.

The Audit Committee met at the Inns of Court Hotel on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., and produced a satisfactory balance sheet.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

LEICESTER.

Lodge of Research (No. 2429).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when a very large number of brethren assembled under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Williams, P.M. 279, P.P.G. Reg. The following brethren were present amongst others: Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; R. B. Starkey, P.P.A.G.P.; H. Howe, P.P.G.D.C.; B. A. Smith, P.S.G.W.; T. Colman, P.P.G.R.; S. Knight, P.P.A.G.P.; J. Young, P.P.J.G.W.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.G.D.C.; T. Charlesworth, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Newcome, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Freer, P.P.G.R.; and the whole of the officers of the lodge.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Holmes, P.M. 279, Prov. G. Sec., was presented for installation, the installing Master being Bro. John T. Thorp, P.M. 523 and 2429, P.P.S.G.W. After his installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. M. Williams, P.M. 279, I.P.M.; W. H. Staynes, P.M. 2081, S.W.; Dr. R. Pratt, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.M. 1146, Chap.; W. D. Grant, Treas.; John T. Thorp, P.M. 523 and 2429, Sec.; F. W. Billson, S.D.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, J.D.; and J. Tanser, Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were then passed and representatives elected to the various Provincial Committees.

The Worshipful Master then called on Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., to deliver his lecture on "The Continuity of British Freemasonry; a Retrospect of Five Centuries." The following was the syllabus: "The Cathedral Builders. Mark Masonry. Masonic Combination and Moropoly. Constitutions of the 14th Century. The 'Old Charges'—(a) their Christian basis, moral purpose, and practical character; (b) their striking peculiarities, occasional differences and substantial agreement; (c) their antiquity, number, and importance; (d) our title deeds, landmarks, and models. Masonry, Free Masonry, Free and Accepted Masonry. Operative and Speculative Masonry—the gradual ascendancy of the latter during the 17th century, and the rise of Modern Grand Lodges in the 18th century. The premier or 'mother' Grand Lodge. Masonry Cosmopolitan, and knows neither Sect, Colour, nor Clime. The Craft Degrees. Masonic Rivalry, London and York. The Royal Arch and other ceremonies. Scotland and its three 'Head Lodges.' Ireland and the Craft. British and Irish Masonry united. What the 'Union' secured. What the Fraternity should be; what it is now; and what it may be. The connecting links. Fear God; honour the King; love the Brotherhood. The three Grand Principles and four Cardinal Virtues of Universal Freemasonry.

The lecture was listened to by the brethren with rapt attention, and, at its close, a number of questions were asked, to all of which Bro. Hughan replied. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Hughan honoured the lodge by accepting honorary membership. Apologies were read from Bros. G. W. Speth (London), Wm. Watson (Leeds), and many others, after which "Hearty good wishes" were given by visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A conversation followed.

Bro. Hughan throughout the evening proved the centre of attraction, being constantly surrounded by many enquiring brethren, who took this opportunity of obtaining information upon a variety of Masonic subjects.

The brethren of this lodge, and of other local lodges are so delighted with Bro. Hughan's visit, that it is sincerely hoped a repeat visit from our distinguished brother may soon be arranged.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

The popularity of the above lodge was again emphatically shown on the 25th ult., in connection with the annual installation ceremony at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The attendance included an unusually large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and officers of other lodges, several of the visitors hailing from distant parts of England, from Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man. The interest in the festival was greatly enhanced by the fact that Bro. Henry Heard, one of the most popular members of the lodge, had been selected for the office of W.M., after a faithful service of nine years as Secretary and Warden. Consecrated in 1876, the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge has held a high place in the province with regard to its substantial help to Charities, the thoroughly representative nature of its membership, and the true Masonic spirit which has invariably prevailed.

The ceremony of the installation of Bro. Henry Heard (presented by Bros. McKenzie, P.M., and Courtenay) was most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Workman, the retiring Master. The following officers were invested for 1894-95: Bros. Albert E. Workman, I.P.M.; George D. Clarence, S.W.; Harris Fineberg, J.W.; W. Savage, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); Dr. A. G. Goodwin, Sec.; Rev. T. B. Hardern, Chap. (re-appointed); H. J. Round, S.D.; Eustace Baxter, J.D.; F. G. Barford, I.G.; Harry Round, P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); T. W. Armstrong, Walter H. Dutton, T. R. Robertson, and W. G. T. Hargrave, Stwds.; Cheswick Boydell, Charity Representative; R. Mountfield, Org.; Fred. Holliday, Asst. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected for the 19th time). Under the able conductorship of Bro. J. Cantor, P.P.G. Org., the music incidental to the ceremony was most impressively rendered by vocal and instrumental brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Workman, with a valuable Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, which Bro. Workman acknowledged in suitable terms.

About 150 brethren subsequently dined in the banquetting room, the catering being very satisfactorily carried out by Bro. Capper.

Afterwards a most attractive programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bros. H. G. Tebbutt, Thos. Redmond, R. Clarke, G. Thorne, Walter Wells, E. Baxter, Ben Roberts, T. Shaw, Eaton Batty, W. Savage, and E. Greenwood (Manchester), under the direction of Bro. J. Cantor, P.P.G.O.

The I.P.M. was presented during the evening with a diamond ring, as a mark of the respect in which he was held. A liberal collection was taken up for the Benevolent Fund, and the proceedings shortly afterwards came to a close, hearty congratulations being given to the newly-installed W.M. in connection with a "record" installation meeting. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

RAINHAM.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Bro. Joyce's handsome and convenient hotel, the Phoenix, and was in every respect a most delightful and memorable one. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. G. Hammond, W.M., P.G. Stwd., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John Byford, William Henney, and James Thompson as candidates for initiation, and Bros. Henry Johnson, P.M. 169, and Richard Walters, 898, as joining members, and in each case the result was unanimous in their favour. Bros. Baldwin and Bull were raised. Bro. T. Ringrose, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., acting D.C., then presented Bro. F. J. Eedle, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Eedle was installed. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. G. Hammond, jun., Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. T. Barnes, S.W.; S. Carlton, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; W. Reynolds, S.D.; F. D. Campbell, J.D.; W. Catt, I.G.; C. Mollick, D.C.; J. W. Joyce, Org.; J. W. Cain, P.M., G. F. Penny, J. Cohen, and J. Millen, Stewards; and J. Ives, Tyler. Bro. Hammond then gave the addresses, and concluded a ceremony, the perfectness of which we have never seen surpassed, and rarely equalled; in fact, following upon the raising, it was an arduous task for the most veteran ritualist to undertake, and well did our worthy brother rise to the occasion. Bro. Eedle commenced his reign by initiating Messrs. Byford and Henney (Mr. Thompson not being in attendance) in that finished manner of which, as an old Preceptor, he is so well known as an adept. Bro. Eedle was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. Hammond was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his splendid working of the ceremony of installation, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and was subsequently presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and Past Master's collar and pendant, suitably engraved, and for which Bro. Hammond feelingly returned thanks. The balance sheet and Auditors' report was received and adopted. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Joyce, and was of the choicest description. Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. J. Manning, P.P.S.G.D. (Hon.); W. Slattery, P.P.G. Org. (Hon.); C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Nicoll, S. Marsland, C. Mitchell, R. Waters, W. Barrett, C. Bull, H. D. White, and J. Easton, of the lodge; H. F. Bromhead, P.M. 2374, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Wilson, P.M. 250, P.P.G.S.B.; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; H. Trask, P.M. 2372, P.G. Stwd.; W. Smith, P.M. 228; C. Watson, W.M. 160; J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; J. White, P.M. 1076; J. Dixon, 1215; J. Davey, 2374; W. Walker, 1989; T. Bell, 860; J. Hills, S.D. 1441; W. Winn, 27; R. J. Ham, 27; J. Davidson, 1441; A. Reynolds, 1441; J. Smith, 1598; C. Hollingsworth, 228; G. Hipkins, 1598; C. Taylor, 228; S. Myers, 9; and T. Keen, 1259.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were loyally drunk, as was that of "The P.G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Warwick."

The toast of "Bro. Philbrick, D.P.G.M., &c., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. Bromhead, who said it was far too late for him to make a speech that night that would at all be adequate to the important toast with which his name had been so flatteringly coupled. Had their esteemed Grand Master been present he could not have been otherwise than pleased at the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been drunk. Most of those present knew the great and unceasing interest his lordship took in the progress of the province, while Bro. Philbrick had endeared himself to them by his kindly and courteous manner upon all occasions. As to the small fry, he could assure them that their pay was very small for the work they had to do; however, they one and all endeavoured faithfully to carry out the duties entrusted to them, and in their name, and for himself, he thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast.

Bro. Hammond, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they all rejoiced to see Bro. Eedle in the chair, for he was not only a founder of the lodge, but had been connected with it in all its ups and downs; its rise, progress, and its prosperity. He (Bro. Hammond) was glad to be able to say that the lodge was in a very flourishing condition, and under the reign of their esteemed W.M. he felt sure that at their next annual meeting the auditors would have a good report to make and the Treasurer a good balance in hand. He asked them to drink the toast heartily and show Bro. Eedle that his long and good services to the lodge were not forgotten.

Bro. Eedle, who was heartily cheered on rising, said he was deeply affected at the very kind words that had been said about him by their I.P.M. He had tried during his connection with the lodge to help it forward by every means in his power, and had always had its best interests at heart. They had kindly recognised his endeavours to do so and he would still further endeavour to retain their good opinions by continuing his interest in the lodge and working for its prosperity. It was his great desire to have a chapter attached to the lodge, indeed, he might say its inception was an accomplished fact, and he hoped before long to see it established and at work. He again thanked them and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "Initiates," "Installing Officers," "Officers," and Tyler's toast.

Some excellent vocal and instrumental music enlivened the proceedings, which were both hearty and enjoyable.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—

This lodge met for the disposal of business at the Clarence Hotel, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. B. Müller, W.M.; T. Middleweek, D.C., as S.W.; Ruffa, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.C.S., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Smith, J.D.; J. Barnes, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Stwd.; Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Porter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Windeatt, P.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. (Hon. Member); and J. Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. Clifford, P.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Herbert James Thompson, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. performed the ceremony in an able manner, and subsequently gave the ancient charge. Upon the proposition of Bro. Capt. Walls, which was seconded by Bro. Forge, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member. A proposition for initiation, and one for joining having been handed in, communications for non-attendance were read from Bros. F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., S.W.; J. Barnes, P.M.; W. Middleweek, P.M.; E. Hall, and others.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the last Wednesday in November next.

A dinner followed. The W.M. gave the customary toasts with commendable brevity. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The duties of this lodge were resumed on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Peace Hall, when there were present Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, as S.W.; T. Barber, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; G. Kenyon, P.S.W.; G. Eland, I.G.; T. Livingstone, J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; F. T. Turner, E. Hirst, and F. Pine, Tyler.

Bro. W. Martin, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. B. Maskill and Bro. F. Pine were also unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. Bros. Eland, Livingstone, and Hirst were appointed Auditors, and the banquet and installation were fixed to be held on Monday, the 22nd instant. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. Simpson, Pawson, and Martin.

WHITSTABLE.

Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The installation festival of this flourishing lodge was held at the Forester's Hall, on Thursday, the 13th ult. There were present: Bros. W. B. London, W.M.; F. T. Browning, I.P.M.; A. W. Southwell, P.M. 1586, S.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, P.M. P.P.G. Cap., Chaplain; Sibert Saunders, P.M., P.P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Sydney Brown, S.D.; Dr. R. T. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Gibbs, D.C.; M. Kemp, Tyler; H. Ward, P.M., P.G.S.B., Eng.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. G. Walthew, P.M.; T. W. Porter, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; B. Lightfoot, H. W. Clothier, H. J. Oughan, H. L. Daly, Dr. A. H. D. Salt, F. A. Johnson, A. Harrison, H. Hemsley, F. Pierce, H. Gann, W. H. Brand, P.M., Thomas Kemp, J. W. Elvin, P.M., J. W. Gillies, Thomas Lawry, and E. Griffiths. Among the visitors were: Bros. M. E. Clark, W.M. 1383, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.D.G.M. Essex; E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133, 1612, 2099, and 2265, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G. Org.; T. H. Blamiers, P.M. 1449, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Barnwell, W.M. 2090; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076; C. L. Watson Smith, W.M. 133; T. G. Gillett, S.W. 133; H. S. Telt, S.D. 133; C. J. Elliott, W.M. 479; W. H. Collins, W.M. 781; J. Roberts, 1473; G. Chapman, W.M. 120; E. Cockersell, P.M. 1449, P.G. Stwd.; G. E. Tournay, W.M. 972; E. Richardson, S.W. 972; H. Bartlett 406; W. T. England, S.W. 2099; J. Pope, P.M. 1449; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Clark, 972; E. L. Gardener, W.M. 31; and V. H. Stallon, W.M. 158.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation at a future meeting, and both were unanimously approved. At the proper period the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. A. W. Southwell, P.M. 1586, S.W., was presented by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., to the W.M., by whom he was duly installed into the chair as Master of the lodge. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Sibert Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The newly-appointed officers are Bros. Sydney Brown, S.W.; Dr. R. T. Wheeler, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. Anderson, Treas.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., Sec.; F. Gibbs, S.D.; C. Gurr, J.D.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Hemsley, Org.; C. E. Monkley and H. J. Oughan, Stwds.; and N. Kemp, Tyler. Bro. E. G. Walthew was re-elected Charity Delegate and Lodge Almoner. A candidate was proposed, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the representatives of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Masters and brethren visiting the lodge, the lodge was closed.

The installation banquet was at the Bear and Key Hotel, and was excellently served by Bro. W. Brannan. Between 50 and 60 brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of the W.M., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Rose Chapter (No. 1622).—A regular convocation of the above chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Comps. Frank W. Williams, P.Z., M.E.Z.; H. Vickery, P.S., acting II; J. Loader, J.; J. Hooper, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, S.E.; Isaac Dunn, S.N.; S. J. Derham, P.S.; T. R. Cas, 1st A.S.; G. Lewis, 2nd A.S.; G. Thompson, Steward; F. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; E. Salter, T. H. Salmon, J. Parr, E. A. Rice, and W. E. Jeffery. The visitors were Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., Treas. 1275; C. H. Stone, J. 1275. II. elect 1901; and H. T. Telling, J. 2182.

The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed and telegrams were received from Comps. J. H. Pullen, H., regretting inability to attend, also from the brethren for exaltation. It was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to Comp. H. J. Martin, I.P.Z., deeply sympathising with him in his severe illness, with the earnest desire for his speedy recovery. This was signed by all the companions present and sent at once. A candidate was proposed for exaltation at the next convocation—the son of the highly-esteemed Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C., the first M.E.Z. of the chapter, and under whose fostering care it has been so firmly founded.

The business of the convocation ended, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast.

After the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and remarked that personally he knew the admirable work which they did, and was proud that the G.Z. had appointed their dearly honoured friend, Comp. F. Hilton, and presented him with a Grand collar. In doing that the whole of the companions of Rose Chapter were greatly honoured. One and all highly appreciated the valuable assistance always given by Comp. F. Hilton, and felt that the honour was well deserved.

Comp. Hilton, A.G.D.C., in reply, most gratefully thanked the companions for such a hearty reception. He was proud to be a member of the Grand Chapter of England. It was a great honour which had fallen to his lot after 15 years active service in the Craft, and he had obtained that reward which he considered was a most laudable ambition. He hoped that the G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, would continue to extend his preferences upon many more distinguished South London Masons, so that they might be able to share such honours together. He most heartily thanked the companions for the great kindness which had always been shown him, and the one thing dearest to his heart was the fact of his having been the First Principal of the Rose Chapter which was doing such excellent work. There was one very deep regret which all experienced at that moment, which was the absence of their dear old friend and Comp. G. H. Martin, who had worked side by side with him in every good work since his initiation. It was a great affliction, but they must humbly submit their wills to the great I Am, and leave the issue to Him. He trusted that the companions of the Rose Chapter would meet and enjoy each other's company for many years.

Comp. Hilton next presented the toast of "The M.E.Z." They all knew his excellent qualities as a man, brother, and companion. There could not be a more enthusiastic Mason, always anxious that the lodge and chapter should be carried on most efficiently. His geniality and sympathy seemed to quite infuse them, and it was no wonder that whatever their M.E.Z. undertook, proved most successful. The only regret respecting their M.E.Z. would be when his year of office expired.

Comp. Williams, M.E.Z., thanked all for such an enthusiastic reception, and expressed his determination to carry out his duties to the chapter to the best of his ability. He was much overwhelmed that evening on account of the sickness of their dear friend, so would again most heartily thank the companions for their very kind expressions always tendered to him.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The H. and J.," which was responded to by both excellent officers most heartily.

The toast of "The Visitors," was presented by the M.E.Z., and was gracefully responded to by Comps. Gummant, Stone, and Telling.

The toast of "The Officers," followed.

Comps. J. Hooper, Treas.; Isaac Dunn, S.N., and S. J. Derham, P.S., replied, and promised their utmost endeavour would be to perform their various duties to their very best ability.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy meeting.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The regular meeting of the above chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Comp. W. B. Russell, M.E.Z., presiding, assisted by the following: Comps. C. Swinn, I.P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; K. Eldershaw, P.Z., acting H.; G. Thomas, J.; W. Aldred, Treas.; S. Mamelok, S.E.; P. Jackson, S.N.; T. Shorrocks, P.S.; P. Foxcroft, and A.S.; J. Cliffe, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P.Z., D.C.; J. F. Sallon, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z.; and E. H. Flower, Janitor. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors, among the latter were: Comps. Buckley Carr, P.Z. 993, P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, M.A., 277; W. Moody, 1045; T. N. Richards, J. 50 (S.C.); and E. Co'onna, 113 (S.G.).

The chapter having been opened in due form, Comp. Russell stated that no work in exalting candidates would be proceeded with that evening as Comp. Swinn had come there to deliver his popular lecture, and he was called on to proceed with it. The companions listened to Comp. Swinn with rapt attention, and at its conclusion he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his able and instructive lecture.

The chapter is noted for its hospitality, and on this occasion it was not behind its reputation. A tea was served before the opening. It was really a sumptuous banquet.

The visiting companions, in replying to the toasts pledged in their honour, were unanimous in expressing the impression made on them that evening.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge No. 211.—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. P. Monson, W.M.; W. Hill Wadham, S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., as J.W.; Larter, M.O.; Skinner, P.M., P.P.G.O., as S.O.; R. Lauson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., J.O.; and Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec. Bro. Day was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Wadham was elected W.M., subject to dispensation being obtained. Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. S. Ellis, Tyler. A Past Master'sewel was voted to Bro. P. Monson. A vote of sympathy

was passed to Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., Treasurer, who was absent through illness. Bro. Dr. E. F. Poccock, P.M., was elected an honorary member. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. Kiallmark, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Huish, I.P.M.; T. Rickwood, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; D. P. Cama (Hon. Mem.); and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, when the usual toasts were given from the chair, and duly acknowledged. The proceedings were not protracted.

The Craft Abroad.

UNLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Holdfast Lodge (No. 30).—Bro. Frank J. Cunningham, who is a son of the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of South Australia, was, on Tuesday evening, June 12th, installed as Master of the above lodge. The hall in Arthur-street was filled with brethren of the mystic tie. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. A. J. Batt, G. Std. Br., assisted by Bros. P. Sansom, D.G.M.; Hon. J. G. Jenkins, M.P., P.S.G.V.; J. H. Cunningham, G. Sec.; F. W. Samwell, J. Bee, Hooper, and others. Afterwards the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. G. Harvey, S.W.; C. G. Gurr, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Samwell, P.M., Chap.; D. J. Adcock, P.M., Treas.; Beaver, Sec.; R. Southhouse, S.D.; F. Wyatt, J.D.; Dalby, I.G.; Greer, Org.; Hooper, D.C.; and Bone, Comley, and Veight, Stwds.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. R. E. FAIRCLOUGH,

whose installation as W.M. of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, is reported in another column, was initiated in that lodge in 1887, in which he filled all the principal offices. He has more recently been exalted to Royal Arch Masonry in the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our brother has ever been a great enthusiast in Freemasonry, and has taken a deep interest in the Craft, which is testified by the brethren of the Clapton Lodge, in which he is very popular, and they are to be congratulated in having so excellent a Master.

CENTENARY OF THE APOLLO LODGE, No. 301 AT ALCESTER.

This event was celebrated on the 25th ult. In conjunction with it the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at the Town Hall, there being a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Lord Leigh, P.G.M., and at the conclusion of the business the company attended Divine service at the parish church. The service was a fully choral one, and a practical sermon was preached by the Rev. J. T. Owen, P.G.C. (vicar of St. Paul's, Stafford), who took as his text Ezra vii, 27. The offertory was in behalf of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund. The other clergy present were the Revs. A. H. H. Williams (rector of Alcester), Cyril Price (curate), and J. H. Sykes (vicar of Haselton). Dr. Belcher presided at the organ.

Subsequently Lord Leigh presided at a banquet, which took place in the Corn Exchange, and was supported by Bros. Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest J. Seymour, J. T. Collins, G. H. Fosbrooke, G. Boyden, S. A. Gothard, E. King, W. S. Turbridge, C. Pritchard, J. Rendall, T. H. Middleton, M. Hooper, S. W. Haynes, and others.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To Bro. A. C. Spaul, the Chairman for the month of the House Committee, the pupils of this Institution, as well as the teaching staff, and numerous visitors, were indebted for a very enjoyable concert, on Wednesday evening, at the Alexandra Hall. Charming as a visit to the Girls' School always is, it scarcely needed the cheerful peacefulness which always prevails its atmosphere as a setting to the entertainment provided, which, in itself, was excellent. The programme was full, but not too long, and both the vocalists and instrumentalists acquitted themselves very creditably. Bro. W. Spaul, who has a pleasing tenor voice, sang "Sunshine above," and "The charmed cup" with feeling and expression, and was encored in both. Mr. O'Shaughnessey also gave an excellent rendering of songs by Moir and Blumenthal.

The lady vocalists were Miss Florence Stone and Miss Ada Bateman, the former, in addition to the songs on the programme, giving as an encore one or two comic ditties, which elicited much applause from "our girls." Miss Ada Bateman's rich contralto voice was heard to advantage in the songs selected by her, "The Gift," by Behrend, being especially given with much feeling. Mr. Roworth, in two violin solos, accompanied by Mrs. Roworth, and Mr. Oscar Berry's two recitations, most satisfactorily completed the programme.

After a few words of thanks from Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, seconded by the hearty clapping of about 500 small hands, the floor was soon cleared for calisthenics. The absolute perfection of the pupils in this accomplishment has been so often described that we need not repeat it, only to say that it was again a thing of beauty to witness.

Bro. SPAULL, before the company retired, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be the means of the pupils and visitors spending an enjoyable evening, and reminded those present that the Institution was supported by voluntary contributions, a hint which we trust will bear fruit.

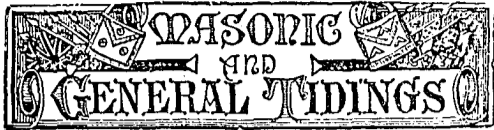
LODGE MEETING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Bro. Arthur Fry, who has just been appointed business manager of the Lyric Theatre, has furnished "To-Day" with some reminiscences of his managerial experiences in different parts of the world, and the following extract will, doubtless, be read with interest by many members of the Craft: "When I was a very small boy I was playing a child's part in 'Richard III.' with G. V. Brooke as the leading man. But as soon as I was old enough I was converted to the business side of theatrical life, and, among other companies, I managed Charles Duval's tour in South Africa. It was a curious time. The Transvaal War was raging, and we found ourselves in Pretoria. I was not exactly forced into it, but I became a volunteer along with Mr. Duval, and when the beleaguement was not on we gave entertainments to amuse the garrison. At that time an incident occurred that I should say was unique in the history of Freemasonry. In order to keep up the charter of the lodge we obtained permission to hold a lodge in the Masons' Hall. It was on the opposite side of the laagar to where the soldiers were stationed. All the Masons in the camp availed themselves of the permission, and on this very night a personal friend of mine was initiated. Before the lodge opened we had to knock bricks out of the walls to serve as loopholes in case of an attack, and our arms were stacked in the Preparing Room, ready to meet any emergency that might turn our friendly gathering into a fight for life. Fortunately we were left alone, but in returning to the camp a heavy fire was opened upon us by the Boers."

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The experiment of having the session of Great Priory held at a different time and place than where the Grand Lodge of Canada meets, has proved an undoubted success. The 11th annual session of Great Priory was held in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 4th ult., with an attendance of delegates greater than that of any other meeting. Representatives were present from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and British Columbia. Greater interest was taken in all the discussions, a considerable gain in the membership was reported, and a large surplus shown in the treasury. The prospects of the future are very bright and encouraging. The removal of the edict of non-intercourse by the Great Priory of England was made a subject of congratulation, and resolutions of goodwill and friendship were passed. The difficulties with New Brunswick still remain unsettled, but a few months time will, no doubt, bring about the long looked for re-union.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

The cost of the New York Masonic Home and appurtenances to April 30th, 1894, is \$254,804.86. This does not include \$30,000 donated by the citizens of Ulica. Just four years have elapsed since the plans for the proposed home were presented to the Grand Lodge, during which the home has been erected, fully equipped, and put in active operation; and notwithstanding the extraordinary expenses necessary for such an undertaking, the trustees were able to present a report at last meeting of Grand Lodge showing a balance but a few thousand dollars less than the amount on hand at that time. Well done, trustees—grandly done, brethren of New York.—*Tyler.*



Bro. Sheriff Hand has presented a banner of his arms to the Liners' Company.

The Sincerity Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Mondays, at seven p.m.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement has resumed its weekly meetings at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, at 6.30 p.m.

The Freemasons of Langholm are about to erect a new Masonic hall in the "muckle toon," and at their request the foundation-stone will be laid by the Prov. G. Lodge of Dumfriesshire on Saturday, the 13th inst.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Council of the 33° will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, at 5.45 p.m. There is a list of 24 candidates on the agenda paper for the 30°, six for the 31°, and one for the 32°.

We have been asked to state that the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, have discontinued the September meetings. The 19th installation meeting will be held on Saturday, the 13th inst., when Bro. W. B. Vaile will be installed Worshipful Master, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C.

Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., P.Z., &c., author of "The Noble Soul," "The Submerged City," "Toujours Perdria" (poems), and "A Novel Vengeance" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address F. D., 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

The directors of the Empire Palace Company, Limited, have declared the third interim dividend for the present year at the following rates, viz.: 1s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 10s has been paid; 2s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 15s. has been paid. The said interim dividend to be payable on the 11th instant.

A dinner of unique character was given on Saturday night, the 29th ult., to a company numbering upwards of 600 in the palatial new annexe of the Holborn Restaurant. The guests consisted of all the artificers and workmen employed in the construction of this adjunct; the proprietors considering that those whose hands had reared the structure should be the first to banquet within its principal salon—the "King's Hall."

THE QUEEN'S INDIAN CARPET.—The handsome Indian carpet which has been made for the Queen in the Agra Central Prison has arrived at Windsor Castle from the Metropolis, whence it was conveyed upon several carriage trucks by the Great Western Railway Company. The large roll weighed three tons, and was about 40 feet long. The labels affixed to the outer envelope of the carpet bore the direction: "The Queen-Empress, Buckingham Palace," and some Indian words.

Before closing up his work on the old A.B.C. Hornbook, which is to contain something like two hundred illustrations, Mr. Andrew Tuer, of the Leadenhall Press, E.C., asks to be favoured with notes from those who may remember the horn book in use, or who may have in their possession examples which he has not yet seen. Information about spurious horn-books, from the sale of which certain persons are at present said to be reaping a golden harvest, is also sought.

A Masonic musical service is to be held on the 21st inst. at St. Oswald's Church, Collyhurst, in connection with the Newall Lodge, No. 1134, Manchester, under the patronage of Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge; and, by kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Taylor, M.A., rector of St. Oswald's, the sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Challenor, M.A., rector of Christ Church, Moss Side, and Chaplain of Centurion Lodge, No. 2322. The proceeds of the offertory are to be divided between the East Lancashire Masonic Charities and church expenses.

At a regular meeting of Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, on Monday, the 24th ult., it was unanimously agreed that the W.M. and Wardens sign a recommendation to a petition to Grand Chapter from Comps. H. F. Pollock, P.Z., as Z.; S. S. Mossop, P.M., as H.; J. H. Carter, P.M., as J.; Chas. E. Ward, Z. 107, as S.E.; Mark Cox, P.Z.; J. R. Clarke, Z. 809; J. E. Townsend, P.M.; S. J. Coupland, P.M.; J. G. Dunlop, and Harry Healey, praying for a charter to be granted to work a Royal Arch chapter, to be named the Edward Albert, to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, and held at Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge.

Bro. J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1638, and Secretary 1981, holds the important post of Superintendent of Victoria Park under the London County Council, and since entering upon his duties he has effected many alterations and improvements in this popular recreative area. The *Gardening World* recently had a long article upon the park and its attractions, and expresses the opinion that the new superintendent will soon make the place more worthy of its name. The writer of the article, which is critical and laudatory, says: "A new departure is being inaugurated by Mr. Moorman in an attempt to enliven the park in spring by the use of thousands of polyanthus and other hardy subjects now being rapidly brought to the front for spring bedding. Formerly the beds were wont to lie bare for eight months in the year, a fact which was not very creditable to a large London park."

WILL TRADE IMPROVE?—So far everyone admits that 1894 is every whit as bad as 1893. Universal grumbling prevails. But while we hope for better times, let us not forget that we are ourselves in some measure to blame for the trouble. Certainly we should have much less cause for grumbling if we took better care of our health. Nothing unites one for work so much as illness. Even what we are wont to call minor complaints lead to endless trouble. Happily in Holloway's Pills and Ointment we have the means of effecting a speedy cure for all such troubles, and we should be foolish indeed if we neglected to avail ourselves of them.

The Maharajah of Kuch Behar and suite witnessed the performance of "The Derby Winner" at Drury-lane Theatre, on Thursday night.

"Little Christopher Columbus," on Wednesday next, enters on its second year, 350 performances having been given. Mr. Horace Sedger has arranged an appropriate "souvenir" for the occasion, with which every visitor will be presented.

The silver wedding year of Bro. Sir Albert and Lady Altman, of Pagoda Lodge, Norwood, has been signalled by the advent of a daughter, which will not by any means be the least interesting of the presents received in celebration of the event.

To-morrow (Saturday), at the Opera Comique Theatre, a matinee will be given by the German company in aid of the funds of the German Hospital, Dalston, when a comedy by A. P'Arronge, entitled "Dr. Klaus," will be performed for the first time in England.

The scholarship of 60 guineas open to students of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge has been awarded to Mr. William Cecil Bosanquet, of New College, Oxford. The entrance scholarship of 120 guineas has been awarded to Mr. A. K. Taylor, and that of 60 guineas to Mr. Ernest Lewis Lilley.

The Duke and Duchess of York, who are to open the new medical school in connection with the Yorkshire College at Leeds to-day (Friday) arrived at Garforth yesterday afternoon, and met with an enthusiastic reception. They will stay at Temple Newsam as the guests of the Hon. Mrs. Meynell-Ingram, till their departure for London to-morrow (Saturday).

At a meeting of the local committee of the Royal Humane Society a monetary reward and a testimonial were granted to Percy Edward Taten, 18, a clerk in the employ of Mr. J. Vickers, 42, Cheapside, London, for his courage and humanity in saving Harry Phillips, 18, of 30, Endymion-road, Finsbury Park, London, who was in danger of drowning near Hastings Pier in July last.

M. George Demeny has invented a chronophotographic camera, by which a quick succession of photographs of a person smiling or talking can be taken, suitable for combining in a zoetrope apparatus, so as to give an animated reproduction of the figure, in short a "speaking likeness." The problem to be solved is the same as that of Edison's kinetograph, but M. Demeny's apparatus is much simpler than Edison's and quite portable.

The Chief Officer of the Parks Department of the London County Council announces that any surplus plants which may be available in the following parks will be distributed to the public on the 23rd inst. Applications should be made direct to the Park Superintendent at each place. Battersea Park, Dulwich Park, Finsbury Park, Kennington Park, Myatt's Fields, Camberwell, Royal Victoria Gardens, North Woolwich, Southwark Park, Victoria Park, and Waterloo Park.

MARRIAGE OF MISS GOLDIE TAUBMAN.—The marriage of Miss Goldie Taubman, daughter of Bro. J. S. Goldie Taubman, P.G.M., with Mr. J. Mackay Wilson, of Currygram, County Langford, took place at the Nunery, Isle of Man, on the 27th ult. The wedding was a very "pretty" one, the company large and distinguished, and the presents were numerous and costly. Some exquisite music was performed at the ceremony. A *recherche dejeuner* followed, and the young pair left for the honeymoon in the brightest sunshine.

THE ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR.—The succession to the Mayoralty of the City of London was accompanied on this occasion with unwonted stir and excitement. At the last moment, what appeared to be a powerful opposition to the Alderman next in succession—Sir Joseph Renals—developed itself, but, after a poll, Bro. Renals was returned to the Court of Aldermen by a majority of over a hundred, and was by them selected as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Bro. Sir Joseph Renals is a Past Master of the Aldersgate Lodge, and his brethren of the "Ward" Lodge are unanimous in their congratulations on the result of the election.

MASONRY APPRECIATED.—When our fathers made long journeys to and from the lodge, they appreciated and valued Masonry at its truest worth; the number was limited to a few choice spirits, and it was counted a very honourable thing for a man to be known in the community as a Freemason. It is not to be denied that we have not gained in proportion to our increase of numbers in the public estimation, nor has our moral strength grown with our numerical. I recollect as a youth seeing all the people uncover when a Masonic lodge passed in procession; it was the sterling worth of the men that comprised that moving body which compelled the act of homage. If Freemasonry were to guard its doors with flaming swords and admit within its sanctuaries none but those whose characters had been established, it would not have to lament the fact that stones unfitted for the builders' use are to be found in its walls.—*Frederick Speed.*

On Saturday last, the whole of the brethren of the Ross of Raby Lodge, with their wives and lady friends, were the guests at Raby Castle of Lord and Lady Barnard, his lordship being W.M. of the lodge. Shortly after their arrival the officers were photographed in regalia, Lord Barnard wearing for the first time the clothing of a Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Durham, to which office he was appointed last week. Another photographic group was taken of the whole of the ladies and brethren present. Lord and Lady Barnard then most graciously entertained the guests to afternoon tea, and, dividing the company into two parties, conducted them personally over the castle and grounds, pointing out the special features of interest. Subsequently the party sat down to a banquet, at the conclusion of which the Senior Warden of the lodge, Bro. J. E. Backhouse, in a very eloquent and feeling speech, thanked Lord and Lady Barnard for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they had entertained their guests. Lord Barnard responded on behalf of Lady Barnard and himself, expressing the pleasure it had given them to have the opportunity of entertaining those present. During the afternoon the band, provided by Mr. Boynes, enlivened the proceedings with several very charming musical selections. The guests departed at seven o'clock, with most favourable impressions, which will long be remembered, of the Lord and Lady of Raby.

Bro. Richard Baker has acquired, for his firm, the business of L'Hotel de l'Europe, Leicester-square, latterly run by M. Jouggla, formerly known as "Varques."

Mr. C. Welch, the Guildhall librarian, delivered the inaugural address on Saturday at the opening of the free library just established in Blackstock-road, Finsbury Park.

Bro. Samuel Ellis, who is well known and respected as the Tyler of several London lodges, was on Tuesday last installed as W.M. of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, at East Molesey.

A handsome stained-glass window has been presented to the Parish Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by Bro. Major Clifford Probyn (member of the London County Council for the Strand Division).

Mr. Andrew W. Tuer, of the Leadenhall Press, suggests that an exhibition of old clocks should be held. But this is just what we are to have at the Guildhall, thanks to the generous gift of the Rev. H. L. Nelthrop, the master of the Clockmakers' Company.

It is the decision of the Grand Master of California that "No funds of a lodge, no matter from what source derived, can be used for social purposes; the funds of a lodge are exclusively for necessary current expenses and for charity, and cannot be diverted. If the brethren must have refreshments and a good time, they must go down into their pockets for the expense." How many London lodges would have to alter their by-laws to conform to this resolution?

The monument which was erected by the Queen to the memory of the late Prince Imperial on the spot where he met with his tragic death has been stolen. The monument took the form of a cross, and bore the following inscription: "This cross is erected by Queen Victoria in affectionate remembrance of Napoleon Eugene Louis Jean Joseph, Prince Imperial, to mark the spot where he, while assisting in a reconnaissance with the British troops, on the 1st of June, 1879, was attacked by a party of Zulus, and fell with his face to the foe." A reward of £50 has been offered.

At a recent special meeting of Montezuma Lodge, Santa Fe, a movement was inaugurated which promises to be of inestimable benefit to suffering humanity. With the consent of the Grand Master of the grand jurisdiction of New Mexico, a resolution was adopted setting forth the fact that the death-rate from consumption is increasing at an alarming rate all over the world; that the benefits of climatic cure are now universally recognised by physicians; that the most perfect climate is found at Santa Fe, and inviting the Masons of the United States and Canada to co-operate with Montezuma Lodge in the erection in Santa Fe of a national home for consumptives, to be governed and maintained by Masons for benevolent and charitable purposes.

The summer has passed—the autumn winds are blowing—and Craftsmen will soon meet again in their Masonic homes to renew fraternal fellowship, to confer degrees, and to transact the business which may require their attention. Is it too much to hope that they may come together with a better recognition than they have ever before had of the worth of Freemasonry and of the responsibility which rests upon them for its right expression? Having a broader appreciation of the nature of the Masonic Institution and its far reaching possibilities of good, they will become more devoted to the interests of the Fraternity, while by their words and deeds they will reflect the benign teachings which are fundamental in the Masonic system. So will the value of Masonry be disclosed by the lives of its members.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

The question "By whom was the postal order conceived," still remains unanswered. The postal authorities claim the honour for the late Mr. Chetwynd, C.B., a member of their staff; whereas Mr. E. S. Norris, ex-M.P. for the Limehouse Division of the Lower Hamlets, contends, and brings forward various facts to prove the contention, that to him alone belongs the credit. The case for and against has been on more than one occasion argued at length in our columns, and therefore at the present moment it will be sufficient merely to state that Mr. Norris in a pamphlet he has just issued reiterates his claim, and quotes from official letters and also from evidence given before Parliament many statements to substantiate what he asserts. Even for a Government department it will be difficult now to deny Mr. Norris the honour which apparently is his due.—*City Press.*

It is said that the late Mr. Spurgeon was in the habit of testing the ability and self-possession of the theological students under his care and instruction by sending them up in the pulpit with a sealed envelope in their hands containing the text of the sermon or address each one was to deliver on the spur of the moment. On one of these occasions the student, on opening the paper found this subject and direction given him: "Apply the story of Zaccheus to your own circumstances and your call to the ministry." And the student promptly delivered himself in the following way: "My brethren, the subject on which I have to address you today is a comparison between Zaccheus and as to my qualifications. Well, the first thing we read about Zaccheus is that he was small of stature; and I never felt so small as I do now. In the second place we read that he was up in a tree, which is pretty much my position now. And, thirdly, we read that he made haste to come down; and in this I gladly and promptly follow his example.—*Presbyterian Banner.*

The annual show of roots, corn, and yearly ploughing matches in connection with the Royal East Berks Agricultural Association took place on Thursday, at Heywood Farm, near Maidenhead. The show was the best held for many years, and the competition was very keen. The Prince Consort's Cup, value 20 guineas, for best cultivation of root crops generally, was won by Mr. R. L. Cantrell, while the Prince of Wales's piece of plate, value £10, was awarded to Mr. George Hobbs. The labourers' premiums were presented on the show ground by Mr. Walters Bond, Vice-President. Sir George Russell, Bart., M.P., was present, and, speaking on the present condition of agriculture, said that he had wondered, while watching the distribution of money awards, where the money had come from. He did not think it could have come from the farmers' profits, with wheat at its present price. He should not be surprised to find next year that instead of the labourers paying for their bread the bakers paid them to eat it, to enable them to maintain the taste for bread until better times arrived. Lord Ribblesdale, Master of the Royal Buckhounds, presided at the farmers' banquet in the evening at Maidenhead.

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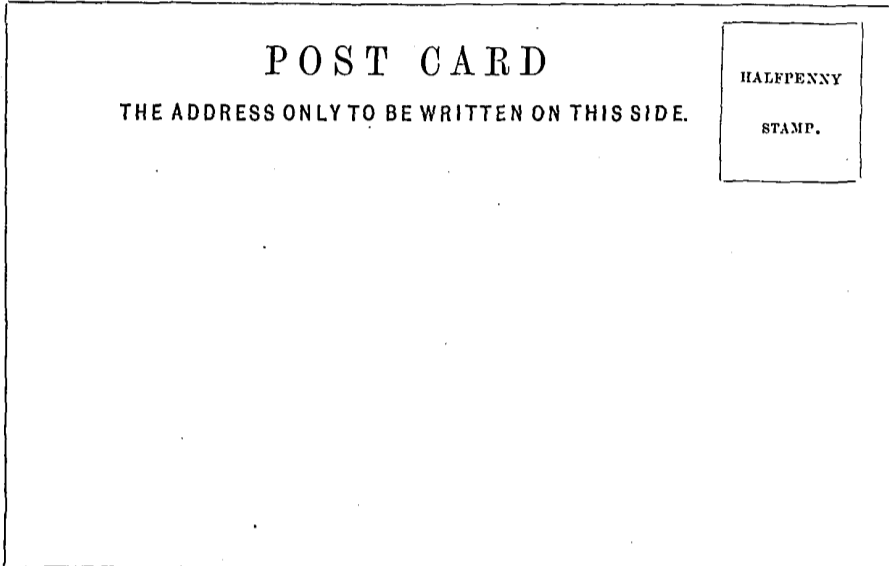
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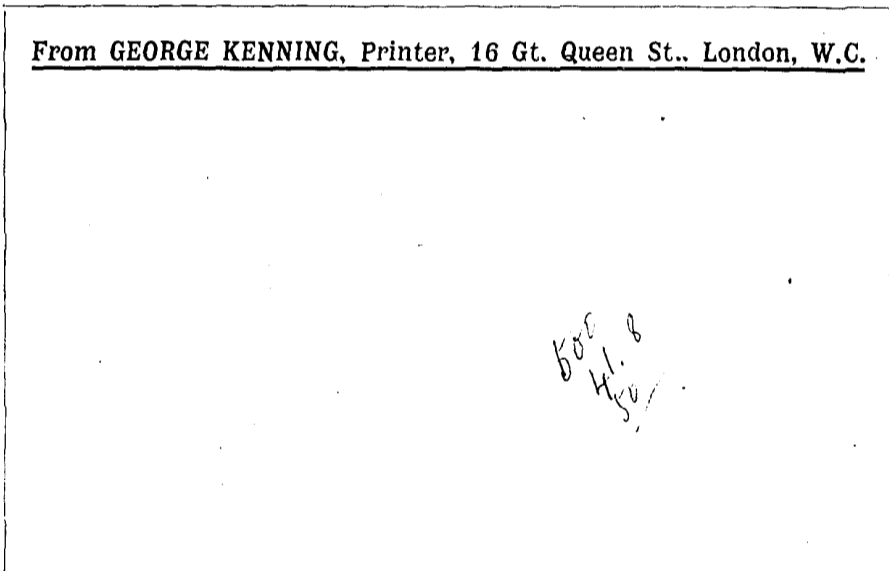
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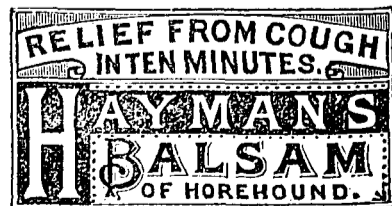


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