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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Market Harborough, on Thursday, the 4th instant, under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330. Bro. Earl Ferrers, the Prov. Grand Master, unfortunately found it impossible to attend, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., presided in his absence, and was supported by Bro. G. Toller, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., as acting D.P.G.M. The following Provincial Officers were also present:

Bros. B. A. Smith, M.A., L.M.M., P.M. 523, P.S.G.W.; J. Healey, P.M. 1330, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A., P.M. 1146, Chap. 2028 and 2429, P.G. Chap.; G. Oliver, P.M. 1007, P.G. Treas.; A. W. Tuck, P.M. 1265, P.G. Reg.; E. Holmes, I.P.M. 279, S.W. 2429, P.G. Sec.; A. Fergusson, W.M. 1391, P.J.G.D.; G. D. Orchard, W.M. 779, P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Dir. of Cers.; H. Howe, I.P.M. 1391, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Bennion, W.M. 279, P.G. Std. Br.; Joseph Johnson, I.P.M. 2028, P.G. Std. Br.; Alexander Lawrence, I.P.M. 523, S.W. 1330, P.G. Org.; J. Raven, I.P.M. 1007, P.G. Purst.; T. B. Neale, W.M. 523, Edward F. Knight, S.D. 1130, W. H. Staynes, W.M. 2081, and R. Porter Keates, S.W. 2428, P.G. Stwds.; and James Tanser, Tyler 279, P.G. Tyler. Each lodge of the province was further represented as follows: Bros. H. Pickering, W.M., W. D. Grant, S.W., J. Clifton, Sec., W. Tyler, Stwd., C. E. Birch, P.P.G. Org., and W. H. Scott, P.P.G. Org., Lincs., of 279; F. S. Preston, P.M., Sec. P.P.G. Reg., J. Adcock Barrs, I.P.M., and W. S. Fulshaw, S.W., of 50; G. Neighbour, W.M., L. Staines, Org., and Rev. R. W. Lancaster, Chap., of 523; J. Hassall, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and F. G. Boden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., of 779; C. F. Oliver, W.M., G. Oliver, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.P., W. Tyler, J.D., C. L. Oliver, E. V. Oliver, and Haines Walker, Tyler, of 1007; W. J. New, P.M., Sec. 1130, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Coltman, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., C. K. Morris, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., B. Furley, S.W., and J. W. Scott, W.M. 607, of 1265; W. E. Latimer, W.M., W. H. Pick, I.P.M., Treas., G. Green, P.M., D.C., P.P. A.G.P.; H. R. Maynard, P.M. 25, J. W., P. L. Rawlins, Sec., W. Richards, J.D., T. W. Hall, I.G., W. Bowles and H. G. Coales, Stwds., J. S. Perkins, H. Day, W. Pollard, and T. Cotton, Tyler, of 1330; J. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and G. Scampton, of 1391; Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Sec., P.P.S.G.W., T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, Org., P.P.S.G.W., and C. Crossley, M.D., of 1560; H. J. Grace, W.M., A. Green, I.P.M., Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.M., Chap., P.P. S.G.W., F. B. Wilmer, P.M., Sec., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. E. Simpkin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., F. A. Simpkin, and J. George, of 2028; W. H. Swingle, P.M. 2081; R. Porter Keates, W.M., and Hon. Pauly Hastings, I.P.M., P.M. 779, P.P.S.G.W. of 2428; E. Holmes, W.M., and J. Mason, 2429, P.P.S.G.D.; with other visitors, were also present.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at inability to be present were received from over 70 brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. J. Hughan, T. B. Whytehead, R. G. Venables, R. V. Vassar-Smith, J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B., F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., Percy Wallis, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed the regret of the Prov. Grand Master at his inability to be present, and said he was sure it was as great a disappointment to the Prov. Grand Master as it was to the brethren.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as read by Bro. E. HOLMES, P.G. Sec., showed that on the 24th June last there were 722 subscribing brethren in the province; that during the year 47 had been initiated and 17 joined, and that 52 had withdrawn, leaving an increase of 12 on the year. Regular lodges held numbered 112, emergency lodges, eight. The work done included 47 initiations, 45 passings, and 44 raisings, the number of lodges in the province being 14. Special reference was made in the report to the great loss the province has sustained by the death, in August last of Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M., whose exceptional experience and knowledge in all Masonic matters have been so long and so proudly acknowledged throughout the province.

After enumerating the principal Masonic honours which Bro. Kelly gained during his nearly 56 years' Masonic career, the report concludes as follows:

"It is absolutely impossible to over estimate the beneficial influence which Bro. Kelly's unsurpassed knowledge and untiring devotion—which never faltered whilst bodily health permitted—have had upon the manner of work and progress of Masonry in this Province. In every branch of Masonic work Bro. Kelly took the deepest possible interest; his authority was unquestioned, and his great worth and lovable nature will be long and affectionately cherished by all who knew him."

The report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. B. A. SMITH, M.A., P.S.G.W. It particularly referred to the claims of the local candidate, R. G. Boden (who has since been elected second on the list), for the approaching election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and proceeded to state that in addition to minor sums, £25 had been granted in each case to two local brethren in distress; and that at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Gals, the Prov. Grand Charity Steward, Bro. John Harrison, had presented a list amounting to £326 11s., which had been supplemented by Bros. John Hassall and R. Porter Keates, serving Stewardships; also that Bro. J. Herbert Marshall had served as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution last February, and at that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June. The total amount contributed by the province during the year to the several Masonic Charities being £401 1s.

Bro. George Oliver, P.G. Treas., submitted his accounts for the ensuing year, which showed a balance in hand on the general fund of £79 19s. 7d., and £14 4s. 11d. on the Charity Fund.

Bro. Oliver was heartily thanked for his services, and was unanimously re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. John Hassall, P.M. 779	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Walter J. New, P.M. 1130	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. J. Mason, B.A., P.M. 1146, Chap. 2429	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. W. Lancaster, M.A., Chap. 523	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Oliver, P.M. 1007	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Frank Winterton, I.P.M. 1560	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Holmes, P.M. 279, W.M. 2429	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. C. Oliver, P.M. 1007	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Pick, I.P.M. 1330	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. E. Latimer, W.M. 1330	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Swingle, P.M. 2081	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. B. Neale, I.P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. Green, I.P.M. 2028	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Staines, I.P.M. 2081	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Lawrence Staynes, Org. 523	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Frank Birch, I.P.M. 1007	...	...	...
" J. A. Barrs, I.P.M. 50	...	...	...
" David Ward, W.M. 50	...	...	...
" G. Neighbour, W.M. 523	...	...	...
" John Price, W.M. 779	...	...	...
" C. F. Oliver, W.M. 1007	...	...	...
" B. Furley, S.W. 1265	...	...	...
" A. F. Rawson, D.C. 2028	...	...	...
" J. Tanser, Tyler 279	...	...	...

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is the Charity to which the province will specially contribute this year, and Bro. MASON, of that Institution, who was present, specially advocated its claims to the brethren. At the close of his address, Bro. H. Howe, P.M. 1391, was unanimously elected Charity Steward for the year.

The next item of business was the consideration of a proposition submitted by the Acting Prov. Grand Master as the raising of a memorial in the province to Bro. Kelly. The greatest interest was shown by all present in this matter, and after a considerable discussion as to the form of the memorial, it was unanimously determined that a memorial should be raised, but that its precise form should be determined by the Committee of General Purposes.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read an extract from the will of Bro. Kelly, in which he bequeathed to the Provincial Grand Master for the time being the gold chain of office and jewel worn by the late Lord Howe, as D.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, also as P.G.M. of Warwickshire and Leicestershire, which Lord Howe had presented to Bro. Kelly, and which Bro. Kelly wore whilst P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland. Bro. Kelly also bequeathed to Provincial Grand Lodge a silver loving cup, which the brethren of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, had presented to him in 1867. The chain, jewel, and cup were formally presented by the P.G. Treasurer to the Acting Prov. Grand Master, and received by him in the name of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet took place at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., Acting Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by a very large number of provincial brethren.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—This old established lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Brendel, W.M.; A. E. Todd, I.P.M.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.; C. T. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Matt. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; F. Bull, J.D.; C. J. Pallot, I.G.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M., and C. R. Kemp, Stwds.; S. R. Lambie, P.M.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; J. W. Dixon, P.M.; Harrison, P.M.; J. Whiffen, R. F. Ham, W. Winn, J. C. Barnes, S. Ullmann, T. L. Ullmann, A. Lyons, W. Notting, A. Symmons, A. Farrants, H. C. Todd, R. Emery, A. Porter, H. P. Robinson, G. J. Newton, and R. F. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Reap, 1622; E. C. Mulvey, 179. P.P.G.D.C. Herts, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Thorn, 237; N. J. Hodgson, W.M. 1613; C. M. Hayden, W.M. elect 1828; W. C. Bradley, 1950; A. Wood, 1185; and R. T. West, 1744. After the minutes had been read, the W.M. raised Bro. J. Newton. The liberal sum of £60 was unanimously voted from the Benevolent Fund to a distressed brother, and £10 to the widow of a deceased brother, who was 80 years of age.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed, supplied by Bro. A. Clemow in his usual good style.

The usual toasts were given and loyally received.

Bro. A. F. Todd, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said that the work done that night showed that the members had made no mistake in electing one who was a splendid working Master.

Bro. Brendel, W.M., replied. He said he would do his very best to carry out the duties of his high office with satisfaction to the brethren.

"The Visitors" having been toasted,

Bro. Mulvey responded, and said he had been invited on several occasions, but that was the first opportunity he had had of attending. The working was excellent, and the lodge was a success, as it deserved to be, and he was glad to see the unanimous way they voted the large amount they had given that evening in the cause of Charity.

Bros. Hodgson and Hayden also replied in appropriate terms.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," remarking that they had done good service for the lodge, and making special mention of Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M., who had been a member of the lodge for 35 years, and had acted as Steward for 28 years.

Bro. A. F. Todd, I.P.M., responded, observing that he would be glad to give every assistance to the lodge.

Bros. Jacobs, Dixon, C. B. Todd, Libbis, and Harrison also replied.

Bro. Hale, P.M., Sec., also replied. He said he felt like a Government Whip to keep the members up to the scratch, and his great pleasure was to see a big attendance at each lodge meeting.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Macfarlane, S.W.; R. Douglas-Smith, acting J.W.; Pallot, and Kemp.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, which was greatly enhanced by songs by Bros. Macfarlane, J. W. Dixon, Notting, A. E. Todd, Kemp, and R. Douglas-Smith.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 144).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge (consecrated in 1765) was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 1st inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren to do honour to Bro. Benjamin Bridgman, the W.M. elect, a popular member of the lodge. There were present: Bros. F. Stutfield, W.M.; B. Bridgman, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Wills, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Beauchamp, J.D.; T. A. Markland, jun., I.G.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; T. Markland, P.M., Stwd.; G. Bowler, Tyler; P. Coughlan, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; D. Jenkins, A. Saunders, P.M.; R. Bartholomew, J. W. Sharpe, S. E. Storr, R. S. Illing, J. Pulling, P.M.; C. Mallow, G. E. Murrell, S. C. M. Austin, A. Marriott-Matthews, J. Cox, W. H. Rowle, H. J. Jennings, E. J. Winsborrow, and W. T. Morley. Visitors: Bros. S. W. Ballard, 1622; J. Bishop, 1744; J. R. Hunt, 1303; C. McGowey, P.M.; H. J. Oliver, J.W. 1420; L. Powter, W.M. elect 1228; W. T. Bates, P.M. 1507; D. N. Abbott, 957; F. C. Lintott, S.D. 1365; H. Willis, 1614; C. Miller, P.M. 1672; W. Rapeld, P.M. 1326; R. Dixon, 1853; A. H. Church, J.W. 1365; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M. 1922; W. Searle, 907; C. Oliphant, P.M. 1708; W. Finch, P.M. 1365; Leon Bridgman, 1348; W. D. Church, P.M. 1365; J. W. Pearson, 1567; J. R. Condell, P.M. 813; G. Jay, 228; W. Bennison, 173; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. Potter, W.M. elect 1260; W. Ward, 1257; J. H. Reap, 1622; A. Carlstrom, 733; A. H. Dalbs, 1987; W. Haydon, 1287; A. B. Stutfield, 1920; J. C. Radford, P.M. 1420; R. H. Meyer, 1767; W. J. Wall, S.W. 1743; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and the balance-sheet adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Benjamin Bridgman, was presented and installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. Stutfield. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Thomas, S.W.; J. H. Beauchamp, J.W.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Wills, P.M., Sec.; T. Markland, jun., S.D.; S. C. M. Austin, J.D.; R. S. Illing, I.G.; H. Troicere, Org.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; A. M. Matthews, A.D.C.; T. Markland, P.M., and J. Cox, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The beautiful ritual of installation was well treated by Bro. F. Stutfield, and in a manner that must leave a lasting impression on his successor and the brethren who heard him. The W.M. then initiated Mr. W. T. Morley in excellent style, and two gentlemen were afterwards proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. stated that he would go up as Steward for the old people, and to give as was unanimously voted to be placed on his list. A rum was also granted to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned

to a superb banquet, which was well-served under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow, and his manager, Bro. Evans.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. F. Stutfield, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that he was a jolly good fellow, and the way he had commenced his duties was evidence of what he could do, and he would be a great credit to the lodge, and concluding he quoted—

"The Master, he is a good one, and his Worthiness doth challenge much respect."

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. Bridgman, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that he was pleased to reply for the first time as W.M., and he was very proud of his position. When he was an initiate he well remembered saying that he would go for the chair, and he was more than gratified that he had succeeded in attaining it. Might he say that he felt satisfied with his work during the past 12 months, and his earnest wish was that he might carry out the duties of his exalted office with credit to the lodge, and that when he vacated the chair he hoped the members would never regret having placed him there.

In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. observed that he was honoured by having one that night, and he hoped he would aspire to the chair, and be an acquisition to the St. Luke's Lodge.

Bro. Morley, in reply, said that he was very glad to become a Mason.

In proposing "The I.P.M., Bro. Stutfield," the W.M. said he took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which was a very small return for his great and valuable services. He had kept up the well-known reputation of the lodge for good working, and he had been the ideal of a W.M.

Bro. Stutfield replied. He said if what he had done met with the satisfaction of the brethren he was gratified, and hoped to live long to adorn the shelf of Past Masters, and to wear the jewel which he honoured.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors." They were a praiseworthy set, and he had the pleasure of knowing more than half of them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. W. D. Church, P.M., J. Mason, P.M., and W. Potter.

Bro. W. D. Church responded. It was a great pleasure to witness the good working that night of the W.M. and I.P.M., it could not have been done better, and their treatment of the visitors was perfection.

Bro. James Mason also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working. It had been his good fortune to attend many installation meetings of their good old lodge, and he was only too glad to come because they were always ready to help the Charities, and in concluding an earnest but eloquent speech, he said, don't forget the Old People, they want it very badly.

Bro. W. Potter also responded, remarking that the lodge was well known for its good working and hospitality, and he congratulated the members in having elected such an exceptionally good W.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters." He hoped that when his term of office expired, to leave the chair with the same repute as the Past Masters had, and he coupled the name of Bro. Jarvis Maples with the toast.

Bro. Maples responded. He said that it was the 32nd installation he had attended in the lodge, and the work they had witnessed that night made him proud that he was a P.M. of such an excellent lodge.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." They were both worthy men and good officers, and were ever willing to do anything for the members, both in and out of the lodge.

Bro. Unite, P.M., Treas., replied in a happy speech.

Bro. Watts, P.M., Sec., also responded. He said that that night was the 16th time he had been appointed Secretary, and it was 20 years ago that night that he was installed as W.M. of the lodge, in which he had been a member for 25 years. He ventured to think that having held his office for so long, was proof that the members were satisfied with the way he carried out his duties.

The W.M. gave "The Officers." They were all good fellows, and were working hard to go forward, and, when required, they would be fully qualified to take any office in the lodge.

Bros. F. Thomas, S.W.; J. H. Beauchamp, J.W.; T. Markland, jun., S.D.; S. C. M. Austin, J.D.; and J. Cox, Stwd., replied in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a happy and successful gathering.

The W.M. had provided a splendid vocal and musical entertainment, which was well carried out under the direction of Bro. Leon Bridgman, and the following also took part: Bros. T. A. Markland, jun., Allan Ramsay, S. C. M. Austin, F. Stephens, F. Thomas, and H. Cooper; Mr. Clarence Hunt, Miss Emmie Bridgman (daughter of the W.M.), and Miss Maggie Roberts. Special mention should be made of the two ladies, and of Bro. Leon Bridgman, whose great efforts were much appreciated.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, when there were present: Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; E. Newland, S.W.; Hans Schrien, J.W.; W. J. Copstone, P.M., Sec.; Robert Philips, S.D.; James Banks, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; E. D. Richards, Stwd.; G. Mallett, P.M., Tyler; T. J. Oliver, P.M.; Fred. Craggs, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; G. F. Palmer, H. W. Dyne, H. Stokes, G. E. White, C. J. Chambers, E. H. Grant, M. F. Wilkins, R. Shaw, R. T. Cartwright, G. Leys and A. J. Dalton. Visitors: Bros. Charles Rogers, 1512; F. A. Barth, W.M. 865; Edward Fox W.M. 1275; H. Bone, J.D. 1275; R. Reid, I.G. 1275; Thomas Knights; and K. Solomon, S.D. 2029. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings read and confirmed, Bro. George F. Palmer was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Leys, which proving unanimous, he was very impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. A. J. Dalton, 429, was unanimously elected a joining member, and a gentleman was proposed for initiation, and one brother as a joining member.

Other business being concluded the brethren adjourned to a very excellent dinner, when the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which being duly responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—A strong muster of the members of this exceedingly prosperous lodge took place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd inst., when there were present among others: Bros. Hearn, W.M.; Dr. Millsom, S.W.; Colwell, J.W.; George Everett, P.G. Treas., P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Barry, S.D.; Parrot, J.D.; Chisholm, I.G.; Henry Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; Foalé, P.M.; Lundie, P.M.; Hopkins, Org.; and F. Reinardt, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M. 2165; Eddie, 742; Cates, 943; S. Woodcock, 1638; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of raising and passing were effectively performed by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the first Tuesday in November next. The brethren then partook of a well-served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts received full justice.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," congratulated him upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies that evening.

The Worshipful Master, having replied, gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Fitzgerald, P.M., in reply, said that that was his first visit to the Kennington Lodge, and that he had been exceedingly gratified with what he had seen and for the hearty reception accorded to him and his co-visitors. Everything worked well, but that was to be expected when they had one at the helm so thoroughly efficient in Masonry and financial details as Bro. George Everett. He (the speaker) had had many opportunities of meeting with their distinguished Treasurer, and the more he met him the better he liked him. He concluded his speech by passing many complimentary remarks upon a member of the lodge whose services to Freemasonry had recently been recognised.

The "Health of the Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Lundie and W. P. Webb, who respectively responded in a humorous vein.

The proceedings were enlivened by the musical abilities of Bros. Hopkins, Lundie, Clowes, and others.

The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—The 22nd installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Robson, was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. K. Gwyn, S.W.; R. Brookman, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Hon. Sec. pro tem; F. E. Bailey, P.M., S.D.; G. M. Fraser, J.D.; R. Lawson, I.G.; H. Dottridge, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; D. T. Keene, P.M.; W. Kibble, P.M.; L. B. Mozley, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; J. Seex, P.M.; N. B. Headon, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; Rhys, Thomas, James Boyton, J. H. Guyton, P.M., J. W. Colmer, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. F. Jacob, P.M. 1857, P.D.G.D.C. Surrey; C. Garton, J.D. 192; W. J. Gwyn, Apollo Lodge; F. C. Lintott, S.D. 1365; J. R. Cordell, P.M. 1813; C. E. Oldridge, P.M. 1636; C. Oldridge, jun., 1638; J. Ortnet, 1767; A. White, W.M. 15; W. R. Strong, J.W. 1851; Mount Brown, P.M. 1907; W. Lawley, W.M. 234; J. H. Hawkins, P.M. 2488; C. W. Noehmer, P.M. 238; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201; Walter A. Bunting, 2318; and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Kebell Gwyn, was presented to the W.M., and received at his hands the benefit of installation; the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Robson, and completing in an admirable manner a year's most creditable work on the part of the out-going Master. The newly-installed Master gave evidence of his perfect qualification for his elevation to the chair of K.S. by at once initiating into the mysteries of the Order Mr. Frederick Geo. Joy. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. R. Brookman, S.W.; F. E. Bailey, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Sec. pro tem.; G. J. M. Fraser, S.D.; R. Lawson, J.D.; H. Dottridge, I.G.; J. H. Gwyn, P.M., D.C.; R. Thomas and J. Boyton, Stwds.; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and a proposition for an initiate at ensuing meeting accepted, and, after some general routine business had been disposed of, the lodge work terminated.

The brethren adjourned to the Pillar Hall for banquet. This was admirably served by Messrs. Ritter and Pusey, and gave general satisfaction.

An interesting menu and list of toasts; interspersed with apt quotations from Masonic ritual, was much appreciated by the visitors. The post-prandial speeches introducing the customary toasts, and in response thereto, were somewhat above the average on similar occasions.

The musical portion of the programme, under the direction of Bro. J. Ortnet, assisted by Miss Amelia Holding, Medallist R.A.M., Miss Ira Aldridge, and Mr. Edwin Wareham, with Miss Gwyn, a talented daughter of the W.M., as accompanist, met with earnest approval, and added materially to the enjoyment of the brethren, who, after a most harmonious evening, separated highly pleased with the success which had attended the proceedings, both at labour and refreshment.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The first meeting, after the recess, was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. R. Loomes, W.M., presiding, and the following were present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D. Herts I.P.M.; A. Cox, S.W.; S. Napper, P.M., acting J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Treas.; E. Blenkhorn, P.M., Sec.; D. C. Ritchie, S.D.; E. J. Harrison, J.D.; C. Isler, I.G.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; W. Taylor, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.P.G. Supt. of W. Herts; H. B. Harding, P.M.; P. Faber, S. D. C. Attwater, W. J. Barnes, W. S. Wollacott, B. Bridgwater, F. Simmonds, T. E. Newman, J. Amand, and E. H. Bury. Visitors: Bros. H. Times, W.M. 165; A. Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Supt. of W. Somerset; R. Eddie, J.D. 742; W. Banks, J.D. 1365; and W. E. Sutton, P.M. 1791.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. S. Wollacott was raised to the Degree of M.M. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

After the dinner, which followed, the usual toasts were proposed.

Bros. Banks, J.D. 1365, and Eddie, J.D. 742, replied for "The Visitors."

A very agreeable programme of music had been arranged by Bro. T. E. Newman, to which the members of the lodge received able assistance from Bro. Banks. Bro. H. S. Trege, Mus. Bac. Oxon, accompanied.

Lodge of Loyalty (No 1607).—This lodge has long held a high reputation among London lodges for the excellence of its work, and this high standard was fully maintained at the 19th installation meeting of the lodge, which was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. The lodge was called for three o'clock, and shortly after that hour was opened by the W.M., Bro. George Snell Denney, who was supported by the following: Bros. W. B. Vaile, S.W.; G. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; Walter Barker, S.D.; J. Lawson, I.G.; Frank King, D.C.; C. H. Webb, Sec.; M. W. Jameson, Stwd.; Newton, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Hattersley, P.M.; Cushing, P.M.; Gayton, P.M.; C. H. Halford, P.M.; Clark, P.M.; Holsworth, P.M.; Rose, P.M.; McLachlan, Godfrey, Loveday, Cole, Hetherington, King, Gunn, H. T. Thompson, P.M.; G. Cunningham, R. C. Halford, Robinson, A. R. Olley, P.M.; and Sanderson. The following visitors also honoured the lodge with their presence: Bros. W. T. Johns, W.M., and E. J. Morgan, P.M., of 1571; A. Cunningham, 1766; Sparrow, 2374; Craig, 2319; McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Carter, P.M. 211; Harvey, J.W. 174; Claridge, 2046; Brasted, 2374; Dowling, 1757; Brambleby, 1622; Hattersley, 2262; Hicks, 1963; Baugh, 1767; Magee, P.M. 174; Hearn, 1613; and Blatchford, P.M. 1196.

The usual formal business of the lodge having been dispatched, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and was performed by Bro. Denney in a manner which excited the admiration of all present, Bro. William Berkeley Vaile being the new W.M. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, Bro. Vaill appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. S. Denney, I.P.M.; G. E. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. L. Barker, J.W.; R. S. Cushing, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; J. Lawson, S.D.; W. W. Jameson, J.D.; G. Cunningham, I.G.; R. C. Halford, D.C.; E. Godfrey, Org.; J. Hattersley, P.M., and H. McLachlan, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. There were three candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. H. P. Robinson, Stanley Foot, and E. Petfield, all of whom were unanimously elected by ballot, and were initiated into Freemasonry in a most impressive manner. A pleasing feature of the business of the lodge was the presentation by the W.M. of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Bro. George Snell Denney, which was done in a very felicitous manner, and for which Bro. Denney returned thanks in feeling terms. Since the last meeting of the lodge some important structural alterations had been carried out by Bro. Start, the proprietor of the London Tavern. The lodge room had been considerably enlarged by throwing in a corridor which had formerly been used for storing lodge furniture, and by the addition of a part of the Tyler's room. The result is that the lodge room is now one of the best and most comfortable in the City of London, the ventilation and sanitary arrangements being most heartily appreciated, and forming the subject of much favourable comment from the brethren. Bro. Start has, at no small cost, given abundant evidence of his desire to meet the needs and attend to the comfort of his Masonic friends, and we congratulate him upon the considerable improvement which he has effected.

After the labours of the evening, the brethren sat down to a banquet of a most *recherché* character.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had filled all the various offices below the chair with the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, and he (Bro. Denney) was confident that the highest interests of the lodge would be promoted by their new W.M. In conclusion, he assured the W.M. of the loyal support of all the members of the lodge.

In reply, the W.M. returned his warm thanks to the brethren for the honour that day conferred upon him. Whatever might have been the degree of credit which he had earned in the performances of his duties in the past, he had always striven to do his best, and should certainly continue to do all that lay within his power to deserve the confidence of the brethren and to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," to whom, in the name of the lodge, he extended the warmest welcome. These brethren had come amongst them with the highest credentials, and he trusted that they had before them a long and useful Masonic career.

Bro. John Newton, the first Master of the lodge, then sang the Entered Apprentice's song, after which Bros. Robinson, Foot, and Petfield gracefully responded to the toast.

In proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," the W.M. paid a high tribute to the ability with which Bro. Denney had discharged the duties of the office during the past year. He had during his occupancy of the chair endeared himself to all the brethren, and his year of office would be looked back upon by the brethren with the most pleasant recollections.

Bro. Denney, I.P.M., on rising, was greeted with long-continued applause. He said that for the second time that day the W.M. had placed him under an obligation which he was unable to discharge. When first he was installed into the chair he had serious misgivings as to his ability to perform the duties required of him, but thanks to the cordial and loyal assistance of his officers and of the brethren generally he felt that he had been able to maintain in some degree the traditions of the Lodge of Loyalty. He returned his warmest thanks to the brethren for their support. He had represented the lodge as Steward at the Boys' Festival and had taken up no less a sum than £105 8s. upon his list.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and extended to them a hearty greeting and welcome.

In response, Bro. Johns, W.M. 1571, in an amusing speech stated the honour of being W.M. of his lodge was somewhat dimmed by the diffidence which he always felt when called upon to make a speech. He did not deny that he had talents, but they lay in another direction altogether. He complimented the W.M. upon the working of the lodge, which he said was but traditional and was only what was to be expected at the Loyalty Lodge.

Bro. Carter, P.M., also responded, saying that although he was rusty and out of condition he could not but give honour to whom honour was due, and he was certain that the brother who had that evening been installed as Master was the right man in the right place.

Bro. Magee, P.M., also expressed his pleasure in being present and stated that he should certainly have a favourable report to make to the Sincerity Lodge of the reception accorded to their off-spring, Loyalty.

Bro. E. J. Morgan, P.M., also expressed the pleasure which he had experienced in again visiting the lodge, and being a witness to its progress. He had enjoyed the honour of being present upon many similar occasions, and that night was no exception to the rule of good working which had ever characterised the lodge. He had been much impressed by the installation ceremony as performed by Bro. Denney, who had well deserved the honour conferred upon him. That beautiful ceremony, when properly given and received, was always as good as a sermon, and no one could fail to be touched by the sentiments therein expressed. He sincerely hoped they might sink deeply into each heart present, and that brotherly love might ever distinguish the brethren of the lodge, and that as the years rolled on that grand principle of Freemasonry might grow stronger and stronger. He heartily congratulated the W.M. upon his accession, and said that all the visitors wished for him a happy and successful year of office.

"The Masonic Charities" was the next toast offered by the W.M., who cited some interesting statistics of the educational work of the Boys' School.

The toast was heartily received, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary R.M.I.B., in response, stated how pleased he was to again visit that good lodge. As a Mason, he thoroughly appreciated excellent work, and, although after the exhausting labours attendant upon the election the previous day, he had felt jaded and weary, the magnificent working which he had witnessed had put new life into him. He congratulated the W.M. upon ruling over such a lodge, and the lodge upon possessing such a W.M. It was always a pleasure to come down and visit a lodge which had ever shown the fullest conception of its duties in regard to the Masonic Charities. In an eloquent and powerful speech, Bro. McLeod enlarged upon the valuable work which the Charities in connection with the Craft were carrying out, and appealed to the brethren not to let their energies flag.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers," which were duly responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most profitable evening to a close.

During the evening songs from several of the brethren were interspersed between the toasts.

Penge Lodge (No. 1815).—The 16th annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, S.E., on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was great interest manifested on this occasion by the fact that the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. William Baker, is a great favourite with all the brethren, and has had the interest of the lodge at heart for many years. There was a large assembly of brethren present. Amongst the visitors may be mentioned Bros. Alderman Hopekirk, P.G.P.; F. Tomlin, W.M. 1360; J. Bolton, W.M. 1790; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1719; E. F. Goodwin, 186; A. J. Phillips, 463; F. Bartlett, 1110; E. Perry, 1178; J. Ellis, 1305; and W. H. Worster, 1563. Also Bros. R. Jackson, T. West, R. A. Tidmas, W. F. Hocken, J. Dibble, and H. Leney, Past Masters of the lodge; F. Betts, I.P.M., and many other brethren.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. William Baker, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. W. T. Hocken, P.M., D.C., to Bro. Robert A. Tidmas, P.M., who, by special request, had taken the chair as Installing Master, who in due course performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. Bro. Baker was then saluted by the brethren, and proclaimed in true Masonic fashion. He then appointed and invested his officers, as follows: Bros. H. O. Budd, S.W.; Arthur Bentley, J.W.; W. T. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; Henry Leney, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Crockford, S.D.; D. Parsons, J.D.; W. Peckett, I.G.; A. E. Hall and J. Marchant, Stwds.; and E. Partridge, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master having given the usual addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation with much effect, the initiate being Mr. T. Turner. Notices of motion were given as to voting £21 to Masonic Charities. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. Betts, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of regard from the brethren, and in acknowledgment of his very able services during the past year. Bro. Betts made a suitable acknowledgement. Bro. Bentley, J.W., was also complimented on his appointment to that office after holding several years the position of Secretary, to the entire satisfaction of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, after the usual "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors.

The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Hutchins, of the Thicket Hotel.

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

Bro. Alderman Hopekirk, P.G.P., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and congratulated the W.M. on the working he had witnessed in the lodge, making special reference to the Installing Master's (Bro. R. A. Tidmas, P.M.) very effective rendering of that ceremony, and the W.M.'s state of efficiency in performing the initiation. Reference was also made to the support given by the lodge to Masonic Charities.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was ably proposed by Bro. Leney, P.M., and received with great enthusiasm, Bro. Baker making a very suitable acknowledgement to the compliment paid him.

The toast of "The Visitors" received due honour at the hands of Bro. Crockford, S.D., and replied to by Bro. J. Kilvington, P.M.

Bro. Dunwoody proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Betts," in eloquent terms, speaking of the very successful year the lodge had had under his Mastership.

Bro. Betts thanked the brethren for their kind expressions, and stated he looked upon the jewel the W.M. had presented him with that evening as the greatest honour a Master could have bestowed upon him, seeing it was the rule of the Penge Lodge that the W.M. should merit a jewel only by his work in lodge and general interest for the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. Jackson, P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," dwelling at great length on the very able and impressive manner Bro. Tidmas had performed the ceremony.

The toast being received with much applause, Bro. Tidmas thanked the brethren in suitable terms.

The toasts of "Initiate," "Past Masters," and "Officers" being duly honoured, a most pleasant evening was concluded by the Tyler's toast.

The brethren were greatly entertained by the humorous songs of Bro. Cozens, also songs and recitations by Bro. Marchant, Ellis, Bartlett, Dunwoody, and Bentley, Bro. A. J. Phillips proving himself an admirable accompanist.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Saturday last, and as the lodge has been established only four years the record of attendance at the assembly was highly gratifying. The lodge met at 3.30 p.m., the ceremony of installation being fixed for 4 p.m., but from the opening hour the brethren were present in numbers which must have been most gratifying to everybody connected with the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Venning Burgess, presided, and after the preliminary work had been disposed of, Bro. West, P.M., installed Bro. Charles Rawle in the Master's chair. Before proceeding to invest his officers, Bro. Rawle initiated Mr. John Passmore Edwards, a well-known Cornishman, into the Order. When the ceremony of initiation was completed, Bro. Passmore Edwards had the advantage of seeing the new officers invested, and of hearing the addresses given to the Master, Wardens, and brethren by Bro. West, Burgess, and Greenwood. The officers were Bros. Dr. Burgess, I.P.M.; I. Leach Barrett, S.W.; John Curnow, M.D., J.W.; Rev. Vyvian Tyrrel, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; Richard Greenwood, Sec.; Robert Buley, S.D.; Rev. Edmund Geard, J.D.; James O. Widger, I.G.; Henry R. Redman, D.C.; Edward Symons, Org.; Thos. Hawken and A. Johnson, Stwds.; and Edward Mills, Tyler. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. West seconded, that a letter should be written to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, which was to meet the following Tuesday, condoling with it and Mrs. Chirgwin and family on the loss by death of Bro. Chirgwin, Prov. G. Sec., and it was afterwards suggested that as the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, is to preside at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Cornish Lodge should support that Institution. Several letters, including one from the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W., were read by Bro. Greenwood, Sec., from brethren who were unable to be present at that meeting, regretting their inability to attend, but congratulating the lodge on its admission of Bro. Passmore Edwards into the Order. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Burgess, I.P.M., after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The banquet was excellently supplied, and it gave entire satisfaction.

When it had been disposed of, the usual toasts were proposed, the W.M. proving a capital president.

Bro. Dr. R. Turtle Pigott responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the only bitter drop in the cup of his pleasure was that he was not a Cornishman; still, he was an honorary member of the lodge, so that he was in some way in touch with Cornishmen. He then complimented Bro. West on his performance of the installation ceremony, and the addresses of Bros. West and Greenwood, and also Bro. Rawle, on his rendering of the ceremony of initiation.

Bro. Burgess, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." As a Cornishman, they all loved Bro. Rawle, who was always very genial and hospitable. They had proved what he was, for he had gone through all the offices of the lodge, and that night his working had been so good as to prove that their selection of him as W.M. was a sound one.

Bro. Rawle, W.M., in response, said it was a very enviable position to be in, to be the W.M., selected unanimously, to occupy the chair previously filled by many worthy Cornishmen. He entered upon that, his first evening, with a great deal of fear and trembling, knowing how well the brethren who had preceded him had performed their duties, and how feeble he felt himself in carrying the work out on the old lines. Still, he could say he should do his best, and if, at the end of his year of office, he should meet with the hearty reception the brethren had accorded his predecessors, he should feel amply repaid.

Bro. Rawle, in proposing the next toast, said if there had been a happy event in connection with that lodge, it was the fact of his having been placed in the position to welcome their newly-made brother. He would scarcely have believed it possible a little while ago, but their newly-made brother had been so much accustomed to laying the corner-stones of buildings, that he might fully appreciate the position he had occupied that evening of being in the north-east corner of the Cornish Lodge. The reception they had given him sprang from their hearts as Cornishmen; they felt that in electing Bro. Passmore Edwards, one of the Princes of the Earth had come among them. *Masons we not much accustomed to coming from the poets, but he might say that if any man ever endeavoured to carry out the sentiments expressed in the lines*

"Lives of great men oft remind us
We can make our lives sublime,"

it was Bro. Passmore Edwards. He (Bro. Rawle) did not wish to flatter him, and he would not weary the brethren with reciting all the good things done by Bro. Passmore Edwards; but it was a good thing for the brethren, for Masonry in general, and for the Cornish Lodge in particular, that they had had such a worthy brother to join them. In proposing the toast of "The Initiate" he felt quite sure the people of Redruth, Truro, Blackwater, or Padstow could not give him a warmer reception.

Bro. Passmore Edwards, in reply, said he was glad—and he spoke with all sincerity—to see all the attention that night. When he came there he was not aware that he was an initiate; but merely had to sign his name and be recognised among them as an outsider; but to behold in the course of a short time he found that he had not only passed the portal, but going to the magnificent building, was a full blown novice—a novice—but such as he was he was delighted to meet them all. He was proud of being one of the brethren—proud, in the first place, that he was a Cornishman; that was a pride and glory into which

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over for want of space.

CRAFT LODGES.—True Love and Unity, No. 248; Hope, No. 433; Star in the East, No. 650; Beadon, No. 717; Pollok (I.C.), No. 772; St. Oswald, No. 910; Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979; Duke of Connaught, No. 1558; Rose, No. 1622; Eleanor Cross, No. 1764; Burrell, No. 1829; Montague Guest, No. 1900; Rye, No. 2272; and Warner, No. 2256.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Chorlton, No. 1387. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—La Tolerance, No. 538; and Langton, No. 1673. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Consecration of Lodge Dharwar, No. 2527.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

As will have been seen from our reports of last week, the Quarterly Courts of Governors and Subscribers of our two Schools were held, as appointed, on Thursday, the 11th inst., and Friday, the 12th inst., respectively, the number of children elected into the Girls' School being 21 from an approved list of 42 candidates, while those elected into the Boys' School, from a reduced list of 43 approved candidates, were 18 in number.

The list of 42 girl candidates comprised 12 hailing from London, four in which London and one or more Provinces or Districts had a joint interest, and 26 from the Provinces, there being four of this class deriving their claims to admission from more than one Province Of the 21 who were elected, London succeeded in re

turning five, and there were three elected in which London divides the satisfaction of winning their election with some Province or District. The remaining 13 were Provincial or from Abroad, and were returned in their order of seniority on the list—by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire, Surrey, Jersey and Warwickshire, Middlesex, Staffordshire and Bristol, East Lancashire, Shropshire, Buckinghamshire, Queensland, Cambridgeshire, and North and East Yorkshire. The votes polled for these 21 girls ranged from 3896 obtained by the Staffordshire and Bristol candidate, who won the first place, down to 2497 for the Buckinghamshire girl, who stood at No. 21. Of the 21 unsuccessful candidates who carry forward their votes to the election in April, 1895, four obtained over 2000 votes, three over 1500, but less than 2000, and three between 1000 and 1500, while of the remaining 10, there were eight for whom the number of votes polled was less than 100.

For the Boys' School Election the number of candidates was originally 44, but at the last moment the name of one, who hailed from Kent, and had only this chance of winning a place, was withdrawn, he being presented as the first boy under "The Eastes' Presentation." The 43 candidates were distributed as follows: London, 11; partly London and partly Provincial, 4; Provincial and from Abroad, 28. Of these London was successful in carrying only four of its cases, while only one of the four in which she had a part interest, secured a place. The remaining 13 were entirely Provincial, three of them deriving support from more than one Province or District. In this case the votes ranged from 3684, polled for the Monmouthshire boy, who stood at No. 1, down to 2598, polled for a London candidate, who was placed at No. 18, while of the remainder, who with three exceptions carry forward their votes to the election in April, 1895, there were two who obtained upwards of 2000 votes, six who had between 1000 and 2000 votes, four between 500 and 1000, eight between 100 and 500, and four less than 100.

As regards the one last case at the Girls' School election and the six last cases at that of the Boys' School, the former won the place of honour as No. 1; but of the latter, two succeeded in winning the third and fourth vacancies, one, as already mentioned, was withdrawn, and the other three failed, and their names will now be removed from the list. One of these had been before the electors for three, and the others for two years, yet the former succeeded in obtaining only 512 votes, and the latter only 492 and 63 votes respectively.

As regards the votes generally, there were brought forward for the Girls' School 14,860, and there were issued for this election 69,041, making a total of 83,901. Of these 7014 were unpolled or spoiled. For the Boys' School election 5917 were brought forward, 17 were added under Law 33, and 74,340 issued, making the total 80,274. Of these 6355 were unpolled or spoiled. As for the candidates who still have the right to remain on the lists, they are 21 girls and 22 boys, and, according to the votes they carry forward, so will their chances of success in April next be affected more or less materially.

It will be welcome news to many members of the Craft to know that Bro. R. F. Gould will shortly publish a cheap and concise edition of his "History of Freemasonry" in a single volume (octavo). The new History will be re-cast, re-written, and brought up to date. We understand that the published price will be 10s. 6d.

The half-yearly Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on Wednesday last, at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, the R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, presiding, and was attended by a large number of brethren from all parts of the Province. In the course of his address the Prov. G.M. referred especially to the special attention that had been given in the Province of West Yorkshire to the literature of the Craft, as evidenced by the publication of the addresses of his predecessor, and the Lodge Histories that had recently appeared. We are glad to see that the mantle of Bro. Tew has fallen on Bro. Jackson in so far as his appreciation of Masonic literature is concerned.

"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN."—This piece was played by Mr. Charles Wyndham, Miss Mary Moore, and the Criterion Company at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on Thursday afternoon, to a record house, the receipts having largely exceeded any amount that has ever been taken at that theatre.

Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir and Brother,

In a recent search amongst ancient Masonic records I came across the enclosed dietary table for our Girls' School exactly a century ago, which, it occurred to me, might interest some of your readers. One wonders what a medical man of the present day would say to a dinner of suet pudding and beer, or rice pudding and beer for girls of tender age; or what Sir Wilfred Lawson would say to the same girls having beer twice a day four days a week, and once a day on the remaining three days.—Yours fraternally,

G. V. GREATBATCH.

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JOINING FEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some time ago I read either in your journal or in some American or Australian paper a letter regarding joining and affiliation fees, but am unable to lay my hand on the paper. I should like to draw your attention to the hardship that is inflicted on Masons, especially those who have to travel about as part of their duty (such as naval and military officers), by the existence of these fees.

Take my own case. Initiated a few years ago and having passed through the chair of my mother lodge abroad, I am now ordered to England for duty. On arrival I find that although warmly welcomed to lodge meetings and nearly always asked to remain for the Fourth Degree when "visiting," yet I am unable to exercise my Masonic rights in the way of voting and speaking (except in response to a toast) unless I pay a certain sum, averaging five guineas, as a joining fee to a lodge, independent of the annual subscription. My stay in this country will probably be three years, perhaps a few months more or less, then when ordered abroad there will be a fresh joining fee to pay; this tax will come round pretty frequently (as even when abroad one is not necessarily at the same station all the time) if a Mason in the service wishes in any way to keep up touch with the Craft. Affection and gratitude incline one to remain attached to one's mother lodge. Although attendance is quite out of the question, one does not mind that fee which in the case of foreign members is rarely much more than sufficient to keep their names on the books and to pay postage for summonses, but why when having paid all the fees up to the Third Degree should one practically be taxed if compelled by force of circumstances to seek membership in a fresh lodge? I do not wish to make Masonry cheap, but the question of cheapness or otherwise should be settled by the initiation fee. "Once a Mason, always a Mason," is an expression I have frequently heard, and yet when asked last week by a friend to put his name up for the Craft and propose him for initiation, I was obliged to tell a man who would be a desirable addition to any lodge, that I have practically no standing in England; yet in a Colony or in Ireland I could write and propose him as a candidate by the next mail.

The joining fee in a great many instances is exactly half the initiation fee, so that a brother wishing to continue his connection with the Craft or going to a different part of the world or country has to pay as much as a "profane" wishing to enter a lodge for the first time.

The same remarks apply to chapters as well as to lodges. The question of affiliation fees I will not enter into, as this note is already longer than I expected—Yours fraternally,

P.M. (E.C.).

THE ROMISH CHURCH AND THE CRAFT. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A contemporary has been much exercised of late over the utterances of the Rev. Luke Rivington, and it seems difficult to realise that this is the same Luke Rivington who, I remember, used to draw a number of undergraduates to St. Giles' Church, Oxford, in the years 1864-5 to hear his forcible sermons. This gentleman seems to be hopelessly mixed, as so far as my somewhat extensive experience goes, the British working man has nothing at all to do with the Craft, certainly the cost of most Masonic bodies would be far above the wages of a mechanic.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to "Gavel's" query *re* "Honorary Members," appearing in your issue of July 7th, I have much pleasure in handing you the following ruling on the subject, which appeared as an appendix to the report of District Grand Lodge of Queensland proceedings December 1st, 1886:

Re Honorary Members.

"Extract from the report of the Board of General Purposes of the 23rd November, 1864. Approved by Grand Lodge on the 7th December, 1864.

"The Board have to report that their attention has been directed to the question of the status and privileges of what are termed Honorary Members of Lodges who are not mentioned in the Book of Constitutions. Upon this subject the Board have received a communication from the Colonial Board, which embodies the views of the Grand Registrar, whose opinion the Colonial Board had consulted. The Board fully coincide in the opinion expressed on the subject by the Grand Registrar and adopted by the Colonial Board, viz., that the Book of Constitutions does not in any way recognise Honorary Members of Private Lodges. When that Book speaks of members it means only those brethren who are regularly contributing members to the funds of the lodge to which they may belong. Such brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as members of private lodges. The status of an Honorary member must be strictly confined to the lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his lodge. He cannot therefore hold any office in the lodge or vote on any subject which might even remotely affect the Craft at large. In short, his status and privileges as an Honorary Member entitle him to attend the meetings of the lodge and partake of its refreshments, without the necessity of being introduced by a subscribing member, provided always that he be a subscribing member to some other lodge. Honorary Members have no other right or privilege whatever.

"(Signed) J. LLEWELLYN EVANS,
"President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London,
"23rd Novr., 1864."

Doubtless "Gavel" will have received the information long ere this reaches you, if not, and you think the subject of sufficient interest, please make room for it in your correspondence column.—Yours fraternally,
A. MEARS, P.M. 1978,
C.C. 2076.

Townsville, N. Queensland,
August 23rd.

TEMPERANCE LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am a member of the Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, in the North-west Yorks Province. This lodge was founded, and has been carried on, as a lodge at whose refreshment board or social gatherings no alcohol has found a place. I am desirous to find out how many lodges under the Grand Lodge of England are conducted on these lines. I am led to believe there are several; I know of one in Bradford—the Acacia—there is one, I am told, in Birmingham and Portsmouth.

Can you kindly give me the information in the pages of the *Freemason*, or can you inform me how I may find it out?

I take a great interest in this question, and also travel about the country, and should like to be able to learn more of the principle of abstinence as affecting the welfare of the lodges so practising it. Trusting I am not troubling you too much.—I remain, yours fraternally.

LEWIS WATSON, M.M.,
Sergeant-Major Royal Artillery.

October 16th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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THE ROYAL ARCH.

Bro. Henry Sadler has written an excellent paper entitled, "Comments on Bro. Jacob Norton's Masonic History," in the "Masonic Review," Cincinnati, U.S.A., for September, 1894. Bro. Norton has had a few words to say lately about the origin of the English Royal Arch Degree, but has gone astray on some points, and Bro. Sadler has corrected the errors thus made by our old friend. Dermott did not introduce Royal Arch Masonry into England, as so many claim, and I quite believe with Bro. Sadler that the "Modern" Royal Arch Chapter had an existence, probably of several years, prior to the year its preserved records begin (1705); and it is remarkable that the ceremony flourished unofficially with the "Moderns," when it quite languished with the "Ancients." Thomas Dunckerley took the Degree at Portsmouth in 1754, and knew the *Mark* in 1769, working it in that town in that year. Bro. Sadler mentions a remarkable work of 1765, now in the Grand Lodge Library, which I hope he will have reprinted, especially as it confirms in a wonderful manner his theory of the origin of the "Ancients," and contains some particulars of especial value. I am glad reference is made appreciatively to the "History of the Fidelity Lodge," Leeds, which is one of the best works of the kind ever published. We have not yet done with our discoveries as to the origin of the Royal Arch, and if the copy of the records at Stirling can be trusted, and it seems to me they are genuine and authentic, we can trace the Degree in Scotland back to 1743.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

"THE MASONIC GUIDE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR 1894-5."—This very handy, accurate, and useful annual is published by Messrs. J. H. Sherring, & Co., of 42, Curriestreet, Adelaide (*price one shilling*), and edited by Bro. Philip Sansom, J.P., Mayor of Semaphore, and Deputy Grand Master of South Australia. It is issued under the patronage of the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G., the Governor of South Australia, as also the esteemed Grand Master, and by special request of the Masters' and Wardens' Association, and is in its thirteenth year of publication. It is one of the most complete, original, and varied Masonic Calendars published anywhere, and is now so well edited that the style of its present arrangement will likely be permanent. There are six pages of "Points from the Constitutions," carefully selected and rigidly condensed; twelve pages of "Memorable Notes," of considerable interest; and of "Masonic Mems." there are six pages, besides several devoted to particulars of the regular Grand Lodges throughout the world. There are now 40 lodges in South Australia, about which there is an abundance of information, the oldest dating from 1834, and the junior was added to the roll 60 years later. The total membership is 2430, exclusive of the Leinster Lodge, No. 363 (Irish Constitution), which numbers 152 subscribers. It is much to be wished that the members of this estimable lodge would join the Grand Lodge, and thus unite solidly with one of the best managed Grand Lodges that hail from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Depend upon it, brethren of No. 363, more good will be done, Masonically and generally, thus by union than by isolation. The lodge was formed in 1855, would doubtless be awarded No. 8 bis, on the United Roll. Particulars are appended of other Masonic Degrees, and an interesting account is inserted of the "Masters' and Wardens' Association," which was formed in 1887 to promote a closer fraternal intercourse among those ruling the Craft.

MASONIC FAREWELL AND DINNER.

The imminent departure of Bro. Conductor John Bilton, P.M. 1536 and 2399, for Hong Kong, on service, was the cause of a large and representative assembly of brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead districts, to bid him farewell and "God speed" on his journey. Bro. Bilton has, by his honourable conduct and upright character, won for himself the esteem of all who know him both as a man and a Mason.

The proceedings were inaugurated by a dinner at the Earl of Chatham Arms Hotel, Thomas-street, Woolwich, which was admirably served. The chairman was Bro. E. W. Sennet, W.M. 1536, who was supported by the following: Bros. George Kennedy, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Gooding, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; G. Ingle, S.W.; Jas. Gee, Treas.; T. O'Neill, Sec.; A. Hill, J.D.; A. Simmons, D. of C.; G. Williams, D. Hickey, T. Challoner, J. Winsborough, C. March, S. Hackworthy, W. Ramsey, S. Groves, R. Cockrane, and A. Arthur, of 1536; A. Deans, P.M., J. Matthey, P.M., S. Russell, J.W., and F. Harris, of 13; J. Jones, 199; T. V. Lee, S.W. 2399; F. Hully, J.W. 2399; W. Shackleton, J.W. 1789; G. W. Kennedy, P.M. 829; J. Dowsett, 700; J. Newsham, I.G. 2346; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; W. Redman, Org. 1472; and J. Robertson, 1789.

In proposing the toast of the evening, that of "The Health and Prosperity of Bro. John Bilton and a God-speed on his voyage, and a safe return to his native land," the CHAIRMAN said they all knew the cause of their meeting, it was to do honour to their esteemed guest, Bro. John Bilton. He felt sure he was expressing his and their feelings when he said they all regretted losing from among them one who was a paragon of honour and uprightness, and a king of good fellows. They knew the good work Bro. Bilton had done, not only in the two lodges (the United Military and the Ordinance) over which he had presided, but in their

lodge of instruction. He hoped that when Bro. Bilton got to Hong Kong he would meet with such good friends as he was leaving behind, and that he would enjoy himself, and when he came back he might rest assured of as hearty a welcome as he now had a God-speed.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Bro. BILTON, who was deeply affected, said he had been in a good many predicaments in his life, but never in such a one before. He could assure them that he had spent many happy moments amongst them, and he regretted leaving so many good friends, but he hoped in a few years to come back and meet the same happy smiling faces he saw around him that night.

Bros. MOULDS, KENNEDY, GOODING, GEE, DEANS, and JOLLY bore testimony to the worth of Bro. Bilton, and to the general regret at losing so excellent a brother.

Several other toasts were honoured and some good singing enlivened the proceedings, and the nucleus for a handsome testimonial to Bro. Bilton was subscribed by the brethren present.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Under the chairmanship of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity, a numerous attended meeting of the annual Court of Governors of the above Institution was held on Friday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

The minutes of the last Court, the Finance, Schools, and General Committees having been confirmed, it was unanimously resolved to elect a large number of children (recommended by the General Committee) on the foundation of the Institution in connection with the educational, combined, and advancement funds of the Charity.

Bro. T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G. Treasurer, who resigned his office as one of the Honorary Secretaries after a valuable service of six years, was accorded cordial thanks, on the proposition of Bro. BROWN, a Vice-Patron of the Institution.

The various officers for 1894-95 were elected as follows: Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675, and J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182, Honorary Secretaries; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treasurer, Honorary Treasurer; J. K. Smith, M.D., H. Y. Pitts, M.R.C.S., J. E. Dunn, M.D., J. H. Irvin, M.R.C.S., R. P. White, M.D., W. Challoner, M.D., and Egerton F. Hall, M.D., Honorary Medical Officers; and R. H. Leake, I.P.M. 1547, Honorary Solicitor.

The meeting then proceeded to elect 30 annual Governors to be members of the General Committee, the Auditors, and members of the Finance and Schools Committees.

It was resolved that the annual festival and ball should be held in January, in accordance with long-established custom, and the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Smith for presiding.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—This chapter held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, for the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Comp. Jas. Booth, M.E.Z., presided. There was a large attendance of the members and distinguished visiting companions. After the disposal of the usual routine business, the M.E.Z. declared all the offices vacant, and called upon Comp. W. M. Denholm, M.E.Z. St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69, Grand Soj., to preside. There being no opposition to the nominations of the previous meeting, the following were duly elected, and those present were installed into their respective offices. Comp. Denholm called on Comp. J. MacNaught Campbell, I.P.Z. 69, Grand Scribe N., to install those below the Principals, while he undertook the duties of Installing Principal: Comps. James A. S. Kerr, M.E.Z.; R. Morrison, D.M.E.Z.; Thos. R. Richards, M.E.H.; Peter Robertson, M.E.J.; R. Jackson S.E.; T. Chisholm, S.N.; J. O. Stewart, Treas.; J. Murray, 1st Soj.; J. P. Dodd, 2nd Soj.; Wal. Hardie, 3rd Soj.; Jas. W. Craig, S.B.; J. Fraser, sen., Std. Br.; T. M. Cunningham, Supt. of Wks.; Alex. Gray, Capt. 1st Veil; W. Anderson, Capt. 2nd Veil; J. M. Gordie, Capt. 3rd Veil; J. Fraser, jun., D.C.; and Geo. Muir, Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comps. Denholm and Campbell were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the able and interesting manner in which they delivered the charges. During the evening large deputations presented themselves to do honour to Comp. Booth, who was vacating the chair after two years of the most prosperous and eventful reign this historic chapter has enjoyed for many years. Comp. Booth has had a most distinguished career in Blue Masonry, and has filled the chair in his lodge for two long terms. He is also a Past Provincial in the Craft of some distinction, and has filled all the elective offices in the province in the Arch Order. During his term of office more representative and distinguished Craftsmen have joined the chapter than for many years past, and he has left the chair with the deepest regret of the chapter, the bye-laws, which were framed during his term of office, forbidding him to hold office for more than two years. His two predecessors were less fortunate (Comps. E. Macbean and W. S. Hunter), not being widely known in the blue, their career was handicapped. Some tangible token of Comp. Booth's valuable services to the chapter will be recognised shortly. The harmony was as good as in former years, for which the chapter is celebrated.

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other than Cornishmen could not enter, and in which they could not participate. Outside brethren knew nothing of that inner glory. The W.M. had said something about an ancient ceremony; but they of the Cornish brotherhood belonged to the most ancient of all, and not only to the most ancient of all, but Phœnician literature and Grecian civilisation passed into Cornwall before Greater Britain knew anything about it. Were they not justified therefore in cultivating that pride of being Cornishmen? He rejoiced in being a Cornishman that night. But there was something greater than Cornwall, and that was England, the greatest empire in the world; and he believed that in the course of ages the English language would become the language of universal and civilised mankind. But when that beautiful and distant future was realised it would be the Cornish element that would largely dominate. He rejoiced in being an Englishman, because English institutions were being imitated, and English laws were also being imitated in all parts of the world. He also rejoiced that night not only in being a Cornishman and an Englishman, but in being a member of the great Brotherhood of Freemasons. He said that from the very depths of his heart. At one period of the initiation he was inclined to smile, but, as the ceremony went on, a solemnity came over his mind, the nature of which he should carry with him, and the results of which he should possibly carry with him to the day of his death. This was merely Freemasonry as a principle, but it was Freemasonry in action that he looked upon. Go back to Grecian or Roman times, and they would find that the Greek or Roman philosopher was always superior to the civilisation that he represented. If they went to China or Japan they would find that the doctrines of Confucius were not carried out in China, or the doctrines of Buddha in Japan. Masons had a loftier ritual; they had a spiritual centre, a principle which made him rejoice at meeting them that night. He was struck with the solemnity of the ceremony, he felt as he was passing through the ordeal—an important ordeal to him—that they invoked in the first place the name of the Deity; that was the grandest of all—the Deity; and humanity, that was next to the grandest of all as far as men were concerned; but it was not only the Deity or humanity, but it was Deity and humanity united in good works. He cared little about the faith of men, provided their good works and their faith blossomed into action; and he believed from the very depths of his heart that there was a reality in this that they were all brethren, and that there was a religious bond between them. A religious bond did he say. Religion had existed in this world ever since man existed. Who could hope for a higher and a better teaching? Religion existed wherever the human heart beat in a noble aspiration for a nobler future; that was religion which it appeared to him was the central idea of Freemasonry, as it was that night presented to him. Was it a strange thing to find that he at his age should become a Freemason? It was never too late to learn. He felt that he had learned a great deal that evening. He was particularly pleased to see all the brethren, and having seen them once it would be his great hope to see them again and again.

Bros. James Stephens, Bladeburne, Cornell, and Wright (New South Wales), responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. West, P.M., responding to the toast of "The Installing Master, and the Past Masters," said the Cornish Lodge was founded for a particular purpose—to bring the Cornish element, if possible, into something that could make for time forward a mark in Masonry. How had they succeeded? The beginnings of the lodge were small so far as numbers were concerned, but with regard to the promulgation of the principles of Masonry in London it was large. It now numbered 67 contributing members, and it was only four years old. Was there another lodge in London founded on similar lines that had achieved in four years what the Cornish Lodge had achieved? They had succeeded because they had simply adopted the Cornish principle to work with—"One and All." The lodge was started with purity of purpose and it must succeed. So far they had made it a success, and he gloried in it. He looked on Masonry in Cornwall with an honest pride. Let them be united in the grand object they had in hand; let the Cornish Lodge not only maintain the reputation it had, but aim at a much greater reputation, founded on the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. Dr. Burgess also replied, and thanked the brethren heartily for the Past Master's jewel with which he had been presented.

Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., also spoke. He had left the Lizard at eight that morning on purpose to be present. (Bro. Roberts, who did not arrive till 10 at night, met with a most hearty reception on entering the banquet room.)

Bro. Wm. Lake, Treas., replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." They had had a letter that evening from Bro. W. J. Hughs congratulating the lodge on the accession to its ranks of Bro. Passmore Edwards—a representative Cornishman. He had watched Bro. Edwards' career, and he felt a real pleasure in attending that evening in the fact that the Cornish Lodge had proved a reason for its existence by initiating such a good friend to Cornwall. He did not say that in a flattering sense. When they had a man of such worth, a man who had devoted so much of his time and means to the improvement and welfare of his own county, and the country in general, they ought to feel proud to have him among them as a Freemason.

The Secretary, Bro. Greenwood, also replied. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The evening was enlivened with some excellent singing by the Schartau Part Singers, comprising Bros. J. Brand, Vivian Bennetts, W. Bradford, and Herbert Schartau.

The following were present: Bros. Burgess, W.M.; Rawle, S.W.; Barrett, J.W.; Tyrrel, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; Greenwood, Sec.; Curnow, S.D.; R. Bullen, I.D.; Widger, D.C.; Geard, I.G.; Redman, Stwd.; Mills, Tyler; West, P.M.; R. Turtle Piggott, P.A.G. D. of C.; Williams, Shuttleworth, Rosewarne, Rogers, Hill, H. Bullen, Pool, Rowe, Cope, Lory, Mabry, E. Richards, James, and Johnson. Visitors: Bros. Cornell, 1321; Dexter, J.D. 2513; Blackburn, P.M. 1365; Gibbs, J.D. 2504; King, 956; Tucker, P.M. 1733; Wright; C. myn, 310; Pisk, 404; Barnard, I.P.M. 2024; Massey, P.M. 1928; Shepherd, P.M. 1425; Brooks, 1050; Aldrich, Org. 2107; Alfred, 340; Brand, 1700; Bradford, 2168; and Bennetts, 2309.

The Past Master's jewels and collar were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).

The opening meeting of the season was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 17th inst. Bro. F. W. Potter, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. J. R. Reep, I.P.M.; C. Wilkinson-Pimbury, S.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, Sec.; J. A. Soper, J.D.; J. F. H. phurn, P.M.; J. Dangerfield, and J. Rawles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Dangerfield, and E. G. Packman. The only business before the meeting was the raising of Bro. F. Stuart, which was ably performed by the W.M.

Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).

The installation was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren and many distinguished visitors to do honour to the installation of Bro. Jacob Pickett, an esteemed brother. There were present Bros. J. Brindley James, as W.M.; Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.M., P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Jacob Pickett, M.D., S.W.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.D., J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; Anthony Nutt, J.D.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., I.G.; F. Ernest Ding, P.P.G.D. of C. Essex, D.C.; H. Kiallmark, Stwd.; C. Luxmore Drew, M.B., W. A. Lane, M.S., Lewis Lewis, M.D., H. G. Blackmore, G. S. Bell, W. H. Kerber, P.M., P.P.G.D., Hereford; A. Adolphus Alexander, C. M. Simpson, Frank Fowler, J. H. H. Garland Wrighton, P.M.; John Davies, A. Pearson Luff, M.D., Jas. Startin, J. Routledge Bosnorth and S. Ellis, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; Molesworth St. Aubyne, I.P.M. 2369; E. Horne, P.M. 340; Surgeon Captain Kiddle, P.M. 2277; John Chandler, P.M. 355; J. A. G. Matthews, 355; T. W. Aird, 1892; H. G. Sharpe, W.M. 171; John Welford, P.M. 733; John Hodgkin, W.M. 2394; E. Cooke, M.D. 1827; and R. Tytheridge, 2422.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read, Bro. Best, W.M. 496, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. J. Pickett, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Brindley James, the dispensation from Grand Lodge having been first read by the Secretary, permitting Bro. Pickett to occupy the chair, he being the present W.M. of 706. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. J. Brindley James, P.M., acting I.P.M.; G. C. Thomson, M.D., S.W.; Anthony Nutt, J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; F. Oldfield, S.D.; H. E. Ezard, J.D.; H. Kiallmark, P.M., I.G.; W. H. Kerber, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hereford, D.C.; H. G. Blackmore and Lewis Lewis, Stwds.; and Samuel Ellis, Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Brindley James, who had kindly undertaken the duties at very short notice. Bro. Bosnorth was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a masterly manner by the new W.M. The Auditors' report was received, showing a very large balance. The W.M. congratulated the Treasurer and Secretary on the very able manner the financial business of the lodge was carried out and upon the large surplus in hand. On the motion of the Secretary, £20 was voted for Charity, to be placed on the W.M.'s list. The resignations of Bros. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., Lennox Browne, F.R. C.S. Ld., and N. E. Yorke Davis were received with regret. Bro. F. Ernest Pocock was unanimously elected an hon. member, and fervent hopes were expressed by the brethren that Bro. Pocock would be able soon to resume his Masonic duties in the lodge.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. After due justice had been done to the feast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity, which were duly honoured.

Bro. the Rev. Simpson replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers" in a most eloquent speech, in which he congratulated the lodge and its very efficient officers on the success of the lodge, which, he said, should be second to none, having so large a body of learned men to obtain initiates from. What, the reverend brother said, had struck him so forcibly during the 40 years he had been a Mason was the ever-increasing number of the learned professions that joined the Craft, which was not the case when he first joined.

By the liberality of the W.M., the lodge enjoyed a musical treat, which was very ably carried out by Bro. Arthur Wilson, supported by Bros. Shepley and Pritchard, and Misses Hope and Venning.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BIRKENHEAD.

Minerva Lodge (No. 2433).—The installation of Bro. S. Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., to the chair of this lodge took place at the Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-street, on Friday evening, the 5th inst. There was a large gathering of members and visitors present upon the occasion, namely: Bros. J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; Dr. Napier, P.P.A.G.P., S.W.; B. M. Bannatyne, J.W.; W. F. Robinson, Treas.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; Rev. R. Edwards, Chap.; E. W. Armstrong, J.D.; P. Blackburn, P.P.G. Stwd., D.C.; J. F. W. Jones and A. H. Baird, Stwds.; J. H. Jackson, Org.; G. H. Brown, P.S.G.W.; James T. Thompson, P.P.G.R.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; T. C. Thorburn, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Danby, P.P.S.G.D.; Owen Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; Edwin Kite, P.M. 823; R. McGee, P.M. 1675; F. A. Staedeli, P.M. 1350; Edmond Marston, P.M. 1908; R. Barton, A. J. Thompson, Henry Roberts, and J. E. Buckley. Visitors: Bros. Captain Cooper, P.J.G.W.; Enoch Evans P.G. Treas.; Rev. A. Hamilton King, P.G.C.; J. Morris, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancs.; J. Scarratt, W.M. 477; W. H. Holt, W.M. 537; R. W. Thompson, W.M. 625; G. W. Makin, W.M. 1270; P. Davies, W.M. 1289; Thomas Shaw, W.M. 2496; A. E. Coveney, P.M. 605; S. Pope, I.P.M. 1473; W. Swift, I.P.M. 1350; Jos. Clarke, P.M. 1576; R. H. Pearson, J.W. 148; W. West, Sec. 786; H. W. Jay, J.D. 1264; W. Whittingham, 2209; A. W. Harris, 1380; F. Marsh, 780; and the following musical brethren, who, under the leadership of Bro. Jackson, added greatly to the impressiveness of the installation ceremony and to the enjoyment of the evening: Bros. D. O. Parry, S. Parry, J. R. Galt, A. H. Mason, and W. Baker, of 605.

After some preliminary business, Bro. John Armstrong, the retiring W.M., installed his successor. The masterly

and effective manner in which he rendered the ritual of the ceremony elicited warm tributes of appreciation from Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec., and other Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters present. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Armstrong, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M.; Rev. Robert Edwards, S.W.; Peter Blackburn, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; W. F. Robinson, P.M. 2132, Treas. (elected); A. H. Baird, Sec.; E. W. Armstrong, S.D.; J. F. W. Jones, J.D.; Edwin Kite, P.M. 823, D.C.; Richard Barton, I.G.; J. Hamilton Jackson, Org.; and A. J. Thompson, C. H. Rogers, and Henry Roberts, Stwds. Congratulatory telegrams and letters of apology were read during the evening from Bros. James Salmon, G.A.D.C. England; G. W. Speth, Sec. 2076; John Lane, P.P.G. Registrar Devon; J. Ramsden Riley, Past Prov. Grand D. of C. West Yorkshire; and others. During the proceedings, Bro. G. H. Brown, Prov. S.G.W., on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight token of recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge since its formation, and those particularly during his occupation of the chair. The new W.M. has been connected with the Craft for nearly 30 years, and passed through the chair of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, in that town, in 1872, and again in 1883; he also held the office of Secretary in the same lodge for 12 years. He has been connected with Royal Arch Masonry for more than 25 years, passed through all the chairs of his chapter, to which he has been Correspondence Officer since 1876, and was honoured by the Grand Superintendent with the second chair in the Prov. Grand Chapter when that body met in Birkenhead some years ago. The Minerva Lodge, founded in 1892, is steadily progressing, and it is anticipated will, at no distant date, take its position as one of the leading lodges in the Province of Cheshire. As a literary lodge, it has already fully justified its existence, and the papers to be read during the coming session will not fail to add to its reputation.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

Friendship and Unity Lodge (No. 1271).

—On Monday, the 1st instant, the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. J. S. Brun was installed W.M. by Bro. Sparks, assisted by Bro. Bryant. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Chaloner, S.W.; Hancock, J.W.; Wheeler, Chap.; Goodall, Sec.; Williams, S.D.; Rose, J.D.; J. Genders, I.G.; Watkins, Org.; and Scammell, D.C. There was a large attendance of visitors from Somerset lodges. Dinner followed at the Old Bear.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).

—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two raisings due, which ceremonies Bro. Boothroyd performed in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. K. Boothroyd, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. E. Lancs., P.G. Org. W. Lancs.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; Fred. Stretch, P.M.; J. M. Veale, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; Fred. Thomas, Sec.; J. Ward, S.W.; Sayers, acting J.W.; Fred. Morgan, I.G.; W. W. Wilkinson, Stwd.; Brundrett, acting Org.; Rowsell, Parr, Passmore, Laurisch, Jackson, Werrin, Barker, Moss, Kay, and Metcalfe.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1056).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 8th instant. Among those present were Bros. J. Spooner, W.M.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G.O., S.W.; R. W. Rice, J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. W. Simpson, S.D.; J. C. Garth, J.D.; W. R. Flack, D.C.; D. A. Ross, Stwd.; H. J. Bond, I.P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; Thomas Grant, P.M.; and H. H. Room, P.G.S. Middx. (Hon. Mem.). Among the visitors were Bros. B. Blackman, 720; W. J. Juby, 975; and R. Hendy, 1767. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. H. Clement was passed to the Second Degree. The I.P.M., by the W.M.'s request, then assumed the chair, and impressively raised, Bros. W. Radway and T. Jones to the Third Degree. A petition to the Board of Benevolence was then recommended and signed on behalf of a distressed member of the lodge. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas., and E. Dare, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed. Bro. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." In the course of his fluent speech he congratulated the lodge on its steady progress, its efficient working, and its perfect harmony. He said that it always afforded him pleasure to attend their meetings. The Wolsey Lodge possessed a very strong body of Past Masters, many of whom had distinguished themselves elsewhere, and, moreover, very capable of affording instruction and advice to their less experienced brethren.

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. J. Spooner having replied, gave "The Visitors," to which toast Bros. Blackman, Juby, and Hendy responded.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. particularly alluded to Bros. H. Sapsworth and H. J. Bond, who had assisted him very much in his endeavours to acquire Masonic knowledge.

During the evening Bros. Juby, T. Grant, Jehu, and McCartney instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

HULL.

Installed Masters' Lodge (No. 2494).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Osbourne-street, on the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., Eng., Prov. G. Sec., was supported by Bros. W. Tesseymann, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.W.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., J.W.; E. Corris, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; I. B. Kedearn, P.A.G.S., Sec.; I. P. Davis, P.P.G. Std. Br., as S.D.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., J.D.; J. R. Ansell, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. Beevers, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Stwd.; A. King, P.P.G.D., I.G.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler, D. Swallow Stwd.; Jas. Wildbore, W.M. 57; M.

Haberland, P.P.G.D.; J. Mackrill, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Belt, W.M. 2314; and others. After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, including the election of four joining members, the W.M. read an essay on "The Sun considered as a Masonic Symbol," in the course of which he reviewed all the references to the glorious luminary of nature which are met with in the ritual and lectures of the Craft Degrees and installation ceremonial. He showed the identity of the blazing star and the sacred symbol of the Second Degree—and the allusions to the centre—with the sun. He pointed out the astronomical character of the ceremonial with various illustrations and quotations, and its similarity to the ancient religions. The address was received with great attention, and at its close a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. A very interesting discussion followed, during which several novel points were introduced. It is expected that the subjects of future papers to be read before the lodge will be: "The Legend of the Third Degree," "Notes on the early History of the Humber Lodge Warrant," "Biographical Anecdotes of old Hull Masons," and "Masonic Literature, Past and Present." A vote of five guineas was granted to the Educational Fund of the province and several eminent brethren, including the Prov. G. Master, were proposed as members.

At the conclusion of the business the usual refreshment followed, when, as is customary, several Masonic curiosities were exhibited, and a most agreeable and instructive evening was passed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Noel Lodge (No. 2444).—A regular meeting was held on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. E. H. Lewis, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; G. H. Lister, S.W.; E. J. Packington, J.W.; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; A. M. Levy, Treas.; G. W. Handley, acting Sec.; J. Hall, S.D.; F. Hallett, J.D.; G. Crooker, I.G.; J. Old, D.C.; A. Watkins, Org.; J. D. Vicary, J. H. Vicary, T. Gardiner, A. F. Shearlock, G. W. Evans, G. Havill, A. Lyons, E. Smith, and others. The visitors were Bros. Hearsham, P.M. 167; F. Lockett, S.W. 2222; H. C. Minnett, 1638; F. Minnett, D. of C. 1638; W. Coleman, 1604; E. J. Sullivan, 1169; and J. Anderson, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bros. A. Lyon and E. Smith were raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner; he also gave the traditional history in excellent style. This being the night of election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, Bro. G. H. Lister, S.W., was elected W.M., Bro. A. M. Levy, Treasurer, and Bro. J. Anderson, Tyler. Bros. Hearsham, P.M., and J. Minnet were appointed Scrutineers for the balloting of W.M. and Treasurer. Bros. H. C. Minnett, W. Lane, and E. S. Sullivan were proposed as joining members, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to supper, after which the usual toasts were gone through.

Bro. Lewis returned thanks for coupling his name with that of the Province of Surrey.

After the toast of "The Visitors,"

Bro. Hearsham thanked the brethren, and, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure he had had in hearing the working of the W.M. He had heard of the manner in which it was carried out, and was pleased that he had been present to testify the remarks.

The Tyler's toast brought a happy evening to a conclusion.

MANCHESTER.

Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The annual installation meeting and St. John's festival of this lodge took place on Monday the 8th inst. at the Western Hotel, Moss Side. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Francis Long, at three o'clock, there being present: Bros. J. Morris, I.P.M.; Percy E. Land, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Knight, J.W.; G. Burslem, P.M.; Sec.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D. Sec.; D. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; C. Preston, S.D.; J. S. Done, I.G.; H. P. Jones, P.M. P.P.G. Reg.; W. Biggs, P.M.; J. Kershaw, P.M.; J. Rathbone, P.M.; W. Yeaton, H. Russell, W. Lees, C. Dewsbury, J. C. Vickers, H. Muggerridge, T. Jackson, C. F. Davies, H. Yule-Deeley, and N. Jones, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Maybury, P.M.; W. F. Farrington, P.M. 1633; H. A. Martyn, I.P.M. 1387; T. Threlfall, I.P.M. 1733; J. R. Ashworth, I.P.M. 1161; A. W. Wilson, W.M. 633; J. Morrison, W.M. 1375; W. S. Coppock, S.W. 1357; L. H. Keay, 1219; W. R. Schofield, 1161; J. S. Schofield, 1161; J. A. Carse, J.D., 1357; P. G. Walsh, Sec. 1147; W. Kay, 2144; H. Owles; and J. Allin, Og. 2231. After a successful ballot had been taken for Bro. C. W. Maybury, P.M., as a re-joining member, a satisfactory balance sheet was presented by the Auditors, Bros. Yeaton, Jackson, and Davies. Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D., then took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. P. E. Land, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Biggs, P.M., for the benefit of installation, the ceremony was performed in a perfect manner by Bro. Gillman, and the Past Masters of the lodge, and Bro. Land was placed in the chair and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Long, I.P.M.; R. Knight, S.W.; C. Preston, J.W.; G. Burslem, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. Yeaton, S.D.; J. S. Done, J.D.; D. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Maybury, P.M., Org.; H. Russell, I.G.; J. C. Vickers, W. Lees, and T. Jackson, Stwds.; and N. Jones, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Long, I.P.M., that to the Wardens, by Bro. Jones, P.P.G. Reg., and that to the brethren by Bro. Burslem, P.M.

Fraternals greetings having been offered to the newly-installed W.M., the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren, who had been reinforced by several later arrivals, sat down to a most enjoyable and admirably-served banquet, the W.M. being in the chair. After the toast of "The Queen and the Rulers of the Craft" had been honoured,

Bro. Long, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The toast was honoured with much enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said the lodge had that year attained its majority. It had enjoyed hitherto a successful career, and he assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the year in which the lodge came of age a record year. In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of the retiring W.M.," who, he said, had most efficiently performed the duties of the chair, and presented him, in the name of his officers, with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Long, I.P.M., in reply, expressed his appreciation of the support at all times accorded to him during his year of office, and of the presentation that had been made to him.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., was responded to by Bros. Morrison, Threlfall, Farrington, Martyn, and Coppock.

Bro. Burslem, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master"—the "Father" of the lodge—said that distinguished brother had installed every Master of the lodge since its consecration.

Bro. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D., in his reply, gave an interesting account of the past history of the lodge.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was submitted by Bro. Preston, J.W., who pointed to the great work which was being done by the Masonic Institutions having their head-quarters in London, and commended them to the support of the brethren. In addition to those noble landmarks of the Order, he said there were Masonic Charities in the Province of West Lancashire which were doing much to ameliorate the condition of many in misfortune and distress. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was alone educating 212 children.

The remaining toasts, including those of "The Newly-invested Officers" and "The Past Masters," having been honoured, a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Duchess of York Lodge (No. 2482).—The installation meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday evening, the 15th instant. Bro. Archer Lowe, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., who has carried all the duties of the lodge during its first year through most successfully, and in return for his energy the brethren have presented him with a Life Governorship of the Benevolent Institution, and the lodge is now, at the termination of his year, in a most prosperous condition. Bro. Lowe installed his successor, who was presented by Bro. Shaw, P.M., and the installation was conducted throughout in a most able manner by Bro. Lowe. The Three Charges were given by Bro. J. W. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B. Eng., which gave great pleasure to all present. After all business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and thus ended a most successful meeting.

PURFLEET.

Tilbury Lodge (No. 2006).—The last meeting for the present year of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., the chair being taken by Bro. Walter Buttery, W.M. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and other business transacted, the brethren were asked to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. P. C. Walker, S.W., was unanimously elected. Propositions for two initiates were then received, and the lodge closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. Wingrove. After the usual loyal toasts a pleasant evening was spent, songs being excellently rendered by the W.M., Bro. Buttery, Bros. Crump, jun., and Wingrove.

SEACOMBE.

Egerton Lodge (No. 2132).—On Thursday, the 11th inst., the members of this lodge, which was consecrated eight years ago at Egremont, met in strong force at the Seacombe Hotel to install the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The meeting was presided over by Bro. J. Simpson, W.M., supported by Bros. Thomas Dilcock, P.M.; W. F. Robinson, P.M.; Major Henry Browne, P.M.; E. King, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. H. Pagen, J.W.; J. Bewley, Sec.; E. B. Godden, S.D.; C. W. Bullock, J.D.; J. S. Hindle, Org.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. F. J. Billett, S.W. 1350; J. H. D. Jay, J.D. 1264; J. Francis Jones, J.D. 2438; Roger White, P.G.D.C.; Enoch Evans, P.G.T.; E. J. Robin, J.W. 1350; G. W. Makin, W.M. 1276; C. Trense, S.W. 594; W. Roberts, W.M. 673; T. Pierpoint, P.M., D.C. 1393; J. T. Darley, W.M. 1380; T. Shaw, W.M. 2476; J. A. Armstrong, W.M. 1350, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; John H. Brown, P.P.S.G.W.; J. West, I.P.M. 244; and others. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. W. H. Robinson, P.M., and the following officers were invested: Bro. J. Simpson, I.P.M.; J. H. Pagan, S.W.; J. Bewley, Treas., J.W.; W. H. Hodges, Treas.; E. B. Godden, Sec.; C. W. Bullock, S.D.; R. Grundy, J.D.; E. Barker, I.G.; C. Leighton, P.M., D.C.; J. T. Hindle, Org.; A. E. Berry, W. Paterson, R. W. Edwards, and E. A. Ash, Stwds.; and T. T. Malcolm was re-elected Tyler.

The musical part of the ceremony was carried out, under the direction of Bro. J. T. Hindle, by Bros. S. Kirkham, E. Edwards, John Platt, and H. Nicholls.

During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.

SUNDERLAND.

Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 1st instant, Bro. James Lee, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. F. Hutchinson, I.P.M., P.G.O.; F. S. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Deans, P.M.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. Biggam, W.M. 80; W. C. Readhead, W.M. 70; R. Lee, S.W. 97; G. Wanless, P.M. 94, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Watson, S.W. 94; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; C. M. Wake, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others.

After the ordinary business had been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Scott, S.W., was presented by Bro. J. C. Moor, D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. James Lee, W.M., by whom the installation ceremony was very ably performed, Bro. Scott being duly installed as W.M. The officers for the ensuing year were afterwards appointed as follows: Bros. J. Lee, I.P.M.; Nicholas Lee, S.W.; Isadore Goldman, J.W.; the Rev. Edgar Boddington, Chap.; F. S. Cowper, P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; T. E. Cam, bell, Sec.; T. Naisbitt, S.D.; H. Havelock, J.D.; L. A. Nicholson, Org.; E. Hooper, I.G.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; John G. Phillips, E. J. Wilas, J. S. Wilson and G. Dove, Stwds.; and T. Grieve, P.M., P.G. Tyler.

The annual festival was afterwards held in the banqueting room, Bro. W. Scott, W.M., in the chair, and Bros. N. Lee, S.W., and T. E. Campbell, Secretary, in the vice-chairs.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. F. S. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and Bro. Scott very appropriately responded. Other toasts followed.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., resumed the chair and impressively passed a candidate, the Worshipful Master giving a full explanation of the tracing board with great skill and ability. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M.; John Walton, junr., J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; Walter Bowers, P.M.; George G. Mends, J.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Bowers, P.M., Org.; J. Ormrod, I.G.; E. Roberts, P.M.; John Hardwicke-Marsh, P.M.; John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Swindells, P.M.; P. Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; E. W. Barratt, G. G. R. Mends, Hedley Jones, W. H. Ashworth, Thomas French, J. F. Mends, and A. Hankins. Visitor: Bro. G. S. Smith P.P.G. Org. E. Lancs., P.G. Org. W. Lancs.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at The Corporation Arms, when there were present Bros. H. J. Capon, W.M.; R. Francis, S.W.; W. R. Griffin, J.W.; A. Gosling, Treas.; W. Trigger, Sec.; F. Russell, S.D.; F. C. Golden, J.D.; E. Streets, Org.; Jas. Wood, I.G.; Geo. Nicholson, Stwd.; J. B. R. Bays, Tyler; Major Stillwell, I.P.M.; Wm. Chapman, John Castle, H. C. Russell, Henry White, W. Kutter, Jas. Sargent, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Easter, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. Clark, and A. K. Scarlet.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. The minutes and correspondence having been read, the Organist and I.G. were invested with collar and jewel of their office. Bro. Wm. Chapman was passed by the W.M., and Bro. H. C. Russell was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell. Bro. Glover Clarke was unanimously elected a joining member. Permission was also granted to hold a lodge of instruction at the Harrington Hotel, Eastbourne, every Tuesday evening. "The Initiates" having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

At the supper the W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

WOKING.

Bisley Lodge (No. 2317).—The annual installation meeting of this successful lodge attracted a large number of brethren on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The visitors were rewarded for their visit by an able rendering of the ritual, and were afterwards entertained with profuse hospitality. The members present included Bros. C. F. Passmore, W.M.; James Webb, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. H. Littleboy, J.W.; Colonel G. N. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.; J. H. Askham, P.M.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, P.M.; Capt. G. Hoey, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; A. Hayes, S.D.; A. G. Jackman, I.G.; A. H. Gale, Stwd.; Major G. Collins, P.M., D.C.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, G. Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; T. Trimmell, 1395; C. T. Tyler, 1395; A. J. Howler, J.W. 1395; W. Brooks, J.D. 2120; W. Lawrence, W.M. 2427; J. Dix, J.D. 2120; F. Harper, S.D. 2120; E. A. Brown, Sec. 2521; J. J. Black, P.M., Sec. 1664; H. Budd, 2431; E. J. Maddy, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. E. Robinson, S.W. 1395; A. Althorp, 2120; F. P. Smith, 1656; T. Aitken, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Cheel, P.P.S.G.D.; J. E. R. Tagart, 18 (British Columbia); T. F. Baily, 2120; E. Squire, 2120; A. Gayton, J.W. 1564; G. Craumes, 1300; A. E. Hatfield, 1309; A. Reed, 2120; C. Welch, W.M. 2120; S. C. Knight, W.M. 1395; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1807, and P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Whitburn passed to the Second Degree. Bro. James Webb was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Passmore, who rendered the impressive ceremonial in a manner worthy of the highest praise. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. W. H. Littleboy, S.W.; A. Hayes, J.W.; Capt. G. Hoey, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; C. Griffin, S.D.; A. G. Jackman, J.D.; A. H. Gale, I.G.; Major G. Collins, P.M., D.C.; A. G. Clinton and E. Clamp, Stwds.; and Mason, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and was briefly acknowledged. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. West, Deputy Prov. G.M.; and others.

Notice of motion was given to vote a sum of four guineas to the local cottage hospital and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the customary toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," expressing his satisfaction at seeing such a goodly array that evening.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, G. Treas., in response said the words which fell from the W.M. conveyed to him what he felt existed between the Grand Officers and the lodges in general; namely, that co-operation, and sympathy, and support, without which the Fraternity could not expect to retain the popularity it had enjoyed in the past. It was the consciousness that they held the respect and esteem of the brethren throughout the country that enabled the Grand Officers to carry on the work of the Craft. They recognised that the principles of Freemasonry were established upon the unswerving rock of religion, and from that emanated Charity. It was not the first time he had visited Woking, and his recollections were such that when they gave him the opportunity of coming again, he did not cry back. They had been impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony they had witnessed. Nothing impressed him more than to see the W.M. installed in the chair of K.S., and under what auspices? With a sincere and fervent prayer to the Great Architect to vouchsafe wisdom, forethought, and a determination to carry through his year the destinies of the lodge to the credit of the Craft. Coming to the personal portion of his response, he assured them how highly he appreciated the kindly and cordial support which he was egotistical enough to believe some in the room gave him in the recent election. He could only say he hoped they would never regret the choice made. His object as Grand Treasurer was the object of every Mason—to do his duty—and he hoped that at the end of his year they would be able to say he had given satisfaction.

Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M., in reply to

the toast of his health, proposed briefly, but cordially, by the W.M., said he need not say anything about the prosperity of the lodge. The first time he visited the lodge was in a small school-room at Bisley, and now he rejoiced to see they were growing too large for their present quarters. He was sure that not only Masons, but Woking itself, were anxious to see a Public Hall which would be able to accommodate them. So far as Masonry in the province was concerned, those who were at the gathering on the preceding Tuesday when the Noel Money Lodge was consecrated would say it was progressing. He congratulated himself most heartily in representing such a noble province as Surrey. At each Festival Surrey was always well to the front in that which had been that night referred to as the *raison d'être* of Masonry. He thanked them heartily, and hoped to be with them on many future occasions.

"The Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were next honoured, Bros. Tyler, P.P.G.D., and Major Collins, P.P.S.G.D., acknowledging the toast in suitable terms.

Bro. C. F. Passmore, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said he was sure no brother welcomed Bro. Webb into the chair more heartily than he did, or with more mingled feelings. Their Master was thoroughly popular in that lodge, in the Abbey Lodge, and in fact wherever he was known. Although this toast needed no words from him, yet they should welcome it in a special manner, as Bro. Webb was the first joining member to reach the chair of the lodge.

Bro. James Webb, W.M., who met with a hearty reception, said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for their reception of the toast. As the I.P.M. had said he (the W.M.) was the first joining member to reach the chair in that lodge, which first met at a small school-room at Bisley, but which was now located in a comfortable hall. It had been the great ambition of his life to be installed W.M., and he could safely say he would do his best to keep up the prestige of the lodge as in the past. He had so many friends around him that he was almost overwhelmed. There was practically a small lodge, and he hoped to have plenty of work during the year. He hoped everything would go on in the most amicable manner during his term of office, and that with the assistance of his efficient officers the lodge would be kept up to its present standard of excellence.

"The I.P.M." was next proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Passmore, I.P.M., in responding, said that anything he had done in the shape of work he had put his heart into it, as he felt that, being connected with the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, meeting there, he ought to show credit to the Preceptor, Bro. Black, to whom all credit was due.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Visitors," and said he regretted he could not attend earlier to witness the installation, which he had been told was rendered in a most efficient manner. He was pleased to find the lodge increasing in numbers and in influence, and that they were doing good work in Surrey. The Masonic hall in which they met was open at least once a week for Masonic purposes all the year round, which showed the amount of work done. He always felt that Masonry was a system of morality with no pretension to religion except in the abstract. They all knew that wherever there was true morality, religion was not far off, and they also knew how it was exemplified in their lodges. Masonry was founded on the broadest basis. They excluded none, but received all who were ready to acknowledge their trust in the Great Father of all.

Other brethren also responded, after which Bro. J. B. Lancaster, P.M., Sec., returned thanks for the toast of his health, and also that of his colleague, the Treasurer.

Bro. Littleboy, S.W., effectively replied for "The Officers," and the pleasant proceedings terminated. Amongst those who assisted Bro. Passmore, I.P.M., in the musical arrangements were Bros. Squire, Whitburn, Eve, Welch, Hoey, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Chapter St. Andrew (No. 69).—The annual meeting for election and installation of office-bearers took place in the Chapter Rooms, 48, Sanchiehall-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., Comp. Wm. Munro Denholm, M.E.Z., presiding. There was a very large and representative gathering. Comp. George Christie, P.G. Superintendent of Stirlingshire, was expected to act as Installing Officer, but was prevented by pressing engagements elsewhere; apologies were also received for the absence of Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, Depute Grand Z.; F. W. Allan, P.G. Superintendent, Lower Ward of Lanarkshire; F. J. W. Crowe, and many others. The balance sheet submitted shows the chapter in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, there having been, during the past year, 43 exaltations, and the funds to its credit at the close of the year standing at close upon £120. Previous to the election the chapter was placed in the hands of Comp. J. McNaught Campbell, P.Z. 69, Grand Scribe N., who acted as Installing Officer. Comp. Wm. Denholm was again duly elected to the office of M.E.Z., and the remainder of the office-bearers formally elected as nominated, all without opposition. After the installation, visiting Comps. Colonel Morton, M.E.Z. 113; W. W. Newton, M.E.Z. 67; W. Johnston, M.E.Z. 87; G. C. H. McNaught, and Wm. Phillips, Past Zs. 87, were admitted to honorary membership. Comps. Edward Macbean, and James Balfour, Prov. Depute Superintendent, and Scribe E., respectively, were also among the visitors. The business of the evening was brought to a close by the First Principal presenting, on behalf of the chapter, a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. John McInnes, M.E.Z. 1881 and 1883, in token of his long and appreciated services, not only to his mother chapter, but to Royal Arch Masonry in general. Comp. McInnes occupied the chair during part of the time that the chapter was struggling with many difficulties, and since then he has been indefatigable in his efforts to help bring the chapter to the high state of efficiency in which it stands at the present time. Comp. McInnes feelingly returned thanks for this expression of the appreciation of his pleasant labours, and hoped he should be long spared to do his little best to further the prosperity of the chapter.

Thereafter the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Arch.

Royal Jubilee Chapter (No. 72).—The election meeting of this old chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comp. E. Walker acted as M.E.Z. in the absence of Comp. Turner, Comps. Bates, H., and Williams, as J. A letter was read from Comp. Hy. Lovegrove, stating that in consequence of another engagement, which detained him until late in the afternoon of the second Thursday, he could not again undertake the duties of Scribe E., which he had held for many years, since the death of Comp. J. Nunn. The officers elected were as follows: Comps. Bates, M.E.Z.; J. Reid, H.; Williams, P.Z., J.; E. W. Lewcock, Scribe E.; Brydges, S.N.; Lightfoot, P.S.; and Potter, Janitor.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This chapter held its first regular meeting since the recess at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th instant. Among those in attendance were Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; Dr. Frye, H.; Cleghorne, P.Z., acting J.; George Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Blankley, P.S.; Whitthaus, and A.S.; E. A. Harris, P.Z.; Hardy, P.Z.; and Peacock. Comp. John Barnett, H. 59, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the S.E. officially reported the death, since the last meeting, of Comp. Francis Smith, I.P.Z., P.P.G.J. of Cheshire, &c. A resolution of regret was then unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Communications from Comps. Harfeld, P.Z.; Nathan Moss, J.P., P.Z.; and Jeselmann, J. elect, apologising for non-attendance, were read. The convocation was then closed.

A banquet followed, but in consequence of the recent demise of the I.P.Z. and father of the chapter, the proceedings were shorn of their formality, and music's sweet sounds were not heard.

Comp. J. Barnett, however, favoured the companions with an excellent speech in response to his health, in which he not only exhaustively touched upon the beauties of the Royal Arch Degree, but upon the good name for working held by the old Jerusalem Chapter in general, and by many of its Past Principals in particular.

During the evening several of the speakers regretted the absence of Comp. Harfeld, whose geniality was admired, and whose services to the chapter as Treasurer for many years could not be too highly praised.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. BENJAMIN BRIDGMAN,

whose installation as W.M. of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, is reported in another column, was initiated in that lodge in February, 1885, and he received his first collar in 1890. Our brother is an ardent supporter of Masonic entertainments at which ladies can be present. He is an excellent worker of the ritual and the St. Luke's Lodge is quite safe in his hands.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Carlstrom, W.M.; Ham, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Stutfield, Sec.; Winsborrow, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Matthews, I.G.; Saunders, P.M.; Bradley, Beauchamp, Thompson, White, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Beauchamp, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Fayers, who had previously answered the usual questions, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ham was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at

the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. L. Ososki, W.M.; G. Hill, S.W.; L. Gunzel, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Willby, Sec.; W. Fowles, S.D.; A. Dukes, J.D.; G. Cizzio, I.G.; J. H. Evenden, P.M.; T. Smale, P.M.; G. A. Sturgess, E. Harris, A. Terry, H. C. Parker, E. Dukes, R. Sandlands, A. Davis, N. Dukas, and A. Narden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Hill, P.M., and the 2nd Section by Bro. R. Sandland. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Terry being candidate. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Thom. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. E. A. Harris was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. G. Hill, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when a hearty vote of thanks was passed and recorded to Bro. L. Ososki for his exceptionally good working as W.M. for the first time in the lodge. Bro. Ososki happily acknowledged the compliment. The ballot of the Benevolent Association fell to the lot of Bro. T. A. Tidy. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Robert Reid, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., S.W.; H. Scharien, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; James Banks, S.D.; W. Hinds, J.D.; H. Clark, I.G.; C. Woods, W. Atkinson, and W. Hide.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hide offered himself as a candidate for raising and was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an exemplary manner, inclusive of the traditional history. Bro. Reid vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of the Preceptor. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wood acting as candidate, after due examination. The lodge being resumed to the necessary degrees. The 1st Sections of the Lecture was worked by the brethren under the guidance of the Preceptor. Bro. Coplestone was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. T. Gething, W.M.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, S.W.; J. J. Rumbal, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Thwaites, S.D.; W. G. Lacey, J.D.; J. W. Facey, I.G.; E. W. Denniss, W.M. 2108; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090; C. Orner, H. Dallaway, J. H. Neville, R. N. Larter, J. J. Mackay, P.M.; and R. Hendy.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and closed in those Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. H. Neville acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gething for his excellent working as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. W. B. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present: Comps. J. Lightfoot, M.E.Z.; C. H. Stone, II.; Walter Martin, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., acting Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Barr, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Nightingale, Benedetti, Eedle, Telling, Cope, and Addington.

The chapter was declared open and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eedle personating the candidate. Comp. Walter Martin, J., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Martin and family upon the irreparable loss of her husband, Comp. H. G. Martin, the esteemed Past Principal of the Rose Chapter, No. 1522. Chapter closed in due form.

Obituary.

BRO. H. G. MARTIN.

South London has lost one of its prominent members in the person of Bro. Henry George Martin, who died from broncho-pneumonia at his residence in Camberwell on Thursday, 4th inst., and was buried in the presence of upwards of 100 mourners at Nunhead cemetery on Wednesday, 10th inst. Bro. Martin was initiated in the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, on the 2nd March, 1884, and filled the chair of W.M. in 1892. He was exalted in the Star Chapter, No. 1275, on the 24th January, 1888, and held the office of H. at the time of his death. He was also a founder of the Rose Chapter, No. 1622, consecrated 24th March, 1892, and filled the office of M.E.Z. in 1893. In addition to the three sons of the deceased, there were among those who paid the last sad tribute of respect: Bros. Mussard, P.M.; F. Williams, P.M.; F. Hilton, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; J. H. Pullen, P.M.; S. J. Derham, P.M.; D. Channon, P.M.; W. C. Page, P.M.; C. T. Fleck, P.M.; North, P.M.; Addington, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Zimmermann, P.M.; Stunt, P.M.; T. Grummant, P.M.; Eckersall, P.M.; Benedetti, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; J. R. Smith, P.M.; Luckhurst, P.M.; T. Pickett, W.M. 1622; T. R. Cass, W.M. 1320; Cross, Meyer, Parr, Webb, Ballard, Dawson, Preston, Shaw, Frampton, Nellthrop, Thompson, Reap, Plant, Broadway, Hobbly, Makeham, Fisher, Warrell, Rhodes, Hexter, Bladon, Knuth, Vogl, Knights, and Cornford. Upwards of 30 splendid wreaths were sent by sympathising friends, and the funeral arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. Isaac Dunn, P.M. and Treas. No. 1622. Our late Bro. Martin was a hearty supporter of Masonic and local charities, and will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of Masonic and other friends.



BRO. T. MURRAY JAMES has been unanimously elected president of the Aldersgate Past Officers Club for the ensuing year.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JAMES WHITEHEAD has been re-elected a director of J. and P. Coats.

BRO. SHERIFF HAND has accepted office as a Vice-President of the City of London Swimming Association.

WE ARE REQUESTED TO STATE that the Stanhope (No. 1269) Lodge of Instruction has resumed its meetings for the session, which are held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, every Friday evening, at half-past eight.

HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS.—So that the outstanding liabilities may be met, a gentleman, who desires to conceal his identity, has offered £3000 to the Homes for Little Boys, Farningham and Stanley, on the condition that a like sum is raised by the end of the year.

MESSRS. J. L. LYONS AND CO., the well-known caterers of Olympia, the Imperial Institute, &c., have been appointed to supply the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9th, and to furnish the decorations for the Guildhall and the Mansion House on that occasion.

WE REGRET TO RECORD the death of Bro. C. J. Perceval, a brother well-known in London Masonic circles, more especially in connection with the Charitable Institutions. Some account of his Masonic career will appear in our next issue.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK, who was accompanied by Prince Alexander, Lady Margaret Grosvenor, and Madame Bricka, opened a bazaar at Clarence House, Priory-lane, Roehampton, in aid of the funds of the Seamen's Mission. Prince Adolphus of Teck arrived at White Lodge, Richmond Park, during the afternoon.

THE MASTER OF THE CLOCKMAKERS' COMPANY, the Rev. H. L. Nelthrop, M.A., F.S.A., has recently presented to this Company his valuable, extensive, and highly interesting Horological Collection. His munificent gift is now deposited in the Company's Museum, in the Guildhall Library and is there open to public inspection between the hours of 10 and five o'clock.

MRS. ALDORTH, upon whose life such a desperate attempt was made by a burglar the other day in County Cork, is connected with the family of the famous Lady Mary Aldworth, whose curiosity led her to secrete herself in a clock in a room where Freemasons were assembled. The result was that the lady had the honour of having been made a Mason free and accepted there and then, and could boast that she was the only one of the Brotherhood that belonged to the softer sex.

ON SUNDAY NIGHT the service at St. James's Church, Croydon, was marked by a painful incident. An old lady named Sykes, an inmate of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was entering the church gates with her son, when she suddenly exclaimed—"I am dying, I am dying." She was carried into the porch and died before medical aid could be summoned. The body was removed to the mortuary. At the close of the service the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ. The deceased was 68 years of age.

WE WOULD SUGGEST to inexperienced brethren the advisability of their not taking on themselves more work than they can creditably perform. It is a noble ambition for each W. Master to install his successor, but brethren should be fully convinced of their ability to carry out the whole of the ceremony before trying it. The ceremony of installation is a very diversified one, and only brethren of experience should undertake the whole of it. Young Masons should begin by taking a part, and after they have carried out the several parts satisfactorily, they might then after much study and practice venture on the entire ceremony.

WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST to those brethren who are connected with the outside press, that they should not sacrifice their duties as Masons to that of journalists. We are drawn to this remark from frequently observing in reports of lodge business—more especially installations—information given to the outside world of matters which should never be mentioned outside a tyed lodge. In fact if this tendency is not checked the tyling of lodges will be reduced to a farce.—*Australian Keystone.*

IN THE "PALL MALL MAGAZINE" for November Lord Roberts continues his account of the rise of Wellington to fame, and describes the state of affairs in the Peninsula before "General Wellesley" commenced his campaign there. We follow the course of his arms up to the battle of Talavera and the lines of Torres Vedras, and catch incidental glimpses of such heroes of the war as Sir John Moore, Sir Hew Dalrymple, and General Beresford. Another interesting paper, accompanied with many illustrations, is that devoted to Christ's Hospital, as it is now and as it existed a century and a half ago; and Bro. Walter Besant has much to say on the lives and duties of the monks at Westminster in the old days.

THE GAY AND HOSPITABLE TONE which distinguishes Freemasonry among its many other social merits was recently very potently manifested in the far-off region of Simla, where a Masonic ball was given which was "the finest ever witnessed in India." This unqualified opinion means a great deal, as the grand fêtes of the Viceroy are historic records. The Viceregal Lodge will, however, soon be the scene of a splendid fancy dress ball, judging from the preparations that are being made. Lady Elgin will certainly make a most charming hostess. The Simla Masonic ball drew the élite from all parts of India, and naturally the Viceroy's ball will not fail to be equally attractive. If such gaieties are to recur in India during winter months there will doubtless be an increase in the number of visitors from England. Evidently people want new wintering quarters, and do not mind extending the distance to reach them. Recently there was a suggestion made that Ceylon would be found to be a pleasant winter resort, and it has been, thanks to fast steaming, brought within a shorter travelling range. Still, for gaiety, it cannot compare with India.—*Court Journal.*

BRO. TREE ANNOUNCES another matinee of "A Bunch of Violets," on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the Haymarket Theatre.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1529, St. Columb, has elected Bro. John Evans, W.M., and re-elected Bro. T. Gatley, P.G.S., Treas., and Bro. S. B. Liddicoat, Tyler.

A CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM FROM MADRID says that the Queen Regent has issued instructions to the Government to institute proceedings against the Catholic papers which propagated statements asserting that she had caused the infant King to be enrolled as a Freemason.

THE ANNUAL PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, which was postponed on account of the lamented death of the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. T. Chirgwin, was held at Redruth on Tuesday last, the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presiding. We hope to give a report in our next.

ON SUNDAY afternoon last the rector of Bassishaw, Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, gave an address on what he facetiously termed "Gambling," at the "Old Vic." in Waterloo-road. The meeting was held in connection with the Borough Polytechnic P.S.A., and there was a large attendance of men.

A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS of the Grosvenor Club and their friends attended the re-opening of the winter entertainment season. Among the artistes whose names appeared in the programme were Mr. Herbert Grover, Miss Grace Damian, Madame Marie Carandini, Miss Louise Nanney (violinist), and Little Valli Valli, who sang and danced.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, having arranged to make London the centre for the control of all the company's European financial matters, has appointed as financial representative of the company in England, Mr. D. C. Haldeman, their general manager for the United Kingdom. Mr. Haldeman will continue to act as general manager for the United Kingdom, while assuming the important additional duties of financial representative.

THE DUCHESS OF RUTLAND opened the new buildings of the Midland Deaf and Dumb Institution at Derby, and, in a graceful speech, said that many opinions were expressed at the present day as to whether much talking was either very good or very useful. Some of her gentlemen relatives considered that a perfect woman would be a silent woman. However that might be, there was but one opinion on the point that those who enabled individuals afflicted, or even unafflicted, to work for themselves and become useful to the community were conferring an immense benefit on those they taught.

AN INTERESTING COMPETITION.—Our enterprising contemporary, *Science Siftings*, has just decided a most interesting question, which in view of the approach of cold weather, was asked at a particularly fitting moment. The object was to find out which is the most popular beef essence in the market, and a spirited competition was held by its readers, which resulted in placing Bovril at the head of the poll with 4318 votes. As 11,563 votes were taken, and all the well-known products (nine in number) of this nature were in competition, this is tolerably conclusive evidence of the universal popularity of Bovril.

THE OPENING OF AN ANCIENT CRYPT.—On Saturday, 6th inst., the ancient crypt of St. John's Church, Clerkenwell (formerly the Priory Church of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem), was thrown open to the public, and was visited by a large number of people. It is worthy of note that in one of the narrow cloisters on the north side of the crypt there was a coffin which was pointed out as the one which contained the body of the woman whose spirit was said to haunt Cock-lane in the adjoining Smithfield, and it was in this crypt that the Cock-lane ghost was detected and exposed. A short time ago the Clerkenwell Vestry, in accordance with an order in Council, removed all the coffins in the crypt to Woking Necropolis, where the human remains which they contained were decently re-interred. The crypt will be on view on the first Saturday in each month until January next.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the officers of the P.G. Lodge attended the meeting of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Southampton, on Monday, the 14th inst., the occasion being the last lodge meeting in the year of office of Bro. J. D. Morant as Worshipful Master. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre, was unavoidably absent, but the P.G.M. was attended by most of the Provincial Grand Officers, and there was a large number of visiting brethren. The lodge ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. J. D. Morant, W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. James W. Gieve, S.W. Upwards of 80 brethren were entertained at the banquet.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE FIELD LANE RAGGED SCHOOLS are most anxious to avail themselves of the ever extending opportunities for increasing their work amongst the poor in the courts and alleys of that overcrowded part of London which forms the centre of their operations. Their meetings are attended by hundreds of these poor creatures, the history of whose privations and sufferings is most harrowing; and they have upwards of 1000 of the children attending their various Bible Schools. In addition their refuges for the deserving homeless poor are filled every night, and they feed, clothe, educate and industrially train some 230 boys and girls in their industrial homes. Very much more, however, remains to be done, and the only difficulty is funds. With a view to increasing their income the Committee have had made some special collecting boxes, which may be obtained by the friends of the Institution from the Secretary, Mr. Peregrine Platt, Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road.

"HE OUGHT TO BE PROSECUTED."—The indignant words fell from the lips of a young girl who stood helplessly watching a drunken cabman brutally lashing his horse. It is, indeed, appalling to think how much cruelty goes unpunished in this world. Why are there so many weakly children in all grades of society? The explanation is simple. The blame lies with the thoughtlessness and selfishness of parents. While men and women neglect their health they cannot expect to have strong and robust children. Fathers and mothers, be warned in time. Clear your systems of biliousness, indigestion, nervousness, and the like; restore your vigour and your strength by taking Holloway's Pills, the safest and best of family medicines.

BRO. SHERIFF HAND will shortly be entertained at dinner by the members of the Horners' Company.

BRO. THE REV. T. SELBY HENREY preached on Sunday afternoon at St. George's Chapel, Albermarle-street.

A SUM OF NEARLY £80 has already been received by Mr. Marston in response to his appeal for funds to enable a stained-glass window to be erected to the memory of Isaac Walton in St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet-street.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO FORM a fifth Masonic Charities Association in connection with Prosperity Lodge, No. 65. The first meeting for receipt of subscriptions will be held at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, on Wednesday, 7th November, at eight o'clock.

WESTMINSTER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.—The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will distribute the prizes and certificates, won last session by the students in this institute, at a public meeting to be held at the Westminster Town Hall on the 22nd inst.

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

BRO. JOHN THOMAS MOSS, 38, Gracechurch-street, a well-known City solicitor, died on Saturday, the 13th inst., at his residence, Zetland Lodge, New Cross-road, from cancer of the liver, after a somewhat prolonged illness. Bro. Moss, who was in his 73rd year, had a large practice, and frequently appeared in the City and other Courts.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce their improved express train service to Torquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, and other places in Devon and Cornwall. These favourite winter resorts give the invalid a choice of equable climates rivalling those of the South of France without the drawbacks of long and fatiguing travel and foreign languages.

AS A SOUVENIR of the recent visit of the Haymarket Company to Balmoral, the Queen has presented a handsome silver salver, with inscription, to Mr. Tree; a brooch set with diamonds and rubies to Mrs. Tree; and a ruby brooch to little Miss Viola Tree. Miss Lily Hanbury has received a turquoise and diamond brooch; Mr. Lionel Brough, a diamond and ruby pin; Mr. Charles Allan, a silver cigar-case; and Mrs. E. H. Brooke, a brooch set with diamonds.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Alfred Mark Lodge, No. 247, was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, amongst those present being the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Valentia, Bro. Rev. R. W. M. Pope, Past Grand Chaplain, and others. Bro. Mark Weyland was installed W.M. for the second year in succession, and he appointed Bros. H. M. Turner and G. Sare, his Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

IT MAY BE REMEMBERED that last month Mr. Walter Winans won the revolver championship of the South London Rifle Club. The competitions for the revolver championship of the North London Rifle Club are just over, and Mr. Winans has won that also. He made the highest possible score of 42 points, at 20 yards, on two consecutive shooting days, and also a highest possible score at 50 yards. Of the remaining five scores, he made within one point of a highest possible in each, scoring, for his total, 307 out of a possible 312 points.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational and General Purposes Committee was held on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. W. Powell presiding. It was announced that three applications had been received for the two vacancies on the fund which are to be filled at the election on Monday, the 20th inst. One of the petitions was received from Metham Lodge, Stonehouse, the second from Charity Lodge, Plymouth, and the third from Harmony Lodge, Budleigh Salterton. All these were stated to be deserving cases and worthy of support, and it was decided to place them on the list of candidates. In addition to these there are two candidates brought forward from the last election, making in all five for the two vacancies.

A CRAFTSMAN'S DUTY to his lodge and to Freemasonry requires him to exercise great care in recommending candidates for admission to the Fraternity. It does not meet the law of duty that an applicant is as worthy as some persons who are now in the organisation, or that perhaps he will do better as a Mason, and by reason of such improvement no evil results will follow his admission. The lodge ought to be exposed to no such risk. A brother is not justified in recommending an acquaintance or friend unless such commendation is based on sufficient knowledge, and on a positive belief that the applicant is worthy to become a Mason, and will add strength to the organisation. That a man is genial, a "good sort of a fellow," is not a sufficient reason for recommending his admission to a Masonic lodge.

THE TORONTO FREEMASON does not hesitate to express its disapproval of the reduction of fees of the Grand Chapter of Canada. In the latest issue received at this office we note the following: "It was a fatal mistake and one that must affect injuriously the Capital branch in the near future. It was never intended that Masonry should be cheap. On the contrary, we believe it is a luxury; its membership drawn from men in reputable circumstances, and such as are not likely to ever become a charge upon the general Craft. Freemasonry is not competing with other fraternities, but is a cut above them all, and should never resort to the 'job lot' and 'bargain day' methods of modern mushroom societies. High joining fees and low or no dues is the policy that should be adopted by all branches of the Masonic system in Canada, and when the Grand Chapter restores its fees to the old figure, it will regain that high place in the public estimation it has recently jeopardised." On general principles we agree with the statement made by the *Freemason*. It is never good policy to lower the fees for the sake of attracting a multitude of candidates. Freemasonry should so commend itself as not to become a competing society seeking for popular favour. Of course the fees should not be unreasonably high, and they may well vary in different localities.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 3, 1894.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace. 1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREE.

15, Rose and Lily, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

CRAFT LODGES.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel. 1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8. Cripple-gate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norfolk Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

CRAFT LODGE.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chancer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Entfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excession, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Inlington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgcombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

CRAFT LODGES.

808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar. 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel. 1471, Islington, Railway Hotel, Highbury.

MARK LODGE.

176, New Era, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Linchouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-trider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel. 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel. 227, Ionic, Criterion. 231, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall. 438, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall. 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall. 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury. 1351, St. Clement Dances, The Courts' Restaurant. 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-square. 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne. 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. 1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel. 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal. 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place. 1963, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford. 2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Higligate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30. Leopard, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8. Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

554, Yarborough, London Tavern. 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich. 1027, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall. 2467, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel. 2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall. 1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.

Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Mount Sion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Mark Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., at 6.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern. 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel. 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, November 3, 1894.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

CRAFT LODGES. Eastbourne ... 1110 R.A. CHAPTERS. Manchester ... 62 Tenby ... 1177 Carlisle ... 310 Warrington ... 148 Pontypool ... 1258 Knutsford ... 941 Callington ... 557 Penarth ... 1754

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Liverpool ... 292 Ramsgate ... 1209 Landport ... 1776 Bradford ... 303 Mossley ... 1218 Walton-on-... 974 Brighton ... 315 Old Brompton 1424 Naze ... 1709 Saltash ... 1071 Canterbury ... 1449 Hull ... 2134

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

CRAFT LODGES. Brighton ... 1636 R.A. CHAPTERS. Dartford ... 299 Sheffield ... 1770 Nottingham ... 47 Carlisle ... 310 Newport, Salop 1860 Sunderland ... 94 Holyhead ... 597 Fenton ... 1942 Durham ... 124 St. Albans ... 1479 Castleton ... 2358 Hanley ... 418 Maidenhead ... 1500 Taunton ... 348

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Whitehaven ... 119 Halifax ... 448 Stockton ... 940 Liverpool ... 241 Hydes Cross ... 581 Bradford ... 974 Batley ... 204 Aylesbury ... 591 Paignton ... 1358 Maryport ... 371 Cleckheaton ... 603 Saltburn-by-Sea 1618 Broadstairs ... 429 Richmond ... 820

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

CRAFT LODGES. Brecon ... 651 R.A. CHAPTER. Winchester ... 76 East Dereham 996 Penzance ... 121 Manchester ... 163 Manchester ... 1083 York ... 236 Leeds ... 394 Cleator Moor ... 1989 Keswick ... 1073 Crewe ... 321 Tunstall ... 2064 MARK LODGE. Bingley ... 439 Chepstow ... 2186 Sutton Bridge ... 427

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

CRAFT LODGES. Northampton ... 360 Norwich ... 1500 Newcastle ... 24 Grantham ... 302 Barnsley ... 1513 Nichester ... 438 Wolverhampton 419 Hexham ... 1557 Hull ... 57 Wells, Somerset 446 Lymm ... 1565 Merthyr Tydvil 110 Accrington ... 462 Stony Stratford 1639 Richmond ... 123 Stockton ... 509 Faringdon ... 1770 Bournemouth ... 195 Hartlepool ... 531 Thornton Heath 1799 Todmorden ... 219 Walsall ... 539 Brighton ... 1420 Devonport ... 230 Manchester ... 633 Kidderminster 1874 Liverpool ... 249 Blackpool ... 793 Sandhurst ... 1899 Coventry ... 254 Grimsby ... 702 Reading ... 2043 Heywood ... 266 Biggleswade ... 803 East Cowes ... 2169 Blackburn ... 269 Lostwithiel ... 856 Bradford ... 2321 Leeds ... 289 Plumstead ... 913 R.A. CHAPTERS. Beverley ... 294 Bruton ... 976 Shrewsbury ... 262 Ashton-under-... Bury ... 1012 Salford ... 325 Lyne ... 300 Topham ... 1284 St. Austein ... 490 Beccles ... 366 Darlington ... 1379 MARK LODGES. Farnham ... 399 Widnes ... 1384 Cardin ... 28 Manchester ... 317 Bristol ... 1494 Horsham ... 449 Bootle ... 1473

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31 Uxbridge ... 382 Hatfield ... 1580 Nottingham ... 47 Maidstone ... 583 Sandown, I.W. 1869 Plymouth ... 70 Portland ... 1937 Shanklin, I.W. 1884 Liverpool ... 216 Rochester ... 1050 Wellingford ... 1887 Batley ... 264 Liverpool ... 1182 New Brompton 1907 Leeds ... 289 Sudbury ... 1224 Bradford ... 2321 Thirsk ... 1416

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

CRAFT LODGES. Ashford ... 709 R.A. CHAPTERS. Manchester ... 44 Ripon ... 837 Weymouth ... 170 Leeds ... 306 Manchester ... 1069 Southampton ... 359 Huddersfield ... 521 Nottingham ... 1495 MARK LODGE. Ryde ... 698 Gosforth ... 1664 Castleford ... 457

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 123 Keighley ... 265 Saltash ... 1071 Bristol ... 187 Bristol ... 326 Bristol - Province Ipswich ... 225 Bradford ... 1034

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

CRAFT LODGES. Hampton Court 1494 MARK LODGES. Manchester ... 1458 Plymouth ... 1550 Brighton ... 168 Brighton ... 1406 Feltham ... 1507 Walthamstow. 205

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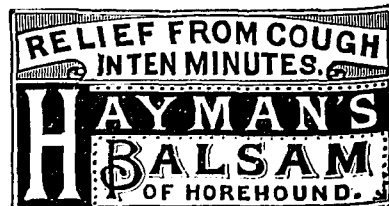
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