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MASONIC life has begun again amongst us in London with great activity. Our lodges are gathering fast, and Work, Charity, and Sociality are going on hand in hand. In our opinion, in the present disjointed state of society, contrasted opinions, and bitter severances, nothing too much can be said in favour of the healing and soothing graces of Masonic sympathy, friendship, and fraternity. We may be divided without the lodge, we are at peace and harmony within. Society may be riven and even convulsed by "burning questions" and irreconcilable views on this or that; but in Freemasonry, unity, concord, amity, and agreement reign supreme, sublime in their very reality. How good it is for us all to find a neutral ground, a breathing space so to say, amid our prevailing outcome of social discords and party questions, where we can alike forget our "fads" and our "vanities," where we can be equally agreeing and agreeable, tolerant and tolerating. What to us are all those vexed questions which so ruffle, agitate, and disturb society? Freemasonry bids us lay aside prejudices and prepossessions, differences, and divisions, and unites in the grand design of being happy and kindly ourselves, and promoting the happiness and comfort, and kindness of others. And hence it is that English Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is so attractive to the man of science and the citizen of the world, the hard-headed man of business, and the most distinguished in rank, position, and society, the professional man and the educated student. It is a neutral ground for us all, in which discord and contention are unknown, where we meet and part in the earnest sympathy and cultured tastes of friends, brethren, and gentlemen.

WE call special attention to the report of the consecration of the Prudence Lodge,—a Temperance lodge,—at Leeds, elsewhere. This has been one of the most important gatherings in favour of the question involved, and the speeches of our distinguished Bro. T. W. TEW, D.P.G.M., and our worthy Bro. WOODHOUSE, the well-known Mayor of Leeds, deserve the careful perusal of all our readers.

It is remarkable to note how the English Grand Lodge is increasing in universal actuality, how it is advancing in prestige and popularity. We ourselves never have chimed in with the cry that Freemasonry is too rapidly extending. We have, indeed, always entered into the wise solicitude of our Supreme Authority, that just as there is a "reason in roasted eggs," so there should be a valid ground for a new charter. It is not sufficient because a few brethren wish to start a new lodge that, therefore, their prayer should be conceded. There is a fitness in all things. And it is always a sound and valid question, by those who have to decide on such applications—is the lodge needed? is it a reasonable claim? a sound petition? There are numerous lodges whose promotion is all but impossible. There is an eager crowd of younger Masons asking for employment and craving prestige. We must all bear in mind that though there is a great evil in too hasty advancement, for many brethren are no doubt for various reasons, good or bad, or no reasons at all, too hastily pushed forward into high rank, yet that after all it is a very difficult thing indeed to interfere with or control the responsibility of Worshipful Masters and the free choice of lodges. It often occurs to us probably in Masonry, and as often happens in the world, that when we see brethren too rashly and hastily brought to the fore, and hear their utterances and note their work, the old saying, is realized quickly by us, "how we apples swim." And we cannot deny that there is a hurtful tendency just now for brethren to be "set forward" very quickly, without much of previous service to Freemasonry, and then for them to be eager for further promotion, for even the highest honours. In all these cases there are "promotions and promotions," and "the purple and the purple," but as a rule, we feel bound to say, great care is taken in the selection of our lodge officers, and the working of to-day is, in our humble opinion, superior to what is was a generation ago. Therefore, we hail the increase of lodges, within proper limits of course, and on safe and reasonable grounds, as we feel convinced ourselves that Masonic lodges are good for the community and the age in which we live, and that under efficient presidency and effective

management, they may be made centres of light, utility, kindness, and charity wherever their tent is pitched, their tabernacle set up among men.

A GOOD deal is said just now about separate lodges for Temperance, and they seem to be increasing amongst us. Like all distinctive and special movements, much, no doubt, may be advanced on both sides. In the great toleration of Freemasonry there is clearly and undoubtedly room for those who approve, and those who do not, of the principle in question. We wish, however, to point out that we must always be on our guard in true Masonic philosophy and teaching against exaggeration, undue protrusion of even first principles of thought and action. Masonic sociality is a good thing in itself, and has been the cause of much pleasant fellowship, and many friendly sentiments, many long and active friendships. But, like all good things, Masonic sociality may be overdone, and, no doubt, a question comes in,—whether a *little less* might not be devoted to the social needs of our Masonic community, and a *little more* done for Masonic culture, literature, and Charity. It is, however, a very difficult question admittedly, and we do not wish in any sense to seem to speak dogmatically, or discourage in any sense the honest efforts of well-meaning and serious brother Masons. We only put in a little friendly word of caution. Temperance is a Masonic virtue of the highest importance, need, and good. Our present sociality is far more enlightened and less exacting than of old times, and very little fault indeed can now be found with those agreeable reunions, where brother meets brother, where interest is quickened, and sympathy warmed each for each, and with a happy commentary the great features of true Masonic life, Work, Sociality, and Charity, speed on and flourish in happy harmony and Masonic fellowship. There is, however, one question which has often occurred to us,—Is it necessary always to follow work with refreshment? Would it not be well if we sometimes dispensed with a long and expensive dinner, and if the time and money thus imperatively demanded were devoted to some needful and pressing claim of Masonic intellectuality, on the one hand, of active personal benevolence on the other? But we speak hesitatingly and suggestively, only rather inviting, the views of others than laying down conclusions of our own.

WE have often expressed our deep regret at the untoward position the Belgian Freemasons have placed themselves in by their foolish and servile imitation of the unwise and revolutionary proceedings of the Grand Orient of France. We have always wished well to the Belgian Freemasons, and we still wish them well, despite the unfortunate severance that has necessarily taken place between English and Belgian Freemasonry. We are therefore rejoiced to hear that some of the more enlightened of the Belgian Freemasons are fully sensible of the "error of their ways," and are seeking and are wishful to retrace their steps. Their object should be to place Belgian Freemasonry in a thoroughly independent position, and make it revert to even a higher status of agreement with English Freemasonry, from which it originally sprang. Nothing can be worse than the state of things in French Freemasonry, and it is to be feared that Belgian Freemasonry is very little better. Its great and distinguishing feature is, unfortunately, an abject denial of T.G.A.O.T.U. on the one hand, and an interference in political questions on the other. We wish, therefore, all success to those, the more enlightened of the Belgian Freemasons, who are seeking to improve the present very unreasonable and unbecoming position of affairs.

IN the *Times* of Monday appears the following paragraph: "The Press Association learns that the decision of the Grand Lodge of England not to admit to their meetings Freemasons belonging to the Grand Orient of France has been recently under the consideration of the *Conseil Suprême* of the latter body, and a determination has been arrived at to tender full explanations of their exact position to the Grand Lodge of England. In the event of the explanations not being accepted by the Grand Lodge of England, it is probable that immediate action will be taken in the nature of an appeal to English public opinion on the subject." As far as we are concerned in England, the exact position of the Grand Orient of France is well known, and unless most satisfactory explanations are tendered, the ground for which, we fear, does not exist, there is little likelihood of the Grand Lodge of England altering their present resolution on the subject. Not only does the old grave course of complaint exist, but others have been superadded. For it is a well-known fact, too well-known to need discussion, that extreme political tendencies have been manifested by a large portion of the lodges in France and Belgium, so much so that many respectable Freemasons have retired from the lodges, and many have expressed their entire disapproval of the existing state of feeling among the French Freemasons in respect of the Cosmopolitan principles of Freemasonry. We wish it were otherwise. But until the French Grand Orient openly retraces its steps English Freemasons and French Freemasons are not and cannot be as one,

CONSECRATION OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069, AT LEEDS.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. The object of the promoters of the lodge is two-fold—1. That the meetings be held on a Saturday afternoon, and, 2. That it be conducted on temperance principles, the members of which shall not necessarily be teetotalers, but that it should be a rule that no intoxicating liquors be used at any time of refreshment. Similar lodges in other parts of the country already exist, viz., the Wolseley Lodge, at Manchester; the King Solomon Lodge, in London; and the Londonderry Lodge, in Sunderland; and we learn one is also likely soon to be established at Portsmouth. Notwithstanding some show of opposition which we learn has attended the formation of this lodge, the gathering was one of the largest held in this province on any similar occasion, upwards of 150 brethren taking part in the proceedings, half of whom were members of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Yates, W.M. 304, assisted by Bro. McGill, W.M. 1311, and several other brethren, in the presence of

Bros. E. W. Smith, 289; W. P. Head, 289; C. Williams, 289; A. Scarth, Sec. 289; E. Woodcock, S.W. 302; T. Myers, J.W. 302; John Brownfoot, Sec. 302; J. Rickard, S.W. 302; W. Cockerlyne, Org. 302; John Stephenson, 302; J. W. Gaines, P.M. 302; Rev. Thos. Greenbury, Chap. 302; J. W. Bailey, P.M. 304; J. C. Quickfall, 304; J. Grimshaw, 302; John Redmayne, 302; Rev. Dr. Barnes, 302; S. T. Oates, P.M. 302; G. Hill, P.M. 304; W. Callum, 304; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; J. E. Hinings, 306; A. Neill, 306 and 236; W. Wetherall, 306; D. Thompson, P.M. 306; G. H. Stallard, P.M. 306; J. B. Lovett, 306; E. Howell, 306; R. Gibbons, 306; W. C. Ellison, P.M. 306; W. H. Thompson, 306; W. Flockton, 1042; C. A. Busherton, 1042; James Smales, 1042; T. Tyers, P.M. 1042; A. Atkinson, 1042; W. M. Tyers, J.W. 1042; G. Heuthwaite, 1042; W. Ainlie, P.M. 1042; W. Elliot, P.M. 1042; T. Thorp, 1042; B. Womersley, 1042; W. Warren, Wm. Smith, Geo. Whitaker, R. Riley, 1211; Hen. Child, Robert Graham, 1221; C. D. Swale, 1211; W. A. Cole, Robt. Lee, S. Ash, H. H. Cribb, J. Downs, P.M., Herbert Shaw, Alf. Cooke, and J. W. English, 1221; W. E. A. Quibb, P.M., Geo. Cobb, J. B. Hargreaves, J. S. Webb, S.D., W. D. Hollis, Rev. D. Wheeler, Chap., and G. W. Morrison, 1311; Hy. Lodge, 13; Tudor Trevor, P.M. 41; Chas. Middleton, 61; H. D. Levy, 94; Rev. J. H. Evans, 153; F. B. Fox, P.M. 208; Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 307; F. Abbott, 407; Rev. H. S. Butler, 357; Rev. M. E. Vine, 357; J. G. Lee, P.M. 448; Rob. Dayson, 458; Edw. Cuttle, 910; E. Lord, P.M. 910; John Haley, 1034; Wm. Watson, P.M. 1040; J. R. Kennedy Bell, 1124; Rev. J. E. Player, 1275; J. T. Goodall, P.M. 1301; A. Stott, 1301; E. Peirson, P.M. 1542; J. T. Morgan, 1619; and S. S. Young, 1086.

The W.D. Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. A. Tew, P.G.D. of England, then entered, accompanied by the following members of Provincial Grand Lodge:

Bros. Col. Hartley, 495, P.P.G.W.; J. Day, 275, P.P.G.W.; Simeon Hayes, 137, P.P.G.W.; J. Day, 275, P.P.G.W.; Simeon Hayes, 137, P.P.G.W.; Edw. Simpson, 154, P.P.G.W.; J. Wordsworth, 1019, P.P.G.W., Chairman C.C.; Rev. Canon Bullock, 1211, P.G.C.; Rev. W. J. M. Sylvester, 1542, P.G.C.; E. W. Makinson, 289, P.P.G.C.; J. H. Gratton, 1513, P.G. Treas.; C. L. Mason, 304, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Wilson, P.P.G. Treas.; C. S. Sunderland, 1301, P.G.R.; J. C. Malcolm, 306, P.P.G.R.; H. Atton Cadman, 154, P.P.G.R.; Hy. Smith, 302, P.G. Sec.; R. Williams-on, 521, P.G.D.; Hutchinson, 290, P.G.D.; J. Lowenthal, 275, P.G.D.; W. W. Barlow, P.G.D.; J. D. Kay, 289, P.P.G.D.; Robt. Craig, 304, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Ruddoch, 275, P.P.G.D.; W. R. Glover, 289, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Beck, 289, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Winn, 1211, P.G.S. of W.; S. W. Newsam, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Barker, 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Monckman, 1018, P.G.D. of C.; Holdsworth, P.G. D. of C.; Thos. Pickles, 258, P.G.A.D. of C.; S. Slack, 910, P.P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Pearson, 1034, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. W. Moore, 1221, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. France, 208, P.G. Std. Br.; Alfred Austin, 306, P.G. Std. Br.; J. N. Pickering, 1221, P.P.G. Org.; Herbert Green, 1019, P.G.A. Sec.; John Seed, 1302, P.G.P.; John Richardson, 1001, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Crossley, D.P.G.P.; W. Lockcroft, P.G.A.P.; Robert Acknill, 1001, P.G.S.; Thos. Whitely, 448, P.G.S.; Jas. Bedford, 302, P.G.S.; Jas. Wright, 600, P.G.S.; Jos. Brailsford, 1779, P.G.S.; Hy. Inghold, 289, P.G.S.; Thomas Whitaker, 448, P.G.S.; Jos. Lee, 290, P.G. Tyler; T. C. Smyth, 289, P.D.G.M. East Arch.; C. J. Banister, 1018, P.G.S.B. Eng.; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W. of N. and E. Yorks.

After the petition for the new lodge and the warrant issued by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had been read, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proceeded with the ceremony of consecration; Bros. J. D. Kay, P.M. 289; Newsam, P.M. 304; Malcolm, P.M. 306, and the Prov. Grand Registrar bearing the consecrating elements; and Bro. S. T. Oates, P.M. 304, as acolyte, bearing incense. Accompanied by the Prov. Grand Chaplains and other clergy, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, they perambulated the lodge according to ancient custom. The latter having distributed corn, the emblem of plenty; wine, the emblem of joyfulness; oil, the emblem of peace and concord; and salt, the emblem of wisdom; consecrated the Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, to Masonry, and dedicated it severally to virtue, universal benevolence, and wisdom, after which the dedicating prayer was offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. T. A. Tew, P.G.D. of England, then delivered the following address:

Brethren,—I shall occupy your attention for a few moments because another interesting ceremony, the installation of Bro. E. Woodhouse, P.M., the Mayor of Leeds, as W.M. of this lodge, is about to demand your attention and interest. We have met together to assist in a stirring and interesting ceremonial; and the addition of a new lodge to the roll is generally an indication of the healthy growth of the principles of Masonry, and the increase of lodges in such a populous town as Leeds shows that a want is felt for relieving the over growth of existing lodges, and implies that there is room for a free expansion of the Masonic force. I address, to-day, old and experienced Masons, many of them better qualified to teach me, than I am to tell them anything new, which they have not already learned and endeavoured to practise as true and loyal Masons. On the 10th October I received a form of petition (which has been read to you this afternoon) to the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for a new lodge to be named "Prudence," and that most urgent representations should be made at the Grand Secretary's office for its favourable reception for a warrant of constitution to be granted before the close of the mayoralty of Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, P.M. of 304, in order that a just compliment might be paid to him as the first W.M. thereof, before retiring from office as the chief magistrate of Leeds. On these representations, and on assurances being complied with as to clearance certificates, Grand Lodge has granted the prayer of the petitioners, the number of the new lodge being 2069 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. This makes the 68th lodge of West Yorkshire, the eighth lodge in Leeds, and the seventh lodge I have, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, consecrated since the year 1875. My duties have been simply ministerial in this matter; but I could have wished the movement had been inaugurated earlier in the summer, so as to have avoided precipitancy, and to have given the Prov. Grand Officers of West Yorkshire time to mature the circumstances surrounding this petition. Haste is never advisable in a weighty application for a warrant, especially when the destiny of such new lodge is surrounded by seven

other existing lodges, which should view with approbation the establishment of another in their midst, and welcome it with cordiality and respect. Its bye-laws should be framed in harmony with the bye-laws of existing lodges, so that no preference in any way should be incorporated in them by way of inducement to detach members from the other lodges to the new one in order to strengthen its influence or inflate its numbers. An examination of the new regulations is a work of time to bring them into harmony with the rules of the other lodges. The days intervening between the granting of the number of the lodge, on the 24th October and the 8th November, is little time for this work by the Provincial Grand Registrar. Only the urgency of this date being the last day the W.M. designate, as the Mayor of Leeds, could have hurried forward this ceremonial of consecration. I am informed that all the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of the Leeds lodges have been summoned at a meeting to consider the status of the new lodge, and that it was decided by them to offer no objection to its establishment. Therefore I trust they are represented on this occasion and, like myself, anxious to render every Masonic courtesy and homage to a gentleman and a Past Master of the Craft who has during his two terms of office as Mayor thrown himself so thoroughly into everything that has been for the welfare and advantage of the town of Leeds. To the Mayor of Leeds the Craft is under peculiar acknowledgments for the support he has given to its principles. The Benevolent Masonic Institution has his approval, and the ball given in the Town Hall in aid of its funds was honoured and graced also by the Mayoress and the ladies of his family. We cannot sufficiently thank him for what he has done for Freemasonry. But, as the Mayor of Leeds, he occupies a conspicuous place amongst his contemporaries. He rules over a community large enough to give princely title to many of the small potentates of the Continent. He has attained the position he occupies by the highest credentials of study, industry, and business training. He has intimately associated himself with the wants and ideas of the industrial classes, and to these classes he is a substantial benefactor. At his Farsley Mills he has established a new industry, and his workpeople—all trained in particular departments—number upwards of 500 hands. In local life he has favoured the establishment of the Royal College of Music. The Police Band of Music for this borough is mainly due for its establishment to him. He was an ardent promoter of the Yorkshire College, and inaugurated a special fund for the endowment of a chair of physics. He signalled his first Mayoralty of Leeds by the Leeds Musical Festival and his reception given to the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and during his second year of office he has opened the new official Municipal Buildings. We look upon Bro. E. Woodhouse, the Mayor of Leeds, as an illustration of what a perfect and upright man can do by "Fortitude," "Prudence," and "Justice" to win golden opinions from all sections of the community, and the love and esteem of the Craft in Leeds. He has by these sterling qualities won the favour of his colleagues in the Municipality, and been by it twice elected Chief Magistrate. He has earned the authority which he exercises—and I hope not for the last time—over a Municipality of more than 330,000 people. Every brother present will echo the aspiration that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant him and the Mayoress long, useful, and happy lives in the important positions which they so nobly fill to-day. The name of this lodge and its objects are somewhat striking—"Prudence," or "Wisdom," as applied to Temperance principles; "Fortitude," to bear with courage and bravery unforeseen or unavoidable calamity that may happen to one; and "Justice," that gives to every brother his just dues, supports him in his just and laudable undertakings, offers up ejaculations to Almighty God for his welfare, will not wrongfully revile him, nor suffer it to be done by others if in our power to prevent it; "Temperance," to be free from passion or hasty deliberations, and moderation in all things. Pendant to the corners of every lodge are four tassels meant to remind us of four cardinal virtues, viz., "Temperance," "Fortitude," "Prudence," and "Justice," the whole of which, tradition informs us, were practised by our ancient brethren. The distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason are "Virtue," "Honour," "Charity," and "Mercy." Throughout the whole system of Freemasonry "Virtue" is painted in the most beautiful colours, and the duties of "Temperance" and "Morality" are everywhere strictly enforced. Thus should Freemasons be linked together in one indivisible chain of sincere affection, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." These are the objects which accompanied the prayer of the petition, and that the petitioners having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, desire to conduct the lodge on "Temperance principles." There are several other lodges of "Prudence" on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and efforts have been made to establish some lodges on teetotal principles. Take, for example, the discussion last June about the consecration of the Lodge of King Solomon. Temperance and teetotalism cannot be synonymous terms. Teetotalism pre-supposes the existence of intemperance of a particular kind, viz., immoderation in drink, and it assumes that the best and only way of coping successfully with this evil of intemperance, is to compel every brother who enters this lodge to abstain from alcoholic beverages. Teetotalism proceeds on the assumption that there is only one way of conquering this vice of immoderation, and that is by a total abstinence from all strong drinks—which, by the way, are only intoxicating when they are taken in excess. A temperance lodge on teetotal principles would place the temperate use and the intemperate abuse of drink on precisely the same footing. A temperate Mason cannot be allowed to join or remain in such a lodge because he is not despotically opposed to the use of alcoholic liquors. In my humble opinion there ought to be no room in our Fraternity for any such exclusionists. Teetotalism is laudable, but to adopt it to a lodge is objectionable, and, I think, incompatible with the broad and tolerant principles of Freemasonry. This idea of temperance, and this exclusive mode of combating a particular form of intemperance, are not provided for either in the ancient charges or the modern constitutions of Freemasonry. What will become of our boasted goodfellowship, which in moderation it is the object of the social board to cultivate, and the interchange of brotherly relations between the members of different lodges, if a W.M. is to dictate what kind of refreshment shall or shall not be taken by the brethren or guests? I think by setting up teetotal principles in a lodge, one of the most ancient landmarks of our Order, the promotion of goodfellowship, whose primary object is to enable brethren of all conditions and classes to meet together and establish among themselves goodfeeling, in spite of distinctions which may characterise them—may be destroyed. If some lodges are temperate and others teetotal an impossible gulf will be between them, and we shall perhaps do worse, viz., establish proselytism in our midst with invidious distinctions in the Fraternity between one set of lodges and another. Freemasonry to begin with is a great temperance Fraternity. On all occasions it proclaims temperance as an essential part of its system, as temperance must in the very nature of things be an essential part of every system of morality.

Freemasonry recognises no distinction of religious or political faith. Men of all creeds and tastes are welcome if they are proved to be "just, perfect, and upright, men of mature judgment and strict morals;" but there will be an end at once of our lauded principles of toleration if Grand Lodge provides a place in our midst for teetotal lodges, and so mixes up the pursuit of teetotalism and Freemasonry and temperance together. Temperance guards the soul against those insidious allurements by which nobler feelings are too often corrupted. She forms the mind to a general restraint over its appetites, its passions and vices; and I hope there is not a lodge in this town which will not discourage, by every means in its power, the presence at its meetings of any brother who may indulge to excess, and also keep itself rigidly to the statutable times of closing the banquet entertainments. Temperance then is the crown of all virtues. Let temperance, then, blend your actions in accordant harmony with fortitude, prudence, and justice. Take these virtues symbolical of the four great rivers which flowed out of the Garden of Eden, for your benefit, admonition, instruction, and protection—Pison, the fountain of prudence; Gibon, the stream of justice; Hiddekel, the rapid torrent of fortitude; Euphrates, the steady current of temperance. Take the state of our first parents in Eden before they sinned as your guide. Happy was their state while these sacred virtues were impressed upon their minds, and happy may be the brethren of No. 2069, if you observe the lessons, the name of your lodge, and its objects inculcate and imply. Be instructed by prudence, be guided by justice, be strengthened by fortitude, and be by temperance restrained, so that your lodge may be a pattern like Solomon's temple of wisdom, strength and beauty. And of the beauty of Freemasonry may the outside world thus speak of it in Leeds in Dryden's noble verse:

Mark her majestic fabric; she's a temple
Sacred by birth, and built by hands divine.
Her soul's the Deity that lodges there;
Nor is the pile unworthy of the God.

So may Prudence Lodge and Masonry endure to all adored blessings of Charity, good deeds, and the fulfilment of noble aspirations, until all is merged in the advent of the "Sun of Righteousness."

After the consecration of the lodge the ceremony of installing the W.M. designate, Bro. E. Woodhouse, Mayor of Leeds, as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge Prudence, was conducted by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, and P.P.G. Treas., after which the W.M. invested the following officers, who are the seven founders of the lodge: Bros. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, P.M., Past D.G.M. E. Archipelago, as S.W.; C. L. Mason, P.M. 302, P.P.G. Treas., J.W.; Tudor Trevor, P.M. 944 and 41, Sec.; W. Watson, P.M. 289 and 1040, S.D.; Rev. John E. Player, 1275, J.D.; and Rev. J. R. Kennedy-Bell, 1124, I.G. The W.M. was unanimously elected as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and several candidates as joining members and two for initiation were proposed.

A banquet was served immediately afterwards by Bro. J. L. Oates, P.M., at which 86 invited guests were entertained by the W.M. and officers of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and in responding to that of "The W.M. of Lodge Prudence,"

Bro. WOODHOUSE said his term as Mayor was now very near its close, and though his duties had been tolerably heavy, and he had been associated with persons and societies of various religious and political creeds, he did not think he had made a single enemy, but had met with uniform kindness from all classes. If the next Mayor had the same kindness shown to him as he had had, he would have no cause to complain at the end of his term. Referring to his lodge, he felt proud to occupy the position he held in it, and should strive to the best of his time and ability to merit the confidence reposed in him. His Worship then replied to a number of observations made by the D.P.G.M., and ably defended the principle laid down for the government of his lodge by the founders. He contended that the Deputy was confounded by his own admission that "Temperance was the crown of Masonic virtues," and his arguments—if such they might be termed—were demolished by his assumption that the "W.M. is to dictate what kind of refreshment shall or shall not be taken by the brethren or guests." The W.M. is to do nothing of the kind, as the Lodge Prudence is established on Temperance principles, the members of which shall not necessarily be teetotalers; but that it shall be a fixed rule of the lodge that no intoxicating liquors shall be used at any of its times of refreshment. Visitors and those who sought membership knew the terms on which they stood, consequently no injustice could be done in declining to give them alcoholic liquors to their dinners. Whilst brethren were heartily welcome to come to their lodge at all times, they must conform to the lodge rules whilst there, or they would be heartily welcome to stay away.

Other toasts followed, and having been duly honoured, these most successful and pleasant proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast, given by the S.W., who had served in his time every office in the lodge, from Tyler to W.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, the 6th inst., under the banner of the Rutland Lodge, 1130, for the transaction of the general business of the province, and for the special purpose of installing the newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Samuel S. Partridge, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.W., when a large gathering of brethren, comprising representatives from every lodge in the province, assembled under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Honorable the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by the following present Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: R.W. Bros. W. Kelly, F.S.A., &c., P.P.G.M.; G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.S.W.; W. S. Allen, P.G.J.W.; Rev. A. P. Dawson, P.G. Chap.; R. Waite, P.G. Treas.; A. H. Burgess, P.G. Reg.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.G. Sec.; S. Cleaver, P.G.S.D.; E. Watson, P.G.J.D.; J. Young, P.G.D.C.; S. Gurden, P.G.A.D.C.; T. B. Laxton, P.G.O.; R. R. Col., P.G.A.P.; D. Challis, P.G. Std. Br.; R. R. Bellamy and L. P. Chamberlain, P.G. Stewards; and J. Tanser, P.G. Tyler. In addition the following brethren were present: W. Bros. Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.G.S.W.; William Adcock, P.P.G.S.W.; C. E. Stretton, P.P.G.S.W.; M. J. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Barber, P.P.G.R.; F. J. Baines, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Halford, P.P.G.S.D.; J. O. Law, P.P.G.J.D.; S. Weaver, P.P.G.S. of W.; Captain Richardson, P.P.G.S.B.; E. H. Butler, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J.

Hassall, P.P.G.P.; W. A. Musson, W.M. 779; A. H. Marsh, W.M. 1130; J. Metcalfe, P.M. 1767; B. A. Smith, W.M. 523; R. S. Toller, W.M. 1560; G. Matt, W.M. 1391; R. Michie, W.M. 279; Bro. C. Oliver, S.W. 1007; J. H. Marshall, J.W. 1007; J. Harrison, S.W. 1391; J. D. Harris, S.W. 1560; E. J. Foxwell, S.W. 50; H. P. Brown, J.W. 523; and F. B. Wilmer, J.W. 2028; and many other members of the several Craft lodges in the Province.

The Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, having been opened by the W.M., Bro. A. H. Marsh, assisted by his officers, the Provincial Grand Master and his Prov. Grand officers entered, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual preliminary business, including the confirmation of minutes, disposed of, after which the reports of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were read, confirmed, and adopted.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, after referring to the satisfactory state of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds, and the position and progress of Masonry in the province, made special mention of the recent addition to the roll of lodges by the constitution of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, which, under the special care and able management of its W.M., the W. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, to whom the entire credit for its formation was due, had already met with most encouraging success, the lodge now numbering nearly thirty members, of whom fifteen had been initiated in it since February last. The probability of the early establishment of additional lodges in the rapidly increasing county town of Leicester was also alluded to. The report then dwelt at some length upon the recent extensive and costly alterations and additions to Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, including the entire rebuilding of the lodge room, which it was hoped would greatly increase the comfort and add to the convenience of the members of the lodges and other bodies meeting within it. The revision of the Provincial bye-laws had made but little progress, the Committee deeming it desirable to delay proceeding therewith for a short time in order that opportunity might be taken for corresponding with other provinces, which, in consequence of the recent revision of the Book of Constitutions, were intending to revise their own bye-laws. As a temporary measure it was recommended that the additional fees sanctioned by rule 104 of the Book of Constitution be added to the table of fees in force in this province, and further, that fees of honour be charged in respect of the new offices of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. After referring to the presentation to the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., of a life-size portrait of himself, and treating upon certain matters of local interest, the report concluded by alluding in very complimentary terms to the appointments of Bro. S. S. Partridge as D.P.G.M., and Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood as Provincial Grand Secretary.

The report of the Charity Committee was as follows:

"During the past Masonic year your Committee have to report that no candidate from this province for either of the great central Masonic Charities has claimed our support. This has enabled them to clear up all debts, and lay up a store of over 500 votes for the Benevolent Institution to be used at future elections. The alliance of our small province with those of Wilts, Somerset, Monmouthshire, and others for voting purposes, has hitherto worked in a most advantageous manner, and resulted in the return of their candidates, and your Committee hope it may be adhered to in the future. During the year small grants of money have been made to the widow of a late member of the Loughborough Lodge, and also to a brother of St. John's Lodge to help him in his removal from the town, and your Committee very much regret that owing to the fact of the Loughborough brother not continuing his subscriptions to a lodge under the English Constitution that his boy is ineligible for the Boys' School. The case is a bad one, and they are very anxious that something further may be done. To W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., are justly due the thanks of the Committee for his most energetic and successful services as Steward of the province on the occasion of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Ma-sons and their Widows, when his list reached the magnificent sum of £353 14s., being one of the largest brought up to this Festival. And your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the great pleasure with which they have heard of the appointment of Bro. Partridge to the honourable post of D.P.G.M., and offering him their most hearty congratulations. The Girls' School this year prefers its claim for support from the province; hitherto it has been our custom that one of these who had previously held a Stewardship for the Boys should be appointed, therefore from the list of those willing to serve, your Committee have nominated W. Bro. Captain Richardson for the Girls' School Festival, with a very grateful remembrance of the splendid list he presented on a former occasion. The Secretary having tendered his resignation of the office which he has held for six years, your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that W. Bro. Miles J. Walker has succeeded to that office, the duties of which your Committee are convinced he will carry out with the same energy and enthusiasm as he has shown in the Charity Association Secretaryship. Before closing their report, the Committee wish to place upon record their great regret at the resignation of W. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, and their obligations to him for his past services. To his untiring zeal and energy are due the successes that have hitherto attended all the work in connection with the Masonic Charity voting organisation of this province, while to his genial manner and brotherly principles may be attributed our kindly relations with other provinces, by whose assistance we have always been enabled to secure the election of any of our selected candidates."

The Prov. Grand Registrar's report was read, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were duly passed, after which Bro. Robert Waite, who has efficiently discharged the duties of the office for several years past, was unanimously re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer, a vote of thanks to him being at the same time passed for his valuable services.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master nominate having been duly announced, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master directed a deputation, consisting of the two Prov. Grand Deacons, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, with two Prov. Grand Stewards, to receive him.

On the D.P.G.M. nominate being introduced, his Patent of appointment was read, after which the R.W. Prov. G.M. addressed the brethren on the subject of the appointment and subsequently obligated and installed W. Bro. Samuel S. Partridge as D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland.

The usual salute having been given the newly-installed D.P.G.M. addressed the brethren, expressing his thanks firstly to the R.W.P.G.M. for the honour he had conferred in appointing him to so honourable a post, and in the next place to the brethren generally, not only for their cordial congratulations on that occasion, but also for the invariable kindness and

consideration he received at their hands during the 12 years he had occupied the important position of P.G. Secretary, and which he had rendered the somewhat onerous duties of the office pleasurable and agreeable to him. After briefly touching upon various matters of local provincial interest the D.P.G.M. expressed his determination to uphold the honour and dignity of P.G. Lodge to the utmost of his power, and announced his intention of periodically making official visits to the several lodges of the province.

The R.W.P.P.G.M., Bro. KELLY, referred in very eulogistic terms to the distinguished services of Bro. G. Toller, jun., P.P.D.G.M., and proposed a vote of thanks to him for the able manner in which during the past four years and a half he had discharged the duties of that office.

The motion was seconded by Bro. the Rev. W. LANGLEY, and carried with acclamation.

W. Bro. Capt. Richardson, P.P.G.S.B., was elected to represent the province at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. Dr. G. T. William, P.M. 1130	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Barber, P.M. 50	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50, 1130, and W.M. 2028	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. P. Dawson, M.A. (reappointed)	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Waite, P.M. (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. S. Toller, W.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. A. Musson, P.M. and W.M. 779	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Michie, W.M. 279	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Metcalfe, P.M. 1767, S.W. 2028	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Young, P.M. 523 (reappointed)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. H. Marsh, W.M. 1130	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" A. Mc Ivor Tindall, W.M. 1330	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Wilkinson, W.M. 1007	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" B. A. Smith, W.M. 523	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. B. Laxton, 1391 (reappointed)	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Matt, W.M. 1391	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" L. P. Chamberlain, W.M. elect 1265	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" C. F. Wike, 279	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. J. Foxwell, 50	...	
" H. P. Brown, 523	...	
" J. Tuckfield, 779	...	
" C. F. Massie, 1130	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. B. Wilmer, 2028	...	
" T. Dunn, 523	...	
" J. Tanser, 279	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The remaining business on the agenda paper having been disposed of the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The annual banquet, at which the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, was served at the George Hotel by the worthy host, Bro. J. Selby.

BRO. TEW'S ADDRESS AT THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The address delivered by Bro. Tew, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., is a sensibly-prepared document, and may, without flattery, be described as a model of what such addresses should be. The principal event is was his duty to refer to, namely, the resignation of the Grand Mastership of the province by R.W. Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., is described in simple, yet extremely appropriate, terms. Regret is natural when the tie which for a number of years has united a ruler with those he had been called upon to rule is snapped asunder. But this feeling in the case of Sir H. Edwards, as is well pointed out by his worthy Deputy, is as genuine as it is universal throughout W. Yorkshire. The province laments his retirement from the active pursuits of Masonry because, during his whole tenure of office, he always made a point of subordinating his own feelings and the sense of his own personal convenience to the feelings and convenience of his subordinates. To use a familiar, but expressive, phrase, Sir H. Edwards was pre-eminently "the right man in the right place," and the province knows and has recognised this by the mouth of Bro. Tew. The brethren individually lament his retirement, not only because he was a ruler whom it delighted them to honour, but also, and doubtless principally, because they feel that he was and is one of themselves, a genial and kindly brother whom they could sympathise with in his labours, as they knew he sympathised with them in theirs. This, of course, is not precisely the way in which Bro. Tew has expressed himself; but those who read below the lines of this part of his address will see clearly enough that it is what he intended and desired to say. Nor is Bro. Tew less happy in his remarks as to the relations which certainly will exist between West Yorkshire and Sir H. Edwards' successor, when he points out that, whoever may be appointed in his stead, the province will exhibit towards him the same loyalty and obedience as it has exhibited towards Sir Henry and his distinguished predecessors. This is no flattery, and yet, from its perfect justice, he could not have paid his province a greater or better-deserved compliment. It is tantamount to saying that loyalty to the powers that be is a fundamental principle of West Yorkshire Freemasonry. The allusion to the recent marriage of a son of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, his predecessor in the Deputy's chair, harmonises well with the remarks we have already noticed, while his advice to the lodges to treasure up their records shows that Bro. Tew is a wise and prudent counsellor, as well as a genial and kindly brother. In short, his address is worthy of commendation in respect of its graceful references to Sir Henry Edwards' services and the spirit by which the province is animated, as well as by its evident care for the more serious concerns of business; and it is on this account we have made it the subject of these few remarks.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Bro. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., the Grand Master Depute. Bros. G. H. Thoms acted as Grand Master Depute; Major Crombie, Aberdeen, as Substitute Grand Master; Barron, Glasgow, as S.G.W.; W. Maclean, as J.G.W.; and there was a good attendance of the other Grand Officers and representatives from foreign Grand Lodges. Apologies had been received from the Earl of

Mar and Kellie, Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master, and others.

After routine business the meeting proceeded to the nomination of Grand Officers for the next year. In reference to this subject a letter had been received by the Grand Secretary from the Grand Master Mason, in which his Lordship said: "As I have already stated, I am not able to undertake the duties of Grand Master, to which office the brethren have so kindly elected me for the last three years. I find that I have not time, owing to many other engagements, any longer properly to discharge the duties of this office; and I feel further that three years is long enough for any one man to remain in this position, as there are others both able and willing to undertake the office and discharge the duties with greater ability than I can pretend to. Will you kindly convey to the members of the Grand Committee my heartfelt thanks for the kindness and consideration they have always shown me, and my deep regret that I feel bound to sever the bonds which existed between us for the last three years. I shall always look back with the greatest pleasure to my term of office as Grand Master, and I need not assure them that my discontinuance of this proud position will not in any way diminish my interest in the Craft." On receipt of this letter the Grand Committee had selected as Grand Master Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., from whom the Grand Secretary had received a letter, in which he said "I am unable to express to you the feelings with which I read your letter received this morning. The honour the brethren have done me in recommending me to the Craft for election as Grand Master is one any person, however exalted in rank, would gladly accept. Therefore to me, whose only claim is that I have striven to do my duty in any position in which the brethren have placed me, I need not say how honoured I feel. I do not think I could have undertaken the onerous duty proposed unless I had felt I could rely on such a Secretary as yourself." Thereupon Bro. CRICHTON, Edinburgh, moved the nomination of Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and referred to the able manner in which he had attended to Grand Lodge affairs, and to the work of the Province in Renfrewshire East, of which he was Provincial Grand Master, as the surest ground for believing that he would do his work well in the Grand Lodge. Bro. CALDWELL, Paisley, seconded the proposal, and referring to the ability, enthusiasm, and energy with which Sir Archibald discharged his duties as Provincial Grand Master, said he was perfectly satisfied the Grand Lodge could not select a brother who was more likely to represent worthily his immediate predecessors on the throne. The nomination having been cordially agreed to, the Acting GRAND MASTER, in accepting the nomination, assured the brethren that all his energies would be given to promote the interest of the Grand Lodge, to keep up the harmony of the Craft, and to do his duty in the high position in which he was about to be placed, and he intimated that the Earl of Haddington had kindly consented to act as Grand Master Depute, and the Earl of Kintore as Substitute Grand Master.

The following were then nominated as the other office bearers:—

Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane, Prov. G.M. Perthshire E.	G.S.W.
" Major John Crombie, C.A.	G.J.W.
" Rev. R. Herbert Story, D.D.	G. Chap.
" Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir	G. Chap.
" James T. S. Elliot, jun.	G.S.D.
" W. MacLean, jun., C.A.	G.J.D.
" R. Rowland Anderson	G. Architect.
" J. H. Inches	G. Jeweller.
" J. Dalrymple Duncan	G. Bible Br.
" Provost James Brand	G.D. of C.
" James Cranston, LL.D.	G. Bard.
" Frederick E. Villiers, Prov. G.M. Dumfriesshire	G. Swd. Br.
" William Harrison	G.D. of Music.
" Capt. Farquhar MacGillvary	G. Marshal.
" Robert M'Donald	G.I.G.

Bro. CROMBIE then moved the adoption of the following resolution:—

"That the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland desire to express and to place on record their high appreciation of the faithful, zealous, and efficient manner in which the Earl of Mar and Kellie has discharged the duties of Grand Master during the last three years; their cordial and heartfelt thanks for the great interest his lordship has taken in Grand Lodge affairs, more particularly in visiting so many of the provinces; and the valuable services he has rendered to the Craft, not only during the term of his Grand Mastership, but for many years previously; and their assurance that his lordship leaves the Masonic throne carrying with him the profound respect and deep affection and gratitude of every Scottish Freemason."

In speaking to this the Acting SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER said:—Brethren, we are all aware of the exemplary attendance Lord Mar and Kellie has given at the annual and quarterly communications of Grand Lodge during the three years he has held the office of Grand Master. We can understand that he must have taken a great deal of trouble in posting himself up in all the business coming before these meetings. We know and appreciate the able and business-like, and, at the same time, kind and courteous manner in which he has conducted the business of Grand Lodge—kindness and courtesy which seem to have inspired both Master and brethren alike, for we must all feel that for some considerable time past a most brotherly and truly Masonic spirit has characterised our meetings and proceedings. Grand Lodge was handed over to Lord Mar in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and under his Mastership that prosperity has not only been maintained, but very considerably increased. We are also aware that our Grand Master has not confined himself to the mere performance of his duties in Grand Lodge, but that finding Grand Lodge and its business in a satisfactory state, his lordship has made a speciality of inquiring into the condition of Freemasonry throughout Scotland, and with this view has visited a large number of the provinces. I speak from personal observation when I say that these visits have done much to further the interests of Masonry; the encouragement and advice, and, when deserved, praise, given by his lordship has stirred up the lodges in the provinces to greater activity and zeal, and the knowledge that Grand Lodge is taking an interest in them has strengthened the tie that exists between the Grand Body and the daughter lodges; while I need hardly say that the Grand Master has won the esteem and warm affection of every member of the Craft in the provinces visited. During Lord Mar's term of office a history of Grand Lodge and Scottish Freemasonry has been commenced by one thoroughly qualified to do the subject ample justice—our esteemed Grand Secretary; a book of instructions as to conferring degrees is in preparation. Grand Lodge laws have been thoroughly revised, and many important amendments and improvements made thereon; and an extension of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence has been inaugurated. Brethren, I am sure you will unanimously acknowledge that our very best and heartfelt thanks are due

to our Grand Master for the many important and valuable services he has rendered to the Craft, and that I utter no idle or unmeaning compliment, but the words of sober truth, when I say that amongst the many excellent and distinguished brethren who have filled the Masonic throne no one has left it with a higher character for work faithfully and efficiently performed, and no one has carried with him more of the profound respect and deep affection and gratitude of the Scottish Craft than the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

Bro J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN seconded the resolution, and spoke in high terms of the great services which had been rendered to the cause of Scottish Freemasonry. His lordship's visit to the Provincial Grand Lodges had, he said, unquestionably done an incalculable amount of good. Life had been breathed into the dry bones of those Provincial Grand Lodges, which were virtually dormant, and they were awakening to a sense of their duties and responsibilities, while those which before were active had been spurred on to even greater efficiency. It would be long before the great and valuable services of Lord Mar would fade from the memory of the members of the Grand Lodge.

The resolution was carried amid applause, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to enter it in the records and forward a copy to the Grand Master.

It was reported that during the last two months grants had been made from the funds of the Scottish Benevolence Fund to the extent of £175. It was agreed to invest on heritable security the sum of £1000, at present on credit with the bank. The Special Committee on the Extended Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence recommended (1) That the following members of Grand Committee be added to the Special Committee: Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn and Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., the Earl of Kintore, Provost James Brand, Dr. James Carmichael, Dr. John Falconer, George Fisher, John Graham, C.A., Geo. Miller, C.A., Col. James T. Stewart, and G. H. M. Thomas; (2) That to the Special Committee—in conjunction with Provincial Grand Masters and Bros. Robert F. Shaw-Stewart, J. H. Ballour, W.S., and W. F. Vernon, and such others as may hereafter be added,—shall be remitted the carrying out of the resolution to raise funds towards the formation of the new scheme of benevolence.

These recommendations were adopted.

It was next ordered that charters be issued in favour of the following new lodges: Sir Walter Scott, Granville, near Sydney; Cootamundra St. John, Cootamundra; Sedgwick, Wickham—all of New South Wales. On notification that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands had arranged to hold a funeral lodge on 19th October in memory of their late Grand Master, his Royal Highness Alexander, Prince of Orange, it was resolved that the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Hague be instructed to attend the ceremony in his official capacity.

GRAND SECRETARY reported that, in reply to the R.W. Bro. Dr. Craven, on a question recently raised in St. Peter, Thurso, No. 284, he had given it as his opinion that a brother appearing in a lodge in Highland costume—kilt and doublet, and white tie and gloves—is "properly clothed." This was approved of.

It was reported that a full set of clothing and such jewels as were wanted to complete the set had been obtained for Grand office bearers. It was also reported that the income for the 11 months ending on 25th ult. was £4028, being £139 in excess of that for the corresponding period of last year. A *vidimus* by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 25th ult. showed that the income had been £274, and £26 in excess of the expenditure, which included a part of £225 to the Benevolent Fund.

The proceedings then closed.

SOME ANCIENT YORK MASONS AND THEIR EARLY HAUNTS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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One Christopher Hutton, a glover, was Lord Mayor in 1713, and it is possible that Charles Hutton may have been one of the family. He kept the Black Swan Hotel, in Coney-street.

The next month of 1725 was a busy one from a Masonic point of view, and, indeed, for the rest of the year an extraordinary amount of vitality seems to have been infused into the body.

August 10th, 1725. At a private lodge held this day at the Star Inn, in Stonegate, the underwritten persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons, viz.:

The Worsl. Mr. Wm. Scourfield,
Mr. Marsden, }
Mr. Reynoldson, } Wardens.

} Jo. Bilton.

Of Marsden and Reynoldson we have heard before, but this is the first time Scourfield's name occurs, and that in the important position of Master. There was a certain James Scourfield, a wholesale apothecary, who was Sheriff in 1706, and probably this was a member of the same family. I shall try to make out something more about him, as he afterwards became a thorn in the side of the old lodge, as will be seen later. Of the identity of Edward Bell, Esq., I am not able to make anything.

Another lodge was held at the Star, on the 12th of August, under the presidency of "The Worshipful Philip Huddy, Mr.," with the same Wardens, when John Wilmer was sworn and admitted. Thus within two months the lodge appears to have had three Worshipful Masters, but as on the next occasion, in September, Scourfield is again named as Master, it is probable that the brother who presided for the evening was entered as Master. Philip Huddy is another individual of whom I can make nothing at present.

The next meeting, held on the 6th September, 1725, at the Star, was very important, as it saw the admission of brethren who afterwards played a leading part in York Masonry. Wm. Scourfield was Master and Jonathan Porritt and Mr. Marsden were Wardens, and the following brethren were admitted: "William Pawson, Edmond Aylward, Jon. Pawson, Francis Drake, and Malby Beckwith," and it is recorded that "A new lodge being called at the same time and place," Henry Pawson was also admitted. Jonathan Porritt was probably one of the Porritt family who were York brewers, one of whom, Robert Porritt, was Sheriff in 1704.

The Pawsons were wine merchants, and one of them served as Sheriff in 1678, another was Lord Mayor in 1703, and the above Henry Pawson was Sheriff in 1723. They were a branch of a Leeds family of some importance,

and the Henry Pawson who was initiated in 1725 married a daughter of Bro. Robert Fairfax, of whom I have spoken.

It is the figure of Francis Drake that gives special prominence to this entry. Francis Drake was the author of many learned books, but that which principally made his reputation was his folio history of York, which is now a most valuable and standard work, and brings a long price in the book market. Hargrove, in his history of York, gives a short memoir of Drake. He says he was born at Pontefract, of which place his father was vicar in 1695, which would make him 30 years of age at the time of his initiation. He was a surgeon of some local eminence, and married a daughter of John Woodyear, of Crookhill, and had two sons, the elder of whom was vicar of St. Mary's, Beverley, and the other the rector of Isleworth. Our brother was an F.R.S., and in 1736 published his history of York. Another of his works was "The Parliamentary History of England to the Restoration," and he was also the author of many minor works. He died in 1770, and a monument to his memory is to be seen in St. Mary's Church, Beverley. Hargrove says: "In personal appearance Mr. Drake was about the middle size, rather slender, and in his countenance possessed much of the sickly languor which generally accompanies the studious. In society he was cheerful and very agreeable, and in his political opinions warmly attached to the cause of the Stuarts." The fact of Bro. Drake's father being vicar of Pontefract accounts for his getting hold of the valuable old parchment constitution presented by him to the lodge at York, and endorsed as having been found at the demolition of the celebrated castle of that town. The demolition was commenced in 1649, so that Mr. Drake, sen., probably either witnessed the exhumation of this literary treasure, or at any rate had its history at first hand. Bro. J. Todd tells me that he thinks he will be able to identify the John Drake on the old York gauge with the family of this Francis Drake.

Most Masons know that Drake and five other members of this lodge revived it in the year 1761, after a suspension of about 30 years, and if a few such active spirits as that of the historian had remained to guide the destinies of that ancient body later in the century, there is no doubt that "the old Lodge at York" would have been preserved to our own day and would have been the most interesting link with the Masonic past that could have been left to our care.

Malby Beckwith, who is last named as an initiate, was a goldsmith and jeweller, and died in 1742. His son, who must have been initiated at a later period, was one of the revivalists with Drake.

On the 6th October, 1725, the lodge met again at Borehams, and "Antho. Hall and Philemon Marsh" were admitted. Marsh, I think, is the same person named subsequently as keeping an inn in Petergate.

On November 3rd, there was another meeting at "Mr. Hutton's, at the Black Swan, in Coney-street." This house has for over 200 years been one of the most famous of our old established hostleries, and up to the present day it preserves its ancient reputation and has retained an extensive county connection. At this last named meeting that irrepressible Britisher, "John Smith," was sworn in.

On December 1st there was a meeting at Mr. John Gibson's, when W. Bro. E. Bell was present as Master, and Mr. Etty and Mr. Porritt were Wardens. The candidates were "Will. Sotherton, Geo. Wilson, and Jos. Lodge."

Here we have another instance of a name appearing as an officer without any prior mention in the existing minutes. This Etty was a painter, but no relative of Etty, R.A., the York painter, whose bones rest under the shade of St. Mary's Abbey. He was a friend of Henry Giles, the glass painter, referred to previously, and is mentioned by Thoresby, of Leeds, as having been present at a festive gathering of York artists in which he took part in 1702.

(To be continued).

"PERFECT" MASONS.

BRO. HUGHAN contributed a very sensible letter to the *Canadian Craftsman* of last month on the subject of the physical qualifications of candidates for reception into our Fraternity. This is a question which has probably caused almost as much anxiety, at all events, the consumption of almost as much ink and paper on the part of the Grand Masters of the different Grand Lodges in the United States as that of Masonic jurisdiction itself. It is hardly possible to take up the printed proceedings of any of the American Grand Lodges without discovering in its pages a more or less elaborate dissertation on the necessity for all candidates being physically perfect. One Grand Master will be found arguing most elaborately, if not very learnedly, that to admit a man with a wooden leg would be an outrage on Masonic common sense. Another labours under the impression, and proves to his own satisfaction, that a man who has a cataract in one of his eyes is physically disqualified, while a third will tell you that less than the proper complement of fingers or toes is equally fatal to admission into the Craft. This is very funny, and some day no doubt we shall hear of a man having been rejected who had had the tip of his nose shaved off or lost the lobe of one ear. To be consistent, these learned exponents of Masonic law should insist on the rejection of bald-headed men, men wearing false teeth, men with anchylose joints, men suffering from hernia or pitted with the small-pox, &c., because in all these cases the physical perfection of the men has been destroyed to a greater or less degree. Bro. Hughan very justly ridicules the American exposition of this imaginary law as to bodily perfection on the ground that if you accept the sound-of-body-limb-and-wind theory, because it is included in the Old Charges of Freemasons, you must accept a great many other rules which are also included in them, but which it would be impossible for any Grand Lodge of the present day to insist on being observed. We are only afraid Bro. Hughan has paid these American Grand Masters the compliment of being too serious over a matter which, in the very nature of things, must be egregiously absurd. We have never heard of a woden leg, or a cataract in the eye, or the loss of a thumb disabling a man from the appreciation and practice of any system of morals. It is just possible that a woden-headed man might not be able to distinguish between right and wrong; but though it might be necessary to draw the line at woden-heads, we cannot for the life of us see the slightest objection to a woden-legged candidate becoming a Mason, and a very good one, too. From our point of view he is as eligible as the man who wears a wig, or has paid five and twenty guineas for his teeth. So long as a man's heart is all right—that is, in the sense in which the phrase is commonly understood—it matters little what kind of head-gear, if any, he sports, or whether it is to art or nature that he is indebted for his walking apparatus.

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This Masonic annual is now preparing for its 15th issue, the publication of which will take place on or about the 15. November next. Forms asking for particulars as to place and date of meeting of lodges and chapters have been despatched to the respective Secretaries and Scribes E., and in the event of their not having reached their destination, a memo. advising the publisher of any alteration in date or place of meeting will be esteemed a favour.

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To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., stand over for want of space until our next:

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Constitutional, 55; Lorne, 1347; Wanderers, 1604.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Royal Gloucester, 130.

The Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association.

Presentation to Bro. Edwin Barr, P.M., Preceptor of the

Guelph Lodge of Instruction.

Opening of the Freemasons' Hall, Mountmellick.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "El Porvenir," "La Revista Masónica del Peru," "Citizen," "Sunday Times," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Broad Arrow," "Court Circular," "Rough Ashlar," "New York Dispatch," "Orient," "Canadian Craftsman," "Society," "Allen's Indian Mail," "El Taller," "Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1884.

Original Correspondence.

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

TUSCARORA INDIANS AND MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to bring before your readers a fact of some interest to Masonic antiquarians. During the past summer, while attending the meeting of the British Association at Montreal, I made the acquaintance of an American lady well known in Anthropological circles as an authority on the language and customs of the Tuscarora tribe of red Indians. She had spent much time with this race, and had been received as an "adopted daughter of the tribe," under the melodious name of Ca-che-che-sta-quart, in addition to which title she had been endowed with the distinctive dress of a Tuscarora. This I will not attempt to describe (for what man is competent to do justice to the great subject of a lady's dress, especially when it happens to be made chiefly of red flannel, beads, and scalps)? But one distinctive feature must be mentioned. The upper part (for there seemed to be no distinction between body and skirt) was decorated with a large number of silver brooches of various sizes and designs, which the lady informed me were made out of silver coins worked up by the Indians into traditional patterns and used as mediums of exchange and standards of value. The shapes were exceedingly pretty, most of them evidently copies of old European forms, such as the design of two hearts interlaced and crowned, which is often to be found in old French jewellery; but what struck me particularly was the presence of a number of *Masonic jewels*.

There were the ordinary square and compasses, about an inch and a half in length, and in every way identical with the jewel sometimes worn by Master Masons, but with this exception, that, being evidently copies of copies, and made by a people ignorant of the use of the instruments represented, such distinctive marks as the rivet at the hinge, and the division between the legs of the compasses had in some cases dropped out of use. The owner of the dress told me that this was one of the usual forms, and that one of these jewels represented a value of, I think, half a dollar, but she could give no suggestion as to where the Indians got the shape from. Masonic jewels are far from being common articles of traffic between the traders and the red men, and we cannot possibly assume that the Indians had invented this peculiar design for themselves.

Some time before I saw these jewels I had been told by an American brother that the rites of the Craft were fully known among some of the Aboriginal tribes, but, as he brought no evidence to back his statement, I did not consider the fact fully proved. However, after seeing these remarkable Indian jewels, I could not but think that my informant might have some basis for his assertion, and that at some past date the light of Masonry might in some way have been shed even on the red men of the Western world.—Yours fraternally,

B. P. LASCELLES.

Oxford, Nov. 9th, 1884.

A MASONIC CHARITY SUNDAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Instead of the Sunday for our Charities, as suggested by one of your correspondents, I would propose that a concert be given once a year at the Albert Hall. We have many talented musicians, members of the Order, who would, no doubt, willingly assist in securing a good orchestra, engaging the best talent, and use their utmost endeavours to make it successful. Let the necessary arrangements be made for it to take place during the season; get H.R.H. the Grand Master to patronise; obtain the services of the requisite number of Stewards to act as door-keepers and ticket-collectors; and let all who attend appear in evening dress and Masonic clothing, and I feel assured it will prove a success and benefit the Charities. I offer this suggestion for the consideration of the able Secretaries of our three Charitable Institutions.—Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Bow Asylum, Chelsea,

B. FLAT.

Nov. 8th, 1884.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to inform its readers of what I know of the impostor so often mentioned of late. Tuesday, the 14th ult., I met the Almoner of my lodge, who informed me he had relieved that day a brother, and thinking it a very deserving case, had given him a letter of recommendation to the Lullingstone Lodge, which held its meeting that evening. He told me he had been in the Army and was nearly blind, and was a member of a lodge in William Town, Victoria, New South Wales. I at once recognised him as the impostor so often mentioned, and I went to the Lullingstone Lodge, and found he had already left the letter there, and was coming later in the evening to see what success he had. I need hardly tell you he did not get either money or letter. The following morning I met and recognised him immediately as the person we had relieved at the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction. In reference to his blindness, he was walking at least between three and four miles an hour on a very narrow pavement. Trusting I have not taken too much of your valuable space—Yours fraternally,

CLIFFORD WHITE, P.M. 299.

Dartford, Kent, Nov. 10th.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am desirous of enlisting the sympathies of some of your readers on behalf of the widow and son of a

brother in the Craft. The boy, at present an inmate of our excellent School, where I am glad to say he has done very well, will soon finish his career in that Institution, and will then leave to depend upon the knowledge that he has there gained for his success in life. His mother, who for many years past has been struggling unsuccessfully with the world, has, unfortunately, no suitable home in which to receive the boy when he leaves the School.

The circumstances leading to her present position are too long to narrate here, suffice it to say it is the old story of a lady reduced by the loss of her husband from a comfortable home to poverty, and, unfortunately in this instance, without relations able to help her. She is by education and business capacity fitted for the management of some small institution, or, failing that, to take charge of chambers or some such position where dwelling rooms would form a portion of the return for her services; and I venture to hope that if you will kindly give publicity to this statement in your excellent paper some brother may be able to assist the widow of a very worthy and zealous Mason in the manner above indicated.

Bro. Arthur E. Taylor, of Agar-street, Strand, is interested in this matter, and will be equally pleased with myself to give further information to any brethren who may see their way to help the case, which we can both vouch for as being a very deserving one.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

HOWARD H. ROOM.

Society of Arts, Adelphi, W.C.,

Nov. 6th, 1884.

HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hear that arrangements are now being made for the presentation of a testimonial to the distinguished Masonic historian and archaeologist, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., to be made in London at the beginning of December. Though the matter has been before the Craft for more than a year, the amount is so small that it cannot be considered as a fair indication of the admiration in which his long, earnest, and self-denying labours are held by many members of the Craft; it is scarcely larger than that presented to him by his own Province of Cornwall on his recent compulsory removal thence to a more genial climate on sanitary considerations. It can only be considered as a mark of fraternal regard from a few Masonic friends. Honours have been conferred upon him by the highest Masonic authorities in England, and especially in America, where he is well known; but these, though complimentary, cost nothing, and are a cheap method of conveying a sense of obligation and of rewarding merit. Something more is due to a man who during a series of years devotes his time, talents, and even health in the pursuit of a special object for the benefit of others. Whence arises this apathy and ingratitude to one who has laboured so long, and has made known the results of his researches in your columns, and also in a series of seven unremunerative published works, which have been so highly appreciated that, with the exception of the important one recently issued, not a copy remains for sale? Several reasons may be offered. First, Bro. Hughan's independent spirit, love of truth, and earnestness in search of it, in comparison with which he holds in contempt titles, jewels, and the external finery of the Order; next, the comparative rarity of any object among Masons than personal honours and some knowledge of the necessary rituals as means of obtaining them, to which may, to a great extent, be ascribed the number of Stewards for the Charities, in order to obtain the Charity adornments; the limited knowledge and pursuit of Masonic history and literature, for I fear it must be acknowledged that the class of reading men among us is very limited; the ignorance of Masonic doings outside of the lodge to which each brother belongs, as marked by the paucity of subscribers to, and readers of, the *Freemason*, of which the proprietor not unreasonably complains. Here it may be observed that its pages are too much occupied with lists of attendants at lodge banquets, complimentary speeches expressive of "much pleasure," "proudest moment," &c., to be followed in too many cases by absence from lodge meetings when once the W.M.'s chair has been passed and a jewel obtained. This is justified by the statement that brethren like to see their names in print, and therefore order special copies, and that otherwise the number sold would be so limited as to incur pecuniary loss. Let every Mason bear in mind that by giving up one banquet in a year he would save more than would purchase the *Freemason* for the 52 weeks, containing current Masonic intelligence, discussions on knotty points, correspondence, reports of meetings, &c.

Again, it appears to me that London Masons know very little of the doings in the provinces, and, on the contrary, that provincial brethren feel that their chance of promotion to office in Grand Lodge is infinitesimal. At one time there was some ground for this, because London Masons could not gain provincial honours, but such ceased to be the case when Middlesex was made a province. A singular instance of this has just come to my knowledge, which confirms my statement that Masonic literature is read by but few. A well known London brother, who holds an important position in connection with Grand Lodge, recently said that he had never heard of Bro. Hughan, whose name, as a writer, a hard worker for many years, and an enlightened searcher, moreover, an officer of Grand Craft Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Mark Lodge, appears in almost every number of our weekly periodical.

If you deem this letter worthy of insertion, I shall probably forward a few more remarks next week.—Yours fraternally,

H. H.

P.S.—Even now it is not too late to send additional contributions to Bro. Hughan's testimonial, as subscriptions can be received by Bro. George Kenning, the Treasurer, till the end of November.

The scholarships and prizes gained during the year by the students of the City and Guilds of London Institute will be distributed at Fishmongers' Hall on Thursday, the 4th December, by the Earl of Selborne, Lord High Chancellor of England.

The Fishmongers' Company gave a banquet at their Hall on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when among the principal guests were Bro. Sir F. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W.; Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, &c. The reception accorded to the ex-Lord Mayor was very hearty in its character.



THE MAGAZINES.

The monthly reviews, like the "Gauls," are at our "gates," and force themselves on our attention "willy nilly."

"Temple Bar" moves on with "Peril" and "A Perilous Secret," both slightly sensational and slightly dull, despite that "A Perilous Secret" is a posthumous work of Charles Reade. "Dr Beroni" ends, as might be expected, with love and a murder, the result of many a tale now-a-days. "A Love Gift in Bohemia" is pretty, if marked by some little affectation. "Mrs. Montague" and "Geo Canning" are well,—Temple-barish padding; though the former is the more sprightly of the two, the later being decidedly weak.

"Longman's Magazine" gives us truly "A Yarn of the Sea," and "Madam." "Romance of an Old Don" is not bad, "Armand Carrel" is a clever sketch. An anecdote of a Mouse "puts one in mind of the famous 'Ponto' in 'Pickwick,' and to say the truth, as they say in Yorkshire, we always 'jalouse' animal anecdotes. "Honey Dew," and "A Garden Party" at Rotherhithe are very readable.

"Harper's Monthly Magazine" is very strong this month with "Columbia College," "A Day with Sir Joseph Hooker at Kew," "Norman Fisher Folk," "Chrysanthemums," "The Great Wall of William Rufus," "Sydney Smith," and "Nature's Social Story" will all find many pleased readers. "Judith Shakespeare" ends happily.

"The Century" contains "The Old Sedan Chair," "The Chinese Theatre," "Sculptors of the Early Italian Renaissance," "The Battle of Bulls Run," "Recollections of a Private," "Free Joe and the Rest of the World" are all admirable. "The Lost Mine" is a very striking tale, both in its illustrations and episodes, but, however glossed over and cleverly covered over, looks to us very like the narrative of a cruel murder.

"All the Year Round" supplies its many readers with "Gerald," a very well drawn out story, "My Lady Daffodil," "After Long Years," "A Last Day at Pompeii," and "Our Shining River."

"The English Illustrated Magazine" is distinguished by "A Visit to Eton," "The Malatestas of Rimini," a very clever story, "A Family Affair," and a new and sensational tale, "That Terrible Man."

"The Antiquary" has an interesting paper for Masonic students, "The Numerical Principles of Ancient Gothic Art," and several other good papers; and "The Bibliographer," which now comes to an end, has several very creditable papers for bibliomaniacs.

Miscellaneous works published by John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row, London, namely:—

YOUR LUCK'S IN YOUR HAND; OR, THE SCIENCE OF MODERN PALMISTRY. By A. R. CRAIG, M.A. Third Edition.

We are not surprised that Mr. Craig's elaborate dissertation, "Your Luck's in your Hand," has reached a third edition. Palmistry is a subject so generally popular that it only needs to be handled skilfully, and that the style of writing should be easy and unaffected, in order to secure a host of readers. Mr. Craig has satisfied both these requirements. His writing is easy and graceful, and his treatment clear and methodical. The earlier chapters are descriptive of Palmistry as a science. Then we are told about the different classes of Hands, such as "Hard and Soft Hands," the "Spatuloid Hand," the "Artist Hand," the "Hand Psychical," &c., &c., and the indications they are held to furnish as to character. The rest of the work is, perhaps, of a somewhat more abstruse character, but there is so much of almost absorbing interest scattered throughout, and Mr. Craig is so lucid in explaining whatever needs explanation, that none need experience any great difficulty in acquiring a fair knowledge of the subject, while those who take more delight in what is curious than what is scientific, will find plenty to arouse their curiosity both in these and the preceding chapters.

STORIES OUT OF SCHOOL-TIME. By ASCOTT R. HOPE. With Illustrations.

Mr. Hope's "Stories out of School-time" is an excellent book, and will, doubtless, find a foremost place among the gift books of the approaching festive season. There are nine stories in all, varied in character, but sure to enlist the sympathies of the boy reader. One entitled "Victor's Pony," is a story of the Franco-German War; a second, "Old Scores," carries us back to the stirring times of the Crimean struggle; while a third, "Black and White," introduces the memorable "Fifth of November." In each case the events are graphically described, and we have no doubt these "Stories" will prove highly popular with girls and boys both.

PLODDING ON; OR, THE JOG-TROT TO FAME AND FORTUNE. By HENRY CURWEN. Second Edition. With Six Illustrations.

"Plodding On," by Bro. Henry Curwen, contains the life-stories of nine men, whose names were long since inscribed on the roll of fame, though the majority of them must be familiar to the present generation. The nine are George Peabody, John Kitto, Robert Chambers, Charles Knight, Hugh Miller, George Romney, M. W. Watson, Thomas Brassey, and Abraham Lincoln; and our readers will doubtless allow that, for the purpose in view, Mr. Curwen could hardly have made a better selection. They are all men who made their way to the front by sheer hard work, and though as in the case of Romney, Miller, and Watson, their fame is not so generally known, they all of them rose to eminence in the spheres of life to which they severally devoted themselves. Bro. Curwen's style is very readable, and his facts well marshalled and trustworthy. Our young friends will find in these pages every encouragement to go on working steadily, no matter how severe may be the discouragements which overtake them. "Plodding On" is pre-eminently a sensible book.

FORTUNATE MEN. Second Edition.

"Fortunate Men" is a collection of mottoes, sayings, stories, by men who have made money or fame. Some of these we have of course met with before, but there is a rare abundance of new matter collated from every imaginable kind of source, from the works of poets, statesmen,

philosophers, both ancient and modern, from almanacks, from the casual observations of business men, or from the rules of life they marked out for themselves. There are plenty of anecdotes scattered about, but even these are made to subserve the chief purpose of the book, which is to place before the reader in short, pithy form, as much practical wisdom as possible. A feature which will probably attract the attention of our readers is the collection of new and authentic sayings of "Poor Richard," the said "Poor Richard" being a pseudonym adopted by the distinguished American statesman, philosopher, and Freemason, Bro. Benjamin Franklin.

THE BAND OF MERCY GUIDE TO NATURAL HISTORY. By VERNON S. MORWOOD.

"The Band of Mercy Guide to Natural History" fully realises the description claimed for it by the author, Mr. Vernon S. Morwood. That is to say, it is "instructive, amusing, and anecdotal." It is copiously and well illustrated, and its purpose may be gathered from the fact of its being dedicated to the "Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." Our young friends will find it full of pleasant reading.

THE POCKET DICTIONARY OF 1000 CHRISTIAN NAMES. Second Edition.

"The Pocket Dictionary of 1000 Christian Names" will be found a useful book of reference, the names being arranged in four different ways, masculine names being kept distinct from feminine, while in every case the meaning and derivation are given.

SELF-HELP FOR WOMEN. By a Woman of Business.

"Self-Help for Women" is a useful guide, containing ample information in a concise form respecting the different trades and business occupations that are suitable for women and girls. It is likely to prove all the more serviceable as the information has been obtained from trustworthy sources.

DAINTY DISHES. Receipts collected by Lady Harriet St. Clair, late Countess of Munster. Tenth Edition.

It is hardly necessary to point out that when a work like "Dainty Dishes" has reached a tenth edition its merit is so firmly established that it would sound not unlike an impertinence to attempt anything further in its praise. But perhaps we may be allowed to suggest that this new edition is in all respects a model publication so far as the printer and bookbinder are concerned. It has also this further advantage—that it is of a convenient size and shape, so that references to its contents may be made with the greatest ease. There is also one table which we shall take the liberty of referring to, namely, that of "Foods and their Seasons," in which the different meats, fish, poultry and game, vegetables and fruit, are ranged under the months to which they are appropriate. In general terms we may state that "Dainty Dishes" is a work that deserves to have a place in every class of household.

THE BIRTHDAY BOOK OF ART AND ARTISTS. Compiled and edited by ESTELLE DAVENPORT ADAMS.

"The Birthday Book of Art and Artists" will no doubt find a welcome place among the gift books of the season, or indeed of any season of the year. The compiler has introduced a large amount of information relating to art and artists into his work, each day of the year having so far as possible the name of some English or foreign artist of greater or less eminence who happened to be born on it set down against it. Where the compiler has been unable to find an artist, he supplies the vacancy by introducing some useful or appropriate excerpt from the works of writers on art. These excerpts and biographical details occupy the left hand page, while the right hand is assigned to the successive days of the year, each day having a few ruled lines left blank for the insertion of art notes and memoranda. The book leaves nothing to be desired as to contents, the neat and concise manner in which they have been put together, or the general character and appearance of the volume. In all these respects, but especially on the ground of the neatness of its appearance, its handiness, and suitability for a note book, it is worthy of the highest commendation.

THE ADVENTURES OF MAURICE DRUMMORE. By LINDEN MEADOWS.

"The Adventures of Maurice Drummore" is sure to be a prime favourite with every class of reader, but especially with old boys and young boys, who, however, will peruse its interesting pages with directly opposite feelings, the former being delighted with the "Adventures," as being so many reminiscences of events in which they personally, or their friends, took part; while the latter will be pleased with the tone of healthy excitement which characterises every part of the work. The contents appeared originally in "Hogg's Instructor" during the years 1853-6, as "Memoranda by a Marine Officer." It was a happy idea to suggest that these "Memoranda" should be republished in book form, and we must congratulate Bro. Hogg on having so readily adopted the proposition. We can strongly recommend this book to those of our friends who are in search of a good, honest, and exciting tale of adventure to present to a young friend or relative at Christmas or on New Year's Day.

LORINERS AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

A Livery Dinner of the above Company was given on Friday last at the Mansion House. Among those present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sir John Bennett, Ex. Sheriff Clarence Smith, Rev. J. H. Smith, Chap.; S. P. Norris, J. E. Walford, T. Beard, C. W. Thompson, W. S. Gover, W. P. Treloar, F. Kent, W. Willey, George Kenning, J. Willing, C. J. Benson, E. H. Rand, G. S. Busbridge, Major T. Davies Sewell, and others.

After the circulation of the Loving Cup the LORD MAYOR proposed the first toast, "The Queen."

The MASTER proposed "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

A selection of music was performed by the students of the Guildhall School of Music.

On Friday last the freedom of the Grocers' Company was conferred on Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., in recognition of the services he had rendered during the term of his Mayoralty. After the ceremony the new freeman and member of the Company was entertained at lunch by the Court of Assistants.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

456] LODGE ORATOR.

In answer to "Leeds," I would refer him to Bro. Hawkins's valuable "History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," where (page 15) he will find a reference to the term Orator. B. P. L.

457] THE OLD YORK MINUTE BOOK OF 1705.

I note Bro. Woodford's suggestion with respect to this minute book. My opinion, however, is that, as two of the minute books of the Grand Lodge of York (presumably handed over by Bro. Godfrey Higgins) have already been found at Freemason Halls; the missing minute book, if still in existence, will probably be there also.

JOSH. TODD.

JOHN DRAKE AND THE OLD GAUGE OF 1663.

I find that John Drake was collated to the Prebendal Stall of Donington (or Dunnington, as it is now called) in the Cathedral Church of York in October, 1663, and I am inclined to think that he was the John Drake whose name appears on the old gauge, inasmuch as the above shows his connection with the city of York in the same year as that recorded on the gauge. This John Drake was the second son of Humphrey Drake (son of Humphrey, of Pykeley), who married his cousin, Esther Drake, daughter of Wm. Drake. John Drake married Grace Hey, relict of Foxley. Francis Drake, the Historian of York, was a descendant of Nathan Drake, the brother of the above-named Esther Drake. Nathan Drake was a soldier in the Civil Wars, and served as one of the garrison of Pontefract Castle. He was the father of Samuel Drake, D.D., rector of Handsworth, and vicar of Pontefract, the grandfather of Francis Drake, who succeeded the latter in the vicarage of Pontefract, and the great grandfather of the Historian. JOSH. TODD.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Clarke, W.M.; Jordan, S.W.; W.M. elect; Fromholtz, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Coop, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; McMullen, I.G.; Hudson, W.S.; Hakim, A.W.S.; Steng, D.C.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; G. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Cobham, P.M., and others. The visitors were Bros. Temple, W.M. 1044; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; Eidmans, J.W. 225; Higarty, J.W. 1714; Kimpton, J.W. 1728; G. F. Smith, S.D. 1693; Pawsey, J.D. 1539; Pleman, 55; H. Wagstaff, 212; Burstow, 212; Lenard, 1677; Wright, 1897; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walls, by the permission of the W.M., installed Bro. Jordan into the chair of K.S., being assisted by Bros. Carter, P.M., as S.W.; C. Dairy, P.M., as J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., as D.C.; and Clarke, P.M., as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Fromholtz, S.W.; Coop, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas. (twenty-sixth time); W. Stuart, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; McMullen, J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; Hakim, W.S.; Steng, A.W.S.; Crane, D.C.; Day, A.D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. C. Welch and E. Sheppard into Craft mysteries, the ceremony being well performed. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed. During the evening Bro. Clarke, P.M., was presented with a jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. The proceedings, which were throughout very enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—The anniversary festival of this flourishing lodge was celebrated on Tuesday last, at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. There was a grand assemblage of brethren and visitors, and the whole affair passed off most successfully. Bro. J. Terry, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., again undertook the ceremony of installing the Master, a duty which our worthy brother has performed from the formation of the lodge, which he also consecrated. In very effective manner therefore Bro. Terry inducted Bro. Isaac Charlton, the W.M. elect, into the chair in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters.

The following brethren were then appointed as the officers: Bros. Esmond, S.W.; Wakefield, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., Treas.; R. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; L. Etling, S.D.; J. P. Moore, P.M., J.D.; Dixon, I.G.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; R. Atkins, P.M., D. of C.; Fielder, A.D. of C.; Steel, W.S.; and W. Terry, Tyler. A masterly rendering of the ancient charges concluded Bro. Terry's arduous labours, and that brother was cordially cheered at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Subsequently a really capital banquet was served, Bro. W. Davies again proving his high efficiency as a caterer to the lodge. Following the banquet the usual Craft toasts were given very briefly and with point, and all were cordially received.

Among the numerous visitors were Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, I.P.M. 1900, Sec. Gils' School; J. Wright, P.M., Past G. Purst.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, W.M. 1278; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554, &c.; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and H. Forss, W.M. elect 917.

During the evening a splendid jewel was presented to Bro. E. H. Rolfe, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the chair during his year of office; and the speech of the evening was furnished by Bro. Terry, who, in an appeal to the brethren on behalf of the three great Masonic Charities, made a masterly and practical claim upon the sympathies of the brethren of the lodge and the visiting brethren in behalf of the claims of the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons.

Some capital singing was furnished during the evening, Bro. Seddon, P.M., the talented Organist of the Lodge, contributing in a very great measure to the harmony and thorough success of the post-prandial arrangements.

HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, Bro. C. T. Lewis, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; J. Elder, P.M.; A. Ives, S.W.; C. Jolly, J.W. (Freemason); J. Paul, S.D.; J. Savage, J.D.; C. H. Canning, I.G.; C. Wood, H. Vallom, J. Jennings, C. Hefford, J. Gowers, J. Glading, G. Richardson, W. Pitat, S. Beak, F. Burden, J. Brightmore, J. Chapman, 1076; A. Brown, 1310, and others. The Three Degrees were admirably worked. Messrs. A. Johnson, C. Pawling, E. Morgan, and J. Buck were initiated; Bro. Stewart passed; and Bros. Beck and Bow raised—truly a heavy night's work.

The prettily served supper that Bro. West always finds for the brethren having been satisfactorily discussed, "The Queen and the Craft," and other usual and never ought to be neglected toasts were duly honoured, and then Bro. Elder proposed that of "The W.M." He was pleased to see so many good brethren present to support Bro. Lewis, whose working had afforded him and them so much pleasure.

Bro. Lewis, in eloquent terms, expressed the gratification it gave him to preside over them, and to see the brethren rally around him as they had that night. The work had been heavy, but he should like to have as much to do every night of his year of office, so as to see, when he left the chair, a band of brethren initiated by him into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and united as one in the cause of charity, truth, and love.

Bros. Ives and Vance replied for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Chapman for "The Visitors."

"The Initiates" were toasted, and suitably responded, and "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. Samuel White, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W.; J. D. Allcroft, P.M., Grand Treas.; Treas.; Arthur B. Hudson, D.C.; Joseph Renals, I.G.; F. Crookford, Stwd.; E. F. B. Fuller, W.S.; H. Thomas, Tyler; George Kenning, P.M.; T. Benskin, George Rawlinson, James Shotter, Chas. Wm. Lovett, and several visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Froom was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., P.M., Treas.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

A banquet afterwards took place at which Bro. Samuel White presided.

PRIORY OF ACTON LODGE (No. 1996).—The sixth regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at 4.30 p.m., at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street. There were present Bros. C. E. Botley, W.M.; W. Roebuck, I.P.M.; G. Wright, S.W.; F. Boiley, J.W.; E. F. Earl, Treas.; E. H. Sugg, Sec.; E. Monson, jun., S.D.; J. A. Cammell, J.D.; A. Turner, I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; Blake, Relf, Hodges, Ward, and Case, P.G.D. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. P. G. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35, P.P.G.C. Hants and I. of W.; Rev. Beaumont, 1575; Seward, W.M. 1612; Henderwick, 2022; Wuest, P.M. 753; and V. Vving, 1585.

After a due observance of preliminaries the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. B. Hardy, a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted, when he retired. The lodge was then advanced to the Third Degree, and Bro. Hardy was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history and lecture on the tracing board. On the lodge being resumed to the First Degree the bye-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary. A candidate for initiation was proposed for the next meeting, and an application for relief considered, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where an admirable banquet was served by Bro. Edwin Stephens, and the harmony of the evening was contributed to by the W.M., Bros. Pickering, F. Botley, Relf, Monson, Cammell, and others, Bro. E. H. Sugg presiding at the pianoforte.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M.; J. W. Edwards, S.W.; R. R. Lisenden, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; John Garside, Sec.; J. G. Elderton, S.D.; John Bladon, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.D.C.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; Abraham Wild and Edward Smith, Stewards; W. B. Akerman, I.G.; James Sly, Tyler; J. R. Lever, P.M., H. Walmsley, P.M.; Jas. Wilson, P.M.; John Smethurst, P.M.; F. Warbarton, J.W.; G. Coombs, C. J. Rix, R. Bradshaw, Robt. Tomlins, C. V. Auger, S. Hamer, E. G. Chesworth, A. Rottmeyer, James Smith, G. J. Roscoe, and E. Wormleighton. Visitors: Bros. T. A. Hodgkinson, J.W. 461; W. Colbert, 269; A. T. Forrest, 1633; W. Gray, 999; W. Knight, 570; A. J. J. ferries, W.M. 1161; J. Willcox, 1140; J. H. Aldred, P.M. 1140; and S. Lewis, 1161.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after confirming the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. Ebenezer Wormleighton was interrogated as to his proficiency in the First Degree, and having replied in a highly satisfactory manner, withdrew. The lodge was then called off and resumed labour at 7.40, when Bro. Wormleighton was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., Bro. John Bladon acting as S.D. Bro. John Garside, Sec., delivered the lecture on the second tracing board to the candidate, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, when there were present Bros. J. B. Matthewman, W.M.; John

W. Turner, S.W.; Abraham Armitage, J.W.; James Brierley, Treas.; James W. Woolven, Sec.; Abraham Graham, J.D.; W. E. Jowett, D. of C.; John H. Sterry, I.G.; Past Masters Allen Jackson, P.P.G.D.; George Marshall, Reuben Williamson, P.G.D.; John W. Hinchliffe, Joseph Graham, Henry Shaw, George Horsfall, H. W. Wrigley, and the following visitors: Bros. Thomas Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G.S.D.; W. J. Smelt, 275; C. G. L. Bernin, S.W. 268; J. W. Cocker, 290; John Shoemsmith, W.M. 1783; Joshua Parkin, 1783; and several brethren members of the lodge.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ben Walker, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Wood, and being favourable, he was initiated into the Order by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Bro. Armitage, J.W., presenting the working tools, and Bro. Williamson, P.M., delivered the charge. The next business being the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, the ballot was taken for W.M., when Bro. J. W. Turner, S.W., was unanimously elected; Bro. James Brierley was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Wm. Rice, Tyler. The business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where they partook of the good things provided to sustain nature and prolong life; after which the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The S.W., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the pleasure the officers had in serving under such an efficient and generous Master, to which the W.M. replied, and said it gave him equal pleasure to have such an excellent staff of officers. The W.M. proposed what he termed the toast of the evening, being "The Health of the W.M. elect," of whom he spoke in very flattering terms, to which the W.M. elect replied, saying that the brethren having reposed the great confidence in him by electing him W.M. for the coming year, he would use his utmost endeavours to prove himself worthy of that confidence, and he trusted the brethren would support him by their presence during his year of office. After the last toast the brethren spent a hour in social chat, when each retired to their respective homes, having spent an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 6th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Metcalf, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. M. Harrison, S.W.; F. Hockaday, J.W.; W. Shaw, Treas.; J. Wetherell, Sec.; and a large number of brethren. There was a good attendance of visitors, including Bros. B. Boulton, P.G. Treas.; F. Bennett, P.G.J.D.; A. Knowles, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Farmer, P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire; and numerous P.M.'s and others.

The first business was to raise a candidate to the Third Degree, and this having been done in due form by the P.G. Treasurer, the brethren proceeded to the annual election, the result being that Bro. Matthew Harrison, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. W. Shaw was re-elected Treasurer. The news of the death of the much respected Prov. Grand Master having arrived during the evening, after a few suitable remarks from the Presiding Officer the Organist played a solemn march, and the brethren retired without the usual festivity.

GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).—The installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Hodgson, W.M.; W. Swire, S.W.; S. Robinson, J.W.; W. P. Daws, Chap.; W. Thorpe, Treas.; S. Warhurst, S.D.; W. Eversden, I.G.; A. Walker and C. Wilde, Stwds.; G. E. Cox, P.M.; T. Deaneley, P.M.; J. Merry, P.M.; D. A. Davis, P.M.; T. D. Calder, P.M.; G. Browne, Tyler; J. Walker, A. Sturgeon, W. H. Bowden, C. W. Shepley, and T. Ollerenshaw; visitors: A. Frazer, P.M. 731, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Whittaker, 731, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Hadfield, P.M. 320; C. Webster, W.M. 731; G. Haynes, 1039; and W. Birch, W.M. 320.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. A. Frazer, P.P.G.S.B., took the chair of K.S. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. Robinson, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Frazer, and with the usual formalities inducted into the chair of K.S., and subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.Ms. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows: W. Swire, S.W.; S. Warhurst, J.W.; W. P. Daws, Chap.; C. Davis, Sec.; A. Walker, S.D.; Wilde, J.D.; T. Walker, Org.; W. Eversden, I.G.; Bowden and Sturgeon, Stwds.; J. G. Brown, Tyler. The ceremony of installation finished, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John with a banquet, the preparation of which was entrusted to Bro. Collier and his wife, both of whom did their utmost to make it, what it undoubtedly was, a complete success. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after the banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

WOOLWICH.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge since the installation of its Master, Bro. W. Rees, in July last, took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, and was well attended by the brethren of the lodge and visitors from far and near. The various ceremonies were admirably rendered, while occasional chants and anthems sung by a choir consisting of Bros. Lloyd, Sanders, Lawson, and Richardson, added a leaven of solemnity to the service that told well both on the candidates and audience. The lodge was opened by the W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent, W.S.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W.; G. H. Letton, J.W.; T. R. Richardson, S.D.; C. H. Lawson, J.D.; W. Keeble, I.G.; W. Ledger, Org.; F. A. Johnston, A.D.C.; W. G. Lloyd, A.W.S.; E. Lewis, J. Farrer, G. Frost, W. Delatouche, W. Charlsworth, W. C. Tayler, W. Young, W. Grafton, J. Mitchell, W. Sanders, C. Clapham, J. Hooton, A. D. Capon, E. Bryceson, W. Pinchbeck, A. Moore, J. Randall, G. Laurance, A. Day, J. Franklin, W. Griffiths, W. Ginman, F. Hayward, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

The work consisted of initiating Mr. R. S. Courtman and the passing of Bros. A. Moore, W. E. C. Pinchbeck, W. C. Tayler, and Dr. E. Bryceson, which being completed Bro. H. Mason, P.M., intimated his intention of standing Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and announced that the Pattison Chapter had subscribed over 60 guineas. Ten guineas were then voted to his list from the lodge funds, and a handsome list of subscriptions from the members rewarded his efforts. The lodge was then closed, and after the brethren had refreshed themselves they reassembled round the social board.

Among the visitors were Bros. F. A. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.R. Essex; W. A. Watkins, W.M. 1789; G. H. Masters, W.M. 13; A. R. Britten, W.M. 829; F. Bryan, P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; W. Akers, S.W. 13; W. Wray, 700; R. Naylor, S.D. 700; W. Webber, 700; G. F. Tayler, 700; and others.

Bro. Edmonds, I.P.M., took the chair in the place of the W.M., who was compelled to retire, and the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured. After that of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of Kent," had been received with a true Pattison "fire," Bro. Coupland responded to a hearty reception of the name of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He dwelt eloquently upon the untiring assiduity of Bro. Eastes in assisting their Grand Master in carrying out the duties of his exalted position, and was convinced that nothing but that had made the province so influential, both in numbers and position, as it was. The Grand Officers to a man were proud of their honours and worthy of them, and ere long he hoped to see the purple bestowed upon one of the good Masons of the Pattison Lodge.

The Worshipful Master responded on behalf of Bro. Rees, and congratulated the lodge on having so excellent a Master.

Bro. Butter responded for "The Past Masters," comparing them to good old bottles of port wine laid by for special use upon important occasions. That night they had tapped him, and expected to find him well flavoured and palatable. Well, the Past Masters were ready to be tapped at all times, either for counsel or information; the wine drawn might be fruity and full flavoured, or it might be old and dry; but they might depend upon it it was honest, good wine, and only yielded up for the benefit of the lodge or its members. Outsiders complained that they kept their philanthropy among themselves, instead of sharing it with the world at large; but the complaint was an unworthy one. It was impossible to bind all mankind with one chain, although every link of it might be made of love and benevolence; they therefore made it only long enough for those who were worthy, and who desired to be encompassed by it; but it was an elastic chain, and all whom it encompassed were brethren in heart, and united in one bond and one purpose, namely, Charity and Brotherly Love. He concluded a brilliant speech amid ringing applause.

Bros. White and Masters responded for "The Visitors," and the Initiate modestly returned thanks for the good wishes of the brethren.

Several other personal toasts followed, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings.

JERSEY.—St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. T. Baudains, W.M.; J. G. Pallot, I.P.M., P.M. 244 and 1003; J. O'Flaherty; W. H. Chapman, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Walden, P.M., Sec.; Wallis, S.W.; Waldron, acting J.W.; Le Gallais, S.D.; Coombes, I.G.; and also several visiting brethren.

The work to be done was the conferring of the Third Degree on Bro. Le Sueur, which ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. During the evening an application for relief was read from the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. Pallot, P.M., proposed that the sum of five guineas be at once forwarded to the applicant as a temporary relief until her petition reach Grand Lodge; the above sum to be taken from the fund set aside for that purpose, and styled the "St. Aubin's Lodge Benevolent Fund." The proposer drew the attention of the brethren present to the fact that this fund was nothing else but the amount of collections received at the refreshment table, and entreated them to contribute their mite when the charity box was passed round, for, by so doing, they would lose nothing, whilst they would be rendering valuable assistance to needy applicants. The proposition was strongly supported by Bros. O'Flaherty, P.M., and Chapman, P.M., and carried unanimously. The originator of the above-mentioned fund was our esteemed Bro. Chapman, P.M., who is also the Treasurer of the same.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel. Present: Bros. A. Rattray, W.M.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, S.W.; Walter Rowe, P.P.G.S. of W., J. 276, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C., P.Z., Chap.; W. de Vins Wade, Sec.; W. Calanan, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; E. H. Williams, I.G.; C. Bint, Tyler; H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; J. L. Franklin, W. T. Noble, and Dr. R. C. Lyle. Bro. John Taylor, 276, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. R. C. Lyle and W. T. Noble were initiated into the Order. A motion by Bro. Williams to increase the number of meetings was discussed, as also the report of the Committee on the alterations of the bye-laws, and adjourned. Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd was invested with the collar of Chaplain. A vote of congratulation was unanimously carried to Bros. Lord Rosslyn and the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, on the marriage of their daughters. Lodge was then closed until Tuesday on or after the full moon in December.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet served in the dining room of the hotel, the usual Masonic and royal toasts being proposed by Bro. Rattray, and they were duly honoured. The initiates were very happy in their remarks. The W.M. retired early, and Bro. Dehane, W.M., presided the rest of the evening. Bros. Noble, Lewin, and Ferris enlivened the proceedings by several songs. Bro. Rattray, the W.M., was installed by Bro. Dehane at the last regular meeting.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The first meeting of the members of this lodge after installation was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, where there was a numerous attendance. The effective character of the working by the new W.M. showed the

wisdom of the brethren in selecting him to the "most exalted office" in the Dramatic, and the judicious character of his official selections was very prominently proved by the business-like and earnest way in which he was supported in his work. Indeed, those best acquainted with the history of the lodge were struck with the complete acquaintance with ceremonial which marked every official brother, and there is therefore good augury of a fresh addition to the years of success already attending the "crack lodge of Liverpool," as it is called by those outside its boundaries.

The business commenced at 2.30 prompt, when Bro. R. Burgess, W.M., took his place in the E., being supported by Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M.; W. Savage, P.M.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; J. M. Boyd, S.W.; O. W. Sanderson, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; J. Cantor, Sec.; J. O. Marples, S.D.; H. Round, J.D.; W. Parker, I.G.; E. H. Allen, S.S.; J. Fineberg, J.S.; T. L. Duncan, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. W. Hatton, W. Johnson, J. Galloway, T. H. Wilde, I. Jacobs, A. Mein, L. Veaco, J. G. Spiers (Newland), J. H. Light, C. Callaghan (Wallace), E. Graham, B. Hughes, B. Brown, D. Somers, A. Smith, C. Buchanan, H. Fineberg, W. Hildyard, Tudor Rogers, G. M. Polini, C. A. Giannocopulo, R. M. Anderson, P. Lowndes, J. Ballard, H. Bennett, W. Briscall, E. Batty, E. Cotton, J. W. Collinson, G. Williams, D. Cumming, L. Hughes, W. B. Hamman, and W. Whittle. The visitors included Bros. F. H. Macklin, 1319; J. Almond, P.M. 36; W. Jones, P.M. 1576; J. S. Woodall, 1576; J. E. Clayton, 1576; D. Callow, 823; W. E. Smith, 823; T. Lawrence, 241; F. W. Hawkins, 1013; Fred Albert, 212; E. King Ellison, Sec. 1350; Evan J. Callow, W.M. 1094; and others.

After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. F. H. Macklin, 1319, and Bro. Dalton Somers, a member of the lodge, were passed to the Second Degree. There were no fewer than eight candidates for the Third Degree, viz., Bros. Polini, Brown, Spiers, and Callaghan (Brown, Newland, and Wallace), Johnson, Veaco, Hamann, and Smith. The work of raising was well done by the Master, Wardens, and junior officers, eliciting the hearty commendation of the visitors present. The balance-sheet for the year was subsequently passed, showing the funds of the lodge to be in a sound and healthy condition.

After business came the banquet, admirably served by Bro. W. S. Vines, of the Caxton. "The Queen and the Craft" and "Our Visiting Brethren," well responded to by Bros. Almond and Macklin, were the only toasts, musical harmony and recitations being, as usual, the prominent attractions of the after-dinner entertainment. The contributions came from Bros. Batty, Giannocopulo, Macklin, Fred Albert, Veaco, Newland, Savage, and J. W. Collinson.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Wm. Martin, P.M., occupied the chair, and was supported as follows: Bros. G. Lowden, S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; R. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harvey, S.D.; J. Dickson, J.D.; J. Bewlay, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; R. Baxter, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; W. J. Smith, J. H. McKittick, J. Garnett, B. Craig, F. Watson, 1989; and others.

On the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Wilkinson, and he was accepted and initiated, and Bro. Garnett passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Baxter, P.M., then moved a vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Martin, P.M., for the able way he had discharged the duties appertaining to the chair, taking into consideration the short notice of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Bell, W.M., and also for another reason, which few present might be aware of; that one of the senior Past Masters and founders of the lodge—Bro. Martin—was about to say farewell and repair to the United States of America in the course of a few days; and he (Bro. Baxter) felt sure no member of the lodge had been more zealous to advance the true principles of the Craft than their highly esteemed brother, who was ever ready, and—to use a homely phrase—an excellent Craftsman. On leaving he carried with him the sincere and united good wishes of every member of the lodge, and he hoped that when he reached the land of his adoption success in all his undertakings would mark his course. Bro. G. Lowden, S.W., ably seconded the motion, which received a unanimous vote. Bro. Martin briefly thanked the brethren for their kind and unexpected vote of thanks, and expressed his deep regret for having to bid them adieu, but perhaps not for ever. He had only one request to make from the members of Arlecdon, that, like Scotia's Bard, they would kindly remember him at their annual festival, and whatever lands he travelled in his fond recollections would ever be the land of his birth, Freemasonry, and the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. With "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony, and the brethren retired to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, when there were present Bros. Balfour, W.M.; Richardson, S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; Fox, Preceptor; Snoden, Treas.; Simpson, Sec.; Triggs, S.D.; Tacon, J.D.; Parson, I.G.; Dodson, P.M.; Linscott, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Corner, Main, Roach, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Packer, W.M. 862, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Richardson acting as W.M. elect, and was installed in the chair of K.S., and invested his officers in a satisfactory manner. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday, the 25th inst., when Bro. Fox will preside. Bros. Packer and Thompson were elected joining members.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).

A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, 17, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present: Bros. Fraser, 1604, W.M.; Graham, W.M. 1681, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; Nicoll, acting Sec.; Mulvey, S.D.; Agar, J.D.; Kershaw, I.G.; Keester, P.M. 435, Preceptor; Kew, P.M. 179; Rodgers, Von Joel, W.M. 957; A. R. Smith, E. R. Smith, Read, Ludwig, Leslie, 1604; Tombs, Palmer, Lambourne, I.G. 87; Greenway, Buchanan, Dickson, W.M. 179; Barling, Attfield, Jeber, Hughes, S.W. 179; and Hetherish, 212.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Greenway, candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. Von Joel acting as candidate. The Fourth Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Mahon, W.M.; Haslit, P.M., S.W.; Titley, J.W.; Gardner, P.M., Sec.; John, P.M., S.D.; Austin, J.D.; Newton, I.G.; Painter, P.M.; Greenwood, P.M.; Smout, I.P.M. 1642; Street, Fraser, Hobbs, Leech, W.M. 749, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Street being candidate. Bro. Leech, the W.M. of the mother lodge, then rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Painter, P.M., being candidate. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Leech for the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Leech responded. A similar compliment was paid to the W.M., Bro. Mahon, for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Mahon replied. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE (No. 780).

A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. Andrews, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Houghton, 2032, S.D.; Sapsworth, 1956, J.D.; F. Botley, I.G.; C. E. Botley, Hon. Sec.; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; E. Monson, jun., Courland; R. P. Monson, Sherrin, Caunnell, Sperring, G. Thomas, V. Wing, G. Gardner, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c.; Col. J. Mead, 1971; Garner, 1602; Hunt, 1656; Cutbill, 902 and 795; Cox, 780; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the night set apart for Bro. J. Stevens' lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences," the W.M., in a few graceful words, introduced the lecturer, expressing his cordial agreement in the value of such lectures to zealous students in the Craft. Bro. Jas. Stevens then commenced his lecture, prefacing it by an apology for hoarseness he was then suffering from, only lately having recovered from an attack of bronchitis. Proceeding, he explained that he had no authority for the uniformity of ritual which he advocated; but wished to ventilate the subject by laying his ideas before the brethren, as, from his point of view, he considered it essentially necessary when one saw the diversity of working in many lodges. Tracing the history of Freemasonry, Bro. Stevens expressed his opinion that Speculative Masonry, as we now know it, cannot be traced further back than the year 1717, although there is no doubt that Guilds of Masons existed for centuries before this, and probably the ritual existed in manuscript anterior to this date, since which time it has been transmitted orally. After noticing many ancient works which had been written concerning Freemasonry, and the erroneous ideas which prevailed among the general public concerning our rites and ceremonies, the lecturer explained that a lodge could be opened in one place and closed in another, and expressed his approval, where it was possible, for the lodge to be called off for the banquet to be held, and for the lodge to be then called on again and closed. This, he explained, was an advantage, in case it was necessary to remind brethren that, although at the banquet table they were expected to observe the order and decorum of open lodge. Bro. Stevens expressed his high approval of music as an adjunct to the ceremonies, when it was properly carried out; but pointed out the ridiculous anomaly in some lodges where an Organist is appointed who does not know a note of music. He also condemned the indiscriminate use of the gavel, and said when it was used it should be done gently, and not as though it was intended to show how much force could be expended without breaking it.

The lecture, particularly referring to the First Degree, the proper method of opening a lodge, was gone through and explained, and a preference was given to asking each officer his duties instead of through the Wardens, it was also pointed out that each of the three principal officers has a particular officer appointed to attend on him; thus the S.D. is the officer of the W.M.; the J.D. that of the S.W.; and the I.G. that of the J.W. The initiation ceremony was then gone right through, the various variations and the correct way of working being pointed out and explained, also the pass-words.

Bro. Stevens excited the mirth of the brethren by an account of some working he saw in the west of England, where the effects of a very startling character to the candidate were introduced, which only required a little blue fire to make them as weird as the witches in Macbeth.

Bro. Stevens, who had been attentively listened to and frequently applauded, then concluded with an earnest appeal to the brethren to think over the matters he had brought before them, so as to secure such working as would expunge what was meaningless and enhance the beauty of our ceremonies, and offering to explain the ground he took to any brother who was desirous of information. Bro. Stevens then resumed his seat, having been speaking for two and-a-half hours, and received the hearty congratulations of all present.

On the W.M. rising for the first time the dues were collected. On the W.M. rising for the second time,

Bro. C. E. Botley proposed "That a cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, be given to Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., for his most interesting lecture, and that the lodge do further confer on him the honorary membership of the lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. F. Botley and carried unanimously, and

Bro. James Stevens expressed his thanks for the honour the lodge had done him.

Bro. J. Hunt, 1656, and Bro. H. Shapsworth, 1656 and 2032 were elected joining members. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).

A meeting was held on the 10th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, when there were present Bros. W. J.

Mason, W.M.; H. Purdue, W.M. 834, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; Rev. M. Haine, Chap.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehanc, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Laurence, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; E. J. Brown, I.G.; W. Batley, Stwd.; M. S. Spiegel, P.M. 188; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211; J. Lichtenfeld, A. Le Clair, G. Simpson, G. Dickenson, E. F. Ferris, C. S. Mote, J. H. Cibur, H. P. Fowler, H. Robinson, J. R. Laundry, W. Eastgate, P. Monson, E. J. Day, T. Webb, and C. H. Wood. Visitors: Bros. C. L. Boswell, 1339; H. W. Boswell, 1339; and H. W. Blake, J.D. 834.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wood being the candidate. Bro. W. W. Morgan was then introduced by the W.M., and delivered a very interesting lecture on the Masonic Institutions: their establishment and development. Bros. Rev. M. Haine, Chap. 205; C. L. Boswell, 1339; A. G. Boswell, 1339; and H. W. Blake, J.D. 834, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership were then unanimously voted to Bro. Morgan, and the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, S.W. Present: Bros. Foulson, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Brindley, W.M. 1604, J.W.; Musson, Sec.; Coughlan, S.D.; Greenway, J.D.; Gibson, I.G.; Wray, Preceptor; Cross, 1624; Fraser, Dexter, Power, Purnell, and Forscutt.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dexter being the candidate. Bro. Dexter, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and retired. Bro. Fraser was entrusted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brindley, W.M. 1604, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser being the candidate. Bro. Foulson having resumed the chair, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Jacobs, W.M.; Brindley, S.W.; Stroud, J.W.; Fowles, S.D.; T. A. Dickson, J.D.; Mullin, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Frank Gulliford, and S. Hewitt. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles, S.D., worked the 2nd Section of this lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Frank Gulliford having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third and Second Degree. Bro. Brindley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Wade, P.M., W.M.; Green, sen., S.W.; Green, jun., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Precptr.; Capt. Butterworth, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; A. Hayes, S.D.; Brindley, J.D.; J. Glover, I.G.; J. Purnell, Luckhurst, and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Brindley, W.M. 1604, who rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and raising, Bro. Wade acting as candidate in both degrees. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Green, W.M. Rothsay, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

LEATHERHEAD.—Grove Chapter (No. 410).

The first meeting for the present season of this old and flourishing chapter was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of Comp. G. D. Lister, M.E.Z. Comp. J. Charlton was duly elected as M.E.Z.; Comp. Charles Greenwood, jun., as H.; and Comp. Dyer, as J., for the ensuing year, Comp. Charles Greenwood, P.Z., P.G.D.C. Eng., and Prov. G. H. Surrey, being re-elected as Treasurer. P.Z.'s jewels similar to those received by their predecessors were presented to Comps. C. Litchfield and G. H. Haydon, in grateful recognition of their services in the chair during their respective years of office. Bro. Henry Harris, 1361, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting. The Treasurer made his report as to the accounts, which the approaching audit will prove to be in a satisfactory condition. An business being ended, the companions adjourned to all excellent banquet, and when the hour came for separation the only regret was that the next meeting was not to take place till January.

CHORLEY.—Earl of Lathom Chapter (No. 730).

The companions of this young chapter assembled at the Masonic Rooms in the Town Hall on Monday evening, the 27th ult. In the absence of Comp. Thomas Forrester, M.E.Z., through illness, Comp. S. Goldstone, M.E.Z. 345, acted as First Principal, and was supported by Comps. R. Irving, H.; J. M. Kerr, J.; Wm. Blackledge, P.Z. 286; John Bradshaw, S.E.; R. Gornall, 345, as S.N.; Thomas Sharples, P.S.; Thos. Higson, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of consecration and installation, which took place on the 26th July, were read and confirmed, and the correspondence was read and laid on the table, amongst which was a telegram from Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.J. East Lanc., who was unable to attend. Comp. W. Blackledge was unanimously elected Treasurer, and was invested by the acting M.E.Z., Comp. Goldstone. A vote of sympathy with Comp. Forrester, M.E.Z., who has been very seriously ill, was unanimously passed, and, upon the very pleasing and unexpected announcement that, as a thank offering to the T. and L.G.

M.H. for his recovery, he presented to the chapter the whole of the valuable furniture, banners, jewels, and regalia, which he had paid for, and left the chapter entirely clear and free from debt of any description, a hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Comp. Forrester for his very handsome and generous gift. A resolution was ordered to be recorded in the minutes expressing the profound sorrow of every member of the chapter on hearing of the death of Ex. Comp. Horace S. Alpass, Past G. Std. Br., P.G.S.E. West Lanc., who only recently had consecrated this chapter, and was elected an honorary member on its formation. As it was remembered that that very day a venerable and benevolent brother, Sir M. Montefiore, Bart., had entered on the second century of an active and useful existence, a message of the congratulation of this chapter was forwarded to him by telegraph. Bros. James Corbitt, P.M. 1032, and Dr. S. Farmer were proposed for exaltation, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed in the usual manner.

MARLBOROUGH.—Methuen Chapter (No. 1533).—This chapter held a convocation in the Masonic Hall, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. Deputy-Surgeon-General T. Ringer, M.E.Z.; the Rev. John A. Lloyd, H.; J. Campbell Maclean, P.Z., J.; John Chandler, P.Z.; A. Plummer, P.Z.; E. B. Merriman, S.E.; H. Bevir, S.N.; G. Pike, P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers took place with the following result: Comps. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.E.Z.; J. Campbell Maclean, H.; G. Pike, J.; Lord H. Bruce, Treas.; E. B. Merriman, S.E.; H. Bevir, S.N.; A. Risdon, P.S.; and W. S. Bambridge, Organist. No other business having to be transacted the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The next convocation of the chapter, for the installation of the Principals and investiture of the officers, is fixed for Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. M. Corbitt, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bros. D. Sinclair, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; C. B. Ford, J.W.; John Page, M.O.; W. F. Carmon, S.O.; J. T. Harrison, J.O.; A. Khagg, R. of M.; R. Whitfield, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; A. Simpson, as J.D.; R. B. Reed, P.M., I.G.; W. Stafford, J.S.; D. G. Anderson (N. and B.T.J.), and others.

The ballot was taken for Bros. R. W. Klyne and Jas. W. Courtenay for advancement, and both were duly elected. Bro. R. W. Klyne, being in attendance, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. John Wood, P.M. The nomination for Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Tyler were then made, and after other business had been transacted the lodge was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Preceptory (No. 114).—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill. The preceptory was opened in due form in the presence of Sir Knights John Barker, E.P.; W. J. Beck, P.E.P., as Constable; J. N. Furniss, Marshal; R. W. Moore, Sub-Marshal; H. Green, Recorder; J. Pickersgill, as C. of L.; P. Waddington, and T. Drake.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies from Sir Knights R. Wilson, P.E.P.; J. Gibson, P.E.P.; C. L. Mason, P.E.P.; and W. C. Lukis, Constable, were received. The ballot was then taken for E.P. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Sir Knight W. C. Lukis, Constable, and Sir Knight J. D. Kay, P.E.P. and Sub-Prior of West Yorks, were unanimously elected to the respective offices. After the preceptory had been duly closed, a Priory of Malta was formed, and Sir Knight John Barker, E.P., installed Sir Knights F. Waddington and T. Drake into the Order.

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.P., P.G.M. DURHAM.

The news of the sudden and lamented death of the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, reached us just as we were preparing to go to press, consequently we were unable to do more than announce the fact. The particulars of his public career have already been made known to the public, but it is natural that our readers should desire to have these supplemented by some sketch, however brief, of his connection with Freemasonry. In a quiet and unostentatious way, his lordship had rendered many important services to the Craft. He was a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and both he and the Marchioness of Londonderry were Vice-Patrons of the Boys' School; his most important service in behalf of our Institutions being rendered in 1881, when he took the chair at the anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The year previous his Royal Highness the Grand Master conferred on him the high offices of Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Superintendent of Durham, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, and into the former of these positions the deceased Marquis was installed at Durham by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England. Since then he had taken an active part in the doings of his province. He had presided every year at the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, his last appearance being at the meeting held in the new Lecture Hall, Palace Green, on the 2nd October, another of his more recent acts being his consecration of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, Sunderland, which is named after the late Marquis, by his special permission, and will serve to perpetuate the memory of his worth among our good brethren of Durham. As to other circumstances relating to his career as a Mason we may state his lordship was initiated into Masonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1843. In 1868, he was appointed Grand Senior Warden of England, and in 1871 he filled the Master's chair of the Fawcett Lodge, No. 661, Seaham Harbour. On the 31st January of the present year he presided at a special Prov. Grand Lodge held at Durham for the purpose of receiving a visit

from the late Duke of Albany, then on a visit to the North of England.

The funeral took place at Machynlleth, North Wales, on Tuesday, among those present, in addition to the members of the family, to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead being Capt. Stephenson, representing the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; Bro. John C. Moor, P.G.J.D. Durham, on behalf of the province; and Bros. Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Connaught; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; Viscount Vaughan, and others. His lordship was born in 1821, and is succeeded in his titles and estates by his eldest son Viscount Castlereagh, M.P. We may state that among the numerous wreaths with which the coffin was covered was one sent by the brethren of the province of Durham, who will testify further their respect to our late noble brother at a special Grand Lodge summoned for the purpose during the current week, when resolutions of sorrow and condolence with the family, in which all of us will join, will be submitted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Committee meeting of this Institution was held on Thursday, the 30th ult. Bro. R. Grey, P.G.D., Patron, occupied the chair, and, after the usual routine business, applications from the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for two girls to be placed in the School under the new law, sanctioning payment of £50 each per annum, were submitted and accepted subject to the conditions that the petitions on behalf of the children turned out satisfactorily. A gratuity of £20 was voted towards apprenticing an ex-pupil, and notice of motion was given to the effect that the salary of the nurse in charge of the infirmary be increased by £10 a year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Bro. James Moon presided at the regular meeting held on the 1st inst. of the General Committee of this Institution, and among those present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; R. Berridge, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Withers, C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, P. Hastings Miller, J. L. Mather, W. Paas, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., &c.; and F. Binckes, Sec.

After the usual routine business the report of the Audit Committee was submitted. A boy was nominated under the "Sir Watkin Life Presentation," North Wales and Salop, the child in question being No. 26 on the list of candidates. Two petitions for candidature were accepted, two deferred, and one rejected. Grants of £5 each to two ex-pupils having been voted, the proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. The chair was occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and among those present were Bros. W. H. Goodall, W. March, James Brett, P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune, John Bulmer, D. P. Cama, E. F. Storr, H. Moore, C. Lacey, C. H. Webb, L. G. Gordon Robbins, F. Adlard, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of two annuitants on the Male Fund and one approved candidate (male).

The usual authority to the Chairman to sign cheques having been given, fourteen petitions—nine male and five female—were successively submitted and dwelt with, the result being that eight of the male petitions were accepted, and one, which had been deferred from the previous meeting, was rejected, while four of the female petitions were accepted and one deferred.

A notice of motion having been given by Bro. JABEZ HOGG, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to Bro. Bowyer for presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Strada Stretta, Valletta, Malta, when the following officers were present: V.W. Bros. W. Watson, P.G.M.; R. Westrop, P.D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. W. Read, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Glenday, P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Stanley, P.G.S.W.; D. C. Wilson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. A. H. Bullock, P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. A. J. England, P.G. M.O.; W. Parriate, P.G.S.O.; F. J. Coward, P.G.J.O. (acting); G. Segond, P.G. Treas.; Bros. J. F. James, P.G. Sec.; J. D. Young, P.G.S.D.; G. P. Stephens, P.G.J.D.; J. P. Morgan, P.G. Reg.; F. Savin, P.G.S.B. (acting); J. S. Davies, P.G.J.G.; Thos. Berridge and F. Barnes, P.G. Stewards; and R. Rick, P.G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was received with grand honours by the Broader Mark Lodge, No. 248, W. Bro. W. Kingston (D.G.M. Craft), presiding, whereupon V.W. Bro. Watson, D.P.G.M., in the absence of the R.W. P.G.M., assumed the chair and opened the Prov. Grand Lodge in due form. The minutes of the last half-yearly and subsequent meetings were read and confirmed, and the bye-laws of the province revised, at the conclusion of which, V.W. Bro. WATSON delivered the following address: Brethren,—As it is the first time I have had the honour of presiding at a regular convocation of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, I think it may not be inopportune for me to make a few remarks on the principles of Freemasonry, and on our duties as members of the Order. These subjects may appear trite or commonplace, because they are so frequently brought to our notice, but still, I think they will bear repetition, and I venture therefore to reiterate them. In the first place, what appears to be of the most vital and universal importance are the principles on which Freemasonry is founded, and I hesitate not to state, in the words of our charges, that no institution can boast of a more noble and solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests, being founded on the practice of every social and moral virtue. It is founded on sublime, rational,

and moral principles, with the praiseworthy design of making its members kind, just, and forgiving, teaching them ever to remember that in one sense all men are equal, being all children of the same Almighty Father, who never forgets, or closes eye or ear upon the meanest of His creatures. In fact, its great aim is to make them better men, better members of society, better subjects, better in all the relations of life, and to fear the stain of dishonour more than the ills of life, and even death itself. The high standard and measure required of us brethren, are ever before us when we are in open lodge, in the great and sublime tracing board, if I may so entitle it, of the Grand Architect and Overseer of the Universe—the volume of the Sacred Law—which we are charged to consider as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate our conduct by the Divine precepts it contains. From it we learn our duties to God, our neighbours, and ourselves; and in it are delineated and traced out the paths in which we must walk in order to reach the Grand Lodge above. Such principles proclaim our Order the handmaid—not, as some have asserted, the antagonist—but the handmaid and promoter of order, peace, virtue, and religion. We have lately been charged with being rationalists in religion, and revolutionists and anarchists in politics; to us, as Freemasons, have been imputed all the evils included under, and resulting from, sedition, revolution, socialism, and communism; we are accused of disseminating vicious principles for the purpose of corrupting the morals of the young, and by every art and design endeavouring to saturate the masses of the people with vice, so that we may more easily turn them from Christianity, and make them the disciples of disorder and revolution. Now, brethren, it is not necessary for me to say one word for the purpose of refuting such absurd and monstrous charges and accusations, because we all know, as well as we know that we exist, that there is nothing whatever in English Freemasonry incompatible with our social, civil, moral, or religious principles and duties. Again, brethren, Freemasonry is not merely a convivial brotherhood, as many are too ready to affirm, and reluctantly disbelieve; as the noble works of our ancient Order, its Schools, Benevolent Institutions, and its constantly recurrent and universal acts of benevolence, charity, and kindness, proclaim the falsehood of such a charge. Neither are our lodges, as opponents assert, simply convivial clubs, in which we meet together to eat, drink, make merry, and enjoy ourselves. Every Freemason knows, or ought to know, the object for which lodges are established and convened, viz., that Masons may meet and improve themselves in their own particular science, and initiate others into their sacred mysteries. And here I venture to add a word of warning. Let us each and all take heed that at our banquets and refreshment tables our moderation may be manifest in all things, so that our example may afford no foundation for the slanderous and depreciating assertions of the enemies of our Order. A whole is made up of its several individual parts, and it is quite possible that one or more of these parts may be defective without destroying the strength and beauty of the whole tree. So it is with societies; defective or unworthy members there may be, but it is altogether absurd and unreasonable to condemn an entire institution, and deny its usefulness, simply on account of the defects and delinquencies of a few of its members. We frequently say that we are not Operative, but Speculative, Masons. By Operative Masonry we allude to the proper application of those useful rules of architecture, and also to the builders, by which and by whom buildings are erected, displaying in the beauty, strength, proportions, and just correspondence in all their parts the wisdom of the designer, and the skill of the workman. So in Speculative Masonry we hope that on the foundation laid at our initiation a superstructure will be raised perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders, or, in other words, that by the correction of our irregularities, and the subjugation of our passions we may build up our lives according to the principles of the square, level, plumb-rule, and compasses. St. Paul tells us that in a great house there are vessels not only of gold and silver, but also of wood, stone, and clay, some to honour and some to dishonour—that is, some for special occasions and noble services, and others for common purposes and every day use; the latter perhaps the more useful, and consequently more honoured and prized than those of more intrinsic value, yet all being useful. So in the erection of buildings there are used stones of different kinds and sizes, on which different amounts of labour and skill have been expended. There are the large rough stones for the foundation; the plain cut and squared ashlar for building up the walls; the key-stone for binding the sweeps of the arch; the elaborately cut and polished, or elegantly carved, stones for the ornamental parts. Each stone may be weak and insignificant in itself, but when placed in its proper position it adds to the size, strength, or beauty of the building. So it is in society in general, so it is in Freemasonry in particular—all cannot be vessels of gold or silver; but all doing their duty, accepting the position in which they are placed they may be useful. Some, of necessity, must teach and govern, others must learn, submit, and obey. These things are as allotted by the Grand Master and confirmed by circumstances; but he who perform well the most menial office will be thought worthy of rank in Heaven's Grand Lodge. Let us ever remember that he will be highest who does his duty the best, irrespective of rank, class, or position, and not he who has merely held high rank here. As Masons let us endeavour to be lights of the world. Let us be kind and courteous not only to each other, but to all men. Every true Mason ought to be a gentleman, because if thought worthy to be admitted amongst us he ought to cultivate and practise all upright and honest principles. Finally, brethren, by diligence and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of our avocations, by constancy and sincerity in our friendships, by kind, just, amiable, and virtuous deportment, and, above all, by the exercise of benevolence and Charity, let us show to the world the beneficial efforts of our ancient and honourable Order. By the wisdom of the Most High may we be directed; by His strength may we be enabled; by the beauty of truth and virtue may we be incited to keep inviolate our obligations, to be of one mind, live in peace, and enjoy the happiness and pleasure which result from true friendship and brotherly affection, and thus secure the transmission of our principles and secrets pure and unsullied from generation to generation.

At the conclusion of the oration, which was received with keen appreciation and enthusiastic applause, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.



Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P. Grand Treasurer, P.M., has been unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Aldersgate Lodge.

Bro. Jos. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.Z. 311 and 1619, P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex, was re-elected an alderman of the Borough of Lewes on Monday, the 10th inst.

On Saturday Bro. Lord Wolseley inspected the field hospital, established by the medical staff of the Nile Expedition, at Dongola, and expressed his great satisfaction with the arrangements made for the reception of the sick.

Bro. the Right Hon. J. G. Dodson, lately Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who has been raised to the peerage by the style and title of Baron Monk Bretton, took his seat for the first time in the House of Lords on Tuesday.

We are glad to hear, on the report of Dr. Woodman, that Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore is gradually rallying from the state of prostration into which he had been thrown by the exciting events connected with the centenary celebration of his birth.

The following officers were invested and installed in the Peace Chapter, No. 359, for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Berry, Z.; J. Clark, H.; D. O. Hobbs, J.; J. R. Weston, Treas.; W. Bowyer, S.E.; J. Wilson, S.N.; and C. T. Walton, P.S.

The Royal Gloucester Lodge of Instruction, Southampton, has presented an engrossed resolution of thanks to W. Bro. Sidney Myer, for his services for five years as hon. Secretary, from which post he is retiring, being succeeded by Bro. S. Clarke.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Arran, 32^d in the A. and A.S. Rite, Scotland, has had granted to him by her Majesty the dignity of a baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and will sit in the House of Lords as Baron Sudley of Castle Gore, Co. Mayo.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales returned from Sandringham to Cambridge on Monday for the purpose of resuming his studies at Trinity College; while, on the same day, Prince George of Wales proceeded to London in order to resume his studies at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

His Highness the Khedive telegraphed on Sunday from Cairo to the Prince of Wales, wishing him many happy returns of his birthday. In reply a telegram was sent from Sandringham thanking the Khedive for his kind wishes, and at the same time expressing cordial hopes for the future prosperity of Egypt.

Among those present at the funeral in Trumpington Churchyard on Monday of the late Right Hon. Henry Fawcett, H.M.'s Postmaster-General, were Bros. Shaw-Lefevre, Sir F. Herschell, O.C., M.P.; Sir Thos. Brassey, K.C.B.; M.P.; Earl of Dalhousie, Lord R. Grosvenor, P.G.W.; H. A. Brassey, Sir T. F. Buxton, M.P., and others.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince George and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, and the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, left Marlborough House on Saturday for Sandringham, attended by the ladies and gentlemen of their suite. At Cambridge the Royal party was joined by Prince Albert Victor.

At Sandringham, likewise, a great part of the festivities were held on Saturday, the most prominent event being the dinner annually given to the labourers and workmen on the Royal estate, which was attended by the Prince and Princess and their guests. The same evening his Royal Highness opened the Sandringham Club at the village of West Newton, an institution which has been established by the Prince for the workmen and boys on his estate.

Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage took his seat for the first time in the Justice Room of the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when, as is the custom of Lord Mayors on entering on the magisterial duties of their office, his lordship addressed a few kindly words to the officials, expressive of his confidence that they would render him, as they rendered to his predecessors, their valuable assistance in the performance of his part of his official labours.

International Exhibitions appear to have become a kind of permanent institution in this country, and as during the past summer the Healtheries at South Kensington had a rival at the Crystal Palace, so the forthcoming show in connection with Inventions and Music, which will be opened in the spring of next year, will have its rival at the Alexandra Palace, only the managers of the latter have determined to take time by the forelock, and open theirs on the 31st March next. The chief attractions will be the music and the illuminations, and as popular prices will be charged for admission, there seems to be a chance that the Alexandra Palace may have a chance of making for itself a place among the permanent resorts of the public. One feature deserves particular mention, namely, that the managers of the new venture have resolved on setting apart 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for distribution among the principal London hospitals. The scheme has our hearty good wishes.

The annual supper night of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, was held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Rich, W.M.; Shadler, Perry, Walker, Dyson, Haller, B. Haynes, Hills, Hon. Sec.; Buggins, Steed, Stafford, Ruse, Marshall, Weil, Fellheimer, H. Haynes, Valentine, Maidwell, and Moss, Preceptor. After the excellent supper provided by the worthy host, and the usual loyal toasts, "The Health of the W.M." was most heartily proposed and received. Bro. Moss feelingly responded, and then gave "Success to the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction." "The Officers," replied to by the Treasurer and Secretary, and other toasts followed. Bro. Moss received and thanked the subscribing brethren for the compliment for an album to be given to Mrs. Moss. During the evening Bros. Stafford, Hills, Valentine, Moss, Maidwell, and Hall, contributed to a most enjoyable evening capital songs and recitations.

A verbal error occurred last week in our report of the recent consecrations in the Isle of Man, which it is desirable we should correct. The Irish Lodge referred to in the Grand Secretary's address as having become defunct in 1862, had its quarters at "Peel," and not, as described by us, at "Douglas." Seeing that the portion of the report in which the mistake occurred related to the new lodge then on the eve of being constituted at "Douglas," it is easy to understand how, in the hurry of writing, the more familiar of the two names should have crept into a place where it had no business to be. We must apologise to the Grand Secretary for having made him appear at fault in the circumstances he was narrating.

Bro. Deputy Sims has taken offices at Barbican Chambers, No. 3, Barbican.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, will take part in the autumn conference of the Church Association at Birmingham.

Comp. Rosenthal, P.M. of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, was on Wednesday installed as First Principal of the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260.

At the last meeting of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, W. Bro. D. O. Hobbs presiding, Bro. A. J. Brown, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead was entertained at a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern on Tuesday by the Fanmakers' Company, of which he is Free Warden, to signalise his appointment to the office of Sheriff.

The Royal Isle of Man Lodge was established at Douglas under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland dated March 20th, 1843. The Governor of the Island, Lieut.-General John Ready, was one of the original members, and held the honorary post of Grand Patron. The bye-laws of this lodge were submitted to Grand Lodge for approval in December, 1843.

A new lodge was consecrated at the flourishing watering place of Clacton-on-Sea, on Tuesday last, by the Right Hon. Lord Brook, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M.; T. J. Malling, P.G. Sec.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.G. Chap. Sir John H. Johnson, of St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton, was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. A full report will appear in our next.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, November 10th—St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge. Tuesday, November 11th—Drovers' Benevolent Institution, Urban Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday, November 12th—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday, November 13th—Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge, Polish National Lodge, University of London Lodge. Friday, November 14th—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge.

Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., P.Z., has been elected Chairman of the Southampton Masonic Hall Company, and Bro. M. Miles, P.M., has succeeded to the vice-chairmanship. Bro. Miles will, as a Steward, attend the festival in February of the Institution for the Relief of Freemasons or their Widows, and it is hoped he will be able to carry up with him from the various lodges a sum that will considerably increase the voting power of the province in elections to this most excellent Institution.

The installation meeting of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, 917, was held on the 11th inst. at Cannon street Hotel, E.C. The outgoing Master, Bro. G. Edwards, P.M., concluded his year's working by initiating two gentlemen into the Order. Bro. L. Steen, P.M., the veteran Secretary, performed the ceremony of installation in favour of Bro. Henry Forss, S.W., and the W.M. elect. A splendid jewel was awarded Bro. G. Edwards, and the entire proceedings were a success. We hope to give a notice in our next issue.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON, No. 2029.—The regular meeting of the above Temperance Lodge was held on Saturday last at 8A, Red Lion-square, when there were present Bros. Dr. Richardson, F.R.S., W.M.; W. Chubb, S.W.; St. L. Chubb, J.W.; H. Wright, S.D.; Mathieu Williams, J.D.; T. W. Richardson, I.G.; H. Tipper, Sec.; McMillan, and Ferrier. Bros. Williams and Forrow were raised to the Third Degree, Bros. Fletcher, Wells, and Cairns being left for that ceremony till next meeting. Bros. Memory and Smith were passed to the Second Degree, and Dr. Cobb was initiated. The brethren then retired and spent a very pleasant hour or two with song and recitation. Recitations were given by Bros. Dr. Richardson, Ferrier, T. W. Smith, and Dr. Cobb; and songs by Bros. Tipper, Fletcher, T. W. Richardson, and Williams.

We are glad to see that Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is losing no time in enlisting the services of Stewards for the now rapidly approaching Festival of 1885. The day selected for the celebration will be Wednesday, the 25th February next, when R.W. Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has kindly undertaken to give his services as chairman. Remembering, as we do, the success which attended our respected brother's advocacy in a like capacity of the Girls, we feel justified in anticipating for the Institution of which Bro. Terry is the Secretary at least an equal measure of success. Gloucestershire is a small province, but it is loyal to the backbone to its chief—and we all know Bro. Terry is not the man to let the grass grow under his feet, when it is a question of swelling the array of Stewards for an anniversary Festival. We hope, when the time comes, we shall have a good account to give of his labours, and Sir M. Hicks-Beach's advocacy, and the help rendered by Gloucestershire.

£30 to £500.—Tobacconists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, —/—, 14 stamps. [Adv't.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season for sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessities for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine-chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude, into the latter prejudice may unwittingly creep.—[Adv't.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 22, 1884.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham House, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1910, Shadwell Clerke, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, 8 till 10.
 West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender-hill.
 Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tav., Milbank.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
 Jomatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Junction-road, N., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.
 Board of Benevolence, at 4.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-Flds.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt's Town, Poplar.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imp. Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.