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THE installation meeting of that excellent lodge the Earl of Carnarvon; No. 1642, was marked by a pleasant incident, the presence of our worthy Parsee, Bro. CAMA and his son, and the election of Bro. CAMA, senior, as an honorary member of the lodge by acclamation. Bro. CAMA is well-known as an expert Mason and a most zealous contributor to our Charities. We were glad to see him in lodge, another proof of the universality of our Order. We were also rejoiced to witness the recognition of his Masonic zeal and his charitable efforts by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Ever since its consecration by our lamented Bro. JOHN HERVEY, this zealous body of Freemasons has taken a high position and struck a high mark in the list of the metropolitan Craft lodges. Its charitable efforts have been most prominent and remarkable, in addition to other excellences, and may be well quoted and often appealed to as constituting a brilliant example to many lodges who have so far done little, and others which have done nothing in that good cause.

THE remarks of Bro. TEW, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, and the reply of Bro. WOODHOUSE, Mayor of Leeds, at the consecration of the Prudence Lodge, deserve to be thought out and thought over. It is so easy to enounce abstract principles; it is so difficult to apply concrete conclusions. The D.P.G.M. in a very forcible speech seems to object to a temperance lodge as affecting and opposing the well-known canon of Masonic hospitality and individual liberty of choice and action. We go to some extent with our distinguished brother in his reasonable counsels and warning remarks, but we do not think that he is logically sound in his objection to the banquet, to use a common expression, "an abstainer's" banquet, that it is a dictation to others. We apprehend that the brethren of any Masonic dinner-circle have an absolute right of deciding for themselves whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic liquor shall be introduced thereat. If, indeed, there was a minority of a lodge debarred by a majority from a moderate use of fermented wines, then, indeed, we should deem the majority guilty of an unwarrantable interference with the "liberty of the subject," and the freedom of Masonic choice. But in this case all the members of the lodge agree, and they are clearly within their right, for just as they can make their own bye-laws, so they can arrange their own social rules of relaxation and entertainment. As the MAYOR OF LEEDS truly puts it, those of other lodges who visit must either conform to the rules of that particular lodge, or stay away, if they do not affect to approve of the provisions made for their "creature comforts." We cannot enter here on any of the abstract questions of the temperance movement. Suffice it to say the Prudence Lodge has made up its mind to a certain course of action, and it is clearly competent for it to do so, and brethren from the "outside" must bow to its regulations and decision. To claim an universality of right as regards alcoholic drinks is clearly neither logical, reasonable, nor sustainable. The Prudence Lodge may be wise or unwise, seasonable or unseasonable, judicious or injudicious, in its views and regulations, but it is clearly not unmasonic, and the opinions will vary and doctors will differ as to the soundness of its professions and aims; yet we do not see that any real fault can be found with its "programme" from its own particular point of view. We are not at all insensible to some of the difficulties and dangers which the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire hints at, and that there is a possibility, as there is always a possibility ever, of all principles of thought and action being abused and perverted. But the brethren of the Prudence Lodge have a right to a full trial of their theory, a fair field and no favour; and, recognizing the great ability of our distinguished Bro. TEW's address, we confess that we are not logically convinced (further than from a mere subjective point of view, in any way), that there need be any

fear, or can be any valid ground of complaint, in respect of the end and object of those worthy brethren at Leeds, who have founded, for various good and weighty reasons, the Prudence Lodge.

JUST now, all sorts of charges are laid against Freemasons and Freemasonry, —many absolutely ridiculous, some preposterous in their very preposterousness, and the greater part absolutely mendacious. Even in England, where the Craft is always before the eyes of the public, public writers and Ultramontane scribes have not hesitated to make the most cruel and the most malignant accusations, equally false as silly. Poor Mr. BRUCE, whose sad case is now before Mr. LOWELL, the American Minister and the public, seems to have mixed up with certain peculiar views on this and that, a fear and a belief of Masonic proceedings, equally absurd as unreal. He told a reporter from the *Central News*, according to the *Evening Standard* of Saturday, "inter alia," "he had, in addition, two brothers, both of whom were Freemasons, who drove him out of the country. BRUCE declared that Freemasons were enemies of Society, and schemed to secure the Government." We are sincerely sorry for the poor man. Freemasons never interfere in such painful matters, and never express, qua their Order, any view whatever on things political or questions religious. Here and there foolish men calling themselves Freemasons have dabbled, no doubt, in political discussions, social struggles, and political squabbles; but in so talking and acting they have done despite to the true teaching of Freemasonry, and have widely and gravely deviated from the first leading principles of real Freemasonry. Neutrality is the keynote of all English and Anglo-Saxon Masonic utterances, and whoever asserts that as Freemasons, we ever in Great Britain and America, and wherever our teaching extends, interfere in secular politics or controversial theologies, is either utterly ignorant of our principles and our proceedings, or is a wilful maligner and audacious accuser of a most loyal, peaceable, inoffensive body of cultured and kindly men.

WEEK after week we have to announce the death of some old Masonic friend, some well-known and much missed brother. There are many who, from their rank, prestige, and services, demand all that eulogy can record, or fraternal good feeling sum up. To them the meed of Masonic admiration is accorded; for them the words of the "Obituary" impressively preserve their kindly memory, and their honoured name. But it may be feared whether we do not unconsciously sometimes treat with some little injustice the work and services of many humbler brethren. There are some worthy members of our Fraternity who pass away week after week almost unknown beyond the town in which they lived for years, outside the lodge which they have so long and so faithfully served. They depart, and the Masonic world knows nothing of them; for some reason their efforts and services were made in a comparatively subordinate position, and in our great Masonic Vanity Fair, as in the world without, we too often sacrifice a good deal for the mere possession of rank, popularity, prestige, and wealth. And yet after all, all such form part of that great body of faithful labourers and loyal soldiers who are, in truth, the "crème de la crème" of our Masonic Host. The great, and wealthy, and high-born have their chroniclers ever ready, always laudatory, unceasingly at hand, to preserve their names and celebrate their virtues. But as regards the "TOMMY ATKINSES" of Freemasonry, too often comparatively obscure, few remember them, and fewer still read their "Obit." In the *Freemason* to-day we think it well then to commend to the kindly notice and affectionate remembrance of all our readers many a worthy, hard-working, humble Freemason, who, having finished his work, has passed into that eternal East, into which one day we too must also wend our way. A force is lent to our words, and a point is obtained for our humble remarks, by the account elsewhere of the Masonic funeral service for our lamented Bro. J. L. OATES, P.M., of Leeds. We commend that obituary notice to the attention of our readers as it records the Masonic career of a good old soldier and a very useful Freemason.

WE are not surprised though not a little amused to learn from an esteemed correspondent in Ireland, that at Cork even the Roman Catholic community are annoyed by the opposition made by Mr. LANE, the Parnellite candidate for the Town Council, against two worthy citizens, Messrs. FOX and BOGAN, simply because they are Freemasons. It seems that these good brethren of ours are supported by several of the leading Roman Catholics of the town, including the Mayor; a fact which we deem well to advert to, as such opposition on such grounds is simply a disgrace to the person or party making it. We often ask ourselves how far can Intolerance go, and where does it end?

CONSECRATION OF ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063, AT CLACTON-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

The above new lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Public Hall, Clacton, by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, in the presence of, and assisted by, a grand gathering of Masons, both from the Metropolis and surrounding lodges. The following brethren signed the petition: W. Bros. Sir John H. Johnson, P.M. 99; Walter J. Nunn, P.M. 1592, Z. 1008, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk; C. R. Young, P.M. 13; Abel Penfold, P.M. 913, P.Z. and Treas. 913; Chas. Hempson, P.M. 1799, P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec. Essex; W. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 177; Bros. Fred. J. Nunn, 433, 697, and 1799; W. W. Daniell, 51 and 697; W. Wrench Towse, 1799; H. Finer, J.W. 1799; F. Wallis, S.W. 1799; W. Agate, 913; P. B. Harris, 1799; Jacob Phillips, 861; G. H. Riches, 1799; and T. H. Baker, 133 and 1391.

The R.W.P.G.M., accompanied by his Deputy, V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., opened Grand Lodge, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Richard Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W., as S.W.; W. Sowman, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W., as J.W.; the Rev. W. M. Jones, P.G.C., as Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec., as Sec.; Albert Lucking, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and D. Bartlett, P.M. 1343, P.G. Purst., as I.G.

The music was performed by the following brethren: Bros. G. F. Smith, jun., P.G. Org.; Chas. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; Edmund Gowers, S.W. and Org. 1024, P.P.G.O.; and A. S. B. Sparling, J.W. 51.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that that was the first occasion he had had the pleasure of being at Clacton-on-Sea, and he need hardly express to them the great delight it gave him to be there on that important and auspicious occasion—an occasion which he was confident would be remembered for some time to come in the annals of Freemasonry in this town. It gave him the greatest pleasure to consecrate a new lodge in this important Province of Essex, and still more so when the first Master of that lodge was to be his friend Sir John Johnson—(applause)—who he had reason to believe would be acceptable in the highest degree to the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. (Applause.) It was most satisfactory to find that Freemasonry was increasing and finding favour with such rapid strides, and it was always a pleasure to him to consecrate a new lodge, especially when, as in this case, want of a new lodge was so clearly apparent. He had every confidence that the lodge would be supported in a suitable and becoming manner, and he was sure that Bro. Sir John Johnson would in every way prove himself a most efficient Master, and that he would have the zealous support of those who would have the pleasure of serving under him. (Applause.) In conclusion, the Prov. Grand Master expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the province for supporting him in such large numbers, and his entire satisfaction with the arrangements that had been made for their reception. He congratulated the brethren of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge on its first appearance, which augured well for its future success. (Applause.) He then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which he performed in a very able and impressive manner.

The oration was delivered by the Rev. W. MORGAN JONES (Rector of Marks Tey), Prov. Grand Chaplain. The reverend brother said—

It is impossible for me, brethren, in the brief space of a few minutes, to say anything that can at all adequately describe the many high and ennobling principles upon which Freemasonry is founded. Happily, however, it falls to my lot to offer these few and very imperfect observations to those, and to those alone, who know these principles, and who have pledged themselves to maintain and carry them out. What, then, is assigned to me is the pleasing duty, not of informing the ignorant, but of reminding the instructed; so that, by being reminded, we may be helped to carry into practice what we know and believe. And among those principles which we acknowledge and believe are—the supremacy of God as the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe; the duty and privilege of dedicating all our actions to His glory; and the fulfilling of all right claims from our fellow creatures, chiefly of Masons. As an art, doubtless, Masonry derives its great antiquity from the first building up of the heavens and the earth; and it is with us a belief beyond all possibility of doubt, that the Builder of the heavens and the earth is the First and Grand Architect, whom we reverently worship, whose works we admire, and whose aid we constantly invoke. But when we think of the grandeur of that vast structure; when we see everywhere the perfection of adaptation in every part, and mark the Supreme wisdom of this Divine Master Builder, a feeling of awe, wonder, and admiration comes upon us. We who, in our meaner sphere, are also builders, are convinced that any imitation is impossible. There can be no excellency of structure such as He has shown; and the nearest approach which we can possibly make must consist in this, and only this, that the meaner buildings which we erect are heartily, duly, and properly dedicated to Him who is alone in power, and who has no equal as the First Builder. No Mason, wise and ingenious, skilful and diligent though he may be, can find any pleasure or reward in his work, or in his reflections upon it, unless that work is thus heartily and sincerely dedicated to Him, who is this first and incomparable Builder. In this respect, then, we may dedicate work, where we cannot possibly copy work. We may do that which, because of its nature, we are sure we may dedicate, and which we are as sure He will accept and approve. Foremost in the traditions and annals of our Masonic history we have the name and the example of the highest earthly architect and builder—the Royal Solomon. Of him we read that he "built a house to the name of the Lord his God." Assuming no claims as an imitator of the Great Architect, and impressed with the infinite skill and wisdom of that Divine Builder, our chief architect built and dedicated this house. Human architect and builder though he was, this building of his cannot be fitly or fully described. It is far beyond my power to tell fully of the wisdom and strength of its solid foundations. But this we do know, that in the work there were under him those superior officers who had the chief work to do in the carrying out of the magnificent design. They were men fitted for the work, of great skill and science, of firm will, of persevering spirit, and without them the work could not have been carried out. They were as essential in their higher sphere as, in their lower one, were the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. And these superior officers directed the work. They exercised their authority, they maintained among all subordinate officers all due obedience, in order that the grand scheme might be carried out, and which when finished was dedicated to the glory of God; and though in the mind of the Royal Architect, there was the sense of filial satisfaction in his mind from having carried out the wishes of David his father, there can be no doubt that the prominent idea with him was, first of all, that what he did was for the glory of God, and, further, that in doing as he did he was securing the truest and highest happiness of his people. These were the worthy motives that actuated him in his grand undertaking, and these were the unquestionable ends which he secured. It is in this respect that this kingly builder is a true exponent and a bright example of the exalted principles and virtues of Freemasonry; and occupying, as he does, an exalted position in our traditions, he is for us all a most worthy pattern to imitate. It is impossible, brethren, for any one of us seriously to ponder the whole structure of our mysteries and secrets without observing how constantly we are led to contemplate and admire the works of the Creator; how, in this erection of the heavens and the earth, His evident aim is the happiness and well-being of mankind, and also, how, in the vows we take, and the conditions we accept, we consent that we will do the same. In few words, among the many good purposes of Masonry, there are three most prominently set before us—namely, the Glory of God, the maintaining and increasing of self-respect, and the securing, by right means, the happiness of our fellow creatures. It is impossible to abide firmly by the instructions we receive without finding our minds constantly occupied in looking at and admiring the skill and goodness of the great and Almighty Builder, and seeing the glory that surrounds His Throne, striving earnestly to make that glory even more manifest by dedicating all our works to Him. And equally impossible is

it seriously to contemplate the principles of our Order without seeing how they all aim at disposing a man to cultivate and intensify a worthy self-respect, which is so necessary to a solid foundation, and a worthy superstructure. Its contemplation leads a man to examine every stone in the building up of his own character and destiny. And chiefly it is most clear that at the very threshold, as well as in the inner circle, we are taught the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. We are taught the duty of scrupulously seeking, by every means, the happiness and comfort of others, and chiefly of Masons. These, brethren, should be the distinguishing and the essential characteristics of every Masonic lodge. If a brother be overtaken in a fault (and who may not?) and wanders from the straight path of virtue and rectitude, let there be a general anxiety to restore such a one in the spirit of meekness and with the tenderest spirit of compassion. If a brother is in distress (and there are always some who are so), let us be ready to enter into and feel for his troubles. As he is taught to look to us in his distress, let him not look in vain. In so extensive a Brotherhood as ours is, there are always some who need help, keeping quietly, perhaps, the sorrow which is sapping away their life. Let us not fail to help them. Thus by a reverent contemplation of the first great Builder, and by seeking His glory, whether in the consecration of a Lodge, or the consecration of a Life and all its actions—by aiming continually at a true and growing self-respect, and by a kind and pitiful spirit, we shall truly proclaim and carry out the principles of our Order, we shall lay a good foundation and raise a superstructure worthy of its Builder. As a body of Masons, brethren, and under the rule of our estimable Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, we must truly congratulate ourselves upon the proceedings of this day. The spread of true Masonry is the spread of light and blessing. We do hear of opinions to the contrary, but they are few, and are the result of ignorance. Our principles claim respect from all, for they are the principles of truth and virtue; they are wise and good. And because they are so, we who range under its banner are thankful that Masonry, instead of decreasing in influence, is increasing in power and might. Its strong arm of support is waxing stronger every day; its heart of pity finding increased exercise, and its true and beneficent sympathies spreading further and wider. And to us, who know and appreciate the exalted principles of our Order, it is especially gratifying that they are extending in our own province. We are thankful that this new lodge is being consecrated to-day, and heartily wish it God-speed. May the principles of our Order be thoroughly and heartily maintained in it. May brotherly love, relief, and truth ever prevail among its members; and while we trust that they may never know for themselves the bitterness of sorrow, or feel the sharp arrows of adversity or misfortune, may they ever extend the hand of brotherly love and pity towards all those brethren who are feeling those adversities. And finally, brethren, maintaining these principles, each for himself, may we carry them out with confidence and perseverance until we are summoned from our labours below to higher service above, in that grand and heavenly Temple, where the sublime source of all love, virtue, and truth—the world's Great Architect—lives and reigns.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the W.M. designate, W. Bro. Sir John Henry Johnson, P.M. 99, was impressively installed into his office by the V.W.D.P.G.M., who afterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: W. Bros. T. D. Hayes, P.M. and P.Z. 913, acting I.P.M.; W. J. Nunn, P.M. 1592, Z. 1008, P.P.G.D. Suff., S.W.; C. R. Young, P.M. 13, J.W.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec. Essex, Treas.; Bro. Fred. J. Nunn, 1799, Sec.; W. Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 177, S.D.; Bros. W. T. Hook, J.D. 1642, J.D.; W. Cattermole, 1663, I.G.; and Henry Hart, 160, Tyler; Henry Finer, J.W. 1799, and T. H. Baker, 1333, Stewards.

Votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M., V.W.D.P.G.M., and the other Prov. Grand Officers for the part they had taken in the proceedings of the day, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and two or three candidates for initiation; and the visitors present having offered their congratulations, the interesting proceedings, which all through passed without a hitch, were brought to a close.

Among the brethren present were, beside those above mentioned,

The Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. Fredk. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.G. Stwd.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; A. Lucking, W.M. 160, P.G.D.C.; Richard Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P.P.G.C.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.P. Eng., P.G.D.C. Suff.; George Corble, P.M. 453, P.P.J.G.W.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec. Essex; Wm. Herbage, W.M. 2005, Prov. G.R.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, I.P.M. 1024, P.G.J.D.; W. V. Willson, I.P.M. 160, P.G.S.B.; the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, S.D. 697, P.G.C.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Alfred Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.G.W.; H. Harper, P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; Robt. Martin, P.M. and Treas. 453, P.P.G.D.; J. Child, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S. of W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; D. Bartlett, P.M. 1343, P.G.P.; Thomas Rix, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; Edmund Gowers, S.W. 1024, P.P.G.O.; F. Whitmore, P.M. 276, P.P.G.W.; A. C. Veley, P.M. 276, P.P.G.W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Geo. Motion, P.M. 453, P.P.G.D.; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; Alfred Richardson, W.M. 1977, P.A.D.C.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, Sec. 1977, P.G.S.B.; R. Howard Ives, W.M. 51, P.G. Stwd.; John Hutley, W.M. 1024, P.G. Stwd.; Adam Smith, W.M. 433; J. W. Hair, 276, P.P.G.R.; Surgeon-Major H. Helsham, W.M. 1803; Robt. Smith, W.M. 697; F. Suthery, W.M. elect 276; G. Harvey, P.M. 697; Fred. Wiseman, P.M. 1733, P.P.G.W.; W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211; F. Reichter, 51; H. J. Skingley, 51; J. H. Miller, 51; F. H. Williams, 697; E. G. Lewis, P.M. 754; R. Turrell, 913; W. Agate, 913; J. G. Potton, 697; John Clark, 697; W. P. Collins, 1240; A. F. Hart, 697; W. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 177; Chas. E. Bland, 51; James Salmon, 1339; George Ralling, 51; Joshua Street, P.M. 697; F. E. Morris, 51; W. Beasley, 1524; R. C. Pollard, 1799; E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133; W. J. London, 1339; J. Hanly, 51; W. Wood, 276; R. Ford, 697; W. S. Ling, P.M. 433; J. T. Bailey, J.W. 697; John Howe, 697; J. Coates, 1312; W. Carter, 1799; F. Wallis, 1799; A. G. Rickarby, W.M. 1799; S. Munson, Tyler 51; Henry Hart, Tyler 2063; and C. Jolly, 913, J.W. 1472 (Freemason).

The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where over 100 sat down to banquet, elegantly served by the host, Bro. Wallis. The new Worshipful Master presided in a most genial and happy manner, and he was supported on his right and left by the R.W.P.G.M., V.W.D.P.G.M., and a distinguished array of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft." Sir John said it was a great many years since he gave the toast of the Queen from the chair of a lodge, and therefore it was with the greatest pleasure he gave it now. He believed the Queen had no more loyal subjects in her kingdom than the people of East Essex, and particularly the Freemasons of that district. (Applause.)

In giving "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Sir JOHN said he did not think it had ever been sufficiently appreciated what an enormous benefit it had been to Masonry that his Royal Highness should have accepted the high position that he did in the Craft. But the Prince of Wales had for them a local interest, because the lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea, which had already done such excellent service—(applause)—was one of those presented by the Freemasons of England as a thank-offering for the safe return of his Royal Highness from his tour in India. (Applause.)

Both toasts were drunk with much enthusiasm, Bro. Sparling singing the National Anthem, and Bro. Turner "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge," specially alluding to the fact that Lord Lathom had twice done signal service for Freemasonry

in that neighbourhood, as his lordship launched the lifeboat to which allusion had already been made, and he also consecrated the Arnold Lodge in the neighbouring town of Walton.

Bro. CLARKE, P.G.P., suitably responded to the toast.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had now the extreme satisfaction of proposing "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke." (Loud applause.) He was not at all surprised at the enthusiasm with which the brethren had received the toast. Lord Brooke, ever since he was installed at Colchester by the Duke of Albany, had evinced the deepest interest in Freemasonry. (Applause.) It might be truly said that he had considerable influence in promoting the increase of Masonry within this province. (Applause.) I learn (continued Sir John) that this is the fourth lodge that has been consecrated during his term of office, and in two of the cases his lordship has personally performed the ceremony. (Hear, hear.) There is no doubt, therefore, that since Lord Brooke was installed the Craft has steadily increased. (Applause.) It also shows the great interest and influence Lord Brooke wields in Freemasonry, that at the recent Festival of the Girls' School the almost unprecedented sum of £13,000 was subscribed by the Craft, of which not less than £1000 came from the Province of Essex. (Applause.) But I may now come to matters which have happened to-day. In lodge I have endeavoured feebly to express the thanks we all feel we owe to Lord Brooke, not only as a high official, but personally for coming amongst us. (Applause.) I can only repeat what I then said—that we are all extremely delighted at the manner in which his lordship performed the ceremony—it was extremely ably and well done. (Applause.) On behalf of every member of the lodge, and the province generally, I am sure I can wish his lordship hearty good health.

The toast was drunk amid loud cheers, which were heartily renewed upon Lord BROOKE rising to return thanks. His lordship said he was quite overpowered with emotion at the cordial and hearty reception they had given their Provincial Grand Master on this occasion. He assured them that he felt he had the strongest and the deepest ties connecting him with the county of Essex and with the Masonic brethren of this province. (Applause.) And he could only feel that the kind words which had been uttered by their Master were words which he felt he had hardly as yet earned, but which he hoped, in the course of time, he might earn to the very fullest extent. It was, unfortunately, impossible for him to be amongst them so often as he would wish, but it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be sitting on the right of his worthy friend, their Worshipful Master. He wished him most sincerely many happy days of office in this place. (Applause.) He might say that he thought it was one of the principal merits of Freemasonry that after one had been night after night in the House of Commons, where so many hard words were now said, one came down to the peace and harmony of a Mason's lodge, and to one of these meetings, where they dropped entirely political questions, but where the one great thought was that of emulation—the intense wish to do good to our fellow creatures in every possible way. (Loud applause.) Whilst these banquets were very enjoyable, they were not the primary objects of Freemasonry. (Applause.) They had to look back upon a great past, and if he might speak of that lifeboat of which mention had been made, it was to such ceremonies they had to look back upon. (Applause.) It was with great pleasure he learnt that there was to be another ceremony of the same nature in the immediate neighbourhood in the course of the next few days; and greatly regretted that a previous engagement would prevent his being present. I do, concluded his lordship, most earnestly ask you to put up with my shortcomings, for I know they are many. Whenever it is possible for me to be present at your meetings, I will do so—(applause)—and I trust this may not be the last time I may be at Clacton-on-Sea. (Long continued applause.)

The W.M. then gave "The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Applause.) He could truly say that for the past six or seven years, since Bro. Philbrick was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Masonry had received very great advantages at his hands. (Much applause.) Bro. Philbrick was not only an old Mason, but he had taken great pains to perfect himself until he had reached a position which very few men could aspire to; and there was no doubt his knowledge of Masonry had influenced Grand Lodge in giving him one of the most important appointments it was in the power of Masonry to confer—he alluded to that of Grand Registrar of England. (Much applause.) He had already alluded to the admirable manner in which Bro. Philbrick had performed the office with which he had been entrusted that day, and everyone he (Sir John) had spoken to since had endorsed his opinion, and had expressed the same admiration for the V.W. brother. (Much applause.)

V.W. Bro. PHILBRICK, who was received in a very hearty manner, returned thanks in an eloquent speech. He expressed the great pleasure he felt that the cause of Masonry was advancing, and that a new addition had been made to the roll of lodges in the province. (Applause.) And although the consecration of a new lodge might mean that some of the members would not be so constant in their attendance at other lodges, yet it formed a new point of attraction, and brought an element of strength to the Craft. (Applause.) It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure that he saw the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge inaugurated, because they felt that the ship they had just launched was a well-built ship. (Applause.) They hoped that no unpropitious gale would fill her sails, but if it did, there were brave-hearted mariners aboard her who knew how to handle the Craft. (Applause.) Bro. Philbrick went on to speak of the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, upon which Masonry is founded, and which, through dark and evil times, as well as in prosperity, had had such power to bind together man and man. (Loud applause.)

Lord BROOKE said the next toast he had to propose was one which, he was sure, would be received by all present with a great deal of enthusiasm, and, although he feared he could not do justice to it in eloquent terms, the excellence of the toast would be a sufficient apology. He alluded to "The Health of their Worshipful Master." (Much applause.) It was only a few minutes since that he was talking to his Brother Sir John Johnson about his past Masonic career, and found that he was Master of a lodge in 1854. (Applause.) It was a great thing to think that a man like Sir John Johnson had always so much at heart the interests of Freemasonry; and although or a time he had dropped his Masonic pursuits, he had now taken them up again with greatest fervour and facility, and with the greatest pleasure to all those who listened to him; and, further, with the assurance that he would bring success to the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. (Applause.) It was a great pleasure to him (Lord Brooke) to consecrate this lodge to-day, and he hoped that the future of the lodge might be as happy and prosperous as its commencement had been.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, whose rising was the signal for renewed applause, said he rose with the consciousness that he was about to undertake the most difficult task that he had ever had to perform, namely, to return thanks for the first time, as Master of this lodge, for the kind way in which his health had been received. And in the very first place he must offer his most sincere thanks to his noble friend and brother for the extremely flattering manner in which his lordship had alluded to himself. This occasion recalled to his (the W.M.'s) mind many sweet and bitter memories. His noble brother had already let them into the secret that he was a very old Mason. He was initiated as long ago as 1850, and he passed out of his first chair in 1854. (Applause.) He then for some few years was a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, and had the honour of passing through the several offices in that lodge, and the very high honour of becoming its W.M. (Applause.) He left that chair something like 12 or 14 years ago, and had since then been relegated to the dignity but not very active life of a Past Master. (Hear, hear.) Then when the most overwhelming calamity of his life came two years ago—here Sir John betrayed signs of deep emotion—he felt that it was impossible for him any longer to remain in that lodge, and moreover he thought that he could never be induced to take any part in Masonry again. However, when a deputation waited upon him and preferred the very flattering petition that a lodge might be established to be named the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge—a name with which so many memories in his life were associated—and that he should be the first Master of that lodge, his resolution was broken down and he consented to both requests. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Masonic Charities," which he highly eulogised as evidences to the outside world that Freemasons did something more than think about themselves and their own interests.

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who as usual, was warmly received, responded to the toast. In the course of an eloquent and interesting speech, Bro. Binckes said he felt a pride in the Institution which he represented, and he thought he was entitled to feel pride, for it was now one of the most flourishing Institutions in the country.—(Applause.) When he first became associated with it its income was £1600 a year. They now averaged £14,000 or £15,000 a year.—(Applause.)—Then, they had no home of their own, but in the course of a few years they felt able to set aside a sum of £15,000 to build new Schools. They had now expended £60,000 in Schools, in which they educated 215 sons of Masons—(much applause)—and they were about to spend £15,000 more in order that they might receive 50 more boys. (Renewed applause.) In conclusion, Bro. Binckes made an eloquent appeal to Masons to loyally help an Institution that was so well worthy of their support, in the service of which he had spent his Masonic life, and in the service of which he hoped he might die.—(Much applause.)

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and responded to by Bro. Surgeon-Major HELSHAM, W.M. 1803; "The Founders," proposed by V.W. Bro. PHILBRICK, and responded to by W. Bro. JOHN MANN, Treas., and Bro. F. J. NUNN, Secretary of the new lodge; "The Wardens and other Officers," proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. W. J. NUNN, S.W.; and the Tyler's toast.

The toasts were interspersed with some capital vocal music by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and Bland.

The lodge has been singularly fortunate as regards the furniture and appointments, nearly everything having been presented by the promoters and their friends. Sir John Johnson gave a handsome Master's chair, emblazoned with the St. Osyth's Priory Arms; while the two Wardens, Bros. Nunn and Young, present the chairs for their respective offices. The donors of the pedestals are Bros. T. D. Hayes, W. Wrench Towse, and W. T. Hook; while Bro. Fred. J. Nunn gives the side pedestals for the candlesticks, presented by Bro. Foxcroft. The working tools, which were specially made for the recent exhibition at Worcester, are the gift of Bro. F. Wallis, of the Royal Hotel; and Bro. F. Penfold contributes the handsome tracing boards. Gifts were also contributed by Bros. T. H. Baker, John Dean, John Mann, W. Cattermole, G. H. Riches, J. Toop, J. Ellis, C. Hempson, J. Phillips, the Arnold Lodge, H. Finer, P. B. Harris, H. Hart, W. Agate, J. Coates, J. Child, W. Wright, F. E. Morris, J. Church, C. E., H. W. Reed, Enoch Walter, H. W. Stevens, C. W. Hobson, G. Harrison, and George Kenning. The last-named brother's gift was a splendid banner, with the gateway of St. Osyth's Priory embroidered upon it. Bro. Kenning, it may be added, manufactured all the appointments of the lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, William-street, Woolwich, under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the R.W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. Grand Mark Master of Kent, assisted by Bros. J. G. Podovin, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; R. K. Miller, G.S.W.; H. Penfold, G.J.W.; A. Penfold, G.M.O.; J. Giesman-Chillingworth, G.S.O.; Rev. J. Branfill Harrison, M.A., G. Chap.; G. Page, G. Treas.; A. E-cott, G.R. of M.; T. Blamiers, G.D.C.; G. Spinks, G.A.D.C.; J. Hart, G. Std. Br.; C. Jolly, G. Org. (Freemason); C. V. Cotterell, G.I.G.; T. Ovenden and J. Taylor, G. Stwds.; and R. T. Rolfe, G. Tyler.

The Prov. G.M.M. having been duly saluted with the honours of seven, and the Deputy Prov. G.M.M. with five, Bro. G. KENNEDAY, Sec. 226, and P.P.G. Asst. Sec., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Baker, Prov. G. Sec., read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were passed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then rose and said that the end of his second term of office had nearly arrived, and instead of calling a meeting of emergency, as on the last occasion, he had been advised by Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary of England, to let the selection of a brother (to be recommended to the Grand Master of England) for the office he now held come before the present meeting. It was for them therefore to do so now, and that would be the next business before the lodge.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. PODOVIN, then proposed that Bro. Robinson be re-elected to the post of Grand Mark Master of the Province of Kent, for the ensuing three years, subject to the consent of the Grand Mark Master of England. He said it fell to his lot in 1879, on account of the illness of the then Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Sicklemore, to summons a meeting of the Grand Officers of Kent, and it was his privilege then to recommend that Bro. Robinson should preside over them, and that recommendation, endorsed by Provincial Grand Lodge, was gracefully acceded to by Grand Lodge. The term was for three years. In

1882 he again had the pleasure of recommending Bro. Robinson, and again he was accepted by Grand Lodge; and now that the term of his office was drawing to a close, he would again propose that Bro. Robinson, for whom they felt the greatest fraternal regard and reverence, should be their Prov. Grand Mark Master for another term of three years. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND SENIOR WARDEN briefly seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked them most heartily for their vote, and said it was a clear proof to him that they had confidence in him. He had spent a very happy five years with them, and hoped, if he was spared, to spend another term with them in perfect harmony and love.

The roll of the lodges was then called, and the various representatives answered to the call in their respective places. The names of the Prov. Grand Officers were then called over, and those present responded. Bro. G. Page was re-elected Treasurer, and returned thanks. The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. J. G. Podovin, P.M. 152...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
Rev. Hayman Cummings, I.P.M. 322	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M. 44	...	Prov. G.J.W.
G. W. Armstrong, S.W. 294	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Sydney Clarke, W.M. 44	...	Prov. G.S.O.
Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., M.O. 129	...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. Watson, W.M. 237 (by proxy)	...	Prov. G.M.O.
G. Page, P.M. 129	...	Prov. G. Treas.
R. T. Tatham, S.W. 255 (by proxy)...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
H. M. Baker, P.M. 152 (by proxy)...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
C. V. Cotterell, W.M. 322	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
F. Klatt, W.M. 266 (by proxy)	...	Prov. G.S.D.
S. Varren, I.P.M. 69	...	Prov. G.J.D.
W. T. Carpenter, M.O. 6	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
H. T. Naylor, S.O. 262 (by proxy)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. Wood, S.O. 237	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Turnell, J.D. 226 (by proxy)	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
J. Pilton, S.D. 226	...	Prov. G.A. Std. B.
T. F. Pitcher, Sec. 237	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. G. Whiteheart, D.C. 226; Bro. F. Wood,	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
W.M. 309; and Bro. E. Denton, S.O. 44	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. R. Ford, J.W. 255	...	

The D.P.G.M. was then saluted with the honour of five, and the newly-installed officers with three. Bros. F. Hughes-Hallett, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W. Kent, and W. T. Harrison, P.M. 129, P.G.S.O. Kent, were re-elected Auditors; and the P.G.M. appointed Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.M. 129, P.P. G.S.W. Kent, to represent him on the Audit. Bros. Fenn, Lukey, Terson, and Smith, the latter W.M., and the others Past Masters of No. 152, were re-elected a Committee of General Purposes. Twenty guineas were then voted to the list of Bro. Cummings, who stands Steward at the next Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and then Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was admirably served by Bro. W. Moulder. Among the other brethren present, and not above enumerated, were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 266, P.P.G.; A. Spears, P.M. 6, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, P.G.J.D. Grand Lodge; Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. 44, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; J. Bush, W.M. 69; T. Holleyman, W.M. 226, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; G. Spinks, S.W. 226, P.P. G.A.D.C. Kent; A. H. Bateman, S.W. 309; S. Miller, S.W. 83; W. Moulds, J.O. 226, P.P.G.I.G. Kent; W. T. Carpenter, M.O. 6, P.P.G. St. Br. Kent; W. H. Popplestone, 226; J. Aillud, 226; M. McInerney, 226; W. Tomlinson, S.O. 322; C. Cooke, M.O. 322; G. Chiswick, S.D. 294; A. Tomms, 44; J. Birch, I.G. 44; G. Risch, J.W. 44; W. Wray, 226; E. Binstead, 322; E. West, 226; G. Nichols, 226; and F. G. Nichols, S.D. 44.

The usual loyal toasts being duly honoured, that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Grand Mark Master of England," was put by Bro. Robinson in stirring terms. He said in Lord Kintore they had the first Scotch nobleman who had ever presided over Grand Lodge, although Scotland held out a hand to them, and recognised them when they were repudiated by the Grand Craft Lodge of England. When Scotland recognised them, others began to, and then others, until, as Hughan, the great Masonic historian, said "Mark Masonry was making a great noise in the world, and had 150,000 members in its ranks." All honour then to Scotch Masonry, and all honour to Lord Kintore, might he have a prosperous year of office, and health and strength to carry out the high duties entrusted to him.

"The Health of the Past Grand Master" followed, and the P.G.M., in putting it, said the past year had been a memorable one through the accession to office of Lord Kintore on the one hand, and on the other by the untimely and lamented death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He alluded in eloquent terms to the great services rendered by Past Grand Masters Lord Henniker and Portall (a brother clergyman of his), and as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was a P.G.M., and the day previous was his birthday, he would ask them to drink the toast with especial heartiness, and wish their distinguished brother and his colleagues many years of health and happiness.

Bro. PAGE having briefly responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge,"

Bro. COUPLAND proposed the toast of "Bro. Robinson, P.G.M.M. of Kent," and expressed the pleasure felt by the brethren at the prospect of having Bro. Robinson as their P.G.M. for another term of office. He did not know how any other conclusion could have been arrived at, for, known as Bro. Robinson was all over the world for his grand efforts in the cause of Masonry, and his vast knowledge of its history and working, it was a high honour to them to have him for their P.G.M.

Bro. ROBINSON, who on rising to respond, was met with rounds of cheering, said he had more to say to them than he otherwise should have had had their D.P.G.M. been present. In the first place he must thank them for nominating him as their P.G.M. It was, in their degree, like a people nominating their Sovereign, and was an honour no one could be born to, as it could only be achieved by the consent of the brethren of the province, and as such he thanked them for their courtesy and kindness. Now for a few statistics—a very dry subject—yet a necessary one. There had been 638 members registered since the formation of Provincial Grand Lodge in 1872. They had now 380 members, less 18, belonging to more than one lodge; making an actual total of 364 good, on the register of Prov. Grand Lodge. Most of them knew that the Service Lodge was composed of members who were being continually sent to all parts of the world, and their strength varied accordingly. The strongest lodge was No. 237,

who returned 46 members, and then came No. 226, with 45 members, while others had very few members. He was happy to say that perfect harmony reigned in the province. (Applause.)

Bro. CUMMINGS responded eloquently for "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and for "The Charities."

Bro. CLARKE responded for "The Receiving Lodge."

Several personal toasts followed, and the singing, accompanied by Bro. F. Nichols, was much enjoyed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lincolnshire was held at Gainsbro' on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, was supported by about 50 brethren from John O' Gaunt (Gainsbro'), Remigius (Lincoln), Sutcliffe (Grimsby), and St. Wilford (Alford). The R.W. Prov. Grand Master invested his officers as follows:—

Bro. C. F. Leversidge, 172	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Wm. Ramforth, jun., 117	...	Prov. G.J.W.
T. C. Hill	...	Prov. G.M.O.
John Marner	...	Prov. G.S.O.
W. E. Howlett	...	Prov. G.J.O.
F. C. Ramshaw	...	Prov. G. Chap.
C. Scorer	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Charles Smyth	...	Prov. G. Reg.
W. F. Morton	...	Prov. G. Sec.
S. G. Dashper	...	Prov. G.S.D.
T. G. Tupholme	...	Prov. G.J.D.
W. H. Roberts	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. Mason	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. Scorer	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
F. Baines	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
R. J. Tonge	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
James Dawson	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Jekyll	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Wright	...	
E. P. Dalton	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. Gait	...	
W. Lancaster	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The usual business of Provincial Grand Lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel and partook of a sumptuous repast under the presidency of the R.W.G.M. The banquet was well served and the wines were of the highest quality. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. C. F. LIVERSIDGE, S.W., proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.," speaking highly of his generosity and qualifications.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, who met with a most enthusiastic reception, attributed any success he might have attained to the co-operation of the officers and brethren.

Bro. HENDERSON BATES responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers," and Bro. ALFRED KIRK for "The W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the Province of Lincolnshire."

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex, held his first Grand Chapter on Wednesday last at Southend, under the auspices of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, the companions of which had made excellent arrangements for the occasion. The chief business of the day was to receive a report from the Committee appointed last year to frame bye-laws for the province, which came up in the form of draft bye-laws. These were read "seriatim" by the Prov. G.S.E., and, with a few additions and amendments, passed. The Prov. Grand Officers were invested as follows:

Comp. The Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.Z. and S.E. 276...	...	Prov. G.H.
E. E. Phillips, P.Z. and S.E. 1000...	...	Prov. G.J.
T. J. Ralling, P.Z. and S.E. 51	...	Prov. G.S.E.
F. Wood, Z. 1000	...	Prov. G.S.N.
G. F. Jones, P.Z. 1000...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
W. Sowman, H. 51	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.Z. 1000	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
Andrew Durrant, P.Z. 276	...	Prov. G. Treas.
F. Adlard, P.Z. 214	...	Prov. G. Reg.
A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000	...	Prov. G.D.C.
J. J. C. Turner, J. 51	...	Prov. G. Org.
A. W. Martin, 1000	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent addressed the companions, congratulating them upon the flourishing state of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the Steward of the Priory Lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the companions dined together at the Middleton Hotel.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HAVERS.

At a meeting of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, held on Thursday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, B.A., Q.C., G. Reg., the following resolution was moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. Dr. ALFRED MEADOWS, J.P., and unanimously carried: "That this lodge desires to place on record the expression of its sincere regret at the decease of one of its first members, the late Bro. John Havers, Fellow Royal College of Surgeons England, and to express its sense of the great loss which English Freemasonry has sustained by the removal of one of its most able and zealous supporters."

At the close of the meeting, Professor Bro. J. CURNOW, M.D., called attention to the circumstances attending the sad death of the late Dr. Rabbeth, a distinguished graduate of the University, through his self-devotion in endeavouring to save the life of a child-patient; and the members present made a substantial addition to the fund now being raised for the purpose of establishing in the University a gold medal in honour of his heroism, and to perpetuate his memory.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, President, James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, F. R. Spaul, Thos. Cull, Henry Garrod, H. McPherson, Charles Dairy, W. Mann, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, G. P. Britten, J. H. Matthews, Edwin M. Lott, Geo. P. Gillard, James S. Eastes, Edw. F. Storr, Edgar Bowyer, Griffiths Smith, A. G. Fidler, Charles J. Rich, James Abbott, W. P. Brown, George Read, Thos. R. Hayes, J. Edmeston, F. Robinson, J. G. Langdon, David D. Huson, J. F. Wallis, T. W. Ockenden, Fredk. T. C. Keeble, F. Hilton, R. J. Taylor, H. Massey, John G. Horsey, J. Smith, W.M. 45; Geo. Bean, J. Bourdeaux, John W. Mash, T. Underwood, James Willing, G. Wale, G. T. Brown, R. A. Steel, J. W. Hiscox, Chas. Kempton, Geo. A. Cordroy, E. Powell, W. Lake, J. Westorly, L. E. Gordon Robbins, W. Medwin, T. Gordon, Charles Belton, A. Nicols, W. T. Alinson, Thos. Minstrell, Fredk. Green, W. F. A. Norris, W. Beavis, John Reid, Walter Hopekirk, Thos. Clark, G. T. Webling, W. Henry Harris, Robt. M. Sutton, Joseph Penney, John A. Stock, W. M. Foxcroft, W. Norris, J. C. Humphreys, W. W. Morgan, G. H. Eastes, Henry George, Dick Radclyffe, John Coe, Hy. Davis, Charles Hawkesley, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper for Grand Lodge of 3rd December was submitted. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren confirmed recommendations made at the Board of Benevolence of October, amounting to £140. The new list contained the names of 45 petitioners. Of these six were deferred and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £710. This was made up of one £50 grant, three grants of £40 each, six of £30 each, eight of £20 each, five of £15 each, eleven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., Dr. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, East Croydon, and who has recently returned from America after an absence of nine weeks, invited the residents and friends to a most delightful entertainment at the Hall, consisting of an account of his travels, &c., commencing from his departure from Liverpool in the steam ship Vancouver, over 5000 tons burden, to his return to Liverpool. His lecture, with humorous anecdotes and Yankee mannerisms, descriptions of scenery, with views and photos of different places he had visited, afforded great amusement and instruction to about sixty ladies and gentlemen. Dr. Strong, who, as well as his talented daughter, is a proficient on the violin, kindly assisted by Mrs. Strong and her daughter, Miss Owen, on the piano (the latter lady singing some beautiful songs), and Mr. Owen on the violoncello, discoursed some beautiful music at intervals, affording to all a most enjoyable three hours' amusement. Votes of thanks were most cordially given to Dr. Strong and his talented family, and to Miss Norris, the Matron, for her excellent arrangements for the comfort of all present.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A preliminary meeting with the object of making arrangements for the annual festival and ball in Liverpool in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 14th inst. There was a very large and influential gathering of Masonic chiefs, presided over by Bro. Thomas Whitehead, P.M. 241.

Bro. R. MARTIN, P.G. Treas., one of the Hon. Secs. of the Charity, read the circular convening the meeting, which contained the following resolution, passed at the last Court of Governors: "That the annual festival and ball in aid of the funds of the Institution be held in Liverpool in January, 1885, and that the W.M.'s of lodges, First Principals of chapters, E.C. of Knight Templar Encampments, the W.M.'s of lodges of Mark Masons, Sovereigns of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Rose Croix, meeting in the Province of West Lancashire, with the members of the General Committee, constitute the Ball Committee, with power to add to their number."

Bro. Councillor T. W. Oakshott, 680, was unanimously elected Chairman of the General Ball Committee; Bro. T. Whitehead was appointed the Vice-Chairman; Bros. J. Beesley, P.G.S., P.M. 823, Hon. Treasurer, and Simon Jude, Sec. 241, the Hon. Secretary of the Committee. It was further resolved that the festival and ball should be held at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday in January next, subject to the approval of the City Council and the convenience of his Worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman David Radcliffe).

PRESENTATION TO BRO. EDWIN BARE, P.M., PRECEPTOR OF THE GUELPH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1685.

On Thursday evening, the 13th inst., a large number of Freemasons assembled at the Town Hall, Leyton, for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. Edwin Bare, who was first Worshipful Master and one of the founders of the Guelph Lodge, 1685, and who had honourably and faithfully filled other offices in Masonic lodges. The presentation took the form of a purse containing 35 guineas and a handsomely illuminated testimonial, on which was engraved the following inscription:—"To Bro. Edwin Bare, P.M., and one of the founders of the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, P.M. of the Leyspring Lodge, No. 1598, and Preceptor of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction,—Worshipful and eminent brother, your valuable services to Freemasonry in the large district of Leyton by founding the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, and accepting the onerous and important duties of Preceptor, which you have discharged for more than four years with marked ability and untiring assiduity; your zeal and influence in inspiring the members of the

Craft with an earnest desire to make themselves acquainted with the tenets of the Order, to work the various degrees and ceremonies with accuracy and impressiveness; and above all, your own bright example of what a Mason should be in a lodge as well as out of it, courteous in manner and kindly in disposition, have commended and endeared you to the hearts of all the members with whom you have come in contact, and as a token of their admiration of your sound, accurate, and brilliant working, and of their great appreciation of your estimable character as a brother, they beg your acceptance of this address and of the accompanying purse of 35 guineas, praying that the Most High may long spare a life of such usefulness and honour to the Craft." This was signed on behalf of 52 subscribers by the members of the Committee, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Bro. James Gallaher, P.M. Beacontree, No. 1228, occupied the chair, and in making the presentation gave a short historical sketch of Freemasonry, after which he paid a high compliment to Bro. Bare for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled his duties as Preceptor of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Bare having suitably acknowledged the gift, and the handsome terms in which it had been presented to him, the proceedings terminated.

BANQUET OF THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

A grand banquet was given by this lodge at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. George Lambert, W.M., F.S.A., P.G. Swd. Br., P.M. 198, 503, 1964. The election meeting of the lodge had taken place the preceding evening, when Captain Probyn was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The dinner was given to commemorate the successful year which the lodge had enjoyed under the Mastership of Bro. George Lambert, and the Grand Officers, the members of Bro. Lambert's lodges, and of the Pattenmakers' Company, of which Bro. Lambert is Master, assembled in large numbers to do honour to the occasion. Among these were Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; W. Penrose, G.L. Ireland; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; G. H. Sandeman, P.G.D.; Baron A. de Ferrieres, G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.G.D.; R. Hervé Giraud, P.G.D.; Col. Bramble, G. Mickleby, C. F. Matier, J. S. Peirce, B. Baker, Rev. G. Huntington, C. A. Murton, George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; J. L. Mather, Sir J. Robinson, F. West, C. Tyler, J. E. Anderson, H. Garrod, W. G. Sutton, R. Cutler, T. Archer, Reg. A. Roumieu, J. Willing, jun., N. Green, H. Shoppee, P. G. Goldney, F. Smith, C. H. Driver, F. T. Peacock, A. A. Pendlebury, A. G. Browning, H. M. Levy, Rev. Dr. Hirsch, F. Smith, A. Dashwood, E. F. Storr, M. Raggi, H. Massey, T. C. Walls, Lieut.-Col. Adams, F. W. Lee, A. J. Berry, J. H. Hoyt, W. H. Lee, H. Sadler, C. J. Fox, Woodruff, F. Davison, W. Morris, F. J. Chambers, Rev. H. J. Hatch, and E. Norris.

The following lodges, &c., were also represented:— Clerkenwell Lodge: Bros. James Terry, Rev. J. H. Rose, W. Bellingham, — Bowyer, jun., K. Rolfe, and J. G. Goode.

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Old Dundee Lodge: Bro. S. S. Hasluck. The evening was a most delightful one. The Venetian Room of the Holborn Restaurant was beautifully decorated, and the dinner was admirably served. The speeches were short, but were directed to the prosperity of the lodge and to the popularity of the Queen's Westminster Volunteer corps. The Grand Officers obtained a most hearty reception, and their toast was responded to by Bro. H. D. Sandeman. Sir John Robinson and Col. Penrose responded as Visitors to that toast, in which Bro. Lambert referred to the excellent imitation which the Irish Freemasons were making of the English Masonic Charities by establishing similar institutions in Dublin. Sir John Robinson and Col. Penrose stated that they felt flattered by the allusion which had been made to the Masonic Schools in Ireland, and assured English brethren that they were endeavouring to carry out in the sister island the principles of Masonry as inculcated by the English Order. Bros. Terry and Binckes responded to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions." Bro. C. W. Thompson proposed "The Health of Bro. G. Lambert, W.M.," on whom he bestowed unlimited praise as a Mason, a citizen, a Master of a City company, a friend, a brother, and a man. Bro. Lambert responded. Capt. Probyn responded to the toast of "The W.M. Elect." The other toasts were "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge," "The Pattenmakers' Company," and "Our Sisters, the Ladies." An excellent selection of music was performed between the toasts, under the direction of Miss Mary Belval, by Miss Kate Flinn, Miss Mary Belval, Mr. Selwyn Graham, and Mr. J. T. Hutchinson. Miss Marian Weaver and Mr. F. R. Kinkeed also assisted at the pianoforte.

Messrs. Smith, Elder, and Co. propose issuing in January, the first volume of their "Dictionary of National Biography." The publishers hope to complete the work by the end of the century.

THE LATE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

On Friday afternoon, the 14th inst., a special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, for the purpose of considering and passing a resolution of condolence with the Marchioness of Londonderry consequent upon the decease of the Most Honourable Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Deputy P.G.M., acted as P.G.M.; Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G.W., acted as Deputy P.G.M. The other officers present were Bros. J. W. Barnes, P.G.S.W.; J. Wood, acting P.G. J.W.; Rev. J. Lawson and Rev. D. W. James, P.G. Chaps.; B. Boulton, P.G. Treas.; T. M. Barron, P.G.R.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.; W. C. Blackett and T. Walton, P.G.S.D.; J. C. Moor and F. Bennett, P.G. J.D.; E. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; J. J. Clay, Dep. P.G. D. of C.; H. W. Emerson, Asst. P.G.D. of C.; S. Fenny and W. Gray, P.G. Std. Brs.; D. Whitehead, P.G. Org.; T. Bradley, P.G. Asst. Sec.; J. F. Wilson and W. H. Turner, P.G.P.; the Rev. Canon Cundill, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Maddison, P.P.G.R.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.I.D.; J. Graham, P.P.G.R.; W. Donkin, P.P.G.P.; R. Half-night, P.G.P.; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P.; K. Curry, P.G.T.; B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G. S.B.; J. Trotter, P.P.G.J.W.; C. R. Fry, P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Brignal, P.P.G.R.; W. C. Harris, P.G.C.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.S.B.; G. R. Bulman, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; T. Bell, P.P.G.S.D.; C. McNamara, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Jones, P.P.G.R.; Rev. W. Coulson, W. Barlow, F. West, J. Doherty, and J. A. Rainbow, P.G. Stwds. Among those present were Bros. J. Probert, P.M. 424; G. Bailes, P.M. 1334; S. Chadwick, W.M. 1643; J. F. Hiller, W.M. 1334; A. Carr, W.M. 124; J. Sewell, P.M. 124; J. Richardson, P.M. 661; the Rev. W. Duncombe Shafto, T. Hinks, W.M. 249; S. Houldsworth, W.M. 2019; Edward Atkinson, W.M. 661; W. Logan, J.W. 124; J. E. Nelson, W.M. 80; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; and others.

The Acting P.G.M. (Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart.) said the last time he had the honour of presiding over that lodge in that room they met under similar circumstances. They then had to deplore the loss of one who for many years had been the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett; now they had to deplore the loss of their Provincial Grand Master. They had not only lost a good Freemason, but one who was a very good man, and placed by circumstances in one of the highest positions in this realm, and they knew how well he performed the duties of that exalted position. It was not very long since he was thanked by the Right Rev. Prelate the Lord Bishop of Durham for the kindness with which he advocated all good and proper undertakings in the county. The speaker also alluded to the great interest the Marquis of Londonderry had taken in the Volunteer Artillery, and the sympathy his lordship, Lady Londonderry, and the family had manifested towards the widows and families who lost their husbands and parents in the sad disaster at Seaham Colliery. They had met that day to present an address of condolence to the family of Lord Londonderry, their Provincial Grand Master, and he had no doubt every one present felt the loss they had sustained.

Bro. the Rev. Canon CUNDILL proposed that the following address of condolence be sent to Lady Londonderry:—

"To the Most Hon. the Marchioness of Londonderry:—

"Madam,—We, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, beg to express our deep sorrow at the bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Ruler of the Universe to visit you in the sad and sudden death of your beloved husband, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, our esteemed and lamented Provincial Grand Master, and to offer you and each of the members of your family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with your sorrows.

"As Masons, we mourn the loss from our Order of a distinguished and true-hearted Brother, who by his earnest recognition of the important duties attaching to his exalted office, by the zeal and fidelity with which he endeavoured to discharge those duties, by his great personal kindness, and, beyond all, by his constant, unweary, and unremitting efforts to promote the interests and advance the welfare and prosperity of the Craft in this province, attained in a high degree the confidence, affection, esteem, and regard of every member of the Fraternity.

"We venture, therefore, most respectfully to offer our sincere condolence and sympathy, and pray earnestly that the Great Architect of the Universe may support, strengthen, and comfort you and each of the members of your family in this trying hour of your great grief and affliction.

(Signed) "HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON,
"Deputy Prov. Grand Master Durham.
"R. HUDSON, Prov. G. Secretary.
"Espécial Provincial Grand Lodge,
"Freemasons' Hall, Durham,
"November 14th, 1884."

Bro. E. E. DAVIS seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM moved, and Bro. B. LEVY seconded, the following resolution, which was also carried:

"That the melancholy duty has devolved on this Provincial Grand Lodge of recording the decease of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, which took place on Wednesday, the 5th November last, at Plas Machynlleth. The late marquis was appointed Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in March, 1880, was installed on the 12th of October in the same year, and ruled the Craft in this province with zeal and fidelity up to the time of his death, esteemed and respected by the whole of the Masonic body. The Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express the great grief which the Fraternity entertain at the loss they have experienced, and to record their sense of the great worth of the late Marquis of Londonderry in every relation of life."

The proceedings then terminated, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form.

According to the City Press, the response which is being made to the proposal to present a testimonial to Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., in recognition of his services as Lord Mayor during the past year, is a very hearty one.

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On **WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1885,**

Upon which occasion the
Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart., M.P.,
R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire,
Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the Funds of the Institution, which were never so much needed as at the present time.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Of the Lodge will take place
AT FREEMASONS' HALL,
On **FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 1884,**
On which occasion

BRO. ALDERMAN FOWLER, M.P. (Late Lord Mayor),
Junior Grand Warden,
Has kindly consented to preside,

The Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock p.m. precisely.

The First Lecture will be worked :—

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| 1st Section by Bro. W. Hicklin, W.M. 1261 |
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To Correspondents.

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

CRAFT LODGES—Medina, 35; City of London, 901;
Sphinx, 1329; Eboracum Lodge, 1611.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Faith, 141; Hyde Park, 1424.
MARK LODGES—Old Kent (T.I.); St. Mark's, No. 1;
Brixton, 234.

CORRESPONDENCE—Bro. Brackstone Baker; Temperance
Lodges; Rob. Morris; An old Mason; Hughan
Testimonial; J. Chapman.

Faith Lodge of Instruction Banquet.
Consecration of a New Masonic Hall at Mountmellick.
Some Ancient York Masons and their Early Haunts.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Freemasons' Repository," "Sunday Times," "Jewish Chronicle,"
"Keystone," "La Chaine d'Union," "Die Bauhütte,"
"Our Old Nobility," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen,"
"The Court Rolls of the Borough of Paington, Devon," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "Court Circular," "Information for the Members of
the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," "Sunday Times"
(New York), "Freemason" (Christchurch), "Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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.]

**THE WORCESTER MASONIC EXHIBITION
CATALOGUE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If I did not know how generally indifferent the
great majority of the members of our Craft are to Masonic
literature, and indeed to almost everything that is outside
the absolutely necessary work of the lodge and its sub-
sequent entertainment, I should have felt more surprised
than I did on seeing an intimation in print to the effect
that the only edition published, or to be published, of the
catalogue of Masonic exhibits at the late soirée and sub-
sequent Exhibition at Worcester in August last, is not yet
exhausted. It appears that a loss will accrue to several
worth, brethren if the remaining copies should not be dis-
posed of and if such becomes a fact it will reflect discredit
upon all who affect an interest in Masonic work and yet
refrain from rendering assistance.

The catalogue is an admirable record of Masonic
antiquities, compiled at the expense of much labour by the
Prov. Grand Secretary for Worcestershire (W. Bro. Geo.
Taylor), and fully annotated by our eminent Masonic
historian, Bro. Hughan. It is handsomely bound, and full
of valuable information in respect of nearly 1200 interesting
exhibits, and is not only a work of importance for present
reference, but will certainly become in the future a *libre
d'or* without which no Freemason's library will be complete.

I am informed that the remaining copies of this most
useful work are offered to the Craft at the cost price of two
shillings per copy only. Now, setting aside the obligation
on the part of all true Freemasons to "support laudable
undertakings," and merely looking at the matter as a
question of kind consideration for the voluntary and un-
paid services of devoted brethren, ought we to forego the
opportunity for becoming possessors of what is even now
worth more than the price named, and will certainly grow
into much greater value?

If the brethren will take a hint from one who acknow-
ledges that he may be sometimes intrusive, but even when
so has the welfare of the Craft and the individual interest
of its members at heart, and send a postal order for two

shillings to Bro. George Taylor, Summerdyne, Kidder-
minster, for the copy of the work, I'll answer for it they
will never blame the adviser.—Yours faithfully and
fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS,
Clapham, Nov. 17th, 1884. P.M., P.Z.

CONSECRATION—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Past Master of the English Constitution and
a subscriber to your excellent paper, will you kindly decide
a question which has arisen through the word "consecra-
tion" being omitted from the revised edition of the Book
of Constitutions? The authorised edition, issued 1873,
states that "The following is the manner of constituting a
new lodge according to the ancient usage of Masons."

"The lodge is then consecrated according
to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions; but not
proper to be written, and the Grand Master constitutes the
lodge in ancient form." Grand Secretary, Bro. J. Hervey,
in an addenda and corrigenda states "that no meeting as
a lodge can be held by the petitioners until the lodge has
been duly consecrated and the Master designate installed.
No dispensation can be granted to supersede these regula-
tions."

The revised edition states that "In order to avoid irregu-
larities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted"—
no mention is made of consecration.

Question A.—Is the consecration of a lodge necessary
for the legality of its constitution?

Question B.—What is a lodge?

This very simple question has divided us into antagonistic
triads—

1 Considers that a "lodge" is the building in which
Masonic meetings are held. When the building has been
once consecrated, it is quite unnecessary to go through the
ceremony again. It is "the lodge," no matter how many
separate and distinct warrants may be worked under its
roof.

2 Argues that a lodge consists of its members, as with a
place of worship the congregation constitutes the church,
not the building in which they assemble; or with an
academy, a building without scholars is no academy.

3 Is an old-fashioned party, and support their views by
Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry." This great autho-
rity of his day states that "the Grand Master and his
officers, accompanied by some dignified clergyman, having
taken their station, and the lodge, which is placed in the
centre, being covered with white satin, the ceremony of
consecration commences. . . . The lodges being
then uncovered, the first clause of the consecration prayer
is rehearsed, &c. The above ceremony being finished, the
Grand Master advances to the pedestal and constitutes the
new lodge."

The great distance we are from the Grand Lodge of Eng-
land, and our lamentable want of knowledge upon Masonic
forms, customs, and ceremonies, will, I am sure, excuse my
troubling you upon what appears to us a serious difference
of opinion, more particularly as Masonry is in a very un-
settled condition at this time in the colony.—Yours frater-
nally,
P.M. E.C., Victoria.

Melbourne, October 8th.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Here in the past three years, out of a score of
applicants for relief, there was but one whom inquiry showed
to have anything like a decent claim. Some were rank
impostors—all were vagrants. It is high time that Masonic
mendicancy was sharply checked. These tramps are a
discredit to the Fraternity and make a living out of what
would or ought to be applied to deserving objects.

I hope Bro. Stevens will be able to plan some workable
organization. My firm conviction is that not five in a
hundred of the claimants upon the Almoner's box are
worthy of even the very slightest help.—Yours fraternally,
JAS. EARDLEY MASON,
W.M. and Almoner, 1600.

Alford, 10th November, 1884.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read Bro. Hawkins's very sensible and able
letter in your issue of 27th September, and am sorry to find
it has not found a number of interested correspondents in
reply. As I do not myself profess to be an authority on the
ways and means of forming such an Association as is ad-
vocated by Bro. Hawkins, I had hoped, past experience
notwithstanding, that the little farthing rushlight once more
aglow would burn more brightly week by week, and that
some of our better informed London brethren would take
up this question and inform Bro. Hawkins—and through the
Freemason, me—how the thing is to be done. That it has
been tried before and failed is not a good enough reason
why it should again fail; but does not the want of interest
suggest the query why this much needed Association
appears again to have no chance of being formed? I think
the answer as it crosses my mind is perhaps as strong an
argument in favour of Bro. Hawkins's suggestion as I
can give.

There is at present a general indisposition amongst the
members of lodges to interest themselves in matters which
they think are of questionable utility. Some go so far as
to say that Freemasonry has gained nothing by these rest-
less investigators of the past—that as a matter of fact they
have proved a nuisance, destroying a very good (?) history,
and unable to supply the Craft with a better; that they now
do nothing but quarrel over the remains and expect their
brethren to do the applause.

Anyhow, these opinions are openly expressed; and the
cause is not difficult to find when we know that such ex-
pressions are the result of annoyance, and not by any
means to be attributed to superior knowledge. They are,
too, I am glad to say, invariably expressed "more in sorrow
than in anger."

So long as the present generation of Masons is bored in
the lodge on every possible pretext and opportunity by
learned disquisitions on Masonic Archæology—even if out
of respect for an otherwise sensible and highly esteemed
brother an audience may be found—all genuine interest in
such subjects is naturally deadened and often destroyed. In
my opinion, the lodge is not the proper place for those dis-
cussions, and further, a meeting of the members of such
an Association as Bro. Hawkins advocates is.

I sympathise (I had nearly written *condole*) with those
brethren who, having, it may be, a genuine attachment to
their lodge, and love for its legitimate work, but no natural
taste for antiquarian research, are expected to listen with
rapture and delight to a description of one of the ugliest
specimens of the potter's art ever seen—the latest "find."
It may have three handles, or two, perhaps only one—but
somehow Masonry will keep up its traditions, and they are
punch-bowls or loving-cups all the same. But let it be all
that is claimed for it on the score of antiquity, nay, rather
than have it broken on our somewhat hard head, we will
concede that one of the figures must be the Queen of
Sheba. I am not surprised that brethren should consider a
description of the tracing boards would be more profitable
study—at any rate, in the lodge.

There is a second "reason why" in the fact that a large
proportion of Masons do not know what is going on outside
their own lodge. This, however, is the old style and in
time will regulate itself.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY,

Nov. 17, 1884. P.M. 387, &c.

THE LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I readily and with pleasure reply to the query put
by our esteemed Bro. G. W. Speth through the *Freemason*
of 1st November.

In August, 1849, the widow of Dr. Charles Morison, of
Greenfield, in the county of Clackmannan, presented to the
Grand Lodge of Scotland a collection of Masonic books
and manuscripts, numbering upwards of 2000 volumes; in-
clusive of brochures and pamphlets. This collection em-
braces the books, rituals, and MSS. referred to as having
belonged to Thory. While I write I have before me Lenoir's
MS., entitled "Nouvelle Explication des Mysteres Anciens
et Modernes," and containing a portrait of the author; Le-
noir's "L'Antiquité de la Franche-Maçonnerie prouvée, par
l'explication des Mysteres d'Isis et de Ceres," Paris, 1818;
the Rite Hermetique in MS.; Société des Priseurs in MS.
(unique); and a number of pamphlets—Frederick the
Great giving public protection to Masonry, Berlin, 1774;
Masonic Festival in the Lodge Royal York, at Berlin, on
the King's Birthday, 1778; the Red Lodge Unveiled,
1790; the Secret Societies judged by Washington, 1794,
&c. There are also autograph letters of celebrated
Masons.

I am at present, in conjunction with my friend and
brother, Dr. John T. Loth, LL.D., engaged in preparing
a catalogue of Grand Lodge Library, and hope to have it
completed early next year.

D. MURRAY LYON,

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

November 17th.

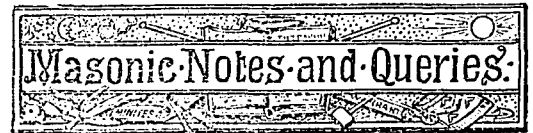
MASONIC PORTRAIT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I regret to say I have not yet succeeded in identi-
fying the portrait of the Provincial Grand Master mentioned
in your issues of the 1st and 8th instant.

For the information of "Masonic Portrait Collector," I
may state that it is *not* a portrait of the first Earl of Durham,
as I am perfectly familiar with the features of that noble-
man, who would have been a much younger man in 1818;
and, moreover, I have had a portrait of him in my possession
for some years past.—Yours fraternally, H. SADLER.



459] MASONIC JEWELRY AND INDIANS.

Referring to the interesting letter of Bro. B. P. Lascelles,
regarding imitations of Masonic jewelry found amongst the
Tuscarora Indians, I should suspect that at some earlier
period an unfortunate brother had fallen into their merciless
hands, and that some of his Masonic jewels have been
found by them. Many such articles must have been taken
by Indians in former years when they made their furious
raids upon outlying settlements; and these, as in the case
of the coins, &c., also named, have been admired and
imitated without any notion as to their meaning.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

460] A HEBREW GUILD OF MASONS.

Bro. C. Stanhope, P.G.C., in his able oration in the
Isle of Man, propounds the theory that there was in
Solomon's time certain Masonic Guilds, the precursors
of all similar subsequent bodies. Though, thus far, the
Hebrew evidences on the subject are not clear, there seems
to be a great probability that such was the case, the more
so as Artificer Guilds are known to have existed "tempore
Salomonis." The terms used in the Bible relating to the
Masons such as Menatchkim, Ghiblim or Gbalim, &c.,
&c., seem to be technical terms, of familiar use, and I
agree with Bro. Stanhope that not only is there nothing im-
probable in the assertion, but I also think that further
careful researches may educe Rabbinical recognition of such
peculiar words. It is too often assumed that we already
know all that needs be known, or is to be known, as to
Masonic archæology. Whereas, in my opinion, we only
resemble Newton's searcher on the sea shore "picking
up pebbles," and have still to confront great haze,
uncertainty, doubt, and difficulty, on many important
points, on which we should naturally wish to have clearer
light and fuller knowledge. But we are living in a very
conceited age, and such a fashionable way of thinking
reacts on Masonic studies.

MASONIC STUDENT.

People have been taking so much interest of late
in the doings of Freemasons, that we shall be excused for
pointing out, with a certain sense of pride, that there has
been a very considerable increase in the number of lodges
constituted by authority of the Grand Lodge of England.
According to the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and
Pocket Book for 1885," just published, there are now 2064
lodges on the roll of England, as against 2022 at the
corresponding period of 1884. This shows an addition of
no less than 42 lodges as affecting England only, to say
nothing of those added in other countries.



Craft Masonry.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—As is frequently the case on occasions which in most lodges are termed "off nights," a very pleasant meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. Barnett, W.M. For this particular lodge the attendance was small, and the business of the evening not too onerous. The duties, however, were admirably performed, not only by the W.M., but his officers, and even Bro. Ephraim Barnett, upon whom the Fellow Craft degree was conferred, gave promise of future distinction during his examination by the intelligent and impressive delivery of his replies to the usual questions. In pursuance of a notice of motion by the Treasurer, Bro. W. D. Bayley, P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The proceedings of the lodge being ended, and after the enjoyment of the ample spread, the W.M. gave the toast of "Loyalty to the Throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Craft," and permitted the assembly to indulge in exhaling the fumes of the fragrant weed, and at the same time enjoy the vocal entertainment to which Bro. Bayley, Tipper, and Thompson contributed, Bro. J. D. Barnett, P.M. and Organist, presiding at the piano. A most pathetic rendering of the "Charge of Balaclava," by Bro. Peartree, was very favourably received.

The toasts were few, and brief were the replies. The W.M. thought that Bro. Staley, I.P.M., had formed a too partial conception of his efforts, but if the brethren were satisfied he was amply repaid. The I.P.M., in response, returned the compliment by saying that the W.M. had enumerated his poor services in too flattering terms. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," remarked that only the presiding Master could adequately estimate the great services rendered by these officers to the lodge. Bro. Bayley, in reply, said that duty done and acknowledged was all the recompense they looked for. Bro. Higgins, visitor, expressed his sincere thanks for the reception accorded to him. The officers responded in suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

The only visitor was Bro. W. H. Higgins, P.M. Industry Lodge, No. 421. The P.M.'s were Bros. J. Staley, I.P.M.; W. D. Bayley, Treas.; N. Moss, F. Croker, J. D. Barnett, Org.; and E. Gottheil.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when Bro. W. Nevins, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, installed in the chair of K.S. as Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Dorton, W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting having been passed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Piper, and proved unanimous. Bro. Aarons was then raised, and Mr. Piper initiated, both ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M. Bro. Nevins was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and Bro. Dorton installed his successor in grand style, not a single hitch or break down marring a careful and even eloquent rendering of the impressive addresses recited to the chair, the Wardens, and the brethren. The following were invested as officers: Bros. W. Harris, S.W.; W. Watkins, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; C. Mears, S.D.; W. Temple, J.D.; J. Still, I.G.; A. Dale, D.C.; Tytheridge and Sayers, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org. Bro. Page, Tyler, being ill, his investment was postponed.

The Worshipful Master commenced his duties by presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Dorton, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, and, in pinning it on his breast, wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it.

Bro. Dorton returned thanks, and said although he had not had so many initiates as many of his predecessors, yet those he had were selected and good Masons. He should always wear the jewel with pride, knowing that with it came the best wishes of the Capper Lodge for his future welfare.

It was then unanimously resolved that a testimonial, on vellum, of the value of three guineas, conveying the thanks of the lodge for the able manner in which he had installed his successor, should be presented to Bro. Dorton, and he suitably returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendidly served banquet. Among the brethren present not above named were Bros. J. Gaskell, P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; H. Holliday, P.M.; Bryant, P.M.; McCarthy, P.M.; H. Taplay, P.M.; J. V. T. Job, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; M. Collins, H. Greene, J. Simpson, W. Robinson, G. Parkhurst, E. Davis, J. T. Simpson, W. Crow, A. Vale, B. Spencer, J. Grice, A. Clarkson, J. Mansall, J. White, M. Stockvis, J. Yates, and W. Bussey, all of the lodge; A. Holmes, W.M. 548; J. Dawkins, W.M. 79; C. T. Lewis, W.M. 1472; A. Ives, S.W. 1472; A. Symes, J.D. 554; W. Gilby, J.D. 1658; H. Connelly, 1507; R. Jennings, 1437; M. Blount, 205; J. Slade, J.D. 1685; T. Farnham, 813; A. K. Irew, 959; J. R. Bradley, 453; A. Taylor, 1017; J. S. West, P.M. 548; W. Bromis, 205; and C. Jolly, J.W. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Dorton proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who he could only say was one that would look after the interests of the lodge as well as those who had preceded him; and they had an array of Past Masters around them that night of whom any lodge might be proud, and who had, by the interest they took in the lodge, brought it to its present proud position. Bro. Nevins was initiated the same year as he was, and they had both worked together, and from what they had seen of him, the brethren might safely leave the honour and prestige of the lodge in his hands.

Bro. Nevins, who was received with applause, said that

evening they had made him a very proud Mason indeed, by conferring upon him the highest honour in their power to bestow, and making him Master of the Capper Lodge. For the sacred trust reposed in him he would so follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him, that when he gave it over to his successor he hoped to be found worthy to receive at their hands the same approbation that his predecessor (Bro. Dorton) had. When he was initiated by Bro. Holliday, the ceremony made a great impression on him, and he thanked him for it, and for many kindnesses received from him since. He thanked the Past Masters, officers, and brethren for their kindness, and trusted, with their assistance, to maintain and uphold in its integrity the name hitherto unsullied of the Capper Lodge.

Bro. Holliday responded for "The Past Masters." He said it gave him great pleasure to see so many present who he had had the honour of initiating into the lodge, following, and still following, one another to the chair of the lodge; and he hoped and trusted to see them all achieve it in due course. He had the pleasure of initiating 39 candidates during his year of office, a large majority of whom had turned out thoroughly good, practical Masons; indeed, at one time they were told that they manufactured Masons at the Capper Lodge. Well, if they did, it was a pride and a pleasure to manufacture such good Masons as those he saw around him, and he had no fear but that they would be an honour to the lodge. On behalf of himself and the Past Masters, he thanked them heartily for this toast.

"The Initiate" was honoured, and suitably responded; Bros. Lewis, Home, Trew, and Taylor responded for "The Visitors;" and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press;" Bro. Harris and Watkins replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were of a most pleasant and harmonious character.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Appleton, W.M.; Stranger, S.W.; Plowman, J.W.; V. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Feuillade, J.D.; Lingley, I.G.; Feuillade, jun., Org.; Foalé, W.S.; Cockburn, I.P.M.; Köch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cruse, Buxton, Weston, Davis, and others. Bros. Hardy, 191; Thompson, 169; Prince, 209; Blackman, 469; and Gardner, 2012, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. G. W. Ruffe and S. J. Haynes, and it proving to be unanimous they were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., the ceremony being well performed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Cockburn in a neat speech. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Initiates." Bros. Ruffe and Haynes, in well-set terms, expressed themselves as being very much interested and impressed by the ceremony which they had witnessed that day. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Hardy, Prince, and others; "The Past Masters," by Bro. Cockburn, I.P.M.; "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bro. W. Stuart, Secretary, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Mann, Treasurer, and "The Officers'" toast was replied to by Bros. Stranger and Plowman. The proceedings then terminated.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A very numerous gathering of the brethren of this well-known and active lodge assembled in their new room, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, for the installation of the W.M. and other Masonic work. Among those present we noticed Bros. F. C. Frye, W.M.; James Bartle, S.W.; John Woodman, J.W.; S. Parkhouse, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; W. Murlis, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; H. Whitaker, J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; H. Delevanti, Org.; Crabb, I.G.; Hook, A.D.C.; Scholefield, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Markland, 144; D. P. Cama, 1159; H. D. Cama, 255; Briscoe, 1694; H. Dehane, 1543; P.P.G.S.D. Essex; H. Chandler, J. Mason, P.G.D. Middx.; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; C. J. Morse, 1257; J. J. Thomas, 753; S. J. Humphress, 733; W. J. Mason, 300; G. Davis, P.M. 167, P.Z.; Frye, 1694; E. J. Brown, 1567; Capt. A. Nicols, 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Pearson, 1567; J. Gillingham, W.M. 1238; C. Webster, 1637; D. Jefferson, 1637; G. C. Harding, 1238; Conway, 189; C. Horton, 1744; Britton, 22; J. White, 144; H. Ball, 1567; Cooper, 342; S. Welford, 733; Potter, 1987; Dillon, and others. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Woodman, S.W.; W. W. Buckland, J.W.; S. Parkhouse, Treas.; W. J. Murlis, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; H. Whitaker, J.D.; Crabb, I.G.; R. Green, 1st Steward; H. Newland, 2nd Steward; E. M. Lander, D.C.; J. Hook, A.D.C.; Scholefield, Tyler.

Previously to the installation Mr. Roberts was very ably initiated into our Order by the W.M., Bro. Frye, and Bro. Thurgood was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a most efficient manner by Bro. Smout, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been duly opened, Bro. Bartle, S.W., was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, and having invested his officers, and our excellent Parsee, Bro. Cama, elected an honorary member by acclamation, the lodge was duly closed. The handsome room was completely filled by a most appreciative audience. The banquet was served in the great hall, and did great credit to the worthy host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," said he deeply regretted that he was the only Past Grand Officer present to return thanks for a toast so kindly given and so enthusiastically received. He could say this for the Grand Officers, Present and Past, that they were all duly sensible of the kindness of their brethren, and too happy to be able to be of any humble service on such occasions as the present. For his own part when he received Bro. Murlis' summons he felt, both on public and on private grounds, that if possible he ought to endeavour to be present. On public because it was only a very few years ago, comparatively speaking, that he had assisted their old and lamented friend, Bro. John Hervey, in consecrating the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Such were the sad vicissitudes of life, that only two of the honorary members now survived, and since that time more than one of the original founders had also passed away. The progress of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been a most remarkable one. Distinguished for its work, united in har-

mony, it had excelled in the support of the Charities, and had set a striking example to every other lodge. Since he had last addressed his brethren a very violent attack had been made on the Masonic Order, the Bishop of Rome had openly condemned them, and a Roman Catholic writer in the "Month" had accused them of almost every crime under heaven. Though he admitted that the Prince of Wales was at their head, that members of the Royal Family belonged to the Order, that Peers of the realm, Members of Parliament, all the learned professions, Ministers of the Crown, and judges on the bench, a very large number of the clergy, were not ashamed to call themselves Freemasons, yet he had not scrupled to say that even the Fraternity in England were "Heathens and Pagans," banded together for one common object,—the destruction of religion, order, morality, and law. He need hardly say that this so called professor was in a state of "invincible ignorance" as regards Freemasonry, and an unrighteous accuser of his brethren. He evidently required to be "educated," as he stood before them a traducer of a most loyal, peaceable, religious body of men. On personal grounds he had specially come to see his old friend, Dr. Gray, initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Woodford was very sorry that the illness of a very near relative had kept Dr. Gray away that evening. It was only, he felt sure, a pleasure deferred, and he knew of none to whom the genial and beneficent principles of Freemasonry would be more ensured into than by their esteemed friend and neighbour Dr. Gray,—always wishful to be useful, and always ready to be serviceable to all around him. In conclusion Bro. Woodford urged all his younger brethren present the need and duty of emulating the zeal and earnestness of their elder brethren in Masonry, and he could assure them that they would never regret devoting their time, labours, and affection to the spread of the kindly and tolerating principles of their world-wide and useful Craft.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M. in very effective terms, to which the W.M. returned thanks in appropriate words, proposing in turn, before he sat down, "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presenting him with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel and an illuminated address, expressive of the regard, respect, and affection of his brethren.

Bro. Frye, P.M., returned thanks in a most feeling speech, which was much applauded.

"The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Roberts," was warmly received and very fitly responded to.

The other toasts, including that of "The Visitors," were duly given, and in each case short and seasonable replies were made.

Bro. John Mason made an effective speech on behalf of the Charities, and notably for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A considerable subscription list was entered into for the festival of that Institution.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening. Madame Ernst, Bro. Weston, and others, discoursed excellent harmony.

CLARENDON LODGE (No. 1769).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. H. W. Mayes, G.A. Purst, Middx., W.M.; G. Croxton, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Linscott, J.W.; J. Stanley, Treas.; J. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; T. Grove, P.M.; J. Soper, P.M.; A. Abercrombie, E. Abercrombie, S. C. Thomson, M. Ker, and Biart. The following visitors were present: Bros. R. S. Sindall, P.P. G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 1923; J. T. Robertson, P.M. 55; Lewis Lazarus, P.M. and Sec. 188; J. Batting, P.M. 1501; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; A. Turner, W.M. 1228; Draper, P.M. 1303; C. Beaumont, P.M. and Sec. 1343 and 901; Brown, P.M. and Sec. 65; E. W. Mayru, 1897; John Finch, P.M. 173, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. Humphrey, 55; Damant, 1686; Woolley, S.W. 15; Tomlinson, 1238; Withers, I.G. 795; Thompson, Treas. and P.M. 55; and Terry, P.M., &c., and Sec. Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Croxton, S.W., was then presented by Bro. Cooper, P.M., for installation, which ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. Soper, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Mayes, I.P.M.; Linscott, S.W.; Grove, P.M., J.W.; Stanley, Treas.; Cooper, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Thomson, S.D.; E. Abercrombie, J.D.; and E. Biart, I.G. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the sum of 10 guineas be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and three guineas were voted to a deserving brother.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's first-rate style. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," stated that this toast was of a twofold character, for not only were Masons attached to the person of her Majesty, but were associated, as Craftsmen, with the other members of the Royal Family.

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the Worshipful Master alluded to the fact that since he (the W.M.) was initiated—six years ago—Masonry had flourished to such an extent that upwards of 300 more lodges had been consecrated under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England.

In giving the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said that, as Warden of the lodge, he had had several opportunities of seeing them work, and, although there was room for improvement as far as the ritual was concerned, there was no doubt about their being, one and all, thoroughly in earnest in the duties they undertook.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast of his health, stated that he was the first initiate in this lodge, and that Freemasonry had a special charm for him; and he was proud, after passing through every step, to arrive at the dignified position he now found himself in.

The next toast was "The P.M.'s, the I.P.M., and the Installing Master, Bro. Soper." The Worshipful Master said he would first ask Bro. Soper to decorate the I.P.M. with the handsome P.M.'s jewel that had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge; and, in doing so, Bro. Soper trusted that Bro. Mayes would live long to wear it, and that he would look upon it as a mark of esteem from the brethren of the Clarendon Lodge.

The Immediate Past Master warmly thanked the brethren for their kindness.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given from the

chair, and the Worshipful Master remarked that he was honoured with a good array of Past Masters; but, whether Past Masters or otherwise, as good men and Masons, he was delighted to give them a hearty welcome, and may they live long to honour them with their presence. He should have much pleasure in coupling the names of Bros. Roberts, P.M., and Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Roberts, in returning thanks, was perfectly sure that Bro. Croxton would add a lustre to the annals of the Clarendon Lodge.

Bro. Terry thanked the W.M. for his intention of representing the lodge at the festival of his Institution, and also the brethren for the donation they had voted to its funds.

The toast of "The Officers" was also given, and responded to in the usual hearty manner.

During the evening some very excellent musical performances were given by Messrs. G. A. Harrison, J. Lovett, and Lockwood Harradine, which were thoroughly appreciated by the brethren.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—The regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., on Wednesday, the 12th inst., was well attended. Bro. C. H. Phillips, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. H. M. Williams, S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, Treas.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; J. W. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; A. Darch, P.M., D.C.; F. France, W.S.; and C. Thomas, Tyler; J. H. Worstencroft, A. F. Crofts, jun., W. H. Simons, E. Bye, sen., E. Bye, jun., Thos. Cox, Geo. Nundey, F. Wootton, C. Longhurst, Jas. Fuller, Thos. Letchford, Walter Bartlett, W. H. O'Reilly, G. R. Langley, Alfred Pitman, W. R. Mackinnon, David Baird, S. Scott Young, A. E. Chew, D. W. A. Mackinnon, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; J. R. Johnson, W.M. 1320; J. Stock, W.M. 1586; Stokes, I.G. 72; R. R. Johnson, J.D. 1777; Shearing, W.S. 902; and Clench, 453.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. A. E. Chew proved his proficiency. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Chew was raised as M.M. The ceremony was admirably performed by all who took part in it, the W.M. acquitting himself in such excellent style as to draw forth expressions of satisfaction from all the senior Masons who were present. In consequence of the inability of an accepted candidate for initiation to attend on this occasion the business of the evening was unexpectedly shortened. The by-laws were read and sundry matters of detail business were disposed of. Notification was made of the expected removal of the R.W. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, P.D.G. Master, Punjab, from the neighbourhood of the lodge, and it was unanimously resolved that in appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge as one of its founders the distinction of honorary membership be conferred upon him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were responded to, the charity box circulated, and the musical brethren, of whom there are several amongst the members of this lodge, entertained their companions and maintained harmony until the Tyler's toast gave note of separation after a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).—A very successful meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M.; W. A. Scurren, as S.W.; J. R. Stacey, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, &c., Sec.; W. Harris, as S.D.; M. J. Green, as J.D.; J. N. Hare, Stwd.; and about 30 lay members, besides the following visitors: Bros. G. Everett, P.M. 2012; Sadler Wood, S.W. 2005; H. Price, J.W. 177; R. Harvey, D.C. 177; G. Mordey, 1744; D. J. Bridegroom, 1364; and W. Arnold, 171.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The three ceremonies were then successively performed in an admirable manner by Bro. James Willing, jun., Bros. J. McDonald and J. Potter receiving the Third Degree; Bros. R. King, J. Addison, and E. Celley the Second; and Messrs. Joseph Wellington Cork, Lewis Auidjah, George Harcourt, and W. Hamilton, the First Degree.

A banquet followed, served in Spiers and Pond's best style, and presided over in Bro. Willing's usual genial and happy manner. The customary toasts were given, the visitors expressing themselves very pleased with the admirable working of the ceremonies, and much gratified with the hearty reception accorded them.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of this old established lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Plowman, S.W.; F. H. Hallett, J.W.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., Sec.; T. W. Markwick, S.D.; F. Duke, acting J.D.; H. Gloyns, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184, P.M.; C. M. Norris, P.G.S.B., P.M.; John Bray, G. Roddis, J. B. Foord, A. Bray, W. A. Paine, James Stace, W. A. Beck, R. Dengate, and H. Kimm, S.D. 1184 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and communications read, a successful ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. William Randell and Frank Cox Edwards, after which Bros. Beck and Dengate were passed to the degree of F.C. Messrs. Randell and Edwards were then duly initiated into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Russell. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 12th inst., at 7 p.m. Owing to the absence through illness of the highly-esteemed W.M., Bro. C. Webster, the I.P.M., Bro. J. Bland, presided, and was supported by the following P.M.s. and brethren: Bros. T. R. Gee, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; W. Cooper, P.M.; H. Hillam, P.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M.; G. Cay, P.M.; J. Taylor, Thos. Cox, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; T. C. Wigg, P.M.; J. Copestick, S.W.; Edgar Horne, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; A. Woodiess, S.D.; J. Chadwick, J.D.; S. Taylor, D. of C.; J. Sutherland, Org.; J. Walker, I.G.; W. Forman and J. Melrose, Stewards; W. Todd, T. E. Yeo-

mans, W.M. 506; and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. C. T. F. Bromwich, Prov. G. Chap.; F. E. Taylor, 253; C. D. Hart, W.M. 105; H. Carr, J.W. 1085; and W. B. Woodforde, S.D. 787.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Mr. H. J. Peake, elected at the previous meeting, was duly initiated into the Order by the acting W.M. Bro. W. W. Eastman having very satisfactorily answered the test questions, was entrusted, retired, and was afterwards duly raised to the Sublime Degree; the acting W.M. giving the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. The Treasurer read letters from the Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it was ordered that he forward the sum of two guineas in reply. Sundry other payments were ordered to be made. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and nothing further offering the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The brethren shortly after assembled in the lower hall, where supper was provided by the purveyor, W. Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., to which ample justice having been done, and thanks returned by the Prov. G. Chap., the acting W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. To that of "The Prov. Grand Officers," the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. T. Bromwich, and Bro. J. W. Brigg, Org., suitably responded.

Bro. J. Copestick, S.W., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. Webster," expressing great regret at his absence through illness, and a hope that he would speedily be restored, and Bro. Frazer, P.M., was requested to convey the good wishes of the brethren to him.

Bro. Copestick also proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bros. Bland and Brown responded, the latter calling special attention to the lodge of instruction attached to the lodge.

"The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" was proposed by W. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., and Bro. Eastman suitably responded.

The acting W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," complimenting them on their good working, which had enabled him at so short notice to work the First and Third Degrees.

The S.W. and J.W. responded. "The Visitors" was proposed by W. Bro. T. J. R. Gee, P.M.

Bro. Hart, W.M. 1085, and F. E. Taylor, 253, responded. The Tyler's toast shortly after closed a very happy gathering, at which it may be mentioned the brethren greatly enjoyed the singing of Bros. F. E. Taylor, Brigg, Forman, Melrose, Eastman, Wright, and Horne.

ELLAND.—Saville Lodge (No. 1231).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. L. Saville, W.M.; Farnell, S.W.; Emsley, J.W.; Feather, J.D.; Garsed, S.D.; Dr. Hoyle, I.G.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; Walker, P.M.; Waddington, P.M.; Dodson, I.P.M.; J. Rhodes, L. North, Bottomley, Sutcliffe, S. W. North, Org.; W. E. Smithies, Sec. Visitors: Bros. Green, Ryley, and several others of 408.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Bro. Garsed was elected Treasurer; Bro. Buckland, Tyler; and Bro. Farnell, W.M. elect, for the ensuing year. Mr. Taylor, Mr. S. Radcliffe, and Mr. F. W. Radcliffe were balloted for, and then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. Saville, W.M.; Bro. Walker, P.M., gave the north-east corner, Bro. Dodson, I.P.M., the charge, Bro. Smithies, Sec., the working tools, and Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C., gave the historical part and tracing board of the First Degree. The lodge was closed in harmony, after which the brethren joined in a very substantial repast.

ENFIELD.—Enfield Lodge (No. 1237).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield, when there were present Bros. A. G. Fidler, Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M.; A. Bryant, Prov. G.J.D. Middx., I.P.M.; G. Tegg, S.W.; W. Binnie, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, acting J.W.; R. Mathison, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Thompson, P.M., W.M. elect 1707, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; C. C. Pearce, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., J.D.; J. B. Ward, I.G.; S. Parsons, D.C.; J. Very, Tyler; J. Purdey, P.M.; O. S. Oxley, P.M.; J. A. Tavener, P.M.; and a good muster of members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. R. Leaman, P.M. 1707; T. Jones, P.M. 1607; Rev. J. Lindsay, Chap. 1351; Carter Millbourn, 511; J. Howlett, 1327; and M. Moseley, 228.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Hide was passed to the Second Degree; Messrs. H. B. May and G. C. H. Jennings being subsequently initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. Bro. B. G. Poulton, 1489, was elected a member. After the reading of the by-laws of the lodge, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, the choice of the brethren falling upon Bro. G. Tegg, who was heartily congratulated. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his efficient services as Master during the past year, Bro. Bryant, P.M., remarking that the way Bro. Fidler had ruled the lodge had given great satisfaction; no brother who had occupied the chair more deserved this jewel than their present W.M., who merited their warmest thanks for what he had done for the lodge. The W.M. having expressed his best thanks to the brethren for this unanimous mark of their esteem, the business of the evening concluded with the appointment of the Audit Committee. "Hearty good wishes" were then given, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Healths of the W.M. and W.M. elect" being cordially drunk.

To the toast of "The Initiates" Bros. May and Jennings responded, and expressed the pride and pleasure they felt on being received into Freemasonry.

Bro. Purdey, the senior P.M., replied for "The Past Masters;" and Bros. the Rev. J. Lindsay and Howlett for "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Officers" followed, the proceedings closing with the Tyler's toast.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The usual monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. David Williams, W.M.; Charles Heywood, S.W.; W.

Hall, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; Dr. J. Rains, M.D., Sec.; James Blair, S.D.; John Dewhurst, J.D.; J. Crampton, P.M., D.C.; W. Botham, I.G.; W. Chessyre, Tyler; J. J. Lambert, I.P.M.; Robert Davies, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. West Lanes.; Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D. West Lanes.; J. Locke, J. Kennerley, F. Renshaw, R. Crossland, W. Parker, P.M.; E. Singleton, E. Martyn, D. Williams, F. S. Bedford, F. Pugh, S. Muller, James Batty, P.M.; J. Simpson, C. Robinson, J. Wilson and others. Visitors: Bros. James Wilson, P.M. 317, J.W.; G. Coombes, 317; J. Watson, 359; C. J. Basuston, J.W. 1045; and R. K. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual formalities, Bros. J. Muller and J. Kennerley were examined as to their proficiency in the Second Degree, and subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Crampton, P.M. The work was well done, and a decided novelty, though great improvement, was the introduction of vocal and instrumental music, which considerably enhanced the working of this solemn and impressive degree. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

At the social board, Bro. C. Martyn, in a capital speech, proposed "The Health of the Newly-raised Brethren," which was heartily received, and responded to by Bros. Muller and Kennerley.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A very successful meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; the Rev. S. H. Saunders, P.G. Chap. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect; Briggs, P.M., J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Taylor, P.G.S. Middx., P.M., acting Sec.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Chap.; Gurney, J.D.; H. Jenkyns, acting I.G.; Bros. Forge, W.M. 1656, P.G. A.D.C. Middx.; Tanqueray, W.M. 1965; Vials, P.M. 1820; T. Saunders and L. Saunders, P.G. Officers of the Isle of Wight, and others. W. Bro. Raymond Thrupp, Deputy P.G.M. Middx., was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken on behalf of the Rev. Mr. Bullen, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., then presented Bro. the Rev. S. H. Saunders to the W.M. for induction into the chair. The W.M. having appointed Bros. Taylor, as S.W.; Briggs, as J.W.; R. Thrupp, as D.C.; and Vials, as I.G., to assist him in the work, proceeded to carry out the ceremony. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Briggs, S.W.; Richnell, J.W.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; W. H. Saunders, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; Gurney, S.D.; Jenkyns, J.D.; H. Jenkyns, I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The I.P.M. having been presented with a jewel, a notice of motion was given to appoint a committee to consider the advisability of increasing the subscription of the lodge. The sum of five guineas having been voted to head the list of Bro. Walls as a Steward of the R.M.B.I. Festival, 1885, a resolution was unanimously passed "That a letter of condolence to the family of the late Bro. Clarke, P.M., who was for many years a highly esteemed honorary member of the lodge, be forwarded through the Deputy Prov. G.M." W. Bro. Wigginton, P.M., having resigned his Secretaryship, a resolution expressing regret and thanking him for his great services to the lodge since its foundation was passed with acclamation and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The above lodge, certainly the largest in the province of Kent, commenced its season on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road. Bro. A. G. Saunders, W.M., presided, having come all the way from Towcester for the purpose. Among those present were Bros. H. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M.; T. Holleyman, P.M.; G. Kennedy, P.M.; W. Moulds, S.W.; A. J. Rowley, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; W. Maule, J.D.; J. Jilton, D.C.; R. Gooding, I.G.; W. Kerridge, S. McGowan, H. Froud, J. Martin, J. Playle, T. Spackman, R. James, L. Wheeler, T. Ovenden, W. Lowton, H. Butler, A. Green, C. Gardner, R. F. Robertson, J. Parsons, J. Laughland, J. Woods, G. Scott, and M. McInnery, all of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Watkins, W.M. 1789; J. Aillud, W.M. 615; A. Chamberlain, 1789; L. Comerford, 26; D. Charts, 151; J. J. Gould, S.D. 1885; J. Wood, 381; S. Blackmore, 88; S. West, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, Mr. W. Musquin was balloted for and initiated, Bro. McGowan was passed, and Bro. Playle was raised. This was the first night of the W.M.'s working, and the admirable manner in which it was done was the theme of general commendation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a pleasant little supper, nicely served by the host, Bro. H. Vallom. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured. Bro. Shaw responded for "Bro. Eastes and the Prov. Grand Officers of Kent, Present and Past," and said he never in his life came across a more genial and earnest body of gentlemen than the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and officers of the province of Kent; one had only to go amongst them to know them, and then to respect them. When he, as a stranger, went amongst them, he was received with the greatest cordiality, and assisted in every shape and form. He was truly grateful to Lord Holmesdale for giving him office, and would never forget with what pride he carried the sword of state before his lordship when he (Bro. Shaw) held office under him. He was sorry he could not attend the lodge so often as he would like, although he was in heart as good a Mason as he was twenty-two years ago, and, as one of the lodge founders, took as much interest in it as ever. He congratulated the W.M. upon his excellent working, and cordially thanked them for the toast. Bro. Kennedy proposed "The W.M." in glowing terms, and Bro. Saunders, in response, assured the brethren that when he began his work he felt very nervous at the prospect of having to do the Three Degrees, and if it had not been for the Past Masters he should not have done so well as he had. He thanked them for the toast, and would do all he could to be

worthy of the position he held. Bros. Kennedy, Spinks, Holleyman, and Shaw responded for "The Past Masters," and the Initiate modestly replied to a toast in his honour. Bros. Aillud and Chart responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press." "The Officers" were complimented, and Bro. Moulds responded, and then the Tyler's toast wound up a very pleasant gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., was especially interesting, as the brethren had then the rare opportunity of witnessing a father raise his son to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Dr. A. Soldat, W.M., occupied the chair at the commencement of the evening, supported by Bros. R. Ripley, P.G.A.D.C.; John Duncan, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Ladyman, W.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, S.W.; C. J. Caddock, J.W.; F. J. Farrell, Sec.; Jonathan Parry, S.D.; J. Jessop, J.D.; H. Isaac, S.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. W. T. Wilcocks, J. Haynes, W. Montgomery, H. Crawshaw, J. Kitchenman, J. Tweedie, Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.P.G. Treas.; John Dyke, Chas. Birchall, and R. W. Stephenson. The visitors were Bros. H. Bigley, P.P.G.S. of W. (Belfast); J. B. MacKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Evans, 1013; R. W. Gow, Sec. 823; T. J. Carefull, P.M. 823; T. H. Carefull, 823; and F. J. Jarman, 1325.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and the lodge opened by Bro. Dr. Soldat, W.M., in the Second Degree, the chair was taken by Bro. S. Haynes, P.M., who in a most impressive manner raised his son, Bro. J. Haynes, and Bro. T. H. Carefull, hailing from the Everton Lodge, 823, to the Third Degree. The acting W.M. was congratulated most cordially on his admirable working and on the peculiarly happy and unusual nature of the occurrence attaching to the performance of the ceremony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant after-supper evening was spent, frequent allusions being made to the prominent feature of the work of the Liverpool Lodge that evening.

STONY STRATFORD.—Watling Street Lodge (No. 1639).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Hotel. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Gilkes, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Parrott brought up the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge. Bro. T. Taylor, P.M. 1410, P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., then took the chair and in a most impressive way installed Bro. H. King into the chair of K.S. The ceremony throughout was performed in the most finished manner by the Installing Master, under whose direction the members of the lodge marched past and saluted their new Master in ancient form. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. T. Bull, S.W.; J. Parrott, J.W.; Robinson, Treas.; Reeve, Sec.; W. Parrott, S.D.; Pike, J.D.; Worley, D.C.; Roberts, I.G.; Elmes, Stwd.; and Bonser, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Wilson, W.M. 1298; Wilford, W.M. 1410; Lindan, W.M. 840; Hewett, W.M. 749; Christmas, W.M. 1787; Slater, P.M. 1787; Aveline, P.M. 840; Reynolds, 1787; Munday, 1787; Thorpe, 1787; Weston, 1787; and Rex, 1962.

The brethren then adjourned to a most recherché banquet provided by Bro. Revell, the esteemed landlord of the Cock Hotel, and served in his usual excellent style, the table being decorated with an abundance of choice flowers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly given and honoured.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the V.W. the D.P.G.M., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past," said that he felt honoured by having so many past Provincial Grand Officers around their board that evening, and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Christmas, W.M. 1787, a Prov. Grand Officer for the present year.

Bro. Christmas replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers" in a felicitous speech.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Taylor," paying him a well deserved compliment for the effective manner in which he had performed the principal ceremony of the lodge that evening, at the same time reminding the brethren that they had in him one of the most distinguished Masons in the province, having taken high grand and provincial rank in all branches of Masonry.

Bro. Taylor expressed the pleasure it had afforded him by installing the W.M. of the Watling Street Lodge, and thanked the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received the toast. Having assumed the gavel, Bro. Taylor proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge upon having elected Bro. King to the chair. He hoped that during the coming year the W.M. would have plenty of work to do. He was quite sure that he was ready and anxious to do it, and concluded by wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, who, on rising to reply, was received with a very warm reception, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by placing him in that chair, and expressed the hope that during his term of office the Watling Street Lodge would continue to flourish and prosper, and he took that opportunity of proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and in the name of the lodge presented Bro. Gilkes with a P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. Gilkes replied in suitable terms.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure that it gave him and the members of his lodge to welcome so many distinguished and worthy brethren as they had present that evening; the number of visitors being equal to that of the members present.

Bros. Wilson, W.M. 1298; Wilford, W.M. 1410; Christmas, W.M. 1787; and other visitors, replied in appropriate terms.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toasts of "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers of the Lodge." The new officers in reply, offering their hearty support to the chair.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. During the intervals of the toasts vocal performances were contributed by Bros. Wilford, Wilson, Aveline, Munday, Elmes, and others.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the White Hart Hotel on the 10th inst., when there were present among others Bros. Forge, P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; Peat, Org.; Featherstone, P.G.A.P. Middx., I.P.M.; Bonella, Drummond, Smith, Grant, and others. Bros. Beard, P.M. 946; Poupart, 9; Southwell, 1793; Middlewick, 1793; and Covill, 2032, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Grafton, Plamböck, and Rice were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., the ceremony being well performed. It was proposed by Bro. Featherstone, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., and carried unanimously, that W. Bro. R. Thrupp, P.G.D.M. Middx., P.G.A.D.C., &c., be elected an honorary member of this lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M., and warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Visitors." This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Poupart and Covill. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Featherstone and Hammond, and "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bros. the Rev. C. de Crespigny and Ockenden. The proceedings closed with "The Health of the Officers."

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—The installation meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, on the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. Davidson, presided, and was supported by Bros. Thos. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Jos. Robertson, P.P.G.P.; J. J. Athey, P.M.; T. Potter, P.M. 240; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97, P.G.J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.G. Deputy D. of C.; J. T. Wilson, P.G.P.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. B. McLearn, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; W. White, P.M. 991; G. Wilson, P.G.O., R.A.; J. Armstrong, S.V. 1119, and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Ross, S.W., was presented by Bro. Thomas Coulson to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Davidson, W.M., by whom Bro. Ross was most impressively installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed. The newly-installed W.M. having been duly saluted, Bro. Ross invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Davidson, I.P.M.; M. J. Wheatley, S.W.; J. Heppell, J.W.; T. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D. Treas.; J. R. W. Hopper, Sec.; the Rev. W. C. Harris, Chap.; C. Wawn, S.D.; Dr. Dalziel, J.D.; Wm. Woolner, I.G.; Jos. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; E. J. Gibbon, P.M., Org.; T. D. Marshall, S.S.; J. T. Ross, J.S.; T. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The congratulations of the visiting brethren were expressed towards the W.M. The W.M. then in a very suitable speech presented a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) to the retiring Master, Bro. W. Davidson, as a mark of the sincere appreciation of his services to the lodge. Bro. Davidson acknowledged the presentation, and thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem. On the motion of Bro. P. M. Coulson, the thanks of the lodge were passed to Bro. Heppell, J.W., for the able way in which he had discharged the duties of the Secretaryship for two years. The business afterwards terminated.

The annual festival of the lodge was held in the evening, at Bro. T. Lauderdale's, Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent repast was served. The W.M., Bro. W. Ross, presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

The jewel presented to the W.M. bore the following inscription: "Presented to Brother William Davidson, by the brethren of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, South Shields, in appreciation of his services as W.M. and as a token of their sincere regard and personal esteem. Nov. 4, 1884."

INSTRUCTION.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, E.C. Present: Bros. Richardson, W.M.; Biggs, S.W.; Tongue, J.W.; Snowden, Treas.; Simpson, Sec.; Cornu, S.D.; Saunders, J.D.; Coleman, I.G.; Fox, Preceptor; P.M.'s Brown, Dodson, Gladwell, and Gush; also Bros. Main, Parsons, Sayers, Underwood, Trinder, Bond, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. Bro. Parsons, having answered the usual questions for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the First Section was worked by Bro. Brown; Second Section by Bro. Dodson; Third Section by Bro. Snowden. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. The Fourth Section was worked by Bro. Brown. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and closed in due form.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE (No. 228).—The usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, N.W., Bro. James Kew, P.M. 179, and Preceptor, occupying the chair as W.M.; and Bros. Paul, S.D. 1472; Ellwood, J.W. 179; and Koester, P.M. 435, filling those of S.W., J.W., and I.P.M. respectively. On this occasion the Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren as follows, namely:—First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Hearne, I.G. 179; Second, Bro. W. F. Hughes, S.W. 179; Third, Bro. Dickeson, W.M. 179; Fourth, Bro. Gilby, W.M. 179; Fifth, Ellwood, J.W. 179; Sixth, Bro. J. Agar, 957; Seventh, Bro. F. Sillis, S.D. 1744. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Wood, W.S. 1681; Second, Bro. Koester, P.M. 435; Third, Bro. Paul, S.D. 1472; Fourth, Bro. Kew, P.M. 179; Fifth, Bro. Hemming, I.G. 1287. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Scurrah, J.W. 2084; Second, Bro. Finch, I.G. 1763; and Third, Bro. Giddings, W.S. 1446. At the close of the work votes of thanks were passed by acclamation to Bro. Kew for having so ably presided in the chair, and to the brethren who had assisted in the labours of the evening for their services.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road. Present: Bros. Ham-

mond, W.M.; R. Pringle, S.W.; Saint, J.W.; Horley, Sec.; Oxley, S.D.; Wakeham, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, Preceptor; Pryce-Jones, Powell, A. Jones, Hirsch, and Smith. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Geddes, 1278, and John Vickery, 1475.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pryce-Jones acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Pryce-Jones acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the Third Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fenner worked the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Geddes and Vickery were unanimously elected members. A unanimous vote of thanks, to be entered in the minutes, was accorded to the W.M. for his able services in the chair. Bro. R. Pringle, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, S.W. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Coughlan, S.W.; H. White, J.W.; Fraser, Treas. and Sec. pro tem.; Gibson, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Bowen, I.G.; Wray, Preceptor; Morgan, Saunders, Dexter, Chilcott, Forscutt, Adams, Grist, Foulson, and Balchin.

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. Saunders being the candidate. Bro. Dexter answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dexter candidate. Bro. Dexter answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired. Bro. Wray, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the new Lecture. Bro. Coughlan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, when there were present Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Luckhurst, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Wade, P.M., S.D.; Gibson, J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; C. White, P.M.; Green, sen, W. M. Rothsay, Grist, Stephens, Edwards, and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Grist being the candidate. Bro. Coughlan gave the explanation of the tracing board. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. White being the candidate. Bro. Stephens, 1425, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Luckhurst, J.W., having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Arthur Williams, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; H. Furze, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. H. Strong, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; Johnson, P.M.; Wood, Pidcock, Smither, Sims, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Hopkins, G. Maclachlan, and G. T. Thomas.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wood offering himself as the candidate; and taking into consideration the absence of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Ayling, P.M., through illness, and the fact of the W.M. being in the chair for the first time, he having been raised but five months ago, it was rendered in a marvellously correct manner, and reflects great credit upon him; in fact, having got through it so well, he attempted the passing, and done it equally well, Bro. Pidcock being the candidate. Bros. G. Maclachlan and Thomas were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the evening, and Bro. Davies, S.W., was elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed. It was then announced that a musical evening would be held in future on the last Saturday in the month.

SUTTON.—Lorne Lodge (No. 1347).—This lodge had a grand field day on the 10th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, on which occasion the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, assisted by other brethren, undertook to work the Fifteen Sections. There was a large attendance of brethren from the neighbourhood as well as an excellent contingent from London. Among those present were Bros. Locke, W.M. 1347; Church, P.M. 1347; Chas. Cruikshank, P.M. 1777; Ridge, Burry, Bishop, Owens, Holt, Bassett, Sharp, Potter, and others. Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744, acted as W.M., while Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287, was S.W. Bro. F. W. Sillis, S.D. 1744, acting J.W., and the P.M.'s chair was filled by Bro. W. M. Stillis, P.M. 1507. The following is a list of the Sections and those who worked them: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. A. Harman, 1507; 2nd Section, Bro. R. W. Fraser, W.S. 1507; 3rd Section, Bro. G. Emblin, I.G. 147; 4th Section, Bro. D. T. Davies, 72; 5th Section, J. Elvin, S.W. 538; 6th Section, Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744; 7th Section, Bro. F. W. Sillis, S.D. 1744. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. F. Saunders, 1507; 2nd Section, Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287; 3rd Section, Bro. W. Proctor, S.D. 1288; 4th Section, Bro. J. W. Ager, W.S. 957; 5th Section, Bro. E. J. Day, 1641. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; 2nd Section, Bro. Edwin Storr, W.M. 167; 3rd Section, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, J.W. 2048. Bros. E. Storr, W.M. 167, and Thos. Locke, S.W. 1347, Hon. Secs. Special mention may be made of one or two brethren who reached the highest perfection in the manner of work, and are really ornaments to the Craft in general. Bro. Smith, as W.M., exhibited marvellous feats of memory, while graduated tones of voice and perfect harmony were pleasing; the S.W. and J.W. were also good, but where all was so well done it would be invidious to particularise.

Royal Arch.

IRIS CHAPTER (No. 255).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Comps. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, P.Z., M.E.Z.; R. H. Thrupp, P.Z.; H. Frank Richardson, P.Z., P.G.A.S. No. 8, as J.; A. St. Paul, Prin. Soj.; L. G. Letord, P.Z., Treas.; Eustace Anderson, jun., Scribe E.; G. D. Lister, P.Z., P.G.A.S. Surrey, and others, the whole of whom appeared in Masonic mourning.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Cama then said: Companions, since we last met we have lost a most excellent and valued companion, whose familiar face will be seen no more amongst us. I mean Comp. Alfred Clark, P.Z., whose sudden and lamented death has filled us all with profound sorrow. Comp. Clark belonged to this chapter for upwards of 30 years, and was the senior P.Z., and during his long connection with the chapter he always showed an earnest desire for its prosperity and welfare. I have myself had the advantage of knowing him for some years, and I can truly say that he was most assiduous in his duties, and at all times most anxious to assist the Principals. The unvarying kindness and courtesy which he at all times displayed won the hearts not only of those who were associated with him in this chapter, but also of the visitors, as I can personally testify from what my own visitors have said to me about him. He was as assiduous in his professional duties as he was in his Masonic duties, ever ready to respond to the call of his patients, even though such call was made whilst at the banqueting table. He was highly esteemed and respected by the people of Twickenham, among whom he had spent his life, and who deeply deplore his loss. As a speaker his speeches were always humorous, but at the same time most instructive. The last speech that most of us had the honour of hearing was on the 7th October last, in the Lodge of Harmony, to which this chapter is attached, when he, as senior P.M., ably supported Bro. J. E. Anderson, W.M. In the few remarks I have made I have endeavoured, but I feel very inadequately, to express my deep sense of the great loss we have sustained in the death of Comp. Clark.

The following resolution was then proposed by Comp. Cama, seconded by Comp. R. H. Thrupp, and carried unanimously, and Scribe E. was directed to write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the deceased: "That the companions of this chapter express their deep sense of the great loss they have sustained by the unexpected and lamented death of their excellent and much esteemed companion Alfred Clark, senior P.Z., and at the same time desire to convey to his widow and family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence with them under their sad bereavement."

On the completion of the business the companions adjourned to the banquet, at which the usual toasts were drunk.

The first toast given by the M.E.Z. was "The Empress of India," he being a Parsee and native of India.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 6th inst. There were present among others Comps. W. P. Webb, M.E.Z.; Köhler, H.; Appleton, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Ayling, P.S.; G. Everett P.Z., Treas.; H. J. Lardner and Plowman, Assistants; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; Palmer, Everett, jun., and Cruse. Comp. Wood, H. Carnarvon, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. T. Buxton, 1381, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., the performance of the ceremony leaving but little to be desired. It was resolved, "That in future the chapter meetings be held on the first Thursdays in the months of February, April, October, and December." The chapter having been closed the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly proposed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was fluently proposed by Comp. Everett, who in the course of his speech congratulated the M.E.Z. upon the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of exaltation.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Exaltec." Comp. Buxton, in responding, expressed himself as being highly impressed with the ceremony.

"The Second and Third Principals" followed, and was acknowledged by Comps. Köhler and Appleton.

"The Past Principals" was replied to by Comps. Everett and Walls.

"The S.E. and Treasurer" by Comps. Higgins and Everett, and "The Officers" by Comps. Ayling, Lardner, and Plowman.

The proceedings then terminated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—At a meeting of this chapter on the 10th inst., the following officers were installed and invested by M.E. Comp. Emanuel: Ex. Comps. S. Myer, Z.; T. Lashmore, H.; M.E. Comps. M. Emanuel, J.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; J. R. Weston, S.E.; H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; Waters, D.C.; Comps. Henry Lashmore, S.N.; C. Bemister and M. Smith, A. Sojs.; Biggs, Janitor; and Vare, Asst. Janitor. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The latter included M.E. Comp. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec., who presented, or (as he himself modestly suggested) made restitution of an ancient minute book, containing what practically was the record of the constitution of the chapter. He explained that the book had come into his possession as part of the library of a Mason some years deceased, of which he became the purchaser. It was shown at the Masonic Exhibition held at Worcester in August last, and W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.S.G.D., a well-known Masonic authority, pronounced it as being probably the oldest record of the kind extant. It commences with the date of the 7th October, 1783, one of the original names being Bro. Macklin, whose full length portrait, in Craft clothing, hangs in the Southampton Masonic Hall, and who, with his son, the record of whose election is found later on, plays a prominent part in the history of the chapter for many years. The book extends from 1783 to 1834, and within its pages are the names of many whose descendants are now, or were till recent years, still with us. Among them are Potts, Sanders, Bienvenu, Cue, Jeffreys, Lucas, Graves, Le Feuvre (Samuel), Gibbs, Elliott,

Slade, Colson, Sharp, "Harriss," "Crooke," Gradidge, Porter, Pritchard, Hives, Brett, Lomer, White, Peatty, Parker, Baker, Guy, Bell, Whitt, Howell, Bamford, Dixon, Payne, Rice, Thring, Foster, Sutton, Kellow, Laver, Primar, Pegler, Maul, Osbaldiston, Lordon (Romsey), Stebbing (George), Dickson (Peter), Benwell, Blanchard, Lobb (Joseph), Le Feuvre (W. S.), and others. Some of the entries are of a curious kind. Thus, on September 4th, 1789, we find the following: "This day cash received 2s. 6d., cash paid one shilling, the K.H.W.D. at the A.H., on account of 24 Dutch men-of-war being taken by the English Fleet."

The accounts of the chapter were kept with scrupulous exactness, entries of which the following may be taken as a type being numerous:—"Received rs., paid rs., remains o." The meetings originally were held on the third Sunday of the month, but in 1790 it was "fixed and held by agreement the first time, this day being agreed to be held on the first Thursday in the month in future." Among other curiosities in the book is the imposition of a fee of sixpence on visitors. By another resolution visitors were to be charged five shillings each, and subscribing companions two shillings, those among the latter not attending being fined one shilling. On December 5th, 1792, we find "no chapter held, the Master being ill" and this illness was continued to at least the following February, when a similar entry is made. In the second decade of the present century the book is interesting as showing the long intervals between the holding of the meetings, for from July 1811, to February, 1812, there was no convocation; the next was in June, 1812; the next May, 1813; the next October, 1814; and the next March, 1815. Pre-penny-postage times are indicated by such records as "Grand Lodge letter, 6d.; and one from Winton, 9d." The chapter appears to have had varied fortunes as regards its financial position, for whereas at times a considerable balance is shown "in the chest," we find in 1824 that "C. Pritchard kindly offered to loan £100, certain companions volunteering to guarantee the same in sums of £10 until the chapter was enabled to repay the money." It was repaid in 1828. On the 21st of December, 1825, the chapter met at 10 o'clock in the morning; and on another day at 11 a.m. On the 19th of March, 1827, we find a proposition of "Br. G. Lockyer as assistant-Janitor." Many of the older Masons in Southampton remember Lockyer as a faithful serving brother, and his picture hangs in the lodge room. In August, 1830, the chapter seems to have been in remarkable difficulty, for it is minuted that "In consequence of the P.Z., Comp. Bryant, having repeatedly objected when called upon to hold a chapter, and also to deliver up the regalia belonging to the chapter, which he had obtained possession of without consent of the companions, several of the companions urged the necessity of the above individuals to take into their most serious consideration the best mode that should be adopted, whereby possession of the regalia might be obtained, to enable the companions to conduct this chapter." At a later meeting it is reported that Bryant "positively declared that he would have nothing more to do either directly or indirectly with this chapter; that a sum of money was due to him, and that he should withhold the regalia until that amount was paid." The chapter, however, recovered from all this trouble, and to-day it is in a sound and flourishing position. M.E. Comp. Le Feuvre also handed over a note of hand which he had found among his father's papers, being a security for £10 advanced to the chapter over 50 years ago. He humorously remarked that at compound interest the sum now due to him was about £160; but having been just in restoring the ancient minute book of the chapter, which, though in his possession, he felt did not belong to him, he now wished to be generous by handing over the security held by his late father to the companions, and absolving the chapter from all liability. He at the same time produced an old Treasurer's account, showing the receipt of the money, and this he also placed in possession of the companions. He was, of course, warmly thanked for his gifts, and permission was given that the minute book should be sent to Bro. Hughan, at Torquay, for a short time, he wishing to make investigation of the records.

PENSTONE.—Wharcliffe Chapter (No. 1462).—The regular convocation of this chapter for the installation of Principals for the ensuing year was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Rose and Crown Hotel, when Comps. George Hesketh was installed as M.E.Z.; J. E. Wordsworth, H.; and J. A. Woodhead, J. The ceremonies were performed in a very efficient manner by Comp. J. R. Dore, P.Z. 275, Comp. George Sykes, P.Z. 290 and 1462, acting as D.C. After the investment of officers the ballot was taken for Bro. Dickinson, who was duly elected, and afterwards exalted by Comp. George Sykes, P.Z. The chapter was then closed ("Hearty good wishes" having been previously expressed by all the companions for the prosperity of this young chapter. The companions then adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

KINTORE LODGE (No. 333).—The first regular meeting of this lodge consecrated in April last, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 10th inst., Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges, the W.M., being supported by all his officers and members except two who were compelled to attend other Masonic duties. Bro. T. Edmonston occupied his chair as S.W.; Hastie, J.W.; C. Fountain, M.O.; P. Dakers, S.O.; B. R. Bryant, G. Std. Br., J.O., and acting I.P.M.; Capt. C. H. Nevill, Sec., and acting J.O.; G. Norrington, S.D.; H. C. Ingram, J.D.; J. W. Routledge, R.M.; R. A. Marshall, D.C.; G. J. Venables, I.G.; and R. Potter, Tyler. There were also present V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G. J.O., hon. member; and visitors Bros. R. J. Voisey, W.M. 22; V. F. Murché, D.C. 22; and W. Groome, F.M. 202. The V.W. Bro. Binckes, P.G.W., and Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Lovegrove, P.G.D. Wks., both hon. members, sent apologies for enforced absence.

The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. then read a letter he had received from the M.W.G.M.M., The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, expressing his regret that through illness he had been unable to attend, as he had intended, the inaugural meeting of the lodge named in honour of himself, and wishing the brethren all the success they could themselves desire in its future working. This letter was ordered to be entered on

the minutes. Bros. Edward Vigers, of Craft Lodge No. 1669, and E. Tidd, of 1426, were then advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master in a most efficient manner; the W.M. and officers alike vieing with each other as to correctness of ritual and style of work. As an augury of future skill and ability the conduct of this, the first ceremony performed in the new lodge, left nothing to be desired by even the most exacting critic. We shall look for a continuance of such perfection, as well for the sake of the Order as for the credit of a lodge bearing the exalted name of the G.M.M. At the close of the business of advancement the circular from the General Board relating to the Mark Benevolent Fund was read, and the W.M. immediately offered himself as Steward for the next Festival in aid of that fund, an offer which, it is almost needless to say, was most cordially accepted. A few matters of ordinary business were transacted, some "work" for next meeting placed on the agenda, and after "prayer and praise" the lodge was closed.

The brethren assembled shortly after for banquet, and spent a very agreeable evening, enlivened by song and recitation; Bros. Voisey, Venables, Norrington, and Murché discoursing admirable music, and Bro. Stevens, declaiming his new recitation, "The Three Great Lights." The next meeting of the lodge will be held in January.

Knights Templar.

WATFORD.—Stuart Encampment (No. 28).—A meeting of this time-honoured encampment was held at the Masonic Hall on the 17th inst., when there was a strong gathering of the members, who have the interest of their encampment and reverence for its founder deeply at heart. The encampment was opened in due form by E. Sir Knight G. Mickley, E.C., assisted by his officers. There were present Sir Knights J. R. Cocks, George E. Lake, Treas.; Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, Prelate; James Shilcock, George Powell, Henry C. Heard, C. E. Keyser, John Livingston, J. Purrott, F. Levick, John E. Dawson, Reg.; and others. Visitors: Sir Knights Capt. A. Nicols, Past G. 1st Std. Br.; R. Loveland Loveland, Past G. Swd. Br.; and W. H. Kempster, Past E.P. Kemeys Tynte Preceptory.

This was a meeting of especial interest, and it is to be hoped that it will be followed by many others of a similar character, inasmuch as it embraced the working of the degree of Knight of St. Paul, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, and finally the installation of Priors of the Order of Malta. The encampment was opened by E. Sir Knight G. Mickley, and the names of those Sir Knights who were desirous of being elected and installed Knights of Malta received in writing, and submitted to the acting Prior.

At the conclusion of the business of the encampment a Priory of the Order of Malta was held by E. Sir Knight Captain A. Nicols, Past 1st G. Std. Br., ably assisted by E. Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland. Six Knights, members of the Stuart Encampment, presented themselves for election, and after the conference of the introductory Degree of the Mediterranean Pass, were duly installed Knights of Malta, and took their stalls in the priory. E. Sir Knight Capt. A. Nicols afterwards opened a Board of Installed Priors, which consisted of P.E. Priors the Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, R. Loveland Loveland, and several other distinguished Past Priors. No less than seven Past E. Commanders and Preceptors presented themselves for installation, which most interesting circumstance gave the Installing Prior, Capt. Nicols, the opportunity of enlarging on the necessity of holding Priors of Malta much more frequently. He remarked that it was not an unusual occurrence when a Priory of Malta was held to see as many P.E.Ps. and P.E.Cs. present themselves for installation to the Board of Priors as there were candidates for the Degree of Malta itself. This is not as it should be. E. Sir Knight Nicols further remarked that a Prior of Malta did not rank above an Eminent Commander or Preceptor, but that the Degree merely added to his dignity and entitled him to the privilege of performing those beautiful ceremonies which served further to illustrate the history of the "Soldiers of the Cross." A very cordial vote of thanks for their assistance was accorded to Capt. Nicols and R. Loveland, in that peculiarly hearty old-fashioned manner which leaves so deep a fraternal recollection on the mind of every true Knight Templar.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY (D).—A meeting of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 21st inst. Among those present were Ex. Bros. T. C. Walls, M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, Prelate; Tayleur, 1st Gen.; Major Gardiner, 30^o, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., 30^o, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Recorder; Anderson, 30^o, G.M.; Lott, 30^o, Org.; C. Driver, 30^o, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, 30^o, P.M.W.S.; Stohwasser, Bassano, Belton, Williamson and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Nesbett, Town Clerk of Douglas, Isle of Man, was duly perfected by the M.W.S. A vote of condolence having been passed to the family of the late Ill. Bro. S. Rosenthal, 33^o (France) P.M.W.S., the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual toasts followed, and the meeting terminated at an early hour.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—On Friday there was a meeting of this chapter, when there were present Bros. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G.; M. Millington, M.W.S.; A. T. B. Turner, H.P.; G. Simpson, 1st Gen.; W. Brown, Raph.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.S.; T. B. Whythead, P.S.; A. H. H. McGachen, G.M.; F. Waddington, M. C. Peck (Ancient York Conclave), and others.

Bro. Fraser, P.M., was duly perfected. Several letters of apology were read. Bro. A. T. B. Turner was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected Treasurer. A vote of £1 is. was passed to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund," and the chapter was closed. The members afterwards dined at the Queen's Hotel.

Bro. W. O. Church, of 12, South-place, Finsbury, has been appointed architect for a new Congregational Church about to be erected at West Croydon.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Commercial Lodge (No. 360).—

This lodge held its annual installation meeting in the lodge-room, 30, Hope-street, on the 7th inst. Bro. J. Priddy was again installed as R.W.M. by Bro. Thos. Halket, Treasurer of the P.G.B.F., after which the R.W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers for the year, namely, Bros. Walter Neilson, I.P.M.; D. Chalmers, D.M.; A. Brown, S.M.; Wm. Stirling, S.W.; W. J. Donaldson, J.W.; M. Lofthouse, Sec.; Robert Reid, Treas.; G. N. White, S.D.; Wm. M'Niven, J.D.; J. Henderson, I.G.; A. C. M'Intyre, Chap.; G. S. Hendry, B.B.; A. A. Stirling, D. of C.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; W. M. Bruce, Jeweller; Wm. Hunter, Pres. of Stwds.; Robert Gardiner, Tyler.

After the ceremony the lodge went from labour to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the large company present. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, previous to the toast of the "R.W.M." Bro. Priddy, in responding, said he could not allow the opportunity to escape him of thanking the brethren for again honouring him by placing him at their head. During the past year he had done his best to maintain the honour and dignity of the chair, and he was glad to find his efforts had met their appreciation. He also begged to thank the retired office bearers for their able support, and trusted the present officers would work equally as earnestly. An excellent programme of song and sentiment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Bermuda.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Chapter 224 (G.R.I.).—At a convocation of the above chapter on the 7th ult., the following officers were elected for 1885: Comps. Surgeon-Major J. A. Campbell, K.; A. Smith, H.P.; Lieut. Haynes, R.E., C.S.; Sergeant Flynn, 84th Regt., C. of the H.; Corpl. Barnes, R.E., Supt. of the T.; Corpl. J. H. Robertson, Capt. of R.A.; Sergt.-Major Bradshaw, R.E., C. of S.V.; Sergt. Wise, 84th Regt., C. of P.V.; Sapper Bullock, R.E., C. of B.V.; James Smith, Treas.; the Rev. Charles P. Reilly, Chap.; Sergt. Duffield, A.H.C. Reg.; and Postlethwaite, Janitor.

THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting for auditing accounts and appointing officers of this successful Association was held at Bro. Shaw's, the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 7th inst., Bro. J. R. Stacey occupying the chair as President of the Association, Bro. W. W. Snelling, the Hon. Secretary, and many members of the Committee being present. Bro. SNELLING then read a summary of the accounts of the Association, from which it appeared that he had received a sum of £1531 14s. 2d., of which £472 had been paid over to the male fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £300 12s. to the Widows' Fund; £309 15s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £367 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. £22 4s. 6d. had been expended during the existence of the Association in printing, postage, &c., and there was a balance of £59 12s. 5d. in the bank to the credit of the Association. Bro. J. R. Stacey was then re-appointed President of the Association; Bro. J. White, Vice-President; Bro. W. W. Snelling, Hon. Sec.; and Bros. Abell, Larchin, Denison, Squirell, Gush, Tate, Leggott, Smith, Shaw, and Jenkins, members of the Committee; and Bros. Dury, South, and Shipwright, Auditors.

A vote of thanks was then unanimously given to the late officers for their services during the past year, and Bro. SNELLING then made an earnest appeal to the members to further support the three Masonic Charities, and two brethren having been elected members of the association, the meeting was closed.

BRIXTON HALL.

A most delightful evening was spent last Tuesday by a large and representative audience at a concert given by the proprietor on the occasion of the reopening of the above Hall, to which admission was gained only by the special invite of Mr. J. R. Chard, no charge being made. The concert commenced punctually at eight o'clock by the band of the Coldstream Guards (conductor Bro. Dan Godfrey) playing "God Save the Queen," followed by a march—"Reunion"—and a selection from "Falka." Mr. Edward Dalzell then gave "The Message" in good style, after which "Qui la Voce" was very prettily rendered by Miss Margaret Cockburn. A valse by the band was the next on the programme, followed immediately by a cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," which, being excellently played by Sergeant Knights, was the first piece of the evening to receive an encore. "Little Sue" was then sung by Mr. James Budd in his well-known style. The first part of the programme closed by Miss Spencer Jones singing a song, "Di Tanti Palpiti," very sweetly, and Sergeant Roe following with a piccolo solo, "Echoes of the Wood."

After a short interval, the band opened Part 2 with a piece entitled "The Musical Kaleidoscope," which concludes with "The Smithy in the Wood," the anvil being introduced having a very pleasing effect. Miss Cockburn's second song of the evening, "I'll be, my heart," being very warmly applauded, she gave "Robin Adair" as an encore. Mr. E. Dalzell following with a pretty song, "The Maid of the Mill." A nautical fantasia (descriptive of a voyage to India in a troop ship), introducing a number of popular tunes, was next played by the band. Miss Jones followed with "Looking Back," which was remarkably well sung and well received, but, owing to the lateness of the hour, she did not give an encore. "The Last of the Boys" being so well sung by the popular singer Mr. James Budd, the audience—although late—would not be satisfied until he gave an encore, he choosing the Grenadier song in "Iolanthe." A most enjoyable evening was closed by the band playing a selection, "The Sleigh Ride."

It may not be out of place to draw attention to the great improvement made in this Hall, which has now been closed for a few months for the purpose of enlarging and decorating, it being reopened by the above concert. It is difficult to believe you are in the same place, the change is so marked, in addition to which a smaller, but, if anything,

prettier, hall has been built at the side of the old hall, and can be used either as a separate building or would make a good withdrawing room when the large hall is required for balls.

As one or two lodges meet here, the comfort of the brethren has been looked after, a nice little lodge room being fitted up for their use; and we would strongly recommend brethren who may think of forming a new lodge in South London, or others who may wish to move to other quarters, to inspect the above place, and apply to the proprietor to see if he could accommodate them, it being within easy access from the neighbouring suburbs.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH LEWIS OATES, P.M. 304.

We have to record this week the death of Bro. Joseph Lewis Oates, P.M. 304, which took place at Leeds on the 12th inst., after a very short illness. There are few Masons who will be more missed than Bro. Oates. For 19 years he has been House Steward to the Philanthropic Hall Committee—the reopening of whose noble hall we recently reported—and by his readiness to instruct, and by his kind and genial disposition, he won the hearts of all, and no better testimony of his worth can be recorded than the large number of brethren who assembled at the Hall to accompany his remains to their last resting place. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 2.30, previous to which the brethren, to the number of 130, attended a short service in the lodge room. The choir was composed of the members of the Fraternity, assisted by some eight or ten trebles from the parish church choir. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Treas., delivered the following address: Brethren, it may truly be said "in the midst of life we are in death;" "we are here to-day, to-morrow gone." Last Saturday there was one of the most brilliant assemblies that ever met within these walls; to-day we meet for a very different purpose. Then it was to start into life a new lodge, now we meet to pay "the last sad homage of respect to departed worth." Bro. Joseph Lewis Oates, a Past Master of our Order, born 5th October, 1818, at rest 12th November, 1884, was initiated into our mysteries on 28th January, 1861, and, after having served the office of Warden, was duly installed W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, on the 25th December, 1872. He was appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivant on the 12th April, 1882, and exalted to the degree of Holy Royal Arch on the 5th February, 1866, being installed First Principal of the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 304, on 2nd February, 1876, and was appointed to the office of Provincial Grand D. of C. on the 12th May, 1880. He was advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master on 5th April, 1871, and was installed W.M. of the Copley Mark Lodge, No. 111, on 1st July, 1879, and was appointed Provincial Grand Inspector of Works in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of W. York on 16th September, 1879. In early life Bro. Oates joined the 68th Foot, and faithfully served his country for 21 years, during which period he was with his regiment in Ireland, Jamaica, Canada, Scotland, England, and again in Ireland; was afterwards two years on the staff of the Indian army, and 19 years on the staff of the West York Militia. By one of those peculiar coincidences we meet with in life, our brother was with his regiment in Jamaica when and within a few miles of the place where I first saw the light of day. In 1865, Bro. Oates was appointed House Steward to the Philanthropic Hall Committee, and ever since then has had the care and superintendence of the building in which we are now assembled. It is said, brethren, "the course of true love never did run smooth," and so I suppose it may be said of friendship. For nearly 19 years I have been intimately connected with our brother; sometimes as scholar, and sometimes as teacher, we have worked together in the great cause we all have at heart, and during all that long period only once has there been any interruption to our friendship. It was only a slight misunderstanding. We are all of us hasty at times, at least, brethren, you know I am; but Bro. Oates, with a candour which I have always admired, came to me within 24 hours, and all was satisfactorily explained. We, brethren, who meet in these rooms must admit and acknowledge with gratitude the care and attention our brother always paid to our comfort, and the great assistance he at all times willingly gave to those who needed instruction. We may not all agree with everything he did, but now death has taken him from us, let us forget all little differences of opinion, and dwell only upon his many virtues and excellences of character, so may we go forth to his funeral offering up our fervent prayers to the Great Father above that He will comfort his widow in her deep affliction, and let us weigh well the lesson which the sudden departure of our brother forces upon us, and may it more than ever teach us to act on the laws of our Great Creator, so that when we are summoned from this sublunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above and receive from our Grand Master a crown of glory which shall continue when time shall be no more.

The brethren then formed in procession, and marched to St. George's Church, where the first part of the Burial Service was read, and afterwards to Woodhouse Cemetery.

EXCERPTA FROM AN OLD LODGE MINUTE BOOK AT LEEDS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

No. 1.

By the great kindness of Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., P.G.T. of West Yorkshire, I am enabled to give my readers some very interesting extracts from the minute book of an old extinct lodge at Leeds, the Lodge at "The Talbot," at Leeds, of the earliest lists. As we go on we shall find I think some points of great interest. The calligraphy of the earlier extracts is beautiful. The lodge did not meet after 1788 as the Lodge at the Talbot, but in 1791 received a dispensation as the Lodge of Loyal and Prudent Lodge, 493. No minutes, however, exist apparently. From 1820 to 1829 there are some sparse minutes of the Lodge Loyal and Prudent, No. 532.

No. 1.

We, the underwritten, all true members of the most Ancient and most Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Macons, made in different though just and lawful lodges, dedicated to St. John, and now residing in the town of

Leeds, in the county of York: Whereas we being great lovers of the Royal Art, have this 12th day of November, 1760, assembled at the house of John Thompson, the sign of the Talbot in the above town, when finding ourselves a competent number to form a regular lodge, have proposed and agreed to meet the second Wednesday in every month to hold a lodge at the above said place, in order to instruct ourselves in our said Royal Art, and to promote the same in good order and according to its rules and statutes as far as in our power lies. And whereas that we may open a lodge in due form on the above said day, we have agreed to send a petition (signed by us the said underwritten) to the Mother Lodge in London, desiring to have a constitution granted us that we may work in a regular manner, which was accordingly done and sent to London by our brother Lewis Bastide, he being pitched upon as the properest person to undertake the affair. Done at this our meeting this 12th day of November, 1760.

There are no signatures to this minute in the book, but they follow on the next page, which records the law of petition and of which this preliminary minute seems to be a covering minute. It would appear from these minutes, that for some time previously to the petition for a constitution, how long is not clear, and the granting of the same, these and other brethren had been meeting together without a warrant. But this matter will be more fully explained as we go on.

A copy of the Petition sent to the Grand Lodge in London:—

To the Right Worshipful, Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and all our Brethren, Members of the Grand Lodge held at Devil's Tavern, Temple Bar, London. Right Worshipful Brethren:—

We, the underwritten, your faithful brethren, residing in this town of Leeds, in the county of York, being more than a competent number to form a lodge and make it perfect (amongst which there are some marked with Δ degree, to which we think you are not strangers) have assembled ourselves in the above said town of Leeds, at Bro. John Thompson, at the Talbot, to work in good harmony and according to the rules and statutes of our Royal Art. And being desirous to continue the work in the like good order and harmony, and to be admitted into the number of those you have already been pleased to constitute, we beg you will be pleased to deliver us such Rules and Constitutions as you have done to many others heretofore, that we may be united and known to the whole Fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth; not only for our own satisfaction, but also for the better contributing to the improvement and good order of our Royal Art. Our brother, the bearer of these, will satisfy the expenses required for the said Constitution. In the interim we beg leave to assure you that we shall always be ready to acknowledge this said favour by our quarterly relief for the poor and penniless brethren, as far as it shall be in our power. Greeting you by three times three, and Δ cherished and known to the enlightened mortals only, we remain sincerely, your true and faithful brethren:—H. Ibbetson, Master, Lewis Bastide, George Lawmann, John Bedford, jun., Horatio Cataneo, Thos. Woodcock, Sam Devonport, Jos. Fountain, John Burrow, Jonathan Priestley, James Horrocks.

No. 2.

We, the undersigned, this twelfth day of January, 1761, have, by the desire of our Bro. Lewis Bastide, assembled ourselves at the Talbot aforesaid, when the said Bro. Bastide has communicated to us, that he had received an answer to the petition we desired him to send to the Mother Lodge, where with great satisfaction and pleasure he found that the said Mother Lodge had been so kind as to grant our above said petition, and to send him a Constitution granted by our R.W. Bro. Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, bearing date the 8th day of January, 1761, A.D. 5761, and signed (by the Grand Master's command), John Keivs, D.G.M., and intersigned by Samuel Spencer, G.S., which impowers us to open a regular lodge at the above said John Thompson the sign of the Talbot, at Leeds. He further found that the Grand Lodge in the above Constitution, had of themselves appointed our worthy Bro. Sir Henry Ibbetson, Bart., Master; Lewis Bastide, S.W.; and George Lawmann, J.W., for opening our said lodge; all which being to the full satisfaction of the brethren present. We came to the following resolution—viz., that our due thanks should be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their granting us the above said Constitution, and that the said letter of thanks be signed only by the three principal officers that the Grand Lodge has thought proper to appoint, and further, that our Bro. Bastide be desired to transmit the above letter of thanks, which he has undertaken willingly; after which we have adjourned to meet in a regular form to the 14th inst. Done at this our meeting this 12th day of January, 1761.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, U.S.A.

The Craft appears to fare prosperously in this jurisdiction. It seems that at the twenty-seventh annual communication, held at Spokane Falls in June last, under the presidency of Bro. Levi Ankeny, G.M., thirty-six out of its thirty-nine lodges were represented, while the total membership has increased from 1500 in 1883 to 1654. The receipts amounted to 3802 dollars, and the disbursements to 3714 dollars, the slight difference between the two having the advantage of being on the right side of the account. Bro. William Henry White is now the Grand Master, and Bro. Thos. Milburne Reed, G. Secretary.

GRAND COMMANDERY (K.T.), MINNESOTA.

The proceedings of the nineteenth annual conclave of this G. Commandery—held in Minneapolis towards the end of June last—appears to have been in all respects satisfactory. Sir Knight Will G. Brierson, G.C., presided, and thirteen of the subordinate commanderies were represented, among the visitors being Sir Knight I. S. Parvin, P.G.C. Iowa, and G. Recorder of the G. Encampment, United States. The G.C. announced that he had authorised the formation of two new commanderies. The receipts for the year amounted to 1074 dollars, and the disbursements to 749 dollars, the total fund to the credit of the G. Commandery being close on 2727 dollars. The membership is 1268, Sir Knight Albert M. Shucy is the new G.C., and Sir Knight A. T. C. Pierson (re-elected), G. Recorder.



THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.—The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire has voted three guineas to the Hughan Testimonial Fund.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Earl Granville unveiled the memorial bust placed in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the virtues of the late Archbishop Tait.

The warrant of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge has been signed by the Grand Master, and is numbered No. 2068 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, Civil Division, on Bro. Sir J. A. Macdonald, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., P.G.S.W. England.

A thrilling story, entitled "On the Square," will be published this month, and from the circumstance of its being founded on fact, and turning on a Masonic incident of great interest, we have no doubt it will prove very welcome to our readers.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., has been appointed Secretary of the Admiralty in succession to Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., and is succeeded as Civil Lord by Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson is President of a committee formed for the purpose of raising a testimonial to be presented to Mr. W. G. George, the well-known athlete, on his retirement from the path.

"All in the Sun" is the title of a very pretty fine art book by Mrs. Christophine Coddard, which will be shortly issued by Messrs. Dean and Son. A feature in the book will be that an etching of child life will appear between each page of chromo pictures in colours.

The annual banquet of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, will take place at Bro. Day's, the Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet-st., on the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, Bro. W. H. Mars' on, P.M. 55, 1599, in the chair.

According to the latest bulletins, the condition of our venerable Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore is very favourable, though much of the weakness supervening on the excitement resulting from the birthday festivities still remains.

Bro. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, and the Countess of Limerick, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, have arrived in town, the former from Dromore Castle, co. Limerick, and the latter from Mount Edgumbe.

Our late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, has been succeeded as Lord Lieutenant of the county of Durham by Bro. the Earl of Durham, whose family had been conspicuously connected with Freemasonry for a long term of years.

We are in a position to announce, as a further evidence of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's anxiety to cater well for their patrons, the public, that a musical entertainment will shortly be provided for those who dine at the "table d'hôte" in the Grand Hall of the Criterion.

According to the *Keystone*, a meeting of the Philadelphia bar was held on the 13th October for the purpose of demonstrating the respect of its members towards the late Bro. the Hon. M. Phillips, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. All the principal members were present, and the address was delivered and the minute of respect moved by Bro. the Hon. Richard Vaud, who is also a P.G.M. Pennsylvania.

It seems that as we English Masons can boast of our centenarian brother in the person of Sir Moses Montefiore, so can the Masons of the United States, one of whom, Bro. Christopher C. Graham, M.D., Louisville, Kentucky, was born on the 10th October, 1784, and initiated in Warren Lodge, No. 53, Kentucky, in March, 1819. Thus our Sir Moses, though a slightly younger man, is a considerably older Mason.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a list, in tabular form, of the officers and members for the year 1884-5 of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973 (Craft), Mark Lodge, No. 309, and Conclave, No. 122, all of Belvedere, Kent, their place of meeting being the Royal Alfred Institute, Belvedere. The dates of the installation and other meetings are added, as well as the names of the Secretaries of the three bodies. The information, which is given in compact and handy form, will be found useful for purposes of occasional reference.

The *London Gazette* of Friday contains the official appointment of a Royal Commission for the promotion of an exhibition of the Products, Arts, and Manufactures of the Colonies and India. Among the members of the Commission are Bros. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W.; the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts; the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire; the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.W.; the Earl of Dalhousie, the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.; Earl Granville, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., &c., &c. Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen is the Secretary.

An "invitation concert" was given on Thursday evening last at St. James's Hall by Miss Carlingford, who, by recent performances at the Savoy Theatre, has shown herself to be an admirable vocalist. There was a large audience, and all the numbers in the programme were well received, Miss Carlingford's songs—"The Lost Chord" and "Spare my boy at sea"—being vehemently applauded. But the chief feature of the evening was Dr. Carter Moffat's address on "The Ammoniophone," an instrument which, after many years of labour and study, he has at length succeeded in perfecting, and which he has invented for the purpose of improving and enriching the voice by the inhalation of chemical compounds resembling artificial Italian air. Dr. Moffat's lecture was listened to with the closest attention, and there seems, from the description and the experiments which accompanied it, good reason to anticipate that the "Ammoniophone" will prove a success.

A meeting of the Town Council of Haverfordwest was held on Monday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Mr. S. Thomas, mayor, when a vote of thanks to Captain G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G. Swd. Br., of Coventry-street, London, was cordially passed, to the effect "That the sincere thanks of this council be tendered to Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., of Coventry-street, London, for his kindness in having at his own expense repaired and restored the corporation maces, and in having returned them so restored to this council in a handsome polished oak box for their safe keeping with an engraved inscription inside on a brass tablet, recording the fact of their having been exhibited at the forty-first congress of the British Archaeological Association, held at Tenby in September of the present year, of which association Captain Lambert is a member, and was himself present at such congress."—*City Press*.

Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, is among the guests who are staying with Bro. Lord Londesborough, at Londesborough Lodge, Yorkshire.

Bro. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., has been appointed her Majesty's Postmaster-General in succession to the late Professor Henry Fawcett, M.P.

The Duke of Northumberland and his eldest son, R.W. Bro. Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, have arrived in town from Alnwick Castle.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the monthly meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians, a benefaction of £100 from Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore was announced to mark the completion of his 100th year.

At the regular meeting of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, at Portsmouth, on Friday last, a very gratifying and well-deserved mark of esteem was paid to Bro. Chas. V. Birch by the lodge presenting to him a very handsome and valuable gold Secretary's jewel.

On Monday the Queen was present at the funeral of Willie Blair, Her Majesty's Highland fiddler, who died last week at the venerable age of 90. The body was interred in Crathie churchyard, where a monument will be erected by command of her Majesty.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by the Sheriffs, will preside at the 99th annual meeting of the Benevolent Strangers' Friend Society, to be held at the Mansion House on the 15th December. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.G.J.W., ex-Lord Mayor, is Treasurer of the Society.

The installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst., and the W.M. (Bro. Burdett-Coutts), and the officers of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, have been invited, by resolution at the last meeting, to attend.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knight Templars will be consecrated on Monday, the 22nd December—instead of the 1st—at 33, Golden-square, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, assisted by some of the most distinguished members of the Order. The business will comprise the installation of candidates, the consecration, and the installation of Bro. H. Lovegrove, E.P. designate.

A very interesting lecture was delivered on Tuesday, the 11th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-street, Plymouth, the lecturer being none other than our learned and respected Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G. D. England. The subject chosen was "The Four Grand Lodges of England," and our readers will have no difficulty in picturing to themselves how ably and clearly it was dealt with by the lecturer.

The Annual Assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, will be held at Sa Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Monday, the 1st December, at 5.30 p.m. The business to be dealt with includes the reading of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, the appointment of eight Grand Senators, and the election of ten Grand Senators. A banquet will be held at 6.30 p.m., and Knights' Companions proposing to dine are requested to send in their names, with as little delay as possible, to the Grand Recorder, W. R. Woodman, M.D., Ford House, Exeter.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending November 22nd: Monday—Bristol Lodge; Whittington Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge; Salisbury Lodge; Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society; Grand Stewards' Lodge; Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; Oak Lodge; Noviomagus; Royal York Lodge. Thursday—Civil Service Vocal Union; Cymmrodorian Society; St. Mary's Lodge; Universal Lodge; Globe Lodge; Linnæan Club. Thursday—United Pilgrim Chapter; Great Northern Lodge; Scottish Corporation. Friday—Jordan Lodge; University Lodge; St. James's Chapter.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1885," has just been issued, it being the fifteenth year of publication of this popular directory. We have little to say of the new issue beyond recording the fact that it contains the latest particulars relating to Masonry, not only in the United Kingdom, but in all other countries as well. Its information is likewise even more complete and accurate than ever, and as showing to how recent a date this is brought down, we may state that the Lodge of St. Osyth, No. 2063, of Clacton-on-Sea, consecrated only last week, appears in its place on the roll of our English lodges. In short, while retaining all its old characteristics, no pains have been spared to make the "Cosmo" a reliable guide to the Craft universal.

250 to 2500.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4-1/-, 14 stamps. [ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are amenable by this cooling and healing Ointment. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure has long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.—[ADVT.]

The banquet to be given by the Empire Club in honour of Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., will take place at the club premises on Wednesday next, the 26th inst., the Marquis of Lorne, late Governor-General of Canada, will preside.

Bro. David James, we are very pleased to learn, has recovered from his late severe indisposition, and will positively resume the part of Perkyn Middlewick in "Our Boys" at the Strand Theatre on Monday next.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was entertained at dinner on Thursday week by the Leathersellers' Company, which is thus the first of the City companies to have the honour of receiving his lordship as a guest at their festive board. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead was present in his capacity of one of the Company's Wardens.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., and Lord Carlington, P.G.S.W., with the Hon. E. L. Stanley, M.P., Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., and Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., members of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes, stayed at Sandringham from Saturday to Monday last, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A grand Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair will be held in the Tontine Rooms, Armagh, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, in aid of the funds now being raised towards the erection of a Masonic Hall in Armagh. The scheme will be carried out under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland; Bros. Maxwell C. Close, M.P., P.G.M. Armagh; John G. Winder, D.P.G.M.; the Earl of Charlemont, George D. Beresford, M.P., and the Countess of Charlemont; Mrs. Close, and Mrs. Beresford. The last two ladies will preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge stall, and other influential ladies at the Monaghan stall, and those fitted and furnished by lodges Nos. 409, 39, 299, and 623, and the refreshment stall. A mediæval street has been designed for the occasion by Mr. J. F. Warden, of the Theatre Royal, Belfast, and a military band will be in attendance each day. There will be a charge for admission of 2s., on the afternoon of the first day, and 1s. the evening; and on the other days, morning 1s., and evening 1s. Doors open on Monday from 3 p.m., to 6 p.m., and in the evening from 8 p.m., to 10 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday—Morning, noon, to 5 p.m.; evening, 7 p.m., to 10 p.m. Brethren are requested to attend in Masonic costume.

AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.

The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but if the reader will ask himself the following questions he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky, mucus gather about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the sides and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarging? Is there costiveness? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing there will be a dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against this latter agonising disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipency. It is most important that the disease should be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in until every vestige of the disease is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effectual remedy for this distressing complaint is "Seigel's Curative Syrup," a vegetable preparation sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world, and by the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 17, Farringdon-road, London, E.. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system. Ask your chemist for Seigel's Curative Syrup.

Spanish Town, Jamaica, West Indies, Oct. 24, 1882.

Dear Sir,—I write to inform you that I have derived great benefit from "Seigel's Syrup." For some years I have suffered from liver complaint, with its many and varied concomitant evils, so that my life was a perpetual misery. Twelve months ago I was induced to try Seigel's Syrup, and although rather sceptical, having tried so many reputed infallible remedies, I determined to give it at least a fair trial. In two or three days I felt considerably better, and now at the end of twelve months (having continued taking it) I am glad to say that I am a different being altogether. It is said of certain pens that they "come as a boon and a blessing to men," and I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the statement. I can truly say, however, that Seigel's Syrup has come as a "boon and a blessing" to me. I have recommended it to several fellow-sufferers from this distressing complaint, and their testimony is quite in accordance with my own. Gratitude for the benefit I have derived from this excellent preparation prompts me to furnish you with this unsolicited testimonial.

I am, dear sir, yours ever gratefully,
(Signed) CAREY B. BERRY, Baptist Missionary.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1884.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Hot., and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Ro., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich.
" 183, United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Ro., Old Brompton, Kent.
" 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenaeum, Godolphin-rd., W.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 5, Mallet & Chisel, Bridge House Hot., Lndn. Bdge
Red Cross 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

LOGES 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. Marl'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., Pad-dington, 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 25.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 205, Israel, Cannon Street Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-street, Regent-st.
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-rd.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
" 1365, Clapton, City Arms Tav., St. Mary Axe.
Red Cross 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
Domatic, 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.
Varborough, 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 Edgumbe, 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 26.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1793, Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Hot., Teddington.
" 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Industry, Railway Hot., West Hampstead.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Gresham-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Town Hall, Kensington.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Basinghall-st.
" 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
Belgrave, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-house, at 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitz Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford, S.E.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" K.T., Precept 26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-st. Hot.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, 6 till 9.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 2nd and 4th, at 6.45.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
Red Cross 15, St. Andrew's, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1884.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool (Instal-lation, 1 o'clock).
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescot.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirck.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale, Livp'l.
Toxteth L. of I., M.H., North Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Rose Croix Chap. 75, Stanhope, Queen's Hot., Chester.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
Lodge 1126, Oakwood, Dovestock Inn, Romelly.

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