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At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Saturday last, Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, G. Treas., was elected to fill the office of Treasurer for a period of three months, until the next Quarterly Court in April, when the Treasurer for the ensuing year will be elected. A public announcement having been made in these columns that Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON would be nominated for the office, and had consented to accept it if elected, the Governors appear to have taken it for granted that no opposition would be offered to the election of a brother so highly-respected by the Craft, and whose interest in the Institution had been manifested in so many ways. Indeed there were scarcely a dozen Governors or Subscribers present when the election took place. The nomination of Bro. MARSHALL without the slightest notice being given of any opposition being offered to the return of Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON was a surprise to many, and to none more so than to the House Committee, at whose invitation Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON had consented to allow himself to be put in nomination. We believe we are correct in saying that Bro. MARSHALL was not a willing nominee in opposition to Sir JOHN MONCKTON. A suggestion has been made, which we think a good one, that to guard against such a surprise in future, the rules of the Institution should be amended by inserting a provision that notice of all intended nominations for the offices of Treasurer and Trustee, should be given at the General Committee preceding the Quarterly Court at which the election is to take place.

THE proceedings in reference to the coming of age of the eldest son of our Royal GRAND MASTER are not only most gratifying in themselves, as a merited proof of the abiding loyalty of the English people, but suggest many pleasing thoughts and many edifying reflections. His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, who seems, happily, to have inherited the amiability and tact, and kindly and winning manners, the "don de plaisir" of his august parents, thus starts on his career as an English citizen with every prospect of happiness, and every anticipation of success. The "spes surgentis Tuli" was never more happily manifest, nor more duly come home to the heart, sympathies, and emotions of Englishmen and Freemasons. To us he is a "Lewis," with certain Masonic privileges attached to his high social rank, which may have for him one day both a meaning and a value. In the meanwhile, our entire Order audibly rejoices in the pleasant proceedings at Sandringham, and we are but expressing the sentiments of English Masons, of Anglo-Saxon Masons everywhere, for in America and Canada, as in Great Britain, the same good feeling prevails, when we reiterate our sincere aspirations for the future happiness and career of this young and illustrious member of our Royal Family, and that his may indeed prove to be a bright and instructive career of usefulness, reality, and highest meaning for the body politic, as well as for his own circle of nearest and dearest relatives. Emulating the greatness of his grandfather's noble efforts for the good of others, guided by the genial, sympathetic, and kindly utterances, and practical good sense of his Royal father, may he give us as year follows year another proof—if proof be needed—how much, as a nation and individuals all, Freemasons not excluded, we owe to that Divine Providence which gave to our great nation the sovereign rule of the House of BRUNSWICK.

THE proposed marriage of H.R.H. Princess BEATRICE will greatly accord with the good feelings and wishes of all ranks and conditions amongst us. Our good wishes, as a Craft, go with the granddaughter of our old Grand Master, and we trust that all happiness will attend the hymeneal voyage of the youthful and illustrious couple.

WE have heard a whisper, though we cannot quite answer for its correctness, that H.R.H. Prince EDWARD, our royal "Lewis," is shortly to be initiated into Freemasonry. We hope that Dame Rumour will turn out for once to be speaking the truth, as such a fact would be appreciated and gladly

hailed by the entire of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and it would well accord with those enlightened views as regards our peaceful, loyal, and useful Order which have swayed two of the greatest reigning Houses of Europe (great proofs of their far-seeing and foreseeing wisdom), namely, the Houses of HOHENZOLLERN and BRUNSWICK. The childish fear of and opposition to Freemasonry in some countries still, if by some it may perhaps be too hastily assumed to be the outcome of bigotry and intolerance, may at any rate be fairly set down to unworthy apprehensions and a want of common sense. At the same time we say this, we are not insensible to the grave fact of the marked difference between foreign Freemasonry in some parts and our own loyal, and charitable, and neutral organization.

WITH a new year we think it well to say a few words about Masonic literature. We quite enter into the fact of the great competition existing as to newspapers generally, and also to the grave consideration, as affecting any literary venture, that the *Freemason* appeals to a special class, and that Freemasonry is a speciality, and requires special and peculiar treatment. Some cynics have gone so far as to assert that brethren take up a Masonic paper only to read their own speeches, and there is no doubt a great deal of vanity and egotism in the world. But, as we are not cynics, we take rather a better view of things, though it is a remarkable fact, explain it as you will, that, in America, as in England, there is the same cry of apathy and chilliness, the same difficulty (with one or two bright exceptions) of keeping up a prosperous Masonic journalism, and a serial Masonic literature. If it is said, as it sometimes is, Freemasons are too busy to care much beyond and outside the lodge, we venture to reply that there is a good deal beyond and outside the lodge which calls for attention and deserves consideration. The antiquities, the philosophy, the æstheticism of Freemasonry all deserve careful note and study; and the strides that during the last few years have been made in Masonic archæology are so striking, that they seem to point to ulterior results and further discoveries. The materialism and the machinery of Freemasonry, though needful as a conserving power for the organization, as an organization, are not the be-all and the end-all of true Freemasonry. We want something more, farther, better. Masonic literature supplies that want, and, despite many tendencies to neglect or undervaluing, to callous disregard, or affected hostility, deserves, we make bold to say, the zealous and steady support of all cultured and intelligent Craftsmen.

SOME time ago it was stated in the *Freemason* by a Correspondent that a meeting of Grand Officers was held to consider the appointment of a Grand Treasurer. We doubted the fact at the time, and said so. We subsequently repeated our assurance of the entire mal-information of our Correspondent, who, we believe, only repeated what he had heard and believed. As, however, the statement is constantly repeated, we are requested to state that it is in its origin and assertion pure fabrication, most unjust to the Grand Officers, and started only for party purposes of some kind, perhaps to gratify a mysterious cabal which affects to lead the Craft. Some of our readers may remember Bro. AYTON'S amusing description of a clique.

WE are living at a time amid all classes, (and Freemasonry is not exempt from such weakness also) there is an impatience of the slower progress of the allotted and normal pathway of personal elevation, and "short cuts" are made and abnormal means are sought after to obtain individual honours and social distinction of various kinds and forms in this or that Society, in this or that organization. But all bright Masons, all true lovers of our ancient Craft, know full well that it is in lodges of Instruction, and in lodges of Instruction alone, that we are best prepared to advance and to command in Freemasonry, best grounded in our venerable formularies, best taught our effective and time-honoured lore! In our humble opinion, no brother should be called to high office in the Craft who is not an expert Mason, as taught in a lodge of instruction, and many a lesson, useful and valuable, can be learnt by the industrious and intent Freemason who listens to the happy and spontaneous manner in which the best workers amongst us,—and many, happily there are now,—illustrate and enounce the real and great beauties of our system and our ceremonial. On the other hand, nothing is so painful to the understanding Freemason as a parrot-like repetition of stereotyped phrases, or that monotonous delivery of consecutive passages, without apparently a stop or a halt, without any evidence or sense of the beauties of diction hastily gabbled over, without even any manifest appreciation of the full meaning, of familiar words, so constantly uttered, and so unconsciously proclaimed. How important then it is in the best interests of our contem-

porary Freemasonry to encourage lodges of Instruction, and the recognized and authorized teachers of our carefully preserved ceremonial, our "aporetta," and our Masonic philosophy. English Freemasonry, it is not too much to say owes the greater part of its vitality and efficiency at the present hour to lodges of instruction.

THERE is no more popular man in the whole English Craft of Masonry than the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire, nor yet one whose popularity is more fully justified. His exalted rank, both socially and Ma onically, entitles him to our respect. His wealth, which he dispenses nobly after the manner of him whose left hand knoweth not what his right hand giveth, will always secure him a large following of friends. But rank and wealth, though they win people's respect, do not win their love and esteem likewise. These come from the inmost hearts of men, and are given freely, but only, to those who have made a place for themselves in men's affections. This is just what the Earl of LATHOM has done. Though he is high above the majority of us in rank and wealth, we know and feel that he is also one of us—a man who approaches, and is approached by others, at all times, and under all circumstances, because it is impossible for him to be aught else than the kind and courteous gentleman. No wonder, then, the brethren of his province, among whom he principally lives, to whom he is known most intimately, and by whom he is most deeply loved and respected, should have evinced their feelings for him in the manner recorded elsewhere in these pages. May the relations between the ruler and the ruled in all our other provinces be always what they are and have been in that of West Lancashire under the firm, but kindly, governance of its present chief!

WE confess it comes upon us somewhat as a surprise that at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on Monday, the CHAIRMAN's motion on behalf of the House Committee for reducing the age at which children may be received as candidates from seven to six, and for their admission into the School, if elected, from eight to seven, passed almost without discussion. It is not so very long since that the age at which the boys left school was reduced from sixteen to fifteen, and a principal reason urged in favour of the reduction was that to clothe, educate, and maintain children for a term of eight years, as might well have happened in the case of any boy, and did, indeed, happen in the case of some when the higher maximum was in force, was conferring the benefits of the Institution with far too liberal a hand, especially when due regard was had to the large and increasing number of candidates for admission. Now, however, when the new rule just passed comes into force—which it will do in April next if the resolution is then confirmed—there will be precisely the same maximum term of eight years during which a boy may remain in the establishment as there was when sixteen was the age for leaving. How then shall we account for these varying phases of opinion, which seem at first sight decidedly not calculated to be of service to the Institution? The very natural explanation, of course, is that as there will soon be a Preparatory School, it is only right that candidates should be admitted earlier in order that they may have a better chance of benefiting by the instruction in the Higher School, while at the same time the earlier admission will have the effect of lessening the numbers on the list of candidates. On the whole, and for the reasons we have just given, we think the Court has acted wisely in accepting the proposal of the House Committee.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and subscribers was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Edw. Letchworth, G.D.; A. H. Tattershall; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; William Roebuck, P.G. Stwd.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; Ralph Clutton, V.P., Board of General Purposes; H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, John J. Parker, J. J. Berry, George Brown, A. E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, 30 candidates were, on the motion of Bro. W. ROEBUCK, P.G. Stwd., seconded by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., placed on the list for election in April, and 22 vacancies were declared.

The CHAIRMAN reported to the Court the death of Col. Creaton, P.G.D., P.G. Treasurer, and one of the Trustees of the General Fund, also Trustee of the Sustentation Fund, and said that the Court would have to elect brethren to these vacant offices.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL proposed, and Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, as Treasurer.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., proposed Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D., Past President Board of General Purposes, as Treasurer and Trustee. Sir John, he said, had consented to serve, and there were letters from the other Trustees to say that they were perfectly agreeable to have his name associated with theirs.

Bro. RALPH CLUTTON, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion.

Bro. TATTERSHALL wished to know whether it was necessary to have the consent of the other Trustees.

On a division Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall polled eight for the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Sir John B. Monckton six, and the Chairman declared Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall duly elected Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. TATTERSHALL proposed, and Bro. GEORGE BROWN seconded, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall as Trustee of the General Fund.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., proposed Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded.

On a division, Bro. Rucker polled six and Bro. Marshall five, and Bro. Rucker was declared elected.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G.D., proposed Joshua Nunn, P.G. Swd. Br., President of the Board of Benevolence, as Trustee of the Sustentation Fund.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., seconded.

Bro. Nunn was elected unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said they had now to consider the subject of the transfer of stock, but it was suggested that they should not go to that expense until they were reduced to two Trustees. There was a difficulty about the dividends in consequence of Col. Creaton's illness and subsequent death, and the Institution had not received their January dividends. He thought it desirable that the bankers should have a power of attorney to receive the dividends on all the stocks.

On Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART moving and Bro. TATTERSHALL seconding a resolution to this effect, it was carried *unm. con.*

The CHAIRMAN then moved, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, "That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss A. Barron, an assistant governess, on her retirement from the Institution." He said Miss Barron was elected into the Institution in April, 1870, and had therefore been there just upon fifteen years. She had conducted herself well, and had been advanced to the position of pupil teacher and assistant governess. She was most highly recommended by Miss Davis, the head governess. She had now left the Institution to get married. It was a most suitable match. The Institution had stood *in loco parentis* to her all these years, and as a father did not like his daughter to go quite empty-handed to her husband, so the Institution would not like Miss Barron to leave it without a small present.

The motion was seconded by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Alfred Williams, John M. Stedwell, F. H. Ebsworth, Raynham W. Stewart, John M. Woodmason, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), John L. Mather, E. F. Storr, F. Adlard, F. Berridge, W. Oldrey, J. Terry, J. J. Berry, H. Massey, J. Mason, George Kenning, H. Venn, E. M. Money, A. E. Gladwell, H. Dicketts, S. H. Parkhouse, J. Moon, George Motion, F. Davison, J. Murray, W. H. Saunders, J. A. Rucker, L. Ruf, A. H. Lelley, F. F. M. Stewart, J. S. Peirce, C. Belton, C. F. Hogard, D. Rolls, W. Paas, W. H. Smith, W. Wigginton, J. S. Cumberland, A. G. Goodall, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the list of candidates for the election in April was declared to consist of 45 boys, and the number of vacancies in the School 25, on the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. 22.

The CHAIRMAN next moved a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Col. Creaton. In doing so, he said the brethren all knew not only how much money he had paid in money to the Institutions, but also the great amount of time he devoted to the Committees and to the general working of all the Masonic Institutions. Every brother in the Craft who knew him must have admired his actions in every way. His desire to do good in all his relations was very marked, and the brethren would not wish the opportunity to pass when his services could be recognised even in the humble way of passing a vote of regret at his loss, to be recorded on the minutes, with a letter of condolence to be sent to his widow.

Bro. J. L. MATHER seconded the motion.

Bro. J. SAMPSON PEIRCE said, with the permission of the Chairman, he wished to say one or two words. Having had the privilege of a close acquaintance with the late Col. Creaton of over a quarter of a century, having been connected with him in the Lodge of Antiquity and the St. James's Chapter, he had formed a regard of the highest character for him. Both the Lodge of Antiquity and the St. James's Chapter had passed votes of regret at Col. Creaton's death, and had also directed that letters of condolence should be sent to the widow. Those letters of condolence were forwarded, and he could tell the brethren that, as Scribe E. of the chapter, he had received one of the most feeling replies from the solicitors to Mrs. Creaton in response to the letter. He also knew as a fact that Bro. Barron, the Secretary of the Lodge of Antiquity, had received a similar letter. It was not possible to conceive a more feeling letter. He was sure that if a letter of condolence was written on behalf of this Quarterly Court by Bro. Binckes to Mrs. Creaton, it would be similarly received, and that a letter as kind as the letters he had mentioned would be received by Bro. Binckes in reply.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. DUDLEY ROLLS, seconded by Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was elected a Trustee in room of Bro. John Wordsworth deceased.

On the motion of Bro. J. L. MATHER, seconded by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, Bro. W. Roebuck was elected a Trustee in room of the late Col. Creaton.

The CHAIRMAN moved, on behalf of the House Committee: "That, having in view the necessary regulations for admission to the Preparatory School, now in course of erection, the age at which petitions on behalf of candidates may be presented, be reduced to six years, and the age for the reception of elected candidates be reduced to seven years, and that Law 52 be altered accordingly."

The motion having been seconded, was carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, was called to the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. J. M. Case, C. F. Hogard, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Moore, C. H. Webb, T. C. Walls, J. L. Mather, L. G. Gordon Robins, T. Hastings Miller, Edgar Bowyer, J. A. Farnfield, E. M. Money, W. March, W. Daniell, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, J. Bulmer, J. Newton, C. Belton, T. W. C. Bush, L. Stean, C. Daniel, C. Lacey, A. H. Tattershall, W. H. Goodall, A. Barfield, G. P. Gillard, Jabez Hogg, W. Hilton, C. Dairy, H. Cox, G. P. Festa, and J. Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the SECRETARY reported the death of two annuitants, one of whom was the late Warden of the Institution—Bro. James Norris.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD moved a vote of condolence with Miss Norris on the death of her father.

Bro. BULMER seconded the motion, and said he was raised to the Third Degree by the late Bro. Norris.

The motion was carried.

The Warden's report was then read. It stated, among other things, that the annual New Year's entertainment to the old people took place at Croydon on the 7th inst., and that Bro. Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, Bros. Cutbush and Hastings Miller, and Bro. James Terry and Mrs. Terry, and others had sent most liberal contributions to the feast. It also stated that the Carolina (Original) Minstrels gave an amusing negro entertainment in the evening, which was highly appreciated, as well as the entertainment in the afternoon.

On the motion of Bro. TATTERSHALL, seconded by Bro. MURLIS, a vote of thanks to the several donors of contributions to the entertainment was passed unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the troupe of Carolina (Original) Minstrels, for the entertainment provided in the evening of the 7th inst., was also carried unanimously, on the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, seconded by Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER.

The Finance Committee's report was then read and passed, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the cheques for the sums recommended thereby.

Before proceeding with the petitions, Bro. C. H. WEBB asked the Secretary how many petitioners were on the list for May election up to the present time, and how many vacancies there were?

Bro. TERRY said there were 31 men and 19 widows. There were vacancies for 12 men only. There were no vacancies for widows.

The petitions were then considered. The new list contained the names of 27 petitioners, of whom 12 were females. Twelve male petitions were accepted, and three rejected. Of the female petitions, two were withdrawn, and one was deferred. The remaining nine were accepted.

Bro. TERRY, before the proceedings terminated, desired to say that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution acquired the very proud position in 1884 of obtaining the largest amount it had ever yet got in one year, viz., £19,900. Nevertheless, the calls on the funds were very heavy. At the next election in May there would be 42 men and 81 widows seeking the annuities. For the men there would be but 12 vacancies, but for the widows there was not at present a single vacancy. He hoped the brethren would redouble their efforts on behalf of the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

A POINT OF LAW.

A curious question was raised last week in the concluding paragraph of our Melbourne Correspondent's "Jottings from the Antipodes." An English brother, who had been "initiated and passed in a North of England lodge," went out to Australia, and, having settled in Adelaide, was "raised in a lodge an hour subsequent to the said lodge agreeing to join the Grand Lodge of South Australia," and our Correspondent is anxious to know—"What is his present and future standing? and will the Grand Lodge of England grant him a certificate?" The position is certainly a novel one; but, though we are not competent, or, if we were, should have no desire to lay down the law authoritatively, it strikes us that there should be no great difficulty in satisfying the very natural anxiety of the querist. Assuming our Correspondent has stated the facts correctly, we find that the raising of the brother in question occurred while the lodge which conferred the degree upon him was under the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge; or, to put the matter more clearly still, the act of raising him was done by virtue of the warrant which had constituted the lodge, and authorised it so to meet and confer the degrees in Craft Masonry. Had there been no such authorisation the meeting would have been irregular, and, as a matter of course, the whole of its proceedings irregular likewise. We have further to bear in mind that the lodge's resolution to sever its connection with the Grand Lodge of England and join the new organisation, and its severance of such connection and union with the new body, were acts done not simultaneously, but successively, the latter act following the former, and being indeed, if persisted in, its inevitable consequence. Moreover, the resolution, in order to obtain the requisite validity in the eyes of the law, would have to be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.

At all events—and it appears to us to be immaterial whether the raising followed the passing of the resolution or its confirmation—the meeting at which the resolution to join the Grand Lodge of South Australia was passed—or confirmed, as the case may have been—and the brother raised to the Degree of M.M. was held by virtue of the authority conveyed in the warrant constituting the lodge—that is, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England. Consequently, only such of its proceedings as were irregular or unconstitutional could be declared invalid by that Body. The mere accident—for such it must have been—of the raising having followed the acceptance or confirmation of the resolution would not have the effect of invalidating the former. In other words, the brother in question became, in our opinion, a Master Mason under the English Constitution the moment the ceremony of raising him to that Degree was completed, and, as such, he is entitled to a Master

Mason's certificate from United Grand Lodge. This, at least, appears to us to be the common sense view of the question, but as, unfortunately, it sometimes happens that law and common sense are at variance with one another, perhaps some of our light friends will kindly favour us with their opinions upon the subject.

PRESENTATION TO THE R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, THE EARL OF LATHOM.

The annual ball of the Masonic body of the Province of West Lancashire, which was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 9th inst., was rendered especially interesting by the presentation of a memorial portrait, accompanied by an illuminated address, to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber at nine o'clock, in the presence of about 500 brethren and ladies, including a very large representation of the various lodges in the province.

His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman David Radcliffe) presided, and supporting him were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.S.D.; Councillor T. W. Oakshott, Councillor G. C. Dobell, Councillor E. Paull, P.M. 1356; J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.G.S.; R. Morton, P.G.T.; R. A. Davies, W.M.; T. Salter, P.P.J.D.; J. Beesley, P.G.S.; T. McCracken, T. Whitehead, H. M. Molyneux, W.M. 155; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Dr. Pitts, P.M. 1620; G. M. King, W.M. 823; R. Young, P.M. 86; Robt. Foote, P.M. 1505; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others.

His Worship the MAYOR, upon rising to open the proceedings, was cordially greeted. He said—My Lord Lathom, ladies, and gentlemen—It needs no assurance of mine to tell you how we appreciate your company with us in Liverpool, more especially when we have you among so many of your brother Masons. I have been asked by the chairman of the Testimonial Portrait Committee to preside over this presentation, and I feel, my lord, very much the honour conferred upon me. There is no one, I am sure, who is more popular in these parts than the Earl of Lathom—(cheers)—and there is no one more popular in this city of Liverpool than his lordship. (Renewed cheers.) Our only sorrow is sometimes that we cannot retain his lordship altogether amongst us; but the next best thing we can do is to have a faithful portrait of him hung up in one of our prominent institutions in this city, in order that at least we may have the opportunity of seeing so good a likeness of him as often as we can. (Cheers.) I hope, my lord, that you will be long spared to your neighbours the citizens of Liverpool. We do estimate the privilege of having you amongst us as frequently as we possibly can, and I am sure the great interest your lordship takes in all matters in connection with us shows that at all times you will be most pleased to do all you can for us who are toiling in this great metropolis of the north. (Cheers.) I will now ask Bro. Mackenzie, the chairman of the Testimonial Committee, to make the presentation to your lordship.

In making the presentation, Bro. J. B. MACKENZIE, P.G.S.D., referred to the threefold interest attaching to the gathering that evening—the anniversary of his Worship's birthday, the significant compliment to one of the most popular of Provincial Grand Masters, and a festival gathering in aid of a Charity which was an honour to the Craft. After congratulating his Worship on the anniversary of his birthday, Bro. Mackenzie said that almost exactly thirteen years ago Bro. the Earl of Lathom was installed in that building, with imposing ceremony, as Masonic chief of nearly the largest province under the sway of the Grand Lodge of England. The great responsibility attaching to the office had been thoroughly realised by his lordship, and his Masonic zeal, invariable courtesy, and hearty co-operation in all schemes for the good of the province had led to most gratifying results. In 1873, when his lordship's installation took place, there were 56 lodges in the province, but these had increased to 82, with a proportionate advance in membership. Charity, the keystone of the whole Masonic fabric, had also gone hand-in-hand with numerical progress. While their three great London Charities last year received a total income of about £50,000, making the seven years' receipts fully £330,000, to which the brethren of this province had largely contributed, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution had progressed in a manner which must be as gratifying to Lord Lathom as it was to every brother who supported that noble Charity, carried out without a single farthing's official expense. (Cheers.) The invested capital twelve years ago was £9500, now it had reached £18,000. The annual subscriptions and donations then realised £500, last year they were £1694. And while in 1873 there were 42 children receiving education, which cost £280, in 1884 no fewer than 164 little ones were not only educated, but several of them entirely maintained and clothed, at a cost of £1552. (Hear, hear.) These facts gave increased lustre to his lordship's Masonic rule—(cheers)—and this surprising progress was largely the outcome and result of the personal influence and popularity he possessed in general as well as in Masonic circles in Lancashire and throughout the United Kingdom. (Cheers.) After alluding to the work of the Committee in organising and carrying out the testimonial portrait scheme, Bro. Mackenzie said the commission had been given to an artist—Mr. Haynes Williams—whose name was a sufficient guarantee of ultimate excellence and fidelity of portraiture; and he (the speaker) trusted the picture would long remain in the Masonic Hall of this city as a monument to a Provincial Grand Master whose praise was in all their lodges because of the true nobility he had displayed in connection with the fulfilment of the duties of his most important trust. (Cheers.) In conclusion, Bro. Mackenzie asked his lordship to accept a magnificently illuminated address, as a further evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by every brother in the province.

The portrait was unveiled amid loud applause.

Bro. R. MARTIN, P.G. Treasurer, then read the address, which was in the following terms:
TO BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M. OF ENGLAND, PROV. G.M. OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, representing a very large section of the brethren in the Province of West Lancashire, who have the privilege of enjoying your lordship's Masonic rule, desire to put on record the deep sense of our grateful esteem, beyond that which is conveyed by the portrait of your lordship, painted as the result of the subscriptions of the members of the Craft in every part of the division. That portrait will occupy

a prominent place in the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where it will form a lasting monument to the zeal, courtesy, and true Masonic spirit which have so strikingly marked your lordship's reign as P.G.M. over this important and extensive province. While this record will long remain amongst the members of the Craft in their usual place of meeting, we further desire that your lordship should possess tangible evidence of the warmth of Masonic admiration cherished for you by every member of the Fraternity. Under your lordship's able, amiable, and admirable direction, Freemasonry has greatly prospered in West Lancashire, the working of our significant rites and ceremonies has greatly improved, and a broader and deeper spirit of genuine Masonic brotherhood has prevailed throughout the length and breadth of the province. Our united earnest prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare a life so valuable in order that the "genuine tenets and principles" of our noble Order may be further extended and consolidated, that the spirit of pure Charity may be more widely diffused, and that the peace and concord, which are also bright jewels in our profession, may be still more widely promoted in our lodges and our lives. On behalf of the numerous subscribers to your lordship's testimonial portrait, we remain, yours very fraternally,

J. B. MACKENZIE, *Chairman.*
R. MARTIN, *Secretary.*
G. BROADBRIDGE, *Treasurer.*

The Earl of LATHOM, who was received with loud cheers, said—Bro. Mr. Mayor, Bro. Mackenzie, brothers, and, may I add, sisters—(hear, hear)—for I see a good many here—I can assure you that I have never felt more deeply touched and moved than I do at this moment, not only by the great assemblage I see before me, but also by the touching words spoken, not only by Bro. Mr. Mayor, but by Bro. Mackenzie. Bro. Mackenzie, I thank you for the flattering words you have spoken—far too kind—(No, no)—but I assure you that I feel them deeply. They go to my heart. When some 13 years ago I accepted the rule over the great Province of West Lancashire, I felt that a heavy responsibility was falling upon my shoulders. I followed one who had been beloved by the whole province, and I felt I had to work hard to stand worthily in his shoes. Brothers, that (pointing to the portrait) is my answer. (Cheers.) You asked me to sit for my portrait. I did so with the greatest pleasure. It has shown me that whatever little I have been able to do has been appreciated by my brethren. (Cheers.) Brethren, I thank you most heartily for this great mark of your satisfaction with what I have been able to do in the province. Bro. Mackenzie has told you how the Charities of this province have greatly increased. I am afraid some of you must have wearied when I time after time preached charity to you. I think you will say that is my old sermon. I have always preached it to you, and I heartily thank you for meeting my request. That beautiful address, and the magnificent case that encloses it, will remain in my family as an heirloom—(hear, hear)—as one of the proudest heirlooms that any man can ever possess. For what does it represent? It represents the brotherly feeling and goodwill of over 5000 brethren. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I see there are many testimonials given, but there are few testimonials that represent so large, so enormous a representation as that portrait. I thank you most heartily. This is not an occasion on which to give a lecture on Freemasonry, or to tell you how the province has prospered. It has prospered, and I am glad of it. I hope it will prosper more and more, and I shall be pleased for one. But, at all events, as long as it shall please the Great Architect to spare me in health, so long will it be my privilege to do my duty in cultivating that feeling of brotherly love in this province which has so long existed. (Cheers.) Brethren, you see my portrait before you. It is not for me to say much about it. But I will say one thing, I never spent a pleasanter time than in sitting for that portrait. Mr. Haynes Williams was most indulgent and most kind. I am afraid I was a troublesome sitter. I congratulate the brethren of this province on the possession of a real work of art. I thank you most heartily. I now have the very great pleasure, brethren, of asking the Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, Bro. Salter, to take charge of that picture, and to hang it in the grand lodge room in Hope-street. (Cheers.) Brethren, it does not quite befit me to do this. I only wish some one else had to do it, but still, at the same time, I do it with very great pleasure, and I only hope the gift will be acceptable to the brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. T. SALTER, after thanking Lord Lathom for his kindness in having given his time in sitting to enable his brethren to embellish their lodge room in Hope-street with his portrait and for his attendance that evening, said he had great pleasure in accepting the picture, which would be highly prized by them. The visits of brethren from other parts of the province would be rendered additionally interesting by the pleasure they would feel in looking upon the portrait of one who was so universally esteemed. (Cheers.)

Bro. E. PIERPOINT, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. his Worship the Mayor for presiding and granting the use of that chamber, said he hoped to see Mayors of Liverpool more frequently amongst them on occasions like that. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. R. A. DAVIES seconded, and Bro. Lord LATHOM supported the motion, and personally thanked his Worship most heartily for having so kindly presided and given the use of the hall. He also wished him many happy returns of the day—not as Mayor, for he did not think Alderman Radcliffe would wish it. (Laughter and cheers.)

The MAYOR having briefly replied, the interesting ceremony terminated.

It may be added that the commission for the execution of the portrait was placed by the Committee, after mature consideration, in the hands of Mr. J. Haynes Williams, of London, who has fully justified their choice by the production of a magnificent likeness, executed with the artistic skill for which this artist is so justly celebrated. All those who have the privilege of knowing his lordship will, on inspection of the painting, acknowledge that the resemblance is most striking, whilst the art critic will bear witness to its excellence as a masterpiece of modern painting. During the progress of the portrait the Earl manifested the greatest interest in its successful result by placing himself at considerable inconvenience to give Mr. Haynes Williams frequent and lengthened sittings, and so pleased was he when it was completed that he desired the Countess and his son to make a special visit to the artist's studio for its inspection, when they both declared themselves highly delighted with such a magnificent rendering of his lordship's features. As the painting is handed over by the Earl to be placed in the Masonic Temple, it was thought only right by the committee that he ought to be presented with a permanent and suitable record of the event in the shape of an address, which was ordered from Messrs. Elkington and Co., of Church-street, who, in conjunction with Mr. J. O. Marples, the well-known illuminator, have produced a work of art highly worthy of the acceptance of his lordship. This address has taken the shape of an elegant album, in the cover of which is placed a beautifully-modelled plaque in oxidised silver, representing, in an allegorical form, Honour, Fame, and Charity, surrounding a circular shield on which is emblazoned the Lathom arms in heraldic colours enamelled on gold and silver. This plaque is

framed in Masonic blue corded silk, with red Russia leather, richly tooled in gold, outside. On opening the album, on one side is disclosed a faithful reproduction of the portrait, coloured by Mr. Haynes Williams, whilst the other carries a very magnificently illuminated address stating the purposes of the presentation. The portrait bears the following inscription:—"Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. Subscribed by the brethren of the province in appreciation of his estimable qualities as a nobleman and Masonic chief. Painted by Haynes Williams, Esq., A.D. 1885—5885."

The address presented to Earl Lathom is in folio form. The first page is bordered up the left and right side with the acacia flower, growing from vases on a light blue ground, powdered with silver; the top and bottom of the page being ornamented in the Greek style of art. The Freemasons' armorial bearings occupy the initial letter of the heading in the top left corner, and the jewel of his lordship's Masonic rank is introduced in the other. The second page consists of a reproduction of the full-length portrait of his lordship in Masonic attire, with the coronet and monogram blazoned in the centre of a richly-ornamented panel up one side of the picture. The case is of crimson morocco. The arms of Lord Lathom are painted in enamel in the centre of a silver plaque of elaborate design, bordered with dark-blue silk, which forms the centre of the case. This work, which gave much satisfaction to the noble earl and the committee, was prepared by Bro. James Orr Marples, S.D. 1609, of Liverpool and London Chambers, Exchange.

THE ANNUAL MASONIC BALL.

The unusual interest attaching to the presentation proceedings in the Council Chamber conducted to an attendance at the annual Masonic Ball in the Town last evening which was both numerous and thoroughly representative. The festival gathering was the thirty-sixth of the series given in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, justly recognised as a pattern charity, even in Masonic circles, and there is little doubt that the financial results will be such as to satisfy and gratify every one who cherishes feelings of admiration and care for the growth and usefulness of the institution. Started with very modest aims some 35 years ago, the charity has been supported by brethren in the province with an amount of enthusiasm which has rendered it famous for its far-reaching beneficence in the annals of the Order; and now that the scheme of its philanthropy has been broadened so as to embrace not merely the education of the little ones brought under its benign influences, but also the entire maintenance, clothing, and education of a certain number of elected candidates, there is little doubt that the brethren will esteem it a privilege to give increased support to an enlarged plan which does credit to those who devised and carried it out.

The arrangements for Friday night's assembly were placed in the hands of a large Committee, of which Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, was President; Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., P.D.G.M., Vice-President; Bro. Councillor T. W. Oakshott, Chairman; Bro. T. Whitehead, P.M. 249, Vice-Chairman; Bro. J. Beesley, P.G.S., P.M. 823, Treasurer; and Bro. Simon Jude, Sec. 241, the Hon. Secretary. The patronage given to the '85 assembly included the names of his Worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman D. Radcliffe) and the Mayoress, the Countess of Carnarvon, the Countess of Derby, the Countess of Bective, the Countess of Lathom, the Countess of Dalhousie, Lady Claud J. Hamilton, Lady Greenall, Lady Constance Stanley, the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Harrowby, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M.; Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire; Col. Stanley, P.D.G.M.; Lord Bective, P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Lord Dalhousie; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; Sir Gilbert Greenall, Past G.S.W.; Dr. G. H. Evans, P.G.S.W.; the city and county Members, Mr. W. Rathbone, M.P., Sir A. B. Walker, and others.

The attendance on Friday evening was the largest which has been present at any Masonic Hall for several years, it being estimated that there were about 700 present. Dancing commenced about half-past nine o'clock, immediately on the completion of the presentation of portrait proceedings, and during the evening Bro. the Earl of Lathom, accompanied by his Worship the Mayor, passed through the rooms. A band of nearly 200 Stewards, capably captained by Bro. H. H. Smith, P.M. 1505, performed active and useful services in the direction of carrying out to a satisfactory termination this most successful Masonic reunion.

The music for the various dances was provided by Bro. J. Martin's band. Bro. H. W. Molyneux, W.M. 155, entrusted with duties he has so popularly and pleasantly carried out for many years, was again found a Master of Ceremonies of the most efficient order. Messrs. Galt and Capper Lord-street, had charge of the catering, and the exceedingly satisfactory manner in which they performed their important contract, under the personal supervision of Bro. R. Capper, elicited universal commendation. The bulk of the heavy preliminary work rested on the shoulders of Bro. Simon Jude, the honorary Secretary; and, while he merits the most "honourable mention" in connection with the zeal and ability which characterised his work, it is to be hoped he will find a good balance as a reward, in addition to the thanks he has justly secured from the brethren of the province.

The artistic jewels worn by the Stewards on this occasion were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, and were the gifts of Bro. Richard Ripley, P.M. 1547, P.G.A.D. of C., and the result of his generosity will be a substantial addition to the funds of the "West Lancashire."



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL PARTY OF THE BLAIR LODGE, No. 815, HULME.

This aptly-named social party came off once again at the Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst., and was successful so far as numbers were concerned and value given for money, but somehow we fancy the phrase "Christmas Social Party" might have been on this occasion altered to "The Blair Lodge Ball," because it was a ball pure and simple. Our recollection brings back a Christmas social party in Bro. Sowter's year, when the dancing was diversified with "Punch and Judy," "Legerdemain," &c., which made an agreeable variation to those who were unwilling to dance every dance. To lovers of the Terpsichorean art, however, nothing could have been more agreeable than the abundant programme provided, which embraced over 24 dances, all of which were capably played by artistes engaged by Bro. Binns.

Prior to dancing commencing, the lodge was opened, when the following officers were present: Bros. J. F. Anderson, W.M.; J. Sheldrick, I.P.M.; J. St. Patrick Riley, S.W.; W. Fell, J.W.; D. MacLennan, acting S.D.; O. Salomouski, J.D.; W. J. Herring, I.G.; W. R. Sowter, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Riley, Sec.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; and W. Perrey, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Reuss, 1387; and Board, I.P.M. 1798.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Walsh was balloted for and elected a member of the lodge. He was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and there being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.30. At 8.30 several of the ladies put in an appearance, and dancing soon afterwards commenced. At 11 o'clock there was an interval for supper, and the greater portion of the company repaired to the supper room, whilst the remainder stayed in the ball-room, and beguiled the time by dancing some extra dances. Subsequently the whole of the company were together again in the spacious ball-room, and dancing was resumed, and kept up with spirit until 4 o'clock. Every one we came across expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the entertainment provided, and considering the low price of the tickets, which included a supper, no reasonable complaint could possibly be made. The Stewards were Bros. Anderson, W.M.; St. Patrick Riley, S.W.; Fell, J.W.; and Priestnal, who apparently had spared no pains to make every one comfortable. At the same time we would suggest on another occasion that at least two Masters of Ceremonies should be instructed to keep promenaders in the centre or inner circle, so as to allow the dancers plenty of room without fear of colliding. The following were present: Bro. Cardwell and Mrs. Cardwell; Bro. Robert Davies, P.M. 1387, P.G. Swd. Br., and Mrs. Davies; Bro. Challenger, 1055, and Mrs. Challenger; Bro. Sheldrick, I.P.M. 815, and Mrs. Sheldrick; Bro. J. F. Anderson, W.M. 815, and Mrs. Anderson; Bro. Fell, J.W. 815, and Mrs. Fell; Bro. Reuss, 1387, and lady; Bro. Herring, 815, Mrs. Herring and Misses Johnson and Winterbottom; Bro. H. W. Riley and Mrs. Riley; Miss Owen, Misses Raynor; Bro. Sergt. Knight (5th Dragoons), W.M. 570, and Mrs. Knight; Bro. Sergt. Saul (5th Dragoons) and Mrs. Saul; Bro. Sergt.-Major Woodward (5th Dragoons) and Mrs. Woodward; Bro. Sergt. Fowler (5th Dragoons) and lady; Bro. Sergt. Kendal (5th Dragoons) and lady; Bro. Sergt. Donovan (5th Dragoons) and lady; Bro. Howard, Mrs. Howard, and Miss Battey; Bro. Summersfield and the Misses Summersfield; Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.M. 815, P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163, and Mrs. Sinclair; Bro. Partington, 625, and Mrs. Partington; Bro. W. R. Sowter, P.M. and Treas. 815, and Miss Lowe; Bro. Priestnal, 815; Bro. Salomouski, 815; Bro. St. Patrick Riley, S.W. 815; Bro. Hicks and lady; Mr. and Mrs. Tait; Mr. and Miss Porter; Mr. and Mrs. Coope; Mrs. Wrigley and Miss Ball; Mrs. Stringer; Mr. Brownrigg; Mr. and Mrs. Peel; Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood; Mr. G. H. Barratt and Miss Barratt; Mrs. and Miss Tatton; Mr. and Mrs. Trackanan; Mr. Marsland and Miss Adams; Bro. and Mrs. Williams; Mr. Mainwaring and Miss Wilson; Mr. Arthur Bennett; Mrs. and Miss Twigg; Miss Winterbottom; Mr. Caldwell and daughter; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (Freemason), Mrs. Lisenden, and Miss Lizzie Robertson.

MR. GLADSTONE AND PRINCE ALBERT 'VICTOR OF WALES.'

It has seldom been our lot to read so admirable a composition as the Premier's letter of congratulation to Prince Albert Victor of Wales on the attainment of his majority. Mr. Gladstone is a man of the very highest culture as well as an English gentleman. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should have done well what he has done. But it is not so easy a task as it seems to write such a letter. One man's compliments too nearly resemble fulsome flattery, another's are too constrained to be thought acceptable. The hearty good wishes of this writer have too much gush about them to seem genuine, while in the case of that, they are too formal, have too much of the stereotyped character about them to be aught else than so many words. Mr. Gladstone has said just what a man in his position should say to the grandson of the Sovereign he has served so long, so faithfully, and with such exceptional ability. He has said it, too, as her personal friend as well as her official adviser. Moreover, the day is fast approaching when Mr. Gladstone will pass for ever from the scene of his arduous labours and brilliant triumphs; the young Prince is just entering on his career. Therefore, the weighty utterances of the aged and experienced counsellor are the more appropriate, and will have the greater effect in encouraging Prince Albert Victor to do his duty loyally and manfully, in that exalted position in which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to place him.

No doubt all our friends have read Mr. Gladstone's letter, but it is too worthy in every way of admiration to be omitted from these columns. We append it, therefore, as a slight memorial of the great writer as well as of the auspicious event it refers to—an event in which we and all our readers, as loyal subjects of the Queen, his grandmother, as well as loyal Masons living under the benign rule of the young Prince's father, have necessarily taken the greatest possible interest:—

"Hawarden Castle, Jan. 7, 1885.
"Sir,—As the oldest amongst the confidential servants of her Majesty, I cannot allow the anniversary to pass without notice which will to-morrow bring your Royal Highness to full age, and thus mark an important epoch in your life.

"The hopes and intentions of those whose lives lie, like mine, in the past, are of little moment, but they have seen much, and what they have seen suggests much for the future.

"There lies before your Royal Highness in prospect the occupation, I trust at a distant date, of a throne which to me at least appears the most illustrious in the world, from its history and associations, from its legal basis, from the weight of the cares it brings, from the loyal love of the people, and from the unparalleled opportunities it gives, in so many ways and in so many regions, of doing good to the almost countless numbers whom the Almighty has placed beneath the sceptre of England.

"I fervently desire and pray—and there cannot be a more animating prayer—that your Royal Highness may ever grow in the principles of conduct, and may be adorned with all the qualities which correspond with this great and noble vocation.

"And, Sir, if Sovereignty has been relieved by our modern institutions of some of its burdens, it still, I believe, remains true that there has been no period of the world's history at which successors to the Monarchy could more efficaciously contribute to the stability of a great historic system, dependent even more upon love than upon strength, by devotion to their duties, and by a bright example to the country. This result we have happily been permitted to see, and other generations will, I trust, witness it anew.

"Heartily desiring that, in the life of your Royal Highness, every private and personal may be joined with every public blessing, I have the honour to remain, Sir, your Royal Highness's most dutiful and faithful servant,

"W. E. GLADSTONE.

"H.R.H. the Prince Albert Victor, &c."

We append also the Prince's reply, which has since been published.

"Sandringham, Norfolk, Friday, Jan. 9, 1885.
"Dear Mr. Gladstone—I wish I were better able to answer you very kind letter, conveying as it does not only the best of good wishes, but carrying with them reflections on the past, and advice for the future, for which I wish to thank you. I assure you the letter shall have that attention which words from yourself must deserve. It admirably describes much which demands my most earnest thought, on this perhaps the most important birthday of my life.

"Believe me, I am very grateful for your remembrance of me this day, and that amongst the many offerings which have reached me, I prize nothing more than the letter you have so kindly written, for which pray accept my most sincere thanks.

"I am glad to believe that your health is restored, and I trust your many friends will have no cause for renewed anxiety on your behalf.

"With my most kind remembrances to Mrs. Gladstone, believe me, yours very sincerely,
(Signed) ALBERT VICTOR.

FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THE ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

This flourishing Middlesex lodge held its first ball at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Very careful preparation had been made for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren and ladies by a large and influential Board of Stewards, under the presidency of the popular W.M., Bro. R. T. Fennell, with Bro. R. H. Dillon, as Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, as Hon. Secretary.

The services of Messrs. Coote and Tinney's band having been secured, was a guarantee that the musical arrangements would be as nearly perfect as it is possible to be.

Bro. S. J. Ball was the able and courteous M.C., and was well supported by Bros. J. Webster and F. Wadison.

Among those present were Bro. John Mason, P.M.; Bro. J. H. Pearson, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. Bellamy, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Pardoe, Bro. and Mrs. Paul, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. and Mrs. Tharle, Bro. and Mrs. Isaac Dixon, Bro. and Mrs. Webster, Bro. and Mrs. E. T. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Gardner, Bro. and Mrs. Gaskin, Bro. John Osborn, W.M. 1897; Mrs. Ball, and the Misses Ball, Mrs. Bird, the Misses Bird, Mrs. Carne, Miss McLeod, Mr. Charles Bird, Mr. Bovill, Bro. and Mrs. Millin, Bro. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Littlewood, Bro. C. C. Lalaca, Bro. and Mrs. Prentice, and many others.

A dispensation having been granted, the brethren appeared in Masonic clothing and jewels. There were a goodly number in provincial purple and gold, and several in Knights Templar dress, as well as many in the blue, which, combined with the elegant dresses of the ladies, gave a brightness and charm to the whole ball which will be remembered with pleasure by all. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was continued with great spirit till the interval in which the company partook of an elegant, but substantial, supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond in their best style, under the personal supervision of Bro. Dawkins.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Mason, the senior Past Master, occupied the chair, and Bro. T. I. Bird the vice-chair. The toasts were but three, and the speeches short.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Her Majesty the Queen and the M.W. Grand Master"—honoured, as it always is, with enthusiasm—and briefly referred to the fact that the first ball of the Elliot Lodge was being held on the day our Grand Master's eldest son attained his majority.

Bro. T. I. Bird proposed "The Elliot Lodge, its W.M., and Success to the Elliott Ball," and augured from the vitality the infant first had exhibited that night it would, like H.R.H. in due time attain its majority. This seemed the unanimous opinion of all present.

The third and last toast was "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. W. A. Brown, who pledged the ladies to support the next and every succeeding Elliot Ball as one man. Dancing was then resumed and continued to the end of the programme, and so thoroughly was the music appreciated that no less than 13 sets danced the last quadrille, immediately after which a gallop brought to an end one of the most successful and enjoyable balls of the present season.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, when there were present Bros. Wm. Brackenbury, W.M.; Jos. Jenaway, I.P.M.; Daniel Davies, S.W.; D. Cangle, J.W.; Thomas Clark, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; I. L. Houghton, Sec.; H. B. Browne, M.O.; E. K. Ellison, S.O.; J. W. Ballard, J.O.; J. C. Spurr, Reg. of Mks.; J. Keet, J.D.; J. C. Robinson, Stwd. (Freemason); John Hayes, P.M.; W. M. Scouller, E. Griffiths, R. W. Browne, R. H. Webster, Jos. Gertrey, E. Sandford, J. B. Parker, John Molloy, Jas. Martin, Thos. Howell, James Jones, J. Pittaway, Harry Bunt, E. Routledge, C. Roberson, R. Owen, J. Stillings, W. Hewson, R. Shacklady, H. J. Pye, J. White, W. Davis, J. Shrapley, P. W. Judson, and W. Ormsby. Visitors: Bros. Capt. T. H. Tibbs and H. Burrows.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for nine brethren, who were declared duly elected. Bros. R. R. Morris, C. Cockbain, and T. Wilkinson being in attendance, were admitted and advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason, the ceremony being well worked throughout. After the transaction of the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, a capital repast being provided by the manager of the hotel, Bro. Ludlow. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and a happy and harmonious evening was spent.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER.—Red Rose Conclave (No. 12).—The installation meeting of the members of this conclave was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, amongst those present being Em. and Per. Sir Knight Hannah, Em. Sir Knight C. H. Garnett, V.E., M.P.S. elect; and Past Sovereigns Em. and Per. Sir Knights H. Longman, R. Stanton, and J. Aldous. The conclave having been formed, and the usual routine business transacted, the chair was taken by Em. and Per. Sir Knight Stanton, who duly installed Em. Sir Knight Garnett as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, the rite being gone through in an efficient and impressive manner. Sir Knight E. Armitage was afterwards inducted into the chair of V.E., and both were duly saluted according to ancient custom. The newly-enthroned Sovereign invested his officers for the year as follows: Em. Sir Knight Armitage, V.E.; Em. and Per. Sir Knights Hannah, P.M.P.S.; H. Longman, Treas.; R. Stanton, Recorder; and A. K. Allinson, Sentinel. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer and to the Treasurer, the conclave was closed in accordance with the usual formalities.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, 3a, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present M.W. Fra. Dr. W. R. Woodman, 9°, as M. of the T.; R.W. Fra. W. J. Ferguson, 8°, Past M. of the T.; R.W. Fra. J. R. Faulger, 8°, Dep. M. of the T.; R.W. Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott, 8°, Secretary; also Fraters E. H. Thielay, Thomas Coffin, R. Roy, T. C. Walls, John Collinson, F. Holland, Hon 8°; J. J. Thomas, and many others. Letters of regret for absence were received from Fraters Macartney, Colonel Burdett, Hughan, Irwin, Cubitt, Lewis Thomas, and Harrison. The M.C. was duly formed, and the minutes of the meeting held on October 9th were read and confirmed. A letter was read from R.W. Fra. George Lambert, M. elect of the T., expressing regret at his absence, and his inability to attend for installation. A proposal that the future meetings of the college be held at Freemasons' Tavern was carried unanimously. V.W. Fra. J. R. Faulger was installed Dep. M. of the Temple. The resignation of Major Penrose Dunbar was accepted with regret. The recent death of the late lamented M.W. Frater H. C. Levander, 9°, Senior Substitute Magus of the Order, was the subject of an eloquent tribute to his memory from the lips of the Supreme Magus, who specially attended for this purpose. A discussion as to whether grants of money should be made to the authors of Rosicrucian essays, read before the Society, for the purpose of having them printed and circulated among the members, was adjourned to the next meeting. An essay on "The Occult Origin, and Meaning of the Signs of the Zodiac," by R.W. Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott, M.B., was then read, and was listened to with the deepest interest. Fra. F. Holland, of Bournemouth, added some remarks elucidatory of this subject. A cordial vote of thanks to the author was passed unanimously. The M.C. was then dissolved, and the Fraters adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment, which was as usual rendered deeply interesting by the conversation on occult topics of Rosicrucian lore, with which it was interspersed.

The Craft Abroad.

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To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., stand over for want of space:
All Souls' Lodge, No. 170.
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Victorian Masonic Journal," "La Espana Masónica," "The Western Daily Mercury," "American Exhibition," "Tricycling Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Freemason" (Christchurch), "Freemason" (Sydney), "Keystone," "Wiltshire Times," "New York Daily News," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "El Porvenir," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Broad Arrow," "L'Europe," "Court Circular," "Royal Cornwall Gazette."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1885.

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 RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE IN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Noticing in your last issue, under "Jottings from the Antipodes," a remark that the consecration of the Combermere Conclave "hangs fire" owing to the non-receipt of the regalia and appointments from England, it will be a gratification to your correspondent to know that the order, which was received by me on Tuesday last, will be shipped in the s.s. "Potosi," of the Orient line, which sails on the 19th inst.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
GEORGE KENNING.

LONDON ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

Can any reader of the *Freemason* spare a few votes for a good case—Frederick Sydney Miller, third application? His father was for many years manager to the firm of Kell and Co., lithographers, King-street, Covent Garden, and so was probably well known to several of our worthy brethren.—Fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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IRISH FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR A.D. 1885. Dublin: Printed by S. Underwood for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.

Little more can be said of this useful annual than that the same care has been bestowed on its compilation as in previous years and with the same result, namely, with as near an approach to accuracy as is shown by the majority of our best compilers. The contents are arranged in the same order, and there is the same fulness of information furnished, with the addition that more elaborate details are given of the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, while the lists of the Provincial Grand Lodges in foreign countries are given, as far as possible, in full. As regards printing, binding, and the general appearance of the Calendar, it is barely possible to speak of these particulars in terms of sufficient praise.



481] JOHN MACLEAN.

In the "Handbuch" we are told that a certain "John Maclean" was Grand Master of the French Freemasonry before Lord Derwentwater. A John Maclean appears in the list of Royal Arch Masons about 1761. Is there any possible connection between the two persons or names? Is anything known of John Maclean?

MASONIC STUDENT.

482] MASON, THE POET.

As Bro. Mason, the poet, is not traced at York, can any one help to the place and date of his initiation? He moved about a good deal, and was much in society, and he may have been initiated in the south as well as the north, or, in fact, anywhere. He does not seem to have been an enthusiastic Mason at any time.

MASONIC STUDENT.

483] DR. MACKAY'S ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF FREE-MASONRY.

I am very pleased to announce the advent of a second edition of my lamented friend Dr. Mackay's "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," published by the eminent firm of Messrs. L. H. Everts and Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A. The first issue had a large sale, and is now exhausted, but the second edition is precisely the same as the original one up to the 935th page, so that the Craft can still read this great work as it emanated from the pen of its ripe Masonic editor, Dr. Mackay. The new matter is an addendum to the original work, containing numerous subjects omitted previously, and the results of the latest researches down to March 1st, 1884, by Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, of New York, the additional matter raising the total pages to 1052, so that it is truly a noble volume, and, beyond question, the finest single work on Freemasonry that has ever been published in America or elsewhere. Bro. McClenachan is already well known to the Craft as the author of the best manual on the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and also of other Masonic works, and his reputation will be enhanced by the careful and discriminative manner in which he has completed the Encyclopædia, so as to bring it down to the present time. An appreciative memoir of Dr. Mackay and capital portraits of the two editors are among the chief attractions of the new volume, which is, typographically and Masonically, of great excellence and value. As the work is expensive to procure in this country, because of its size and cost of carriage, I hope to arrange with Bro. George Kenning and the American publishers for its sale at the same price as in America, so that Masonic students may obtain copies at a reasonable cost.

W. J. HUGHAN.

484] STEPHEN MORIN.

Will Bro. Woodford excuse my calling his attention to some back numbers of the *Freemason*? My reason is that recent studies have rendered the various subjects of interest to me. And first I refer him to a study of Stephen Morin, 22nd March, 1884. Why does he state that the patent was not granted by the Council of the Emperors? I admit that the Grand Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem was one of the parties, but, to my mind, the patent distinctly states that the Sovereign Council "nous grades inspecteurs, sublimés officiers du Grand Conseil et de la Grand Loge" concurred. Will he also observe that every one of the signatories is a P.M.: i.e., a Prince Mason of the Royal Secret, the 25° and last Degree of the Emperors. Now, whatever the Grand Lodge may have been (and I am not at one with Bro. Woodford on this point), it is quite certain that it could claim no authority over the degrees ranging beyond the M.M. Therefore, in order to render Morin's patent valid, the concurrence of the Council was necessary for the intended purpose: and it seems to me that it is very distinctly given. Will Bro. Woodford also inform me of his authority that the Grand Lodge of Perfection was founded 1758-9? I believe he is mistaken. The Rite de Perfection was then founded, and the Rite is identical with the Council of the Emperors; but I have nowhere seen any statement that the Rite exercised authority over the Craft: they left that to the Grand Lodge. In fact, I believe that a Grand Lodge of Perfection never existed.

I now refer to Notes and Queries, No. 358, 14th June, 1884. What is the date of the correspondence there mentioned between Van Lennep and Arnott? If the grades there mentioned were practised in Scotland, it is very curious, because I believe them to be those of the Knights of the East. Bro. Woodford no doubt knows that these degrees have never been identified; all that we know is that the highest was the Chevalier de l'Orient. I think a comparison will show why I hold this supposition. The Ch. of Clermont was founded 1754; that of the Knights of the East 1756; and that of the Emperors 1758. We should naturally expect each successive rite to incorporate the degrees of its predecessor, and to outbid it by adding a few more. The Clermont Degrees were—4°, the Scots Degrees—that is, the various "elects"; 5°, the Knight of the Eagle Elect; 6°, Templar Illustrious; 7°, Sublime Illustrious Knight. The Knights of the East are known to have rejected all Templar Degrees, and to have issued circulars against Templar Masonry; therefore, in order to outbid the Clermont Ch., they would have to work all their degrees, with the exception of the last three, and to considerably increase the Scotch or Temple Degrees. Bearing this reasoning in mind, it would appear probable that the degrees mentioned by Bro. Woodford in 358 are the long-lost Knights of the East Degrees. They are—4°, Elect; 5°, High Elect; 6°, Elect of the Temple; 7°, Perfect Master; 8°, Master Elect; 9°, Architect; 10°, Perfect Architect; 11°, Elect Architect; 12°, Knight of the East. It will be observed that these are all Temple (not Templar) Degrees, the last being chivalrous, but not Templar. In the Emperors we find their 5° agrees with 7° of Knights; their 6° with 8° of Knights; their 11° with that of Clermont; their 12° comprises the various architects of the Knights; their 15° equals the last of the Knights; and from thenceforth their degrees are all new to Masonry. It will be perceived that the analogy is not so clear as I could have wished it, but probably sufficiently so to lead us to infer that Bro. Woodford has discovered for us the lost nomenclature of the Knights. In that case, we may conclude that French Rites travelled to, and were worked in, Scotland. Now, in France, from 1740 onwards, the new degrees, lying between the Craft and the Chivalrous Grades, were called Scotch Masonry; and if these degrees travelled to Britain, of course the name came also, and thus we might arrive at a plausible solution of our own "Scots Masons." On 22nd April, 1882, Bro. Whythead refers to a book published in London, 1796, and inveighing against the high degrees. Almost every one of the degrees he mentions is included in the series of the Emperors. The Rosicrucians cannot be, as Bro. Whythead supposes, the 15° of the A. and A.S.R., which at that time was probably not formed, and had certainly not appeared in Europe; but it is doubtless the Sovereign Prince Rose Croix, 18° of the Emperors, their parent and predecessor. G. W. SPETH.

[To save time, as Bro. Speth kindly sends his notes to me in the first instance, I beg to say that I will give an answer in detail next week, and that I hope to convince Bro. Speth that my statements are quite correct, despite his very able criticism. To clear away one matter, I may add that the correspondence between Van Lennep and Dr. Arnott seems to have been between 1841 and 1844. The 12 degrees were brought by a Dutch or English sea captain,—it is not quite clear who he was,—who had, however, been at Paris, and stated that there was a great difference between some of the ceremonies. I can lend Bro. Speth, if he likes, the explanatory communications.—A. F. A. W.]

485] THE THREE DEGREES QUESTION.

I am not at all anxious to prolong the discussion, having no reason to regret the result so far. My motive for defining the *Masonic* meaning I attach to the word *Degree* was that no one should say that I deny the existence of grades or positions in lodges prior to the last century. Surely no one would deny, for instance, that long before the era of Grand Lodges there were Apprentices, Craftsmen, and Master Masons! The point to be elucidated, however, is this. Are there any old records which prove that during the period in question there was any peculiar, *separate*, and special ceremony conferred upon Craftsmen, from which Apprentices were excluded, and another given to Master Masons, from which Craftsmen and Apprentices were excluded? I say none have ever been produced. If there are any, where are they, and what are they? Until documentary evidence is forthcoming, I will take the advice of "Third Degree," and "let the matter rest" between us; but meanwhile, shall continue to object to random and incorrect statements on the subject.

With respect to Bro. Woodford's statement that he "does not gather from Bro. Gould that Bro. Hughan was warranted in expressing, as the result of Bro. Gould's investigations, so decided an opinion on the subject of the Degrees" (Masonic Notes, No. 4794). I desire to repudiate any attempt "to antedate Bro. Gould's original communications, which will duly appear in the forthcoming volume of his history" (No. 479). I am sorry to find Bro. Woodford links my name with such unworthy conduct. Time after time has Bro. Gould written in the *Freemason*, and in his published works, as to the Degrees question, and always in a manner that Bro. Lyon and myself could support most thoroughly. Hence when "Third Degree" (No. 468) asks "Is Bro. Hughan quite satisfied in claiming Bro. Gould as his ally fully in this little controversy—I think Bro. Gould ought to be allowed to speak for himself in his fourth volume," I simply, and at once replied, "I think it will be found on the publication of Vol. 4 of his splendid work that Bro. Gould agrees entirely with my views thereon, and also Bro. Lyon's" (No. 474). Why should I think otherwise? Am I to suppose that what Bro. Gould has already written is to be snuffed out by any subsequent communication? Are the facts he has already given us, no longer facts? What Vol. 4 has to say thereon is a sealed matter until its publication, but until then, I venture to again state my belief that it will in no wise lessen the value and importance of the facts which have been over and over again established.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The installation meeting of the Bromley Saint Leonard Lodge, 1805, was held on Tuesday at the Vestry Hall, Bow. Bro. A. Peterken, P.M. 1349, and W.M. elect 1805, was installed in the chair in very able style by Bro. R. J. Fennell, P.M. 1805. A handsome jewel was also presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. M. Knight. We hope to give a report in our next issue. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Guildhall Tavern to banquet.



Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—This large and important lodge was seen at its best at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 9th inst., it being the occasion of the ninety-ninth installation meeting. The exceeding popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Pierpoint, was shown by the very large number of brethren who had assembled to testify their appreciation of his many sterling qualities, and to congratulate him upon the well-deserved honour which had been conferred upon him by the unanimous vote of the lodge.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Foxcroft, the minutes were confirmed, and the statement of accounts, which was of a most satisfactory character, approved and adopted. Bro. John Barnett, of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, was unanimously elected a joining member, and the ballot taken for four candidates for initiation. Bros. W. R. Spindler and J. H. Selby were passed to the Second Degree, and the chair was then occupied by Bro. Wm. Herbage, I.P.M., who proceeded in his usual able and impressive manner to install Bro. R. Pierpoint into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. W. J. Fergusson, P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies, to the great pleasure and satisfaction of the brethren. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were as follows: Bros. Harry Price, S.W.; A. Simmer, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; R. Montague, S.D.; C. Chapman, J.D.; R. Harvey, I.G.; C. Reichelman, Org.; Sadler Wood, D.C.; N. Salmon, W.S., and A. Walkley, Tyler. The new Worshipful Master then proceeded with great efficiency to initiate Messrs. A. Grace, G. A. Weston, J. Kingley, and J. H. Ellis into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. W. Herbage, the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, 110 in number, repaired to the banquet room, where the Brothers Clemow were also found to be at their best, as the repast provided reflected upon them the greatest possible credit. The loud applause which greeted the W.M. on his taking the chair again testified to his popularity.

The usual loyal toasts followed, that of "H.R.H. the Grand Master," and the allusion to the coming of age of Prince Edward eliciting loud applause. "The Health of the W.M." was given in an appropriate and kindly manner by Bro. Foxcroft, and received by the brethren with much heartiness. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren very sincerely for the honour they had bestowed upon him, and for the encouragement they had given him as he had advanced step by step to his present proud position.

In giving "The Initiates" the W.M. stated they were all old and much esteemed friends of his, and it had been a source of much pleasure to him to have the privilege of conferring upon them the light of the Order.

"The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by a number of brethren.

"The Past Masters" followed, and was ably responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. Foxcroft, and the Installing Master, Bro. Herbage.

In reply to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. George Everett, P.M., the Treasurer, in a most felicitous speech alluded to the fact that he had had the pleasure of initiating the present Worshipful Master some nine years ago, and taking his happy face to be an index of the mind he had predicted for him a prosperous career in the lodge; in this prediction he had made no mistake, as Bro. Pierpoint, by his genial manner and kindly disposition, had made for himself a host of friends, and by sheer merit and ability had worked his way from the lowest step on the ladder to his present distinguished position as Master of the good old Domatic Lodge, now on the eve of its hundredth year.

The musical arrangements for the evening were carried out in a most able manner by Bro. C. Reichelman, the Organist of the lodge, and the singing of Madame Reichelman and Madame Lansdell Sims was much applauded, whilst the recitation of "The Stroller's Story," by Mr. J. K. Boddy, gave the greatest satisfaction.

The officers of the lodge, without exception, performed their duties in a most commendable manner, and in such able hands the great prosperity the Domatic Lodge now enjoys is not to be wondered at.

The following visitors were present: Bros. J. Oldes, S.W. 1288; S. P. Knight, D.C. 1903; C. Arkell, P.M. 192; R. R. Harper, P.M. 817; H. Stiles, P.M. 1732; H. Fruen, 2012; W. Wilkins, P.M. 902; E. J. Tabor, P.S.W. 1101; J. W. Westerby, W.M. 1613; D. W. Cable, Sec. 1638; G. E. Court, W.S. 1559; S. Read, 753; F. A. Duffield, 619; James Baker, P.M. 1672; T. Skinner, 1614; W. A. Dowling, 2012; W. Cork, S.W. 1597; W. Kingwell, 1572; C. Zamzig, J.D. 201; W. Blank, 704; C. W. Bovis, 511; W. H. Baker, S.W. 1641 and 2030; H. Hambling, 2030; J. E. Shand, Sec. 2030; A. G. Hayman, 2005; A. J. M. Bradgate, 55; A. Hancock, W.M. 1950; John Bennett, I.G. 1415; H. M. Capleton, W.M. 1381; C. H. Spiller, 49; E. Storr, W.M. 167; F. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; S. Hill, W.M. 21; W. Marston, P.M. 55; H. L. Turner, W.S. 1693; C. H. Everett, S.W. 2012; A. Potter, S.W. 813; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G.T. Devon; and W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1744.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE (No. 206).—The installation meeting of the above important gathering took place on the 8th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. T. Scrivener, W.M., who was supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. C. T. Scrivener, W.M.; J. L. Anderson, S.W.; Wm. Gowland, J.W.; Samuel Gamman, P.M., Treas.; A. R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; Wm. H. Arber, J.D.; J. M. Rooney, I.G.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; H. M. Collier, P.M.; E. Squirrell, P.M.; John Waters, P.M.; W. S. Sepson, Wm. Steel, John Graham, E. H. Marquis, Wm. Medcalf, A. Britton, H. A. Jacobs, E. J. Gillespie, A. W. Tobin, C. H. Barrett, A. E. Painter, and C. D. Moore. Visitors: Bros. Henry Forss, W.M.

917; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Fredk. Horner, P.M. 31; F. G. Harrison, P.M., late 206; Arch. H. Arber, 1598; W. J. Ramsey, 1591; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; Isaac Charlton, W.M. 1258; J. P. Moore, P.M. 13; E. W. Clement, W.M. 1816; L. J. Turner, 1598; G. B. Salmon, 73; John Noyes, P.M. 58, P.G.S.; C. G. Smith, P.M. 58, P.G.S.; J. Foulston, 1441; W. Walden, 49; C. Tod Pullen, 749; H. Postern, 742; Augustin Mellish, 188; J. Benningfield, J.D. 1589; and R. P. Atkins, P.P.G. Reg. Kent., 1551.

Mr. C. D. Moore was duly balloted for and initiated into the Order, and afterwards Bro. Squirrell, P.M., assumed the chair and proceeded to install Bro. John Lothian Anderson, S.W., W.M. elect. The ceremony was very ably rendered, and a Board of 17 Installed Masters was formed, after which the brethren on their return duly saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the several Degrees. The following were the appointments made: Bros. W. Gowland, S.W.; W. H. Arber, J.W.; Allan Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Scrivener, I.P.M., Treas.; J. M. Rooney, S.D.; Amos Britton, J.D.; and W. S. Steel, I.G. The appointment of Tyler was deferred.

A masterly rendering of the three ancient charges brought Bro. P.M. Squirrell's arduous labours to a close, and the lodge was closed after the numerous and influential brethren and visitors had offered "Hearty good wishes" to Bro. J. L. Anderson, W.M., and the lodge over which he presides.

After lodge the numerous party partook of a banquet, served in the manner for which this ancient tavern is famous, and which gave complete satisfaction, and was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. E. Ashby, the manager. Bro. Anderson subsequently dealt with a long toast list, and the usual loyal and Craft toasts were heartily and loyally honoured, and the entire proceedings were marked by that harmony which is so satisfactory a characteristic of our ancient Order.

Among the brethren who furnished songs may be mentioned Bros. A. Britton, Squirrell, Moore, and others.

We are informed that to meet the growing wants of the Craft our worthy Bros. Painter have in course of erection a splendid Masonic temple, to which will be added two spacious dining rooms with aquaria all round, in which will be displayed specimens of turtle for which this hostelry is so famed.

BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE (No. 263).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. More than usual interest was attached to the proceedings from the fact that a well-known member of the Committee of the Lodge of Emulation—Bro. Sudlow, P.G. Stwd. Kent—was to be inducted into the Master's chair, and the promise of good working during the evening and throughout his year of office will, we feel sure, be fully realised. We offer our congratulations to Bro. Sudlow on his becoming the W.M. of such a good old lodge, and also to the members of the lodge on their possessing such an admirable worker in the person of their W.M.

There were present Bros. Col. James Peters, W.M.; J. P. Clayton, S.W.; R. Clay Sudlow, J.W.; R. Westthrop, Chap.; G. B. Haly, Treas.; A. Pocock, Sec.; A. E. Craven, J.D.; F. A. Rudall, I.G.; C. M. Matthew, I.P.M.; H. J. Liggins, P. Michaelis, H. L. E. Saunders, E. B. Daniel, F. W. Englbach, and Sydney Holland. The visitors were Bros. G. Ricardo, 1043; G. Palmer, 452; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; C. E. Kennaby, D.C. 1420; H. E. Joyce, W.M. 507; Henri Buc, S.W. 1820; H. Pritchard, J.D. 1415; H. Longridge, S.W. 1627; S. Whitehead, 1460; C. Bonall, S.W. 46; P. Rose-Innes, W.M. 1261; R. G. Glover, P.M. 181; C. Nottage, W.M. 859; F. T. Bennett, 1065; E. Foster, 134; R. Hilton, 1319; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; J. T. Tanqueray, W.M. 1965; Fountain Meen, I.P.M. 1707; E. Grimston, 1894; O. Spearing, I.G. 1673; and W. Coates, 1922.

Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Col. Peters, P.G. S.B., and after the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. C. M. Matthew occupied the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Clay Sudlow, was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon. Bro. Sudlow having already passed the chair in another lodge, the full ceremony was not performed, but the necessary portion was ably rendered. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Joseph P. Clayton, S.W.; Alfred Pocock, J.W.; E. B. Daniel, Sec.; Rev. B. Westthrop, Chap.; Alfred E. Craven, S.D.; Frank A. Rudall, J.D.; and F. W. Englbach, I.G. Bro. C. Mordaunt Matthew, P.M., already balloted for, was invested as Treasurer. The W.M. then presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Col. Peters, in the name of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The gift was appropriately acknowledged by the recipient, who thanked the brethren not only for the gift, but for the uniform good feeling and assistance he had received during his year of office. The ballot was then taken for a candidate, who was afterwards admitted and initiated into the ancient mysteries in a manner that must have given the utmost gratification to all present. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," gracefully alluded to the interesting event that was being celebrated that day, viz., the coming of age of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, an occurrence which appealed to the loyalty of all good Masons.

The toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master" was next given, and further expressions of loyalty and affection were uttered by the W.M. on the event just alluded to, and the following telegram, expressing the unanimous feeling of all present, was sent to his Royal Highness: "The W.M. and Brethren of the Bank of England Lodge most respectfully and fraternally tender their hearty greetings to the Most Worshipful Grand Master upon the joyful occasion of the coming of age of his eldest son."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers" followed, the W.M. remarking that Masonry had attained a great degree of popularity under the beneficent rule of the Prince of Wales, who had been ably supported by his officers. It was a sufficient answer to cavillers who said there was nothing in Freemasonry, that the Heir to the Throne was at their head, and a nobleman of the intelligence and influence of Lord Carnarvon was the Pro Grand Master. They had four Grand Officers who were members of the lodge, two of whom were present, viz., Bros. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., and Craven, G. Stwd. With regard to Col. Peters, it was well known that the sword of

G.L. was never carried in such a military and proper manner as when in the hands of the gallant colonel.

Bro. Craven briefly responded on behalf of the Grand Officers.

Col. Peters next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said that it was a toast that would be well and heartily received by all present. It was difficult for him to find words in which to speak of the merits of the W.M.; as to his working of the beautiful ceremonies of their Order, there could be but one opinion. In his (the speaker's) visits to different lodges he saw much good working; but he had never seen the chair occupied by a better worker than Bro. Sudlow.

Bro. Sudlow, in reply, said words quite failed him to return thanks for the more than kind way in which Colonel Peters had proposed the toast, and he heartily thanked the brethren for their reception of it. It seemed but the other day he had to return thanks for the honour they had done him in electing him as a joining member, and now he had to thank them for being placed in the highest position at their disposal. The honour and credit of that old lodge was now in his hands, and he would endeavour to carry out his duties in a manner that would not detract from its high repute.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." One often heard, he said, the Past Masters described as the backbone of the lodge. The backbone of the Bank of England Lodge was a very short one, but very strong. In Bro. Haly they had a Past Master who had served the lodge faithfully, both in the chair and as Treasurer, for several years. Bro. Matthew, who during the time he was in the chair had extra work to do, had now added to their obligations by undertaking the office of Treasurer. Of Bro. Peters it was unnecessary to say much. He had done a great deal for the lodge by introducing many excellent members, and their gratitude to him must be increased by the knowledge that he would help them with his counsel in the future.

Col. Peters, in reply, said he was proud of No. 263 as his mother lodge. He had seen many members come in and go out, but they still preserved their position in the roll of London lodges, and he could say for himself and the other Past Masters that they were at all times willing to render all help to the W.M. and his officers.

The Worshipful Master then said that they had now come to what might be justly called the toast of the evening—that of "The Initiate." It was always an important one in every lodge when they welcomed the advent of a new member. In Bro. Holland they had a brother who would do honour to the Bank of England Lodge, and he believed he would not himself regret the step he had taken. He (the W.M.) believed he had caught the spirit of Masonry, and would look back to the ceremony of that evening with much pleasure.

Bro. Holland, in reply, said it was with feelings of appreciation and gratitude that he rose to reply to the toast. It had long been his ambition to join the grand Craft—among which he numbered many relatives. There had always been, he must admit, a kind of nervous feeling in the back ground as to what the ordeal might be, but he had been exceedingly fortunate in securing the sponsorship of his friend, Col. Peters, and he had to thank him for introducing him to such an excellent lodge, where the impressiveness of the ceremony was greatly enhanced by the admirable way in which the W.M. had performed it. He felt that that evening had opened to him a new career, and he fully intended to become a working Mason.

"The Visitors" was the next toast which the W.M. had to propose, remarking that it was always a favourite one in the Bank of England Lodge, and, indeed, in every other lodge which believed in hospitality. He welcomed them heartily, and said he should fail in his duty if he did not give them all, in the name of the lodge, a cordial welcome. Every visitor that came into the lodge, he said, should not only be welcomed by the brother who had invited him, but by the W.M. and every member. There was nothing more dispiriting than being received coldly, and having to fall back entirely on the one friend who had accompanied him. They had some twenty-two visitors that evening—a goodly number—and he would ask Bros. Glover, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge; Tanqueray, of the Eastes Lodge; and W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, to respond.

Bro. Glover said he thanked the W.M. for the very kindly way in which the W.M. had spoken of the visitors, and he felt it no easy task to return thanks for such a long array. As an old Mason it was no idle compliment to say how gratified he had been at the work of the lodge that evening, and he considered it a great pleasure to be present. Their welcome at the banquet had only equalled the reputation the Bank of England Lodge had always possessed for hospitality, and he most heartily thanked the W.M. and members for the treat that had been afforded them.

Bros. Tanqueray and Lake also responded.

The toasts of "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. Matthew, and "The Officers of the Lodge" brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fountain Meen, assisted by Bros. R. Hilton and Coates.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The anniversary festival of the above old lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Lineker, W.M., who was well supported by his officers, and Past Masters, and brethren. There being no other ceremonial working, Bro. John Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., as D. of C., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was undertaken and ably rendered by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. Bro. Taylor was accordingly obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Taylor was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. Among the numerous Past Masters and other Worshipful brethren present was our esteemed Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., the veteran Preceptor, whose presence in re-established health was hailed with pleasure by all. Bro. Taylor was next saluted in the several Degrees, and Bro. Stevens concluded his duties as Installing Master by a capital rendering of the ancient charges, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Lineker, I.P.M.; F. Baylis, S.W.; A. Symes, J.W.; J. G. Stevens, P.M.; Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; W. Murrin, S.D.; J. L. Anderson, J.D.; G. Etheredge, I.G.; W. March, D.C.; A. E. Wood, W.S.; and W. Hawes, A.W.S.

The Auditors' report was submitted, and Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M., the worthy Secretary, was complimented

upon the capital form in which the accounts were again rendered, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to a really first class banquet, served by Bro. A. Walker, the host, in his best style, in the large and commodious banqueting saloon. Indeed, it is not often that such superior and appropriate surroundings for the properly holding of lodge meetings are to be met with as the Yarrowborough Lodge enjoys. After the banquet the usual toast list was honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by some good songs, and Bro. Lineker, I.P.M., gave a powerful reading. Bro. Seddon, P.M., Organist, contributed the accompaniments in the manner for which he is so greatly celebrated. During the proceedings a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Lineker, the outgoing Master. Altogether the proceedings were highly successful. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. H. Buckle, J.W. 1421; H. Conolly, 1507; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; C. J. Harmsworth, P.M. 956; C. Lacey, P.M. 174, &c.; J. Charlton, W.M. 1259; G. J. King, 1259; J. C. Chapman, P.M. 1524, &c.; G. Seale, 898; J. W. Job, P.M. 1076; D. McNish, 1962; T. Allen, 1178; J. Mills, 1765; A. W. Price, 1623; G. J. Dix, P.M. 1421; and others.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the disposal of business on the 6th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park. Among those present were Bros. Appleton, W.M.; Stranger, S.W.; Plowman, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Feuillade, J.D.; Lingley, I.G.; Foale, D.C.; Cockburn, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; W. Pope, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Price, S.W. 177; Gardner, J.W. 2012; Harvey, 177; Robins, 452; and Elliott, 1589.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, one brother was raised to the Third Degree in an able manner by the W.M. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Stranger. Bro. W. Mann was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Stranger as Steward to the R.M.B.I. Festival of 1885. A Past Master's jewel having been voted by acclamation to the W.M. in recognition of his services during the past year, and the petition of a distressed brother to the Board of Benevolence having been signed, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual toasts followed and were duly honoured. The proceedings, which were throughout of an enjoyable nature, then terminated.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated a year ago, was held on Monday last at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, under the presidency of Bro. George Everett, W.M. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. F. W. Walden, 975; E. A. Tilbury, 975; A. Simmer, J.W. 177; R. Hayes, 73 and 1767; D. Thring, 1445; H. A. Stunt, S.W. 1320, S.D. 1041; Charles Cordingley, P.M. 45; J. A. Hare, A.W.S. 1987; W. Defon, 185; George S. Wright, S.D. 1612; W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211; F. W. Downes, 1158; Fred. J. Harding, 177; John Kent, 177; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; G. A. Payne, P.M. 933; A. Williams, 834; H. Mutlich, P.M. 511; J. N. Alexander, 1563; Chas. Johnson, P.M. 865; Edward Ayling, P.M. 975; J. M. Chapman, W.M. 1922; E. Cox, 780; W. T. Buxton, 1381; A. Truman, 1614; S. Stretch, jun., 1950; E. Gilbert, 1324, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. L. Everett, 177; Valentine Wing, 1585; A. Louis Chapman, 255; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

The W.M. first raised Bros. C. Packer and J. H. D. Meyer to the Third Degree. He afterwards initiated Messrs. A. F. M. Gammell and John Rowlings, and then installed Bro. Charles Henry Everett, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed as officers of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months were: Bros. George Gardner, S.W.; Richard Harvey, J.W.; Dr. Lawrence, M.D., P.M., P.Z., Treasurer; Harry Price, Secretary; Wm. Gomm, S.D.; Wm. A. Dowling, J.D.; Harry Furze, I.G.; Rickerman, P.M., Organist; John Brown, D.C.; Alfred Strong, W.S.; J. Rowe, Tyler. Dr. Lawrence thought a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. George Everett for having so admirably performed the very arduous duties he had undergone during the past year, and he moved accordingly.

The W.M. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. G. Everett, I.P.M., acknowledged the compliment. It was not the first time the Treasurer had spoken so kindly of him, but he thought it was more than he deserved, though he had tried to do his duty, and as far as health and strength permitted he hoped he had done it. He had begun well, continued well, and ended fairly well, and he had done what every Master ought to do, he had installed his successors. Bro. Everett then referred to the services rendered by Bro. Ferguson to the lodge on more than one occasion, and thanked him for having performed the duties of W.M. once when he (Bro. Everett) was too ill to attend. On the present occasion he had acted as Director of Ceremonies, and for these services he now thanked Bro. Ferguson. Another subject he had to mention. Bro. George Gardner, S.W., last year stood as Steward of this lodge for the Girls' School, and took up an excellent list, headed by ten guineas voted by the lodge. This year he was representing the Aged Freemasons, and no doubt he would take up an equally good list. He (Bro. Everett) therefore proposed that the list should be headed by a vote from the lodge of ten guineas. The motion having been seconded by the Treasurer, was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

Bro. George Everett, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and complimented him on the excellent start he had made. The brethren were somewhat nervous before he went into the chair, fearing that he would be too modest, having so recently come to so high a position. But they had nothing to fear on that score, because the W.M. had shown that he was not too modest, and was ready to carry out the work of the lodge. That was exactly the man they wanted to have in the chair, and he (Bro. Everett) found he was bequeathing to the new W.M. a position he ought to esteem. Taking into consideration that the lodge was only

twelve months old, and that it was now 34 strong, and that they were surrounded by a large number of visitors as well, it seemed to him extraordinary that so much should have been effected in the course of twelve months. It was very gratifying, and it was further gratifying to know that this result had been brought about mainly by the assistance he (Bro. Everett) had received from his efficient officers. It was rather curious that Everett should follow Everett, considering that there was no relationship between them, excepting the Masonic fellowship which bound them together. There was now an Everett the Second in the chair, and on his behalf he (Bro. George Everett) had to ask that if they saw in the W.M. any shortcomings, they would make every allowance for him, and that they would assist him in every possible way.

The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that as long as he occupied the chair nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Chiswick Lodge. The lodge was but little more than twelve months old, and yet it commanded such a large gathering as they had present that evening. It was a great credit to the lodge, and he should feel it a pride to promote the interests of the lodge as much as he could.

The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by both those brethren, who hoped they would become bright ornaments in the Order.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed. Bro. Ferguson, as one of the respondents, said the proposition of the W.M. gave him the opportunity of returning thanks on two grounds—first of congratulating the Chiswick Lodge on the wonderful progress it had made since it was consecrated. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by the W.M., and for the very kind recognition of what he had done. He trusted that he should always be useful as a Mason. When first he came to the lodge he was ornamental; the second time, when the W.M. was ill, he was useful; and at the present meeting he had tried to make himself useful. To him this was most agreeable. He did not like to be a wallflower, and he had had the satisfaction of being able to do something. When the lodge was a little older it would require no extraneous aid, and those who had assisted now would all be wallflowers, and they would all admire the way in which the members of the lodge did its work. That would be admirable. It was also an excellent thing that the first W.W. had set the example of installing his successor, and this was an office which every W.M. should perform. With such an example in the Chiswick Lodge there was no doubt it must succeed.

Bro. Chapman, who also responded, said he did not know whether the brethren had seen any picture in which surprise was depicted by open mouths and extended hands, but if they had they might imagine that that was the way in which he ought to be represented on this occasion, for he felt much surprise at the way in which the I.P.M. had excelled himself in the style in which he installed his successor and delivered the addresses. His next surprise was at the way the W.M. had conducted the working. It had been expected that he would hardly have a word to say for himself, but he had invested his officers as though he had been an old Past Master in the Craft. He had also been surprised at the responses of the Initiates, and likewise with the lavish hospitality with which every one had been entertained. He had been invited to enjoy himself in a quiet way, but he had found unbounded liberality in the banquet. Further, he was surprised that he should have been called upon to respond.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, also replied, and in the course of his remarks said that the Queen had wished her uncle, the Duke of Sussex, who was then Grand Master, to make Prince Albert a Freemason, but that the illustrious Duke told her that her husband should have no secrets from her. The reply of Queen Victoria was that if she had any sons they should be Freemasons. Her Majesty had shown her interest in the Craft by becoming Patron of the Masonic Institutions.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. George Everett," and presented him with an elegant jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), surmounted by a beautiful miniature picture of old Chiswick Church. He narrated the circumstances under which Bro. Everett yielded to the persuasion put upon him to become the first Master of the lodge, and said that it was only by strong persuasion that he again consented to take a leading part in Masonry. He had done his work well, and he had led the Chiswick Lodge to a position of prosperity. The toast was received with acclamation and "he is a jolly good fellow."

Bro. George Everett, I.P.M., in reply, said that Bro. Chapman had mentioned surprises which had met him that day; but he (Bro. Everett) must say he was surprised, though, at the same time, flattered and pleased at the reception given to this toast. He was very happy to think that the brethren thought him a jolly good fellow. He was pleased to receive at the hands of the lodge the handsome jewel pinned on his breast by the W.M. It had been his good fortune many times during his extended Masonic career to receive tokens of the esteem and regard of his brother Masons; but he did not know that he had ever received a greater compliment than the presentation of this jewel by the Chiswick Lodge. He was taken by surprise when he was asked to be the first Master of this lodge, and he was the more surprised to find himself weak enough to accept the post, because he had previously resolved to take a back seat in Freemasonry. However, he did agree to come again to the fore, and he obtained the warrant for this lodge. Although he went into it reluctantly at first, he did not regret it, and he was highly pleased at the result. The Chiswick Lodge had been a great success, and every one connected with it had been genial good fellows. He was the more pleased and proud, because the lodge was the child of his old age.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" of the Lodge followed, which having been responded to, was succeeded by the Tyler's toast, and the event of the evening was brought to a close.

WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. A. H. Brown, I.P.M., as W.M.; Robertson, S.W.; Manners, J.W.; Faulkner, P.M.; Treas.; Mursell, P.M.; Sec.; E. R. Cust, S.D.; Rutland, J.D.; Hunter, D.C.; Leftwich, I.G. and Stwd.; Young, Tyler; Barfield, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M.; Taylor, S. S. Wheeler, Sullivan, Toms

Chambers, Whitticom, Matthews, J. Halliday, A. Perry, and Hurst. Visitors: Bros. Garnham and Millidge, 151; G. Brown, 238; A. H. Brown, 1884; Firth, S.W. 1884, P.P.G.O.; G. Pack, P.M. 175, P.G.J.D.; and Wilkins, 1780.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on his son, Prince Albert Victor, having attained his majority, wishing him long life and happiness. Bro. A. Perry then took his Third Degree, after which Bro. R. L. Robertson, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being ably performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. G. P. Pickering, I.P.M.; Manners, S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Faulkner, P.M.; Treas.; Mursell, P.M.; Sec.; Rutland, S.D.; Leftwich, J.D.; Lee, I.G.; Ransome, Org.; Hurst, D.C.; Leftwich and James Halliday, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. Bro. Barfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., was appointed as the Representative of the Masonic Charities Committee of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and Bro. Mursell, P.M., consented to represent the lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution Festival. Bro. Mursell having served as Steward to the Boys' School Festival in 1884, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him.

The brethren then adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where a splendid banquet was partaken of. The W.M., Bro. Robertson, presided, supported by the P.M.s. of the lodge; Bros. Pack, Capt. Adams, Millidge, Garnham, Wilkins, Simon, G. Brown, A. Phillips, and others.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the loyal toasts being enthusiastically received. A telegram was handed in from Sandringham at 11.14 p.m. from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, thanking the brethren for their kind congratulations on his son attaining his majority. Songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Simon, Wilkins, Rutland, Firth, A. H. Ransome, and others.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The installation of Bro. George McCallum, P.G.J.D., as W.M. of this lodge, took place on Monday, the 12th inst., when there was a good muster of brethren to witness the ceremony, including the W.M.'s of the Three Grand Principles and the Isaac Newton (University) Lodges, and visiting brethren from a distance. The lodge having been duly opened, a vote was passed for the purchase of an organ, and a committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws. Bro. Alfred Thompson, W.M., then presented to Bro. Tregonwell Collier a handsome M.M.'s Jewel—which had been subscribed to by every member of the lodge—in recognition of his services as Tyler to the lodge for 35 years. Bro. Collier was initiated in October, 1849. The ceremony of installing Bro. McCallum was then proceeded with by Bro. Alfred Thompson, who went through the work in a most efficient manner.

The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. A. Thompson, P.M., I.P.M.; Thos. Nichols, S.W.; W. L. Paohler, J.W.; E. Hills, P.M.; Chap.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas.; A. H. Moyes, P.M.; Sec.; Oliver Papworth, S.D.; W. Purchas, J.D.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Ling, P.M.; Organist; Frank Piggott, I.G.; W. Davidson, P.M., Stwd., and Woods, Tyler.

It may be mentioned that Bro. Nichols, who is appointed S.W., has acted as Secretary to the lodge for 15 years, and his appointment over the heads of those in office during the past year was done with the hearty concurrence of every officer. The selection was also a popular one with the members of the lodge generally. At the close of the proceedings the brethren (between fifty and sixty in number) sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. A. H. Moyes, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony. The W.M. was very happy in the discharge of the duties of the chair, and Bro. Thompson was warmly congratulated upon the able manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master at short notice. The annual Ball will be held on Tuesday next.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at Ashton House, Greek-street, when there were present Bros. John Bell, W.M.; E. J. Anson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S.W.; J. Fox, J.W.; J. H. Andrew, Treas.; G. Gaskill, Sec.; W. Gleave, S.D.; T. Davis, J.D.; W. Booth, P.M.; P.G.D.D.C. Cheshire, D.C.; C. Clarkin, I.G.; Tutton and Kain, Stwds.; J. Scott, Tyler; P.Ms. G. Balfe, I.P.M.; F. Preston, H. Finch, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; W. Collier, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Cummings, Emerson, Harrison, Hampson, and Stafford. Visitors: Bros. H. Wakefield, 287, P.P.G. Stwd. Cheshire; Blakehurst, P.M. 287; Smith, I.G. 323; and Howard, 1642.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M. in due form. The W.M., S.W., and S.D. then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the First Lecture in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and were congratulated by the brethren and visitors on the efficient start made by the new W.M. and officers, this being the first regular meeting after the installation. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—A general meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Old-street, when a very large gathering of Past Masters and brethren were present to assist at the installation of Bro. W. Logan, J.D., as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Andrew Carr acting as Installing Master. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. A. Carr, I.P.M.; Rev. J. Lawson, P.G. Chap., S.W.; W. Crawford, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Tristram, G. Chap.; M. Fowler, Treas.; W. H. Oliver, Sec.; C. J. Dawson, S.D.; G. W. Richardson, J.D.; T. Dunn, I.G.; John Mutton, Org.; T. Bell, P.M., D.C.; W. Brotherhood and John Smith, Stwds.; and John Carter, Tyler. After the lodge was closed the W.M. entertained the brethren to a sumptuous repast in the banquet hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening enlivened by songs, &c., rendered by brethren of the Cathedral choir.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—Bro. T. Dartnall, the S.W. for the past year, has been installed W.M. of this lodge for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. G. Dunlop,

senior Past Master of the lodge, in the presence of a good attendance of Past Masters, visitors, and brethren. The following officers were invested for the year: Bros. T. P. Payne, I.P.M.; C. Bemister, S.W.; S. Clarke, J.W.; J. B. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Lees, S.D.; Stiles, J.D.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D. of C.; J. Ridgway, Org.; Osborn, I.G.; Fewings and C. T. Penny, Stwds.; and Biggs, Harrington, and Vare, Tylers.

After the installation, thanks were voted to Bro. Dunlop for having performed the ceremony, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Payne, authority being at the same time given to purchase from the lodge funds a Masonic jewel of a character to be approved by Bro. Payne. He, however, said that he already had numerous jewels, and he would much prefer that the money should be added to the sum already voted by the lodge to Bro. M. Miles' list of subscriptions to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. This generosity met with the warm appreciation of the brethren. The usual banquet was afterwards held, Bro. Bishop, the mayor of the borough, being present, and returning thanks, with others, for the visiting brethren.

RINGWOOD.—Unity Lodge (No. 132).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting last week, W. Bro. Le Feuvre, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master designate, attending from Southampton to install the retiring S.W., Bro. Walter Farrance. Bro. F. A. Johns presided over a good attendance of brethren and visitors, the latter including Bros. H. A. Lawton, 786 and P.M. 386, P.P.G.S.D. Dorset; Rev. — Raikes, P.M. 417, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; H. J. Sydenham, P.M. 137, P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset; H. P. Buchan, 1461; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; H. G. Dyer, P.M. 132; J. C. Holliday, P.M. 132; G. Etheridge, A. W. Hayter, E. White, H. Kitford, G. E. Blakely, and W. E. Alexander.

The new Master having been duly installed, the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner, invested the following as the officers for the year: Bros. F. A. Johns, I.P.M.; Whitewood, S.W.; J. B. Jenkins, J.W.; A. T. Hicks, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); A. W. Ward, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); Van Marle, S.D.; J. Webber, J.D.; Baker, I.G.; and Bursley, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge proceedings, which included a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the brethren sat down to a banquet excellently served by Mr. Ward, in the large room at the White Hart Hotel, following which the customary Masonic toasts were given and congratulations offered to the new ruler in the Craft, for whom a good year was predicted, the brethren contemplating, among other steps, the formation of a lodge of instruction in connection with this old lodge, which is well on its way towards its second centenary.

DOVER.—Lodge of Peace and Harmony (No. 199).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. John W. Terson, opened the lodge at 7 p.m., and there was a punctual attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst the large number present were Bros. J. W. Terson, W.M.; Thomas Hearn, S.W.; James W. Bussey, J.W.; A. F. L. Fredericksen, S.D.; J. W. Miller, J.D.; and John Falconer, I.G.; W. Bros. Rev. V. S. Vickers, I.P.M., Prov. G. Assist. Chaplain; James D. Terson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D., Sec.; H. S. Boyton, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org., John Marshall, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; John Bourdeaux, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; William Cepford, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; Edward Lukey, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Joseph G. Padevin, P.M.; and Francis W. Prescott, P.M.; Bros. Capt. J. W. Miller, E. Swan, T. Farrington, G. Ainslie, C. H. C. Marsh, F. Dane, W. A. Barron, W. A. Kennett, G. W. Church, H. J. Crosver, A. Welch, G. Willson, Tyler, and others. Visitors: W. Bros. James Stevens, 720, 1216, 1426; Pearson O. Potter, W.M. 1208; and George Band, P.M. 1096, P. Prov. G.A.P.; Bros. E. A. Marsh, S.D. 1208; W. Kenison, 1096; J. McKenzie, 1208; E. Vic, 531; J. J. Wright, 1208; R. Veers, 1536; F. Stanger, 1208; J. Popkins, 398, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated that as there was no ceremonial work before the lodge for this occasion, it had been thought expedient to use the opportunity for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the ritual by Bro. Stevens, of London, who was then present, and whom he had pleasure in introducing to the lodge. He had no doubt that the members would give him a hearty welcome and an attentive hearing.

Bro. James Stevens, who, on rising, was most cordially received, then occupied the earnest attention of all present during two and a-half hours, whilst he discoursed of the "Knobs and Excrescences" which are still to be found in the ritual and ceremonial of the Third Degree. His remarks were evidently much appreciated by the several Past Masters present, as well as by the younger portion of his audience, and, notwithstanding the length of his address, its conclusion was sought to be deferred for further explanations. The thanks of the lodge were expressed to Bro. Stevens in high laudation of his lecture and services, and the same were ordered for record on the minutes.

There was no other business, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren subsequently partook of supper, and separated at the customary hour.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The installation meeting was held at St. John's Festival celebrated in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The meetings of the lodge are always held on the first Thursday in every month; but, in consequence of New Year's Day falling this year on Thursday, a very small muster of the brethren was anticipated, consequently a dispensation was applied for, and granted, to postpone the meeting until the following Tuesday. The wisdom for such a course was apparent by the appearance of nearly 60 brethren, who assembled to do honour to Bro. Edwards' installation. The lodge has during the last few years been steadily increasing its members, and the knowledge of this fact must be intensely gratifying to Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who is aptly termed the "father of Charity," and who is at the present time the oldest member of the lodge. Bro. Hine recollects very well when the number of members was reduced to three, viz., himself, the late Bro. Higginbotham, and another, whose name at this moment escapes us. When this worthy

and respected trio were discussing the advisability of returning the warrant to Grand Lodge, Bro. Higginbotham remarked that as he had the warrant he should keep it, whereupon the other two stated their willingness to support him in his efforts to resuscitate the lodge, and bring it back to its former standard. How far they succeeded is shown from the present satisfactory position of the lodge, not only as regards its funds, but the number of subscribing members in it, most of whom attend regularly, and are capable of performing the various duties allotted them most creditably.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M.; J. W. Edwards, S.W.; R. R. Lisenden, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. Garside, Sec.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; W. Wood, J.D.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. B. Akerman, I.G.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; E. Smith, A. Wild, and J. Pearson, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Wilson, I.P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; M. Vickers, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; J. Smethurst, P.M.; J. W. G. Coombs, M. B. Yates, P.M. 1042; E. Wihl, L. Hall, C. V. Auger, J. Smith, S. Hamer, J. Eckersley, I. Sumner, Hugh Kerr, E. L. Chesworth, A. Rottmayer, R. Bradshaw, and E. Wormleighton. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.W.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; W. Jaffrey, P.G.J.D.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.J.D.; R. Davies, P.M. 1387, P.G.S.B. W. Lanc.; E. Simpson, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mountain, P.M. 204; T. Shorrocks, P.M. 204; M. Thomas, P.M. 204; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; S. Scott, P.M. 430; J. R. Beard, P.M. 44; W. R. Sowter, P.M. 815; A. H. Jefferies, W.M. 1161; I. Halden, 1009; H. Paulden, W.M. 204; S. Jupp, J.D. 1149; C. Swinn, Sec. 1633; H. Smith, 1387; J. Fitton, 268; J. Gooden, 325; and A. Sessing (Carthage).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. Daber, as a candidate for initiation, and being unanimous in his favour, he was subsequently initiated by Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., the W.M. reserving his powers for a later period of the day. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M., officiating as Installing Master. We may perhaps be pardoned for digressing a little in order to state that Bros. Edwards, Cunliffe, and Wilson are partners in a well-known Manchester house, and have followed each other to the W.M.'s chair, but in reverse order as their names appear in the firm. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. John Whitfield Edwards, W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. James Wilson, P.M., and, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. Upon the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the Installing Master announced to them that Bro. J. W. Edwards had been installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and called upon them to salute him as such. When this formality had been observed, the W.M. appointed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year, and they were accordingly invested by Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., as follows: Bros. R. R. Lisenden, S.W.; J. Garside, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas. (invested by the W.M.); E. Smith, Sec.; W. B. Akerman, S.D.; G. C. Frühling, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; John R. Lever, P.M., Org.; E. Wihl, I.G.; Isaac Pearson, H. Kerr, E. G. Chesworth, and C. V. Auger, Stwds.; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. James Wilson, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. John Bladon, P.M., to the Wardens and brethren. The balance-sheet, which showed a very satisfactory state of things, was reported upon by the Auditors—Bros. Bladon and Frühling—and adopted. A vote of thanks was awarded the Auditors for their services. A Past Master's 18-carat gold jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, for his valuable services during the past year, and, in returning thanks for this mark of the brethren's appreciation, he said he should always regard the jewel as a link binding him to the lodge as long as he lived.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. J. Cunliffe gave a notice of motion that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds, and placed on Bro. Garside's list of subscriptions, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at seven o'clock.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital dinner, which would have been all the more enjoyable if better generalship had been shown over the disposal of the waiters, a certain number of whom should be instructed to commence from the W.M. and work right and left, whilst the others should work from the Wardens' chairs in the same manner. In every other respect the dinner was a complete success, and Bro. Phillips may be congratulated for his catering. Dinner over, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with every manifestation of pleasure by the brethren.

The toast of "W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," was responded to by Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.J.D.

In proposing the toast of the evening—viz., "The W.M. of the Affability Lodge"—Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., said he felt highly honoured at being asked to propose the toast, because he had the pleasure some few years ago of initiating Bro. Edwards into Freemasonry, and he (Bro. Edwards) was the first of his initiates who had filled the chair. As the brethren were aware, the W.M. had followed his two partners in business into the chair, and he would not say unfortunately, but fortunately, they had gone their wrong ends up; nevertheless, whether they came in heads or tails, they had worthily won their positions, and had proved good and true Masons, and no three brethren had ever done more for charity in the Affability Lodge than the members of that well-known firm, Edwards, Cunliffe, and Wilson. Bro. Lever went on to say that in coming to the chair Bro. Edwards would have the full confidence of every member of the lodge, and would be well supported by his P.M.'s and officers, who would do all in their power to assist him. He would, in conclusion, ask the brethren to rise and drink the health of one of the best Masons that ever became a member of 317.

The invitation was promptly and cheerfully responded to, after which Bro. Eckersley sang, "Here's to his health in a song."

The W.M., in reply, said he was not going to inflict upon the brethren a long speech, but would content himself by saying he felt very much flattered by Bro. Lever's remarks, and honoured by the confidence the brethren

had reposed in him by unanimously electing him to the position of W.M., particularly so, as at the time of election he was absent from the lodge through illness. He felt very pleased at being captain of the good ship Affability, and satisfied she was manned by an efficient crew of officers. He assured the brethren he would do his utmost to merit their confidence.

At this stage Bro. Cunliffe, I.P.M., rose and stated he had just received a telegram from two brethren in North Africa, whom he had met some time ago, sending hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge and a successful year of office for the W.M. Bro. Cunliffe also stated that the two brethren intended sending a guinea and a-half, to be devoted to whatever Charity the W.M. might think fit.

The announcement was received with great pleasure by all present, and the health of these two worthy Masons in North Africa was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Cunliffe said it was the intention of the W.M. to give the money to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The P.M.'s," "Newly-invested Officers," &c., and, after a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated.

During the proceedings some capital songs and glees were sung by Bros. E. Wormleighton, H. Walmsley, M. Thomas, T. Shorrocks, J. R. Lever, &c., and the newly-initiated Bro. Chas. Daber (whose health was drunk), performed a brilliant selection on the piano.

MOTTRAM.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 320).—On Wednesday, the 31st ult., the members of this Cheshire lodge met at the Masonic Rooms, Junction Inn. The lodge was duly opened, the minutes were read, when the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the W.M. elect being Bro. Jno. Wagstaffe, jun., S.W.; the Installing Masters being Bros. R. Woodhouse, P.M. 320; W. R. Batchelor, P.M. 324; and G. Wagstaffe, P.M. 1088, P.G. Stwd., assisted by the following P.Ms. of 320, viz.: Bros. W. Harrison, J. Turner, J. Ashton, H. Kinder, W. Birch, C. Britnor, and R. Collier (a P.M. of over 60 years' standing). The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Birch, I.P.M.; W. E. Hill, S.W.; James Crook, J.W.; G. Sykes, Treas.; T. Newton, Sec.; J. Saxon, S.D.; A. Turner, J.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; W. Harrison, P.M., D. of C.; E. Thornley, Org.; W. Ashton and J. Roberts, Stewards; and R. Collier, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Wagstaffe, then presented to Bro. Birch, I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served up in an admirable manner by the hostess, Mrs. Tucker.

In addition to the above-named brethren there were present Bros. S. Robinson, W.M. 625; T. Woodruff, W.M. 324; W. Chadwick, P.M. 1088; W. Roe, P.M. 89; G. Cox, P.M. 625; Rev. W. P. Dawe, Chap. 625; S. Warhurst, J.W. 625; A. Walker, S.D.; C. Wilde, J.D. 625; W. Fielding, 625; W. Westwell, P.M. Endeavour Lodge; S. Wagstaffe, W. Hadfield, P.M.; J. Mills, W. Kirk, J. Wood, W. H. Firth, S. Barmforth, J. Whittaker, H. Wyatt, T. Howard, J. G. Willan, and W. Hampshire. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured, and the proceedings were agreeably diversified with songs and glees contributed by a quartet party composed of Bros. W. Fielding, S. Weirhurst, J. Walker, and C. Wilde.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Lambton Lodge (No. 375).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lambton Arms, when there were present Bros. Victor A. Williamson, W.M.; the Earl of Durham, S.W.; J. G. Wilson, J.W.; J. W. Barnes, Treas.; J. P. De Hedge, Sec.; N. W. Apperley, S.D.; W. B. Ferguson, J.D.; W. C. Morris, I.G.; J. Lynn, Tyler; Sir H. Pottinger, Bart., P.M.; Sir Farrar Herschell, P.M.; and H. W. Roberts. The lodge having been opened in due form, Messrs. Frank Stobart and A. Henderson were initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. After the lodge was closed the brethren held their annual banquet.

NEWPORT.—Silurian Lodge (No. 471).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street. Present: Bros. Joseph Jones, W.M.; Richd. Weights, S.W.; L. W. Paynter, J.W.; Rev. E. Davies, P.M., Chap.; Wm. Pickford, P.M., Treas.; R. B. Evans, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Whitley, S.D.; Dr. Woodliffe, J.D.; C. P. Evans, P.M., D.C.; W. Parsons, I.G.; W. F. Stevens, S. Dean, W. Woolf, and E. T. Evans, Stwds.; H. Fletcher, Tyler; H. J. Groves, P.M., Org.; G. Beavis, I.P.M.; G. H. Llewellyn, P.M.; A. MacMahon, P.M.; C. R. Lyne, P.M.; Col. Lyne, R.W. P.G.M.; Capt. G. Homfray, V.W.D.P.G.M.; J. Dunn, Wadley, Thomas, Stopford, Smythe, Hoskins, and T. Dawson, Visitors: Bros. E. G. Balding, W.M. 683; A. J. Sinclair, W.M. 1429; E. Charles, W.M. 1562; E. W. Evans, W.M. elect, 1429; E. C. Davies, W.M. elect 683; G. Hazell, C. Bruton, Paynter, and Samuel Davies, P.M.

Bro. Jos. Jones was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. Geo. Beavis, I.P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers and delivered a suitable address to each, and the proceedings passed off in a very satisfactory manner.

A banquet was held in the evening at the Castle Hotel, which was well attended. The W.M. presided, supported by the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and several Prov. Grand Officers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall on the 6th inst., there being present Bros. G. L. Hart, W.M.; Joseph, S.W.; Petts, J.W.; Eldridge, S.D.; G. Flint, J.D.; and Banks, I.G. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. Clements was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who also gave the lecture on the tracing board. This old lodge has made great progress under the presidency of Bro. Hart, the W.M., who has occupied the chair for two years. He has had a large number of initiates, and by his admirable working of the

three degrees, coupled with the tracing board lectures in each, and also the charges, stimulated a strong interest in both old and new members for a further knowledge in Masonry, and the lodge bids fair to be one of the most important in Kent, having sent two Stewards to the Charities last year, and by having a large number of young members, who are anxious to push forward in the interests of the Craft.

ULVERSTON.—Furness Lodge (No. 995).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Temple, when there were present Bros. J. Jenkins, W.M.; Rev. C. W. Bardsley, S.W.; J. Swan, J.W.; Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; R. Cusson, P.M., Org.; W. H. Todd, Sec.; C. Watson, acting S.D.; A. E. Sadler, J.D.; Rev. F. G. McNally, P.M., D.C.; A. Cottam, acting I.G.; J. S. Whitham, Stwd.; J. Robinson, Tyler; P.Ms.: Dr. Robinson, W. Harrison, J. Case, P.G.S.D.; D. E. Lister, 31; and J. W. Grundy; Rev. R. B. Billinge, J. Dobson, C. Pennington, J. Coward, and J. P. Ashburner. Visitors: Bros. H. Cook, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; G. Cornfield, P.M. 1225, P.P.G.S.B.; most of the W.Ms. and Wardens of 1021, 1225, 1390, 1398, and 1715; and several other brethren, making by far the largest number ever present at an installation in this lodge.

Bro. Rev. C. W. Bardsley, S.W., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Jenkins, W.M., and, after receiving the usual salutations, appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. Jenkins, I.P.M.; J. Swan, S.W.; W. H. Todd, J.W.; Rev. R. B. Billinge, Chap.; J. Spedding, D.C.; J. S. Whitham, Sec.; A. E. Sadler, S.D.; S. Grundy, J.D.; C. Watson, I.G.; J. Neale and A. Cottam, Stwds.; R. Cusson, P.M., Org.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Robinson with a beautiful Tyler's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Robinson, Tyler, by the Lodge of Furness, 995, in recognition of 21 years' services. Dec., 1884." Bro. Robinson was taken by surprise.

The W.M., in making the presentation, alluded to his personal merits, as a man and a Mason, and complimented him on the very satisfactory manner he had discharged his duties during the 21 years he had acted as Tyler, and hoped he might live long to appear among his brethren wearing the jewel upon his breast, in which a more true or honest heart could not beat.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and gave every satisfaction to the brethren, being executed in his well known style. The brethren then adjourned to the house of Mrs. Smith, County Hotel, to partake of a banquet, which was served up in a very excellent manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The first annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Bro. W. G. Brighten, W.M., presided; and among those present were the following: Bros. F. Dorrell Grayson, S.W.; G. R. Dawson, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, S.D.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., D.C.; L. Warren, jun., I.G.; Frank Woosnam, Stwd.; W. D. Merritt, P.M.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; G. Berry, P.M.; R. W. F. Martin; W. Bridgland, S.W. 933; W. M. Peacey, G. Baxter, E. Wright, S. Mayes, J. Taylor, jun., W.M. 1817; and the following visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., Sec. of the Boys' School; A. E. Baldwin, S.W. 366; E. Robbins, P.M. 193 and 276; Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; Harris, Sec. 1817; W. Cox, 1817; and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. F. Dorrell Grayson, S.W.) was impressively performed by Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; and at the close the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. R. Dawson, S.W.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, Prov. A.G.P., S.D.; L. Warren, jun., J.D.; C. F. Woosnam, I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.G.; E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.D., and W. G. Brighten, I.P.M., P.P.G. Org., Orgs.; E. F. Wood and G. L. Wood, Stewards; and A. W. Martin, Tyler.

Bro. F. Wood was unanimously elected the lodge's representative on the Charity Committee of the province; and upon the motion of Bro. A. Lucking, ten guineas were voted to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and placed on the list of the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, who briefly acknowledged the compliment; and the W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a *recherché* repast was admirably served by Mr. A. G. Rennison, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, the proceedings being agreeably diversified with selections of vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Merritt, Martin, Woosnam, Dawson, Harrington, and others, under the direction of Bro. Brighten.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The annual meeting, for the purpose of installing the W.M. of this lodge, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., when, in the presence of about 20 Past Masters, Bro. E. L. Waugh, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1060, P.G.J.W., and installed in the ancient chair with all the honours. Bro. C. Morton, the senior P.M. of the lodge, P.M. 872, 1267, and 1060, P.P.G.S.W., invested the officers, and delivered the usual addresses in grand style. The following were invested for the year: Bros. T. Mason, I.P.M.; H. Carruthers, S.W.; W. Paisley, J.W.; Canon Hoskins, Chap.; H. Peacock, P.M., Treas.; J. Fidler, Sec.; A. Cooper, S.D.; F. Smith, J.D.; J. Sewell, I.G.; J. Taylor and T. H. Carter, Stwds.; and J. Hewson, Tyler.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, F.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. Black, P.M., P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Rylie, W.M. 119, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Dickinson, W.M. 371, P.G.A.P.; T. Mandale, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. W. Thompson, P.M.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Brokenridge,

J.D.; J. Paterson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Thompson, S.W. 962; H. Simpson, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Walker, P.M. Hiogo and Osaka, Japan; W. Whitehead, J. B. Paisley, A. Taylor, P.M.; Wm. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Towers, J. Walker, J. Kendall, R. S. Marsh, A. Harrison, P. O. R. Overend, R. Leech, 310; and others.

On "Hearty good wishes" being given from Lodges 119, 310, 371, 872, 962, and others, it was intimated that letters had been received just the day before from Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and Bro. T. C. Robinson, P.M., who are at present in Australia, and they desired to convey, although "far awa'," their "Hearty good wishes" to their mother lodge. Bro. Waugh expressed himself highly pleased with the intimation.

The lodge was then closed in form and good harmony, and the brethren, numbering over 40, adjourned, by invitation of the W.M., to Bro. Peacock's, the Globe Hotel, where there never fails to be ample provision made and to spare. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and, with songs and recitations by some of the best talent in the West, a very agreeable meeting closed with Bro. Hewson's toast.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The members of this lodge held their general monthly, and which was also their annual installation meeting, on Monday evening, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate. There was a fair attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. John Hatch, P.M., P.G.S.; Rev. J. Kirkby Turner, P.M. (Fleetwood); R. Stanton, W.M. 281; T. Atkinson, P.M., and others.

The lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient custom, the chair was taken by Bro. Captain Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., as Installing Officer. A Board of Installed Masters was subsequently formed, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Major Turner, was duly presented and regularly installed, the ceremony being very efficiently rendered. The address to the Wardens was given by Bro. Longman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and that to the brethren by Bro. Hatch. The newly-installed Master subsequently invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. H. Irvin, I.P.M.; A. W. Kershaw, S.W.; W. Drinkall, J.W.; N. W. Helme, P.M., Treas.; H. Longman, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Moore, S.D.; J. Whitlock, J.D.; W. Capstick, I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring W.M. and to the Installing Officer, and these having been acknowledged the lodge was closed in accordance with the formalities of the Craft.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the County Hotel, the installation banquet reflecting the highest credit on the cuisine of this establishment. The W.M. presided, supported on the right by Bros. Rev. J. K. Turner, J. Hatch, R. Stanton, N. W. Helme, and others; and on the left by Bros. Irvin, Garnett, Longman, Hannah, Aldous, and others.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts followed that of "The Queen." "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Present and Past Grand Officers," was given from the chair and received with all the honours.

The toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," was acknowledged by Bros. Garnett, Longman, and Hatch.

Bro. Hannah gave the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which was acknowledged by the W.M. and Bro. Irvin, I.P.M., on behalf of the volunteers.

Bro. Capt. Garnett, in appropriate terms, then gave "The Health of the W.M. of the Rowley Lodge," which was heartily received, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Major Turner.

"The Healths of the Installing Officer," and that of "The Immediate Past Master" were also cordially drunk.

Other toasts followed, including "The Trustees of the Masonic Hall," "The Wardens," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Visitors," &c., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

ELLAND.—Saville Lodge (No. 1231).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Farnell, W.M.; J. Emsley, S.W.; S. Dyson, J.W.; W. H. Smithies, Chap.; Garsed, Treas.; S. Dyson, Sec.; Dr. Hoyle, S.D.; E. Sutcliffe, J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; S. W. North, I.G.; Rhodes and Feather, Stwds.; Lawson Savile, I.P.M.; Walker, P.M.; F. Radcliffe, J. Radcliffe, and Taylor. Bro. Watson, 448, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed, after which Bro. Taylor was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The working tools were given by Bro. Smithies, and the charge, along with the tracing board, by Dr. Whalley, D.C. The ballot was afterwards taken for Mr. J. Radcliffe, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. The north-east corner and charge were administered by Bro. Walker, P.M., and the tracing board and Historical Degree by Dr. Whalley, D.C. The lodge was closed in harmony, when the brethren sat down to a very substantial tea, and spent a very pleasant evening.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Earl of Durham Lodge (No. 1274).—On Wednesday the 7th inst., a large gathering of brethren took place in the Masonic Hall to witness the installation of Bro. John Todd as W.M. of this lodge. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. W. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following brethren were then appointed and invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. E. Steele, I.P.M.; R. F. Gibson, S.W.; M. A. Lax, J.W.; R. Dickinson, Treas.; J. Dalkin, Sec.; W. Clark, S.D.; W. Parkin, J.D.; T. Barrass, S.S.; W. A. Legg, I.G.; and J. Lynn, Tyler. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Lambton Arms to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the dinner being provided by Mr. Burn in his usual excellent style. Glees were sung during the evening by Bros. Whitehead, Walker, and Nutton, of the Durham Cathedral choir.

NEWPORT.—Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1429).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There was an unusually full attendance of the brethren, not only members of the lodge, but also the leading

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and representatives of local and district lodges. Bro. Allan I. Sinclair, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at two o'clock, when he was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. E. Thomas, I.P.M. 1429; E. W. Evans, S.W.; A. Taylor, J.W.; J. C. Brook, Sec.; James Sanders, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Dix, S.D.; D. H. Richards, D.C.; Henry Allen, I.G.; Edward W. Perrin, Org.; J. P. Wareham and D. Hickey, Stewards; Henry Fletcher, Tyler; W. Hopton, Asst. Tyler; William Watkins, P.M., P.P.G.W. Monmouthshire; S. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frederick Orders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; D. S. Davies, R. J. Morgan, Edward Nicholl, James Davies, Henry Cox, W. W. Morgan, P.M.; W. J. Hollingdale, A. J. Woodcock, J. Goldsworthy, J. A. Kelly, C. Sylvester, Charles Howell, Thomas W. Mitchell, W. C. Harrison, D. E. Davies, R. Laslett, W. E. James, E. T. Evans, George Hazell, S. Dean, John Dredge, Sydney Davies, W. J. Orders, T. P. Hammett, J. C. Hunter Little, P.M.; F. P. Jordan, Chas. Cullum, Malcom Harries, and all members of the Albert Edward Lodge, 1429.

Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Colonel Chas. Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouth; C. R. Lyne, P.M. 471, P.G. S.W.; W. Jenkins, P.J.W. 1752; C. E. Perry, S.W. 1752; E. Roberts, P.M. 192; H. J. Groves, P.M. 683; Herbert Handy, 683; Alfred Wadley, 471; L. W. Painter, J.W. 471; W. Cook, 1271; Joseph Jones, W.M. 471; J. R. Davies, W.M. 1573; John Rogers, P.M. 1573; J. C. Sladen, P.M. 1573; Thomas Sandbrook, J.W. 1573; Edward Charley, 1562; E. G. Balding, W.M. 683; M. John, I.P.M. 1562; E. W. Groves, P.M. 1562; Ernest Tainsh, 960; J. F. Langdon, 1388; Walter West, P.M. 683; A. P. Fabian, 38; D. Thompson, P.M. 967; A. M. Gerhold, 36; Robert Parry, 1573; George Beavis, I.P.M. 471; Walter Nicholl, 36; J. P. Hitchings, 1752; Colonel F. Cummings, 683; Griffith James, 960; C. W. Grove, 1562; W. G. Davis, 364; Benjamin P. Davies, 1573; J. L. Perrin, P.M. 1573; A. E. Bryant, 1388; John Morday, J.W. 960; and others.

The attendance was one of the fullest ever held in the province. The ordinary business was then transacted, and the ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with by Bro. Sinclair, who undertook the difficult and interesting task and did it in a faultless manner, eliciting the hearty admiration of his brethren as he conducted Bro. E. W. Evans, the W.M. elect, to the chair of King Solomon. Hearty congratulations followed, and the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers with their collars and jewels of office for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. Allan Sinclair, I.P.M.; A. Taylor, S.W.; W. J. Dix, J.W.; Rev. D. Bowen, P.M., Chap.; James Sanders, P.M., Treas.; James C. Brook, Sec.; C. Cullum, S.D.; H. Allen, J.D.; H. Richards, P.M., D.C.; E. W. Perrin, Org.; J. T. Warham, Supt. of Works; D. Hickey, I.G.; D. Sanders Davis and W. J. Hollingdale, Stwds.; H. Fletcher, Tyler; and W. Hopton, Asst. Tyler.

At the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, which took place at Dean's Castle Hotel, where a most recherché spread was laid in Bro. Dean's best style. The banquet hall was tastefully decorated, and the number of visitors was in excess of that of the assembly at the lodge room.

After disposing of the menu, the customary toast list pertaining to the Craft was proceeded with. A pleasing incident in connection with the proceedings was the attainment of the majority of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's son on the occasion of the annual gathering of the members of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge. The W.M. forwarded a message of congratulation to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, at Sandringham. The message was as follows: "Edward W. Evans, W.M. Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Sandringham. Hearty greetings and congratulations from W.M. and brethren of the above lodge on the auspicious occasion of your son attaining his majority. May the Great Architect of the Universe preserve him." During the banquet the following reply was received amidst the greatest enthusiasm of the brethren: "From Albert Edward Prince of Wales.—I thank you and the brethren of your lodge sincerely for your kind congratulation and hearty good wishes." Great satisfaction was expressed on the reading of the message. The proceedings throughout were of a highly-pleasing and gratifying nature, and Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of the province, congratulated the W.M. on having presided over the largest assembly of brethren at any ordinary annual lodge meeting ever held in the province of Monmouthshire.

THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—

The winter dinner of the above lodge was given on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, presided, supported by the Treasurer, Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.G.C., Middx.; Bros. B. J. Cowell Helden, Geo. Whitaker, William Sweetland, and John Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Alfred Brookman, C.C., F.R.G.S., No. 1, P.M. 1657; James Shotton, 1657; George Kenning, 249, P.M. 192 and 1657; Mr. Horace Frederick Stewart, and others.

Much satisfaction was expressed by the brethren present at the announcement by one of the guests that the highest honour that the University of France could confer, viz., the title and decoration of "Officer de l'Instruction Publique," had been bestowed on the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. P.M. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. A. J. Brown, W.M.; D. O. Hobbs, I.P.M.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., acting S.W.; M. F. Curtis, J.W.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. Methven, P.M., acting S.D.; E. T. Wise, J.D.; W. J. Miller, I.G.; W. H. Mitchell, Stwd.; R. L. Rosoman, P.M.; W. H. Chapman, P.M.; Martin, Weekes, Spencer, J. T. Bowyer, Symonds; Henley, Vane, and Harrington, Tylers.

The minutes were read, and a ballot was taken for Mr. J. Bowyer and Mr. G. A. Derrick, which was unanimous in their favour. Mr. Bowyer being a Lewis under full age, a dispensation had been obtained, and was read in open lodge, from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master authorising his initiation. The latter ceremony, by the kind permission of the W.M., was done by W. Bro. Walter Bowyer, P.M., who

had requested the pleasure of initiating his relative into Freemasonry. On the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, it was unanimously resolved that the congratulations of the lodge be sent to Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., and honorary member of the lodge, on his being appointed as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The W.M. and other brethren supported the proposition, and referred to the Masonic career of Bro. Le Feuvre, which proved that the distinguished honour for which he had been designated was well deserved, and that the duties connected with the appointment would be carried out with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the Craft in the province.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid repast was provided by the resident Tyler, Bro. C. Henley, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, were interspersed with harmony, given and received, and a very pleasant evening spent.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. West's famous hostelry, and was not only a most enjoyable, but a memorable one. Bro. C. T. Lewis, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts; W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Ives, S.W.; C. Jolly, J.W. (Freemason); J. Paul, S.D.; C. H. Canning I.G.; C. J. Jones, D.C.; G. Thomas, J. Kenworthy, E. Morgan, G. Lane, C. Wood, M. Kilat, H. Vallem, M. Kaul, H. Childs, C. J. Pawling, G. Jennings, G. Gladding, W. McGuinness, S. Woodlands, J. Aillud, W.M. 615; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; S. Jones, 511; J. Wood, 381; and others.

Bros. Johnson, Childs, and Thomas were passed, and Bros. Kilat, Lowe, Pauling, and Morgan were raised. A discussion ensued on the motion of Bro. Lewis, "That the initiation fee be raised to 10 guineas from and after the end of the present year," and it was carried by a small majority. Bro. Jolly then, in accordance with notice of motion, moved "That all defaulters of over two years be at once warned by the Secretary to pay up their subscriptions within six months from date of notice; if not, that they be struck off the books of the lodge," and it was carried unanimously. After supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; and a very handsome presentation, consisting of a silver liquor-stand, with decanter, and a brass and mahogany coal vase was presented to Mrs. Richardson, daughter of Bro. West, as a wedding present, she having lately entered the holy state of matrimony.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Bro. George Kennedy, I.P.M., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. G. Saunders, W.M., through ill health. Bros. F. C. Hathaway, 153; and L. Comerford, 26 (I.C.), were admitted joining members. Colour-Sergt. W. Roberts was initiated; Bro. Flagg was passed, and Bro. Musquin raised, and after five guineas had been voted to the widow of a deceased brother, the lodge was closed.

After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

In response to the provincial toast of "Lord Holmesdale, G.M., Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Ken, spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes worked for Masonry, especially in the province, in fact, the grand Charity organisation of the province showed that so excellent was the organisation that any case, whether boy, girl, or old person, whose case was taken up by the province, never failed of success. His lordship always took great interest in the Military lodges, and therefore was justly entitled to their esteem and respect. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Kennedy," who, he said, had surpassed himself in the working that night, and that with but a very short notice.

Bro. Kennedy said he was always at their service, and would only be too glad to aid the W.M., who had to come all the way from Northamptonshire to do the duties of his office. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," he referred to Bro. Deeves, in South Africa, as one of the most perfect Masters of Masonry he ever knew. As to Bros. Weston and Spinks, they all knew their worth, and the interest they took in the lodge.

Those brethren having responded, "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press," were all toasted and acknowledged, and the proceedings closed in perfect harmony.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, on the 12th inst., when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P. There were also present Bros. J. Blenkin, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. W. Balmford, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; B. L. Mills, and a number of other officers and brethren. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. the Rev. R. Blakeney, Vicar of Bishopthorpe, and Bro. Granville Milner, of Bilborough Hall, and Bro. Whittaker was passed to the Second Degree, and the lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. W. B. Dyson. The Secretary announced the death of Bro. Isaac F. Taylor, one of the first members initiated in the lodge.

After the close of the lodge the members met at refreshment, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, the evening being enlivened by harmony, to which many brethren contributed. Letters and messages conveying "Hearty good wishes" were received from several absent members, including Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; and others.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Hopkinson, W.M.; Brown, S.W.; Betchley, J.W.; Head, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Mitchell, Sec.; Woolgar, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Rudge, P.G.S.B., acting I.G.; Martin, Stwd.; Smith, acting Tyler; Calway, I.P.M.; and Leeney. Visitors: Bros. Harris, P.M. 295; Isley, P.M. 61 and 1500, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; Taylor, P.M. 1110, P.P.G.J.D.; and Plummer, J.D. 1558.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the last lodge were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were then taken for Bro. Taylor, as a joining member, and Messrs. Rhodes and Gardner, as initiates—the latter as a serving brother. The voting proved all three to have been unanimously elected. Messrs. Rhodes and Gardner were initiated separately by the W.M. in his usual masterly and impressive style. Bro. Smith gave the charge in a very able manner, showing by his delivery how completely he had mastered his subject. Bro. Hopkinson then gave the illustration of the tracing board in such a manner as to elicit the warm approval of the brethren. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, served by Bro. Davies, the host, and spent a very pleasant evening. Bros. Woolgar, Rudge, Martin, and Isley enlivening it with songs, and Bro. Harris with a recitation given as only he can give it.

SOUTHAMPTON.—**Albert Edward Lodge** (No. 1780).—Bro. James Ireland was installed last week as W.M. of this lodge by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was attended by several of his Prov. Grand Officers, representatives of the Royal Gloucester, New Forest, Southampton, Shirley, and Clausentum lodges being also present. The following were invested as the officers for the year: Bros. T. Walton, I.P.M.; W. Algar, S.W.; A. M. Bailey, J.W.; J. Stevens, Treas.; W. Berry, P.M., Sec.; G. Heathcote, S.D.; W. Foster, J.D.; M. S. Groundsell, Org.; Tanner, D.C.; Warren, I.G.; H. S. Pearce and J. McKie, Stewards; and Harrington and Vane, Tylers. After the investiture the lodge voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be added to the list of W. Bro. J. Robertson, P.M. 130, who will attend the next festival as Steward; and a similar sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of W. Bro. Miles, P.M. 130, who will act as one of the Stewards at the festival in February. A Past Master's jewel was voted to W. Bro. Walton for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year.

The banquet was served by Bro. T. Dartnall, the new W.M. presiding, and the Prov. G.M., with his officers, being among the guests.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—**Thames Lodge** (No. 1895).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. B. Hunn, P.P.G.D., W.M.; F. Marsh, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Rev. A. R. Pritchard, P.G.C., J.W.; W. A. Simmons, Sec.; C. A. Robinson, S.D.; C. Bye, J.D.; E. Carlisle, M.A., I.G.; G. O. Willis, Stwd.; R. Rogers, Tyler; J. McBean, T. Sheward, J. Whitehead, J. W. Rhodes, and W. H. Harrison. Visitors: Bros. Williams, 1056; and Wickens, 1710.

Bros. Whitehead and Sheward were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. H. C. Bulkeley was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. announced that he intended to represent the lodge at the Benevolent Institution Festival in February, and Bro. the Rev. A. R. Pritchard accepted the Stewardship of the Girls' in May. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Red Lion Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent.

MALDON.—**Blackwater Lodge** (No. 1977).—The monthly meeting of this Essex lodge on the 5th inst., was availed of for the presentation to W. Bro. Thomas Eustace, of Colchester, of a mark of the respect in which he is held by the brethren, and of appreciation of his efforts for the prosperity of the lodge as its first Master. The presentation took the form of a valuable gold watch, which in the unavoidable absence through illness of the present W.M., Bro. Alfred Richardson, was handed to Bro. Eustace by Bro. Robt. Smith, S.W., who in a few well-chosen words spoke of the hard work Bro. Eustace had done for the lodge; how much its present prosperity was due to him, and how much the brethren were indebted to him for with such regularity coming sixteen miles every month to fulfil the duties of the chair. Bro. Eustace, who was very much moved, thanked the brethren for their great kindness. What he had done had been a labour of love, and his work had been rendered lighter by the hearty support he had always received from his officers and the brethren generally. He assured them he should always value most highly their handsome present, and it would become an heirloom in his family. The watch bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. T. Eustace, P.P.G.S.B., by the Blackwater Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1977, for valuable services rendered as first Master. Jan. 5th, 1885."

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS (No. 507).—At the weekly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge on Friday, the 9th inst., Bro. Henry Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W. and W.M. elect 1949, was the acting W.M., and was ably supported by Bros. A. J. Stile, as S.W.; R. T. Bowman, J.W.; C. J. Axford, S.D.; J. N. Bate, P.M. and acting Preceptor, J.D.; and W. E. Mills, as I.G. Bro. Albert kindly acted as candidate for the ceremonies of passing and raising, which were rehearsed in a very able and impressive manner throughout. Bro. Mills, of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, and Bro. Albert, of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, were elected joining members. Bro. Stile was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Coughlan, W.M.; Brindley, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Prec., Chap.; Musson, Sec.; Fraser, S.D.; Gibson, Treas., and J.D.; Adams, I.G.; Green, Saunders, Grist, and Bowen. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. C. Saunders answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Saunders was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Bowen answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted, and the lodge having been opened up, he was duly raised to the degree of a M.M. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Brindley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, at

the request of the brethren, appointed his officers of the mother lodge, to re-open the lodge at its new home next Wednesday, at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; W. H. Kedgley, J.W.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; C. Ralph, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Watts, P.M.; Brindley, Dowling, Stroud, W. H. Smith, Z. Mordecai; Clark, P.M.; Ponsford, P.M.; Farwig, P.M.; Masted, Potter, G. H. Reynolds, J. Woodward; Ed. Jacobs, P.M.; Holland, Dickenson, Carsons, Ludwig; Fendick, P.M.; Frank Gulliford, H. Robinson, H. S. Hunter, G. A. Laundy, Wilkie Jones, Cumming, Wetherill, Hyams, and Harrington.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. J. Jacobs, as W.M. elect, was duly obligated, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. G. Coleman, W.M. of the mother lodge, in a faultless manner. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the Second and then to the First Degree. The W.M., Bro. J. Jacobs, appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; B. Solomons, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; C. Ralph, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; E. Jacobs, Tyler. Bro. Coleman then delivered the charges. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge:—Bros. Cumming, 890; Laundy, 188; Hunter, 1321; W. H. Smith, 1540; and Dickenson, 1681. Bro. C. Ralph was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation as at the meeting held on the 1st inst. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. G. Coleman, W.M. of the mother lodge, for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation, which was seconded by the J.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Coleman made a suitable reply. Bros. Fowles, C. Ralph, and Frank Gulliford were elected Auditors; the audit to take place at the next meeting, in accordance with the bye-laws. Bro. Ed. Jacobs, P.M., gave notice that the annual supper in connection with the Lodge of Instruction would take place in March at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Bros. Ed. Jacobs, P.M., and Fowles having been voted tellers, a ballot then took place for £5 5s. for one of the subscriberships to the Royal Masonic Institutions, out of the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, which was declared to be in favour of Bro. Frank Gulliford.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was then closed in ancient form with peace and harmony, and adjourned to the following Thursday evening. The brethren expressed themselves as having spent a most agreeable and instructive evening.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—There was a capital meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bro. G. Higgins was the W.M., and was well supported as follows: Bros. W. MacKay, S.W.; S. Renaut, J.W.; W. Jolly, sen., acting Sec.; Aynsley, S.D.; R. F. Brickdale, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; and W. Smyth, Tyler.

A very pleasurable feature of the meeting was the welcome presence of the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623, &c., who has sufficiently recovered from a severe illness to be again in his position among the brethren, much to their gratification. During our worthy brother's regretted absence the duties of the Preceptor have been discharged by the W.M. of the parent lodge, Bro. G. H. Stephens, who also was present on the occasion under notice. After the usual formalities, the ceremony was carefully worked and well by Bro. Higgins, who gives great promise of being a capital worker in the mother lodge. Indeed, under Bro. Pennefather's able tuition there are many lay members of the mother lodge fully capable of undertaking any of the duties of the lodge. Bro. Jolly, sen., acted as candidate. Bro. Higgins having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Aynsley, this brother worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Brickdale being the candidate. Bro. MacKay was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed with hearty congratulations to Bro. Pennefather upon his recovery, and resuming his duties as Preceptor of the lodge. Brethren are cordially invited to attend on Monday evenings at seven o'clock.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Wade, P.M., acting Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; C. White, P.M., S.D.; Grist, J.D.; and Gilbert, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wade being the candidate. Bro. Wade being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Harry Price, W.M.; Geo. Gardner, S.W.; J. Sims, J.W.; Geo. Gardner, Treas.; A. H. Strong, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. A. Dowling, J.D.; Harry Furze, I.G.; Strange, Stwd.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Meyer, C. Hopkns, J. Brown, A. Tilbury, — Wood, and D. Stroud. Visitor: Bro. F. W. Walden, 954.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Ayling, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the Second Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. then rehearsed the initiation ceremony in a very perfect manner, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. The Third Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Walden was elected a joining member. A vote of

thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had filled the office of W.M. for the first time in the lodge. Bro. Gardner was elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ALL SAINTS CHAPTER (No. 1716).—The January meeting of this chapter was held at the Bow Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., on the 8th inst., when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a good evening's work was successfully performed under the skilled presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. F. A. White. After the confirmation of the minutes, and the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed that the chapter had now been successfully steered through all its difficulties, ballots were taken for Bros. Cooper, 1056, and Forbes, 1805. Both being unanimous, the two brethren were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being most impressively and solemnly rendered by the M.E.Z., Comp. F. A. White, who was assisted by Comps. F. J. Hunt, H.; T. Griffiths, P.Z., acting as J.; and J. House, S.E., acting as P.S. After the adoption of a motion as to future dates of meeting, and the nomination of a Committee to draw up a book of bye-laws for the government of the chapter, it was closed in due form.

COLNE.—**Canal Chapter** (No. 116).—The annual installation meeting of this centenary chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. John Bollard, P.P.G. St. Br., Z.; Henry Booker-Carey, H.; James Townsend, J.; James H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.T.; Thos. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Thomas Varley, S.E.; Geo. Townsend, S.N.; E. Bird, P.S.; Jas. Smallpage, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. J. Hartley, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. R. Hartley, and others.

After the chapter had been opened the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John W. Hartley, who had been previously elected, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A. Mason by the M.E.Z., both that worthy companion and the P.S. performing their duties in a most praiseworthy manner. At the conclusion of the exaltation ceremony, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe installed Comp. H. Booker-Carey as Z.; Jas. Townsend, H.; and Thos. Varley, J.; he also invested the officers as follows: Comps. Geo. Townsend, S.E.; Jas. Smallpage, S.N.; E. Bird, P.S.; J. J. Hartley, 1st Asst. Soj.; and J. R. Hartley, 2nd Asst. Soj.; the others being unavoidably absent. The M.E.Z. before closing the chapter proposed, and Comp. Townsend seconded, "That a vote of thanks be accorded to Comp. Sillitoe for the many services he had rendered to the chapter," which was carried, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the meeting. Comp. Sillitoe duly acknowledged the compliment, and then made a strong appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, which will no doubt be responded to in due course.

The chapter was closed in solemn form, when the companions adjourned to the festive board, where a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. Edmunds, M.E.Z.; Gregory, H.; Carter, J.; Slyman, S.E.; J. E. Sheffield, S.N.; B. Storr, P.S.; and a large attendance of companions. This was the first meeting held at the above house since its removal from the Junction Hotel, Junction-road. The ceremony of exaltation was ably sustained by the respective officers present; and we kindly invite all Royal Arch Masons to pay this chapter a visit, being satisfied they will gain that instruction so much needed by many, thereby qualifying them for the various offices in their respective chapters.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. H. E. Dehane, Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; G. W. Knight, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; E. M. Money, S.N.; T. C. Edmunds, P.S.; W. T. Dahnell, A.S.; G. Gregory, P.Z.; and A. Bird.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being the candidate. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded by all to H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward on the attainment of his majority. Comp. Radcliffe gave notice of motion that he would propose next convocation that the second annual gathering of the companions should take place at a suitable time and place, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

Obituary.

BRO. W. MORRIS.

The funeral of Bro. W. Morris, of the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at St. James's Cemetery, Liverpool, and the attendance of about 200 persons showed how sincere and wide-spread was the esteem cherished for the memory of the deceased. The Rev. J. Barnes-Lawrence, of St. Luke's, was the officiating clergyman. The chief mourners were Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woolrich, Mr. John Taylor (Oswestry), Mr. R. Elliott, and Mr. W. Davies. Deceased was the J.D. of the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. John Ashley, W.M.; John Lees, S.W.; B. Holgate, J.W.; H. Wilson, Sec.; H. H. Hughes, S.D.; J. R. Roberts, I.G.; L. Phillips, J.S.; J. W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; B. B. Maison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. George, I.P.M.; J. Keet, P.M.; C. Arden, P.M.; P. Askew, Joseph Neill, J. A. Foster, C. Ewing, R. Williams, H. Grundy, J. Penny, — Blair, Captain Fleming, W. Blumsen, &c. The representatives of other lodges included Bros. R. Martin, P.M., P.G. Treas.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; Joseph Bell, P.P.J.D.; T. Salter, P.P.S.D.; H. James, P.M.; T. Harden, P.M.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M.; J. O. Rae, P.M.; T. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brackenbury, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*); and others.



Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., has been elected a member of the British Dairy Farmers' Association.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., was among the clergy who attended the funeral of the Bishop of London on Saturday last at Fulham.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has kindly sent thirty and the Duke of Edinburgh twenty pheasants for the use of the patients at Charing Cross Hospital.

Bro. the Marquis and the Marchioness of Waterford have been among the guests entertained by Lord and Lady Walsingham at Merton Hall, Norfolk.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, left Devonshire House last week for Hardwick Hall, where his lordship is entertaining a succession of guests.

Bro. Earl Granville will be the principal guest at the annual dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 19th February.

According to Reuter's agency, a telegram has been received at Paris from Tunis to the effect that Bro. Read, H.B.M.'s Consul to the latter State, has left, and will not return to his post.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the Countess of Carnarvon left home on Saturday for Paris, en route for Italy, where they will spend a few weeks before the re-assembling of Parliament.

Bro. Sir E. Malet, H.B.M.'s ambassador at Berlin, will leave for England to be married, as soon as the sittings of the West African Conference are ended, returning to Berlin about the middle of next month.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the meeting on Friday, the 10th inst., of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and among the members present were Bros. Alderman Staples and Deputy Saunders.

Bro. Earl Granville and Countess Granville visited the Queen at Osborne on Thursday, the 8th inst., returning to town the day following. The felicitations of the government were offered to Her Majesty by his lordship.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on the 10th inst. at the first annual meeting of the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the Poor, and among those present were the Lady Mayoress, Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Bro. Clarence Smith.

Bro. Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22, P.M., D.C. 1679, P.Z. 192, 1044, &c., has been appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to the rank, dignity, and precedence of Grand Marshal of the most puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted the invitation of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, to deliver his lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences" at the meeting to be held on the 6th February at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich (near Champion-hill Station), at 7 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Mrs. Bowyer intend celebrating the coming of age of their eldest son, Captain Edgar H. Bowyer, by a large evening party, which will be held on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. We congratulate our worthy brother and Mrs. Bowyer on the auspicious event.

Bros. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Marriott, Q.C., M.P., were engaged in the case brought by the Marquis of Salisbury against the Metropolitan Board of Works for compensation in respect of property required for the new street from Oxford-street to Charing Cross, Bro. Clarke being leader for his lordship, and Bro. Marriott for the Board.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending January 17th, 1885:—Monday—Old Pauline Club, St. George's and Corner-Stone Lodge, and Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—St. James's Union Lodge and Urban Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge. Thursday—University Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, and Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, and Lodge of Antiquity.

Very deep sympathy is felt with Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, Chaplain of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, Head Master of Christ's Hospital, on account of the severe loss he recently sustained by the deaths, within a few days of each other, of his two sons—Richard Patrick, aged 10, who died, as we announced last week, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., and William Henry, deceased the Wednesday following. We are sure the Craft will join in the general sorrow experienced at so heavy a bereavement.

We are requested to call the attention of our readers to the announcement in our advertising columns of the Annual Ball of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, 1278, which takes place on Thursday, the 20th inst., under the distinguished patronage of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. As the proceeds will be as usual devoted to the support of our charitable institutions, we feel no doubt that our readers will afford that support which the undertaking merits.

The festivities at Sandringham, in honour of Prince Albert Victor's majority, terminated with a meet of the West Norfolk hounds at Sandringham Hall, where the members of the Hunt were entertained at breakfast in the ball room. Unfortunately, the success of the gathering was marred by the rain, but about half an hour after noon it cleared sufficiently to allow of a start being made for Comodore Wood, Annes, and other woods, where several foxes were found. The Prince and Princess of Wales, Princes Albert Victor and George, and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke of Cambridge, and other members of the Royal party, joined in the sport.

Our readers generally will hear with the same feelings of regret as ourselves, that Bro. C. F. Matier has met with a somewhat severe accident, which will confine him to his house for some little time. He has dislocated his shoulder, but we are glad to say that under careful treatment he is progressing most satisfactorily.

Bro. C. G. Nottage, only son of Bro. the Lord Mayor, has become a citizen and Spectacle Maker.

Bro. H. Squire, C.C., has been elected a member of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

Bro. Clarence Harcourt, of 13, Moorgate-street, E.C., has been elected a Commissioner in England of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital, and Mrs. Stone, were present at the patients' entertainments given in the Hospital theatre, to celebrate the commencement of a new year.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is Colonel and Captain-General of the Regiment, has signified his intention of being present at the annual ball given by the Honourable Artillery Company of London.

It is an interesting fact, and well worthy of being recorded, that all the officers of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, for the current year, with the exception of the S.W., are Past Masters of the lodge.

Bro. Alderman Gray is one of the Stewards for the twelfth annual soirée, which will take place at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., in aid of the funds of the West Ham, Stratford, and South Essex Dispensary.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, the Duchess of St. Albans, and the Duchess of Manchester were among the guests of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., last week, at Hardwick Hall, his lordship's seat in Derbyshire.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening at the Buckingham Palace Hotel, a small and select circle of friends who had been specially invited to meet Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress.

Bros. G. Rose-Innes (chairman), Alderman Staples, Deputy Saunders, Deputy East, A. Brookman, A. J. Altman, G. C. Boor, F. P. Alliston, W. Malthouse, R. E. Pixley, &c., were among the members present at the meeting on Tuesday of the Commissioners of Sewers of London.

We have much pleasure in announcing that on or about the 2nd February, Bro. H. S. Mann will produce, at the Imperial Theatre, Westminster, an entirely original comedy drama, by Miss Emily de Wilt, in which the authoress herself will sustain the part of the principal female character.

The second smoking concert given by "Ye Rahere Almoners" will take place at the Champion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 8 p.m. The services of several professional musicians have been secured for the occasion. Admission by invitation tickets only, to be had of the Officers of the Grand Council, or at the Society's Offices, 62, Long-lane, Smithfield.

The grand smoking concert for the benefit of Bro. Thomas McKinley, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, which we announced some short time since would take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Friday, the 9th inst., proved a success. An excellent programme had been arranged by Bro. G. S. Graham, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., and we trust the result will prove of advantage to Bro. McKinley.

One of the latest of our attractions is the Japanese Village near Albert Gate, Hyde Park, now open to the public between the hours of 11 a.m. and 10 p.m., the price of admission being one shilling each. Here the visitor will be able to obtain an excellent idea of Japanese everyday life, such as it is in a city or town in that remote empire, and there is every prospect of the Exhibition proving a great success.

Bro. Henry Squire, one of the representatives on the Common Council of the Ward of Bridge, who had already presented to the Corporation two handsome engravings of "Her Majesty Queen Victoria" and "The Siege of Gibraltar," has just presented two additional engravings, representing respectively "The Murder of David Rizzio" and "Sir William Walworth, Lord Mayor of London, killing Wat Tyler in Smithfield, 1381," which now help to adorn the corridor leading to the Guildhall Library.

On Monday, being Plow Monday, was held at the Guildhall the usual Grand Court of Wardmote. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and there were also present Bros. Alderman Staples, Alderman Waterlow, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Savory, Sir J. B. Monckton, Past Pres. Board Gen. Purp. (Town Clerk), and others. The same evening Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained the officers of the Corporation at dinner in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House.

We notice elsewhere that the first of the addresses agreed to at the Special Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 8th inst., was moved by Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.J.W. In the course of his remarks when moving the address, our distinguished brother drew attention to the fact that he had moved a similar address at the Common Council on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince and Princess, and also on that of the birth of their eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, who attained his majority that very day. It rarely falls to the lot of one man to propose three successive resolutions of a similar character relating to the three chief incidents in the married career of one and the same illustrious couple, and Bro. Sir F. Truscott must have justly taken to himself no small amount of satisfaction that such a series of graceful duties had fallen to his charge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During cutting winds and excessive variations of temperature, everyone is more or less liable to internal and external disease. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, anyone who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions," will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.—[ANVT.]

Earl de Grey has left town for Witley Court, on a visit to Earl and Countess Dudley.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir F. Perkins has purchased Tower House, Southampton, as a residence.

Bro. A. H. Apted was on Saturday last, installed as W.M. of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, at Windsor.

Bro. Alderman Staples has been elected chairman of the Visiting Committee of Her Majesty's prison at Holloway.

Bro. Boord, M.P., has consented to become a candidate for the representation of the borough of Greenwich, as newly constituted, in the next Parliament.

We are glad to hear that Bro. En. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., P.G.J.W., is in a fair way of recovering from the rather serious indisposition from which he has been lately suffering.

Mr. Superintendent Foster, of the City Police, in accepting on Thursday, at the Royal Victoria Hall, a banner presented to the Ever Ready Lodge of the Sons of Phoenix, took the opportunity of mentioning that he was the sole survivor of the founders of the Order.

In consequence of Bro. J. Holliday, late of Well street, Cripplegate, having removed to 12 and 71, Little Britain, Newgate-street, he has resigned his seat for Cripplegate Vestry, in which he has been a member for so many years, and served in most of the parish offices.

The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, will be constituted on the 16th February by the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers of Hants and Isle of Wight, at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. Bro. Captain Ward, R.A., P.M., is the W.M. designate.

Bros. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W.; Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W.; Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P.; Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P.; and Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, M.P. are among the patrons of the International Exhibition to be opened towards the end of March at the Alexandra Palace.

NEW SUBWAY LINES FOR THE METROPOLIS.—The Parliamentary deposits for the Marble Arch, Regent-circus, and City, Islington (Angel) and City, King's-cross, Charing-cross, and Waterloo, and Clapham and City subway lines, amounting to upwards of £100,000, were duly made on Wednesday in accordance with the Standing Orders of Parliament.

The sixth annual ball given by the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, will take place at the Westminster Town Hall, Victoria-street, S.W., on Friday, the 13th February. The M.W.G.M. has granted a dispensation for the brethren to wear their Craft Masonic clothing and jewels, and the services of Bro. Hill's band have been secured for the occasion. Double tickets, for gentleman and lady or two ladies, £1 1s.; single, 12s. 6d. Any further information that may be desired can be had of Bro. J. H. Sturt, Hon. Sec., 12, Akerman-road, Brixton.

The Sussex Annual Provincial Masonic Ball will be held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., under the sanction of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. A dispensation has been granted by the P.G.M. for Masonic clothing to be worn by the brethren, and the proceeds will go in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the approaching festival, of which Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell has kindly consented to preside as chairman. We augur well for the success of the meeting from the fact that the list of Ball Stewards is headed by the names of Bros. J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and V.P. Freeman, P.G. Secretary, Sussex Tickets:—Gentleman, 15s.; lady, 12s. 6d.; double ticket for lady and gentleman or two ladies, 25s.

The installation meeting of St. Mary Abbots Lodge, No. 1974, will be held on the 22nd inst. at the Town Hall, Kensington, W., at 5 p.m., when a large gathering is expected to witness the "numbering among the rulers of the Craft" of Bro. Alfred Williams, who is also a member holding office in the Red Apron Lodge, No. 14, better known as "Tuscan." The ceremony of installation will be the first business of the evening. W. Bro. Captain A. Nicols, P.G. Dis. Supt. of Works, Punjab, will perform that duty. There is also interesting work for the new Master to do. The energetic Secretary, Bro. G. C. Harding, is going up as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and will take, it is hoped, a useful contribution with him. The banquet will take place at Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester-road.

We have received a copy of a neatly-prepared diary and almanack from the old-established Accident Insurance Company, formerly of 7, Bank-buildings, now of 10, St. Swithin's-lane. Ample spaces are left for engagements to be entered, which is not always the case in official or trade publications of the kind. There are some capital illustrations in it bearing on the accidents by flood and field, as well as others of ordinary everyday occurrence. They are accompanied by amusing Shakespearian quotations, which are very applicable. For example, the leading illustration of a harmless, middle-aged gentleman being laid hold of by a fierce bull-terrier, is supported by a particularly apt quotation from *Richard III*:

"I pray

That I may live, and say the dog is dead."

As the diary appears to be printed for free issue, it is worth while sending to the office in London for one.—*City Press*.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at, and Bros. Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.J.W.; Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W.; John Staples, Sir R. Hanson, G. Stwd.; De Keyser, Waterlow, Isaacs, Savory and Gray, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead were among those who attended the Special Court of Common Council, held on Thursday, the 9th inst. for the purpose of framing addresses to be presented to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert Victor of Wales, on the occasion of the last named attaining his majority. There were also present the Town Clerk, Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.J.W., and Bros. F. P. Alliston, A. J. Altman, Alfred Brookman, G. C. Boor, T. Loveridge, H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.; Deputy Saunders, and very many other Common Councilors. The addresses were moved by Bros. Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, T. Loveridge, and Hale respectively, and were passed with acclamation.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, January 24th, 1885.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 720, Panmure, Belham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, 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, JANUARY 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London-bdg
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 Chap. 26, Castle of Harmony, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
 Board of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge of Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn-fields.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
 " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

- Chap. 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES 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, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-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, JANUARY 22.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., Londn. B.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park.
 " 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, S. Kensington.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES 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., Limehouse, at 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Ebury, 12, Penonby-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, JANUARY 23.

- House Committee Boy's School, at 4.
 Lodge 63, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 569, Fitzroy, Head Qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Islington.
 Chap. 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES 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.M.s.), 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. Marylebone, 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 Muggeridge, 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, JANUARY 24.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES 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.

SEWER GAS IN THE SYSTEM.

For several years the public press has been filled with articles relative to the deleterious effects of sewer gas. Sanitary engineers have racked their brains to devise means for preventing its entry into our houses, so as to avoid the many fatal diseases which are traced directly to its poisonous influences upon the human system. While we have been diligent and watchful in preventing sewer gas from entering our houses, we have been neglectful and allowed its formation within our own bodies. Sewer gas is as fatal in its effects upon the system whether formed inside our bodies or without. The food taken into the stomach, if not properly digested, ferments, decays, and becomes putrid. The effect of this putrefaction is the production of a gas precisely like sewer gas, and just as poisonous. This poisonous substance enters the circulation, and pervades the whole system, and then people wonder they feel tired and languid, with a swimming, dizzy head—wonder why the appetite has failed, and that they feel weak and feeble—they wonder why the breath has become offensive, and that they have pain and distress. But when this matter is fully understood there is no cause to wonder, for this foul gas has poisoned the whole system. The food we eat should be digested, or it does us injury. The familiar saying that "it is not what we eat that makes us strong, but what we digest," is a truthful saying, and we cannot be too particular about the digestion of our food. *More than nine-tenths of all our diseases arise from imperfect digestion.* When we know that imperfect digestion is followed by the production of this foul gas within the body, and that it is absorbed into the system as fast it is formed, is it a wonder that we are ill? *The wonder is that we are alive.* How important it is, then, that the digestive organs should be made to perform their functions by the timely use of Seigel's Curative Syrup, which has proved an unfailing remedy in such cases. Its reputation is based upon a trial that has extended over a period of many years. It seldom fails.

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